

# YOUR LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

## Residence Life

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## First-Year Program

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**ST. LAWRENCE IS** a four-year residential college that has a diverse and active residential program designed to foster the building of community. Requiring all students to live on campus contributes to the development of an enduring sense of community.

The residential program grows from the belief that living with your fellow students in a residence is an integral part of your education. Living in a residential learning community, you will gain experience in self-governance, individual and social responsibility, and nurturance of diversity.

To enhance this learning experience, residential colleges in the First-Year Program are coeducational. Individuals learn how to negotiate rights and responsibilities when value systems differ markedly, and how to decide what responsibilities they have to their neighbors, to the group, to the larger institution and to themselves. We expect first-year students to contribute to the development of these communities. The residential environment created in residences offers innumerable opportunities that provide a framework for education and personal growth.

## The Residence Life Staff

To aid in development of community, the residential program at St. Lawrence provides staff in each residential area to serve as leaders, initiators and mediators throughout the academic year. Each residence has a residential coordinator (RC). These professionals are trained in student development, live in apartments in close proximity to each college, are available to work with residents, and supervise the undergraduate staff, called community assistants (CAs). The RCs also work with students, faculty and staff and have responsibility for providing leadership, supervision, support and intervention within the building as well as tending to day-to-day administrative needs.

The CAs are undergraduates who have been selected to help build community and provide guidance and leadership to the college in which they live. Generally, there is a CA for each floor of each residence. The CAs are selected and trained to work with a variety of people, to provide a model in their academic work and involvement in University activities, to provide assistance, and to handle emergencies or disciplinary situations. As live-in advisors, the CAs are often the first to know of a resident's difficulties academically or personally. CAs receive training to work with students, faculty and staff and are able to provide appropriate referrals.



In addition to the live-in staff of RCs and CAs, the associate dean of the first year and the assistant dean of student life/director of residence life work closely with all aspects of the First-Year Program, both academic and residential. The First-Year Program staff works closely with other offices in student life, including the offices of student activities and leadership, career services, the health and counseling center and safety and security.

## First-Year College Mentor Program

The primary purpose of the mentor program is to promote and enhance collaborative and integrated learning within the academic component of the First-Year Program's residential colleges. The mentors are trained tutors of writing, speaking and research skills. They attend the college course and are able to provide focused academic assistance through tutoring, workshops and study groups. The mentors also provide first-year students with an additional upper-class role model.

## Leadership Opportunities

Each first-year college elects two representatives to the First-Year Council, as well as the student senate, the governing body of SLU's student government, the Thelomathesian Society. These students provide leadership within the college, as well as outside of it. For college planning, or when it is necessary to discuss college issues, faculty and staff work with these students, as well as others who are interested, to plan programs, college-wide discussions and social activities.

Programs are designed and implemented in residences to educate, build community, and promote growth and development in the following areas: academic/intellectual, social/community development, physical, emotional/psychological, spiritual, career, safety/security, leadership/community service and diversity/multiculturalism.

Colleges are encouraged to plan co-curricular programs – those that explore the relevance of ideas from the college's course to the residential lives of students. They generally address ideas that cannot be fully developed in class but that continue to be of interest to students. When appropriate, colleges plan these events with other FYP colleges or organizations on campus.

## College Assignment

New student placement in colleges is based on a combination of factors. First, your academic interests and needs as reflected on your completed First-Year Program College Preference and Academic Information forms are used to assign you a college and then an advisor. Second, your **Housing Assignment Profile** form is used to assign you a room and to match roommates.

## Furnishings

Each room has window drapes and/or shades, a single bed, desk, chair, dresser, closet space and wastebasket per person (however, we strongly encourage you to recycle as much as possible in the bins in the residences), closet space per person and a dresser per person. The rooms are approximately 12x13 feet for a double and 9x10 for a single, and have tile floors.

## Student Living Space

In order to maintain a civil atmosphere in its living/learning communities, the University upholds these rules and regulations:

- The New York State drinking age is 21; the University upholds this state law. Beer balls and kegs of beer are prohibited in residences at all times. The possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited at all times in the public areas of first-year colleges (common areas, TV lounges, study areas, hallways). Individuals under 21 years of age are not permitted to possess or consume alcoholic beverages in their rooms.
- Residents are held accountable for the cost of damages to their room and its furnishings; in addition, all members of a floor, residence or first-year college may be charged for an equal share of excessive damages that occur to their public residence areas.
- The University willingly abides by the village of Canton's mandatory recycling ordinance. Containers for recycled material are located throughout the residences. Material that must be sorted and recycled includes paper, cardboard, metal, glass and hard plastics.
- So as to promote an attractive, safe and accessible campus, parking areas on the perimeter of the campus provide parking space for faculty, staff, students and guests. Students must obtain a car registration permit from the security and safety office in order to park on campus.
- Fish are the only pets permitted in University-owned rooms.
- Smoking is prohibited in all University-owned residences (e.g. halls, townhouses, Greek houses, cottages and suites).
- For safety reasons, the following are not allowed in student rooms: waterbeds, space heaters, sun lamps, hot plates, candles, incense, immersion coils, air conditioners, halogen lamps, toasters, fax machines, darts and dart boards, charcoal or gas grills, ceiling fans, dimmer switches, hot tubs/spas/pools and hookahs.
- Because of delivery and electrical issues, water dispensers and water delivery (five-gallon jugs) are prohibited in all University-owned residences.

For more details regarding University Policies and Procedures you will be issued a *Student Handbook* at the beginning of each academic year. It may also be viewed online at [www.stlawu.edu/student\\_handbook](http://www.stlawu.edu/student_handbook).

## Linen/Laundry

A laundry room with high-efficiency washers and dryers is provided in each residence; there is no charge to residents. You may wish to check out available services and fees through Residence Hall Linens at [www.uparents.com/linens.aspx](http://www.uparents.com/linens.aspx) or call 1-800-957-4338 for orders or 1-800-847-0851 for customer service.

## MicroFridge and Refrigerator Rentals

These can be rented by the semester or for the academic year. The MicroFridge combination unit is a 2.9 cu. ft. two-door refrigerator-freezer/.6 cu. ft. microwave oven. The stand-alone refrigerator is 2.5 cu. ft. For information, please contact:

**Lewis Freedman**, 2161 Coddington Road, Brooktondale, NY 14817  
Phone: 607-539-6673; E-mail: [LMF10@cornell.edu](mailto:LMF10@cornell.edu)

## Personal Property Insurance

Students assume ALL responsibility for any loss or damage to their personal property. The University does not assume any responsibility for any such loss or damages regardless of the circumstances. Accordingly, we encourage students to make sure that they have insurance coverage to protect their property.

If your property is not covered under a parent's insurance policy, we strongly encourage you to take advantage of the student personal property insurance policy which we offer through an independent insurance agency. More information can be found by clicking on the Student Property link at the top of the page at [www.slustudenthealthinsurance.com](http://www.slustudenthealthinsurance.com).

## Fun Facts

### Bradley R. Evers Outstanding First-Year Student Awards

These are awarded annually at Moving-Up Day in April to first-year students who best exemplify qualities of academic excellence and good citizenship at the University.

### Campus Myths

It has been said that...

- One Lincoln Street is haunted;
- The University employs someone for the sole purpose of packing a path through the snow across the Quad;
- A graduate arranged that ice cream would be available to the students every day.

Are these true? If you find out, let us know...

### Quad Experience

As your entering class gathers on the Quad during Orientation, night falls and one by one candles illuminate each person in the



huge circle. The Quad Experience is the first chance for everyone in the class to come together. It is inspired by the unofficial St. Lawrence motto, referring to the University's founders who "Lit a candle in the wilderness which will never be extinguished."

# Statement of Obligation

ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY

SLU Class of \_\_\_\_\_

Please print legibly

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ SLU ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Sex:  M  F

**As a student enrolled at St. Lawrence University for the 2008-2009 academic year, I understand that I am expected to reside in University housing and participate in the meal plan. I also agree to read and comply with all University policies set forth in the Student Handbook and the *New Student Guide* including the following:**

**RIGHTS RESERVED TO THE UNIVERSITY:** The Board of Trustees reserves the right to make changes in the room and board fees as may be necessary to maintain efficiency of the University. The University reserves the right to make changes in room/residential building assignments, and to change or alter living arrangements in its residential buildings when determined appropriate. Students may be required to move for reasons pertaining to health, safety, consolidation, and primary rights of occupancy.

**MEAL PLAN:** If I am housed in the townhouses, residence halls, suites, cottages or University-owned Greek houses, I will participate in the board plan and take meals in one of the University dining units, unless otherwise granted permission by the director of dining services.

**DATES OF OCCUPANCY:** I understand that I must vacate my room during official vacations or recesses, as indicated on the college calendar in the *Student Handbook*. At the end of a semester, I may occupy my room up to 24 hours after my last scheduled exam or until the official stated closing time of the residence, whichever comes first. If I withdraw or take a leave of absence, I must move out of my room in a timely manner. Failure to do so may result in a fine and/or referral to the judicial board.

**CONTRACT OF OCCUPANCY:** If assigned to a room other than a single, I understand my room will be filled to designated occupancy. If a vacancy should occur in my assigned room, I agree to accept a new occupant to fill the existing vacancy, should use of that space be necessary. I agree that the University's residence room assigned to me is for my use only, and that I will use it as a place of residence only. I understand that this right to use a room does not create or constitute an interest or right in real property, and that my occupancy can be terminated at any time by the University for cause. I further understand that I am not permitted to assign or otherwise transfer my right of occupancy or any portion of my assigned room space to any other person.

**ROOM CHARGES:** For the 2008-2009 academic year, residence in a single room in all residences (townhouses, halls, suites, Greek houses, and cottages) will cost \$3,142.50 per semester. The rate for all other rooms is \$2,592.50 per semester. If I am reassigned to a room having a different rate within University-owned housing, I will be charged or credited based on the number of completed weeks remaining in the semester during which the reassignment occurs.

**PERSONAL PROPERTY AND INJURIES:** I understand that I assume all and sole responsibility for loss of or damage to my personal property, the personal property of my guests or invitees and/or personal property in my custody (including personal property kept in my room, any storage area, or elsewhere on campus) and for personal injuries sustained by me or by any of my guests or invitees in or about my room or other areas in or about the University's residence facilities caused by any reason, whether that loss, damage or personal injuries is caused by me, the University's actions or inactions, third parties, or otherwise, unless caused solely by the intentional or grossly negligent actions of the University. I understand that the University does not otherwise assume any responsibility for any such loss or damages or personal injuries regardless of the circumstances. I also understand that the University has no insurance coverage protecting my property. I agree that I will make no claim (nor will anyone make any claim on my behalf, or on behalf of any of my guests or invitees) against the University as a result of any such loss or damage or personal injuries unless caused solely by the intentional or grossly negligent actions of the University. I further acknowledge that I have been encouraged to obtain insurance coverage if my property is not already covered under a parental policy.

**COLLEGE PROPERTY AND DAMAGES:** As a member of the University community, I am responsible for all University-owned items in my assigned space and agree to accept financial responsibility for room condition, and damaged or missing items. I agree to follow appropriate checkout procedures when I vacate my room. When damage occurs within my individual residence and the responsible party is unknown, I understand that costs may be divided among building residents.

**ENTERING STUDENT ROOMS:** The University reserves the right to enter a room when there is reasonable cause to believe that the health, welfare, and security of any person or property is endangered or as otherwise may be provided in the *Student Handbook*.

**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY:** Consistent with University policies, housing assignments are made without discrimination by reason of race, sex, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation, or national or ethnic origin.

**HOUSING DISCIPLINE POLICY:** Failure to abide by University or residential regulations may result in judicial intervention, residential relocation, or the revocation of the housing agreement. Particular emphasis will be placed on measures insuring health, safety and primary rights of occupancy. See the *Student Handbook* for specific policies.

***I certify that I have read the terms and conditions of the Residential Statement of Obligation, and I have filled out my housing preferences to the best of my ability and knowledge.***

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

RETURN THE WHITE COPY IN THE LARGE ENVELOPE PROVIDED OR FAX TO 315-229-5709.

KEEP THE YELLOW COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS.

# Housing Assignment Profile

ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY

SLU Class of \_\_\_\_\_

Please print legibly

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ SLU ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Sex:  M  F

High School/Hometown \_\_\_\_\_  
City State

**This information is important in assigning roommate preferences.** Please take some time to sit down and think critically about the type of person you want to live with for your first year at St. Lawrence. **You will be assigned a roommate based on the information that you present in this profile.**

What are your likes and dislikes? What are you looking for in a roommate? To give us the maximum potential for assigning you an acceptable roommate, please be honest and thorough when answering these questions. Because we understand that the on-campus living environment may be new for some, we expect some of these preferences to change during the semester.

It may be helpful for roommates to revisit this form if changes occur to ensure a satisfying experience. You and your roommate will also discuss lifestyle preferences and complete a roommate agreement during the first week on campus.

1. Review each of the characteristics on the continuum below, then circle the characteristic or place an X on the line closest to the characteristic that best describes you.

MOST IMPORTANT      <--OR-->      MOST IMPORTANT  
studying in my room ..... socializing in my room  
a quiet room for study ..... music playing while studying  
a calm room for relaxation ..... an active, busy room  
a neat, organized room ..... a "lived-in" room  
relaxing with a few ..... relaxing with many  
a specific bedtime ..... a flexible bedtime  
planning ahead ..... planning day by day  
doing assignments ahead ..... doing assignments when due  
being structured/scheduled ..... being unstructured/unscheduled  
easily distracted ..... not distractible  
academics ..... social life

2. Please rank your preferences for room type: #1 indicates your first choice. (Please note that a single room costs \$550.00 more per semester than a double, triple or quad.)  
 single    double    more than two to a room

3. Do you smoke?  Yes    No    Occasionally  
Will you live with someone who does smoke?  Yes    No  
**Note:** All residences are smoke-free environments.

4. Typically, when do you plan on going to sleep at night?  
 Before 11 p.m.    Around midnight    After 1 a.m.  
Can you sleep with music playing?  Yes    No  
What time do you typically wake in the morning? \_\_\_\_\_

5. I am:  
 Very neat    Somewhat neat    Tidy, but a little cluttered  
 Cluttered    Messy  
I would prefer a roommate who is:  
 Very neat    Somewhat neat    Tidy, but a little cluttered  
 Cluttered    Messy

6. How often do you listen to radio/stereo in your room?  
 almost never    sometimes    always

Can you study with music playing?  Yes    No

How often do you watch TV/VCR/DVD in your room?  
 almost never    sometimes    always

7. What kind of music, if any, do you like? \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of music do you really dislike? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Academic interests \_\_\_\_\_

9. Medical or other special needs (e.g., wheelchair access, allergies, learning and/or studying needs, etc.)?

10. Looking at your own habits, is there anything that would be helpful for us to know in assigning you a roommate?

11. What do you like to do in your free time? (hobbies, interests, etc.)

12. Looking at the questions that we have presented, describe your ideal roommate. Is there a person you know with whom you would like to live? (For your request to be honored, the other person must also request you as a roommate AND you must BOTH indicate that you are very interested in the SAME First-Year Program courses on your First-Year Program College Preference Form found in "FYP Course Descriptions" section of this *New Student Guide*.)