

ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY

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CAMPUS LIFE

Quality of Life Rating	87
Fire Safety Rating	89
Type of school	private
Environment	village

STUDENTS

Total undergrad enrollment	2,104
% male/female	48/52
% from out of state	50
% from public high school	64
% live on campus	99
% in (# of) fraternities	8 (2)
% in (# of) sororities	21 (4)
% African American	2
% Asian	2
% Caucasian	70
% Hispanic	2
% Native American	1
% international	5
# of countries represented	24

SURVEY SAYS . . .

Small classes
Great library
Athletic facilities are great
Everyone loves the Saints
Lots of beer drinking
Great computer facilities

ACADEMICS

Academic Rating	92
Calendar	semester
Student/faculty ratio	11:1
Profs interesting rating	94
Profs accessible rating	90
% profs teaching	
UG courses	98
% classes taught by TAs	0
Most common lab size	10–19 students
Most common reg. class size	10–19 students

MOST POPULAR MAJORS

English language and literature
 political science and government
 psychology

STUDENTS SAY

Academics

Described by one student as a “hidden jewel tucked away in the tundra of the North Country,” St. Lawrence University offers a “unique liberal arts education” to prospective undergraduates. Two things that “really stand out” at this small university are the “study abroad programs and the First-Year Program (FYP).” FYP is one of the oldest living/learning programs in the country and all first-year students are required to participate, which “helps strengthen skills and better prepares students for their next three years in college.” Moreover, nearly 50 percent of the student body “participates in the study abroad programs offered” at some point during their time here. According to one student, “The professors are the best asset[s] of St. Lawrence . . . they are very knowledgeable, and they love what they teach.” Classes emphasize “critical thinking and writing,” and “professors are always there for students.” Many students “form long-lasting friendships with their professors.” Despite the university’s small size there are “many class offerings,” and students praise a “wonderful president” who leads a “very accessible” administration.

Life

Students at St. Lawrence “work hard [and] play harder!” Most students “socialize frequently” through a variety of outlets, from “theme parties [and] midnight breakfasts” to hanging out at “local bars.” Although the surrounding area is “fairly void of cultural experiences,” many students participate in “outdoor trips to the accessible Adirondacks or to cosmopolitan Montreal or Ottawa . . . all of which are between one to two and a half hours away from campus.” The university makes “a lot of the accessories for these [outdoor] activities available for little or no upfront price.” In addition, “there is always something happening at the student center for those who might prefer a more low-key night, like free movies.” Most students “enjoy attending collegiate athletics, especially hockey” with “more than 60 percent of students involved with some sport.” All of this contributes to a “very energetic atmosphere” on campus where there is “always an event to watch or participate in.” Some students see the relatively isolated location of St. Lawrence as a blessing because it “forces students to form tighter bonds than at schools in cities where there is easy access to many different activities.”

Student Body

The typical student at St. Lawrence is “very preppy” and “comes from the New England area. Here, ‘the guys are called ‘Larrys’ and the girls are ‘Muffies,’” but “most personalities do not fit the ‘snobby preppy’ stereotype.” Many students qualify as “outdoorsy” types and there are “quite a few jocks.” While students acknowledge a “lack of diversity” on campus, they say this is “slowly improving.” Even though there are “not many atypical students”—“students all in black or with several piercings”—those who deviate from the “popped collar” and “Vera Bradley bag” trends “fit in regardless.” While one student warns that some St. Lawrence students can be “very cliquy” and “difficult to approach,” most students describe themselves as “friendly, enthusiastic, and open-minded.” Typical or not, an SLU student is primarily “dedicated to academics and is very involved outside of the classroom.” “Be it sports or other clubs, SLU students rarely spend time just sitting in their dorm rooms doing nothing.”

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ADMISSIONS

Very important factors considered include: Academic GPA, application essay, character/personal qualities, recommendation(s). *Important factors considered include:* Class rank, extracurricular activities, interview, racial/ethnic status, rigor of secondary school record. *Other factors considered include:* Alumni/ae relation, first generation, geographical residence, level of applicant's interest, standardized test scores, talent/ability, volunteer work, work experience. TOEFL required of all international applicants. High school diploma is required and GED is accepted. *Academic units recommended:* 4 English, 4 math, 4 science, 4 foreign language, 2 social studies, 2 history.

The Inside Word

Despite facing stiff competition from many regional competitors, St. Lawrence University has managed to increase its application numbers over the past several years. Because it's increasingly selective, candidates must post decent grades in challenging courses if they hope to be accepted. The admissions committee appreciates the time each student puts into his or her application and recognizes those efforts by having three different counselors read each one. The school is a great choice for students looking to attend a small college in the Northeast.

FINANCIAL AID

Students should submit: FAFSA, institution's own financial aid form, Noncustodial PROFILE, state and federal tax returns/W-2s. Regular filing deadline is February 15. The Princeton Review suggests that all financial aid forms be submitted as soon as possible after January 1. *Need-based scholarships/grants offered:* Pell, SEOG, state scholarships/grants, the school's own gift aid. *Loan aid offered:* FFEL Subsidized Stafford, FFEL Unsubsidized Stafford, FFEL PLUS, Federal Perkins, college/university loans from institutional funds, Gate Student Loan Program. Applicants will be notified of awards on or about March 30. Off-campus job opportunities are poor.

FROM THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE

"In an ideal location, St. Lawrence is a diverse liberal arts learning community of inspiring faculty and talented students guided by tradition and focused on the future. The students who live and learn at St. Lawrence are interesting and interested; they enroll with myriad accomplishments and talents, as well as desire to explore new challenges. Our faculty has chosen St. Lawrence intentionally because they know that there is institutional commitment to support great teaching. They are dedicated to making each student's experience challenging and rewarding. Our graduates make up one of the strongest networks of support among any alumni body and are ready, willing, and able to connect with students and help them succeed.

"Which students are happiest at St. Lawrence? Students who like to be actively involved. Students who are open-minded and interested in meeting people with backgrounds different from their own. Students who value having a voice in decisions that affect them. Students who appreciate all that is available to them and cannot wait to take advantage of both the curriculum and the co-curricular options. Students who want to enjoy their college experience and are able to find joy in working hard.

"You can learn the facts about us from this guidebook: We have about 2,000 students; we offer more than 30 majors; the average class size is 16; a great new science center is opening in 2007; close to 50 percent of our students study abroad; and we have an environmental consciousness that fits our natural setting between the Adirondack Mountains and St. Lawrence River. You must visit, meet students and faculty, and sense the energy on campus to begin to understand just how special St. Lawrence University is.

"Beginning with applications for entry in Fall 2007, the submission of standardized test scores (SAT or ACT) is optional. Students must indicate on the St. Lawrence Common Application supplement which scores, if any, they wish to have considered in the application process."

SELECTIVITY

Admissions Rating	89
# of applicants	2,989
% of applicants accepted	59
% of acceptees attending	30
# accepting a place on wait list	166
% admitted from wait list	26
# of early decision applicants	212
% accepted early decision	80

FRESHMAN PROFILE

Range SAT Verbal	520-620
Range SAT Math	530-630
*TPR Projected Range	
SAT Writing	580-660
Range ACT Composite	
Minimum Paper TOEFL	600
Minimum Computer	
Based TOEFL	250
Average HS GPA	3.41
% graduated top 10% of class	38
% graduated top 25% of class	71
% graduated top 50% of class	96

DEADLINES

Early decision	
application deadline	11/15
Early decision notification	12/15
Regular application deadline	2/15
Regular notification	3/30
Nonfall registration?	yes

APPLICANTS ALSO LOOK AT AND OFTEN PREFER

Dartmouth College, Middlebury College, Williams College

AND SOMETIMES PREFER

Bowdoin College, Colby College, Colgate University

AND RARELY PREFER

Denison University, Gettysburg College, Hobart and William Smith Colleges

FINANCIAL FACTS

Financial Aid Rating	88
Annual tuition	\$33,690
Room & board	\$8,630
Books and supplies	\$650
% frosh rec. need-based scholarship or grant aid	69
% UG rec. need-based scholarship or grant aid	64
% frosh rec. need-based self-help aid	58
% UG rec. need-based self-help aid	56
% frosh rec. any financial aid	85
% UG rec. any financial aid	83
Independent 529 Plan member?	no