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# Student Life

“Student life” at St. Lawrence covers many fronts. The following are arranged alphabetically for ease in navigation, with no suggestion of relative importance.

## Advocates Program

The mission of the advocates – a collaboration of students, faculty and staff – is to provide education and outreach, prevention, advocacy and community coordination about sexual assault and rape, dating and domestic violence, and stalking. The program provides crisis intervention, survivor support groups and individual advocacies for any member of the St. Lawrence community affected by sexual violence. It facilitates education and outreach through training targeted to student volunteers, community assistants, orientation leaders, student emergency medical technicians, student life staff and other groups upon request. The advocates work to reduce the number of sexually violent crimes perpetrated at St. Lawrence through outreach about intervention, prevention and accountability, as well as to increase the likelihood that a survivor will seek assistance after a crime has occurred. The program is located on the main floor of Lee Hall.

## Arts

### Arts Departments and Facilities ([arts.stlawu.edu](http://arts.stlawu.edu))

The departments of fine arts, music, and performance and communication arts, the Richard F. Brush Art Gallery and the Newell Center for Arts Technology provide opportunities for stu-

dents to participate actively in the arts. The University also sponsors concerts, exhibitions, performances, shows and lectures by guest artists, performers and speakers. Studio and performance spaces are featured in the newly renovated Noble Center wing of the arts complex.

In addition to coursework in the history of art and the studio practice of art, the department of fine arts presents an ongoing series of demonstrations and lectures by artists and art historians, made possible by the Jeanne Scribner Cashin Endowment. Each spring, students, faculty and staff organize student art exhibitions in the gallery.

Performance ensembles in the department of music include the Laurentian Singers, the University Chorus, the Early Music Singers, the String Orchestra, the Concert Band, the Rhythm and Roots Ensemble and the Improvisation Lab. Ensemble offerings may vary depending upon student and faculty interests. The music department also offers private vocal and instrumental instruction. Students, faculty, staff and a wide array of visiting musicians perform both on and off campus.

The department of performance and communication arts produces two faculty-directed theatrical performances, two faculty-directed dance/movement performances, student-directed productions, one-person shows, and senior and independent performance projects. Students may also participate in set design and construction, costume design and construction, lighting design and sound design. Typically, courses in the department offer public performances of

work from the term. Departmental performances are staged in Gulick Theatre (a proscenium theater seating 511), Edson Miles Theatre (a flexible 85-100 seat space known as the Black Box) and other venues across campus. The department also hosts visiting lecturers and performers and offers guest artist workshops that address various aspects of performance.

The Richard F. Brush Art Gallery oversees an ambitious program of rotating exhibitions of regional, national and international artists. In addition, the University's Permanent Collection comprises over 7,000 art objects and artifacts, which are frequently exhibited and used for teaching and learning in tours and classroom discussions. For more, see "Richard F. Brush Art Gallery and Permanent Collection" in the Curriculum chapter.

Noble Center houses the Newell Center for Arts Technology, open to students who wish to explore computer-based art, music and performance. This facility also provides opportunities for students and faculty to engage in collaborative work across multiple media. The space houses an electronic classroom, a multimedia lab, and two project studios for audio and video editing and postproduction.

## Extracurricular Opportunities

Arts faculty and staff support a variety of student organizations. These include the Student Art Union, a campus-wide student group that organizes art projects, field trips and other activities; KSLU, a student-operated internet radio station; and the Singing Saints and the Singing Sinners, student-directed a cappella groups active on and off campus. Other student organizations may be formed through the Thelomathesian Society, the student government organization.

## Concerts and Cultural Events

Diverse concerts and events happen throughout the year in various performance spaces on campus. Performers in recent years have included motion designer Scott Pagano and live-electronic musician Christopher Willits, Chinese punk bands Hang on the Box and Brain Failure, the South African vocal ensemble Ladysmith Black Mambazo, and the American Shakespeare Cen-

ter. These events are generally open, mostly without charge, to all members of the campus and local communities.

## Athletics and Recreation

St. Lawrence University provides a comprehensive program of intercollegiate athletics, intramurals, sport and physical activity clubs, instructional programs and recreation. These provide extensive opportunities for students to engage in physical activities.

### Intercollegiate Athletics

The University fields 32 intercollegiate teams. Those for men include baseball, basketball, crew, cross country, football, golf, ice hockey, lacrosse, Alpine skiing, Nordic skiing, soccer, squash, swimming, tennis, and track and field (indoor and outdoor). Those for women include basketball, crew, cross country, field hockey, golf, ice hockey, lacrosse, Alpine skiing, Nordic skiing, soccer, softball, squash, swimming, tennis, track and field (indoor and outdoor) and volleyball. An intercollegiate equestrian team includes both men and women.

### Intramural Program

Intramural offerings vary from year to year depending upon student interest. They typically include basketball, broomball, flag football, ice hockey, soccer, volleyball and softball leagues. Many of these activities are coeducational. Special events such as canoe relay, golf, dodgeball, quadathlons, whiffleball and a three-on-three basketball tournament are also popular.

### Sport and Physical Activity Clubs

Sport and physical activity clubs provide students with a variety of opportunities for both competition and participation. Clubs are initiated by groups of students who share the same physical activity interests and take on responsibility for organization. Sport clubs conduct practices and schedule competitions against other universities; popular ones are wrestling, golf, Ultimate Frisbee and men's ice hockey. Popular physical activity clubs include cycling, figure skating, yoga, karate, running and snowboarding.

## Instructional Programs

Instructional programs are offered in a range of physical activities, including racquet sports, golf, aquatic activities, aerobic activities, self-defense and martial arts.

## Recreation

The recreation program fosters spontaneous participant involvement in St. Lawrence's extensive indoor and outdoor facilities that are found both on and near the campus. Among numerous opportunities are badminton, squash, tennis and a variety of outdoor activities such as canoeing, cross country skiing, running, snowshoeing, swimming and many more.

## Automobiles

St. Lawrence is a "walking campus," designed to promote an attractive, safe and accessible environment. Several parking areas on the perimeter of the campus provide parking space for faculty, staff, students and guests.

To park on campus, undergraduate and graduate students must pay a fee and register their vehicles at the office of security and safety. Student parking is provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Violation of University parking policy may result in tickets, towing, "booting" and/or disciplinary action (see [www.stlawu.edu/security](http://www.stlawu.edu/security)).

## Career Services

St. Lawrence University offers students individualized career advising. Professional staff members help students discover and pursue their career goals while concentrating on the benefits of a liberal arts education. Students are encouraged to assess their skills and abilities related to career exploration and career decision-making.

Career services is located on the second floor of the Student Center and offers students several innovative programs and services on and off campus. Internships allow students to explore excellent pre-professional opportunities to gain experience before graduation. The career advisor network of nearly 2,000 alumni and parents provides students with networking capabilities

to make important contacts for career advice and employment possibilities. On-campus recruiting and recruitment consortia for seniors through interview days in New York, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles and Washington, D.C., connect students with potential employers.

The successful outcomes of the St. Lawrence experience are revealed in an annual follow-up study. The latest report found that 97 percent of members of the Class of 2007 who responded secured professional employment (77 percent) and/or pursued graduate studies (20 percent) within one year of graduation.

## Center for Collegiate Volunteerism

Student leadership and community service at St. Lawrence University happen through a variety of intentionally designed programs, activities and opportunities. The overriding goal of the David Garner Center for Collegiate Volunteerism is to create co-curricular opportunities for students to learn, develop and practice principles of ethical leadership and service to others. Programs targeted at students' needs and interests are offered throughout the year. The volunteer center coordinates community and campus service projects as well as alternative Spring Break experiences. Anchored in the belief that all of our students will at some point be in positions of leadership, leadership and volunteer programs are open to the entire student body.

## Codes

### Social Responsibility

All students are bound by the University's Code of Social Responsibility. Each student is expected to conduct himself or herself with discretion, regard for propriety and respect for others. The University's purpose is to develop personal initiative supported by maturity and judgment so students may learn to understand their responsibilities for themselves. Those who are unable or unwilling to participate in community life on this basis may be asked to withdraw, or re-registration may be refused. The University, through its judicial chan-

nels, reserves the prerogative to terminate a student's enrollment at any time.

## Academic Honor Code

St. Lawrence University's Code of Academic Honor states, "All students at St. Lawrence University are bound by honor to maintain the highest level of academic integrity. By virtue of membership in the St. Lawrence community, every student accepts the responsibility to know the rules of academic honesty, to abide by them at all times, and to encourage all others to do the same." Violations of the code are administered under the Constitution of the Academic Honor Council.

## Counseling and Health Services

The Diana B. Torrey '82 Health and Counseling Center offers St. Lawrence University students ambulatory health care and mental health counseling services. It is staffed by a physician, nurse practitioners, counselors, registered nurses and support staff personnel. Their goal is to help students maintain an optimum level of both physical and mental health so they may get the most out of their St. Lawrence experience.

Medical appointments and information may be obtained by calling 229-5392.

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Emergencies will be seen immediately or transferred to the Canton-Potsdam Hospital Emergency Department. A counselor is on call after hours and on weekends and can be reached by calling 229-5555.

All records and information are confidential in accordance with professional and ethical guidelines. While appointments are free to St. Lawrence students, various charges apply for medical tests, immunizations and medications.

A resource library offers a variety of self-help books and tapes that may be used in the office or checked out for extended use.

## University Health Requirements

The University requires a complete physical health history and physical exam for all first-year students, including certain immunizations and tuberculosis screening. New York State law mandates that each student provide proof of immunity to measles, mumps and rubella. The University is also required to provide each student with a notice concerning the meningococcal immunization and to obtain a written statement from students regarding their immunization status. The center strictly follows all HIPPA and FERPA privacy practices.

## Referral Service

Medical specialists are available in the area if a referral is needed. Emergency services are available at local hospitals 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Healthcare for urgent, but non-emergency, problems is available evenings and weekends at AfterHours Healthcare, which is located near campus. Students assume financial responsibility for these services.

## Insurance

The purchase of health insurance through the University is mandatory, unless verification of coverage by a comparable policy is presented. If a student's HMO does not cover out-of-network provider care during time in college, he or she should consider purchasing insurance from the University's provider or a rider for out-of-network care. For more information, see Student Health Insurance, page 219, or visit [www.slustudenthealthinsurance.com](http://www.slustudenthealthinsurance.com).

## Dining Services

All students living in college residences take their meals in Dana Dining Center or the dining facilities in the Student Center and Newell Field House. Exceptions to this policy may be granted by the director of dining services, who is a registered dietitian. She will work to meet the needs of students with special dietary requirements.

## International Student Advising

The international student advisor works with enrolled international students in order to provide visa support, educational and extra-curricular activities and experiences that encourage well-rounded and positive college years.

## Multicultural Affairs

The associate dean of student life works with students, staff and faculty to foster a cooperative, diversified and productive atmosphere at St. Lawrence University. The associate dean works with the faculty to develop a greater multicultural perspective in curriculum, residential and social programs, and assists students from various ethnic, social and cultural backgrounds in a smooth transition from high school to college life in the North Country.

## New Student Orientation

New student orientation takes place in the fall and spring semesters for first-year, transfer and exchange students, who take part in a comprehensive program that introduces them to the academic, residential and social expectations of St. Lawrence University. Students meet with their academic advisors during orientation to plan their academic program.

## Personal Property

St. Lawrence University assumes NO responsibility for non-SLU owned or students' personal property. Limited summer storage is available under student government auspices. Students are strongly encouraged to maintain their own personal property insurance. The University assumes no liability if items are lost or stolen. Information on purchasing personal property insurance can be obtained by calling campus support services (315-229-5913) or by visiting [www.slustudenthealthinsurance.com](http://www.slustudenthealthinsurance.com) and clicking on Student Property.

## Prizes and Awards

Student organizations give suitable recognition to those who have excelled in leadership and service. Many of these awards, along with prizes in recognition of outstanding achievement in scholarship, are presented at Moving-Up Day, which is usually held on the last Saturday in April.

## Residential Life

St. Lawrence is a residential university. Because the residential experience is integral to the educational process, students are required to live on campus. Residential living affords students the opportunity to experience individual responsibility, social responsibility and exposure to different lifestyles and values. The program seeks to complement the academic mission of the University by providing an environment that is conducive to the academic achievement and personal development of each student.

A variety of living areas includes theme cottages, Greek chapter houses, the Steiner Senior Townhouses and traditional residence halls. Each residential area has a residential coordinator (RC), who aids in the development of community. RCs provide leadership and support for the residents in their area and perform administrative duties pertaining to their buildings. Community assistants (CAs) are undergraduate students who assist RCs. CAs are selected to provide peer leadership and build positive communities in the area in which they live. Together, the RCs and CAs develop programming opportunities that address the needs of individual students and the residence hall communities.

## Residence Hall Access Control

Using ID cards that are distributed at the beginning of their academic career, students have access to the residence halls 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The main access points of each residence hall have card access readers and emergency phones. To gain access, students present the ID card 6 to 12 inches from the reader and the door will unlock. Alarms ring

when a door is left unsecured for a short time. Campus security on patrol responds to the location of alarms and investigates the cause.

## First-Year Options

All first-year students live in residential colleges of the First-Year Program (FYP). These are buildings or wings of buildings where 30 to 36 students live together and enroll in a common team-taught course. Most of the rooms are doubles. The residential environment and the course reinforce one another to create a broad educational experience. Residence life staff and the FYP faculty work collaboratively in an effort to fully meet the needs of first-year students in the classroom and in their residence halls.

## Upper-class Options

All upper-class students live in one of four housing options: residence halls, theme cottages, Greek chapter houses or Steiner Senior Townhouses. Most live in residence halls, where most floors are coeducational. Room assignments are made on a class-year priority basis.

Theme areas and learning communities are available for groups with special common interests. International House is available to residents who have studied or plan to study abroad, have interest in international affairs, or are international students studying at St. Lawrence. Intercultural House is devoted to engaging faculty and students in the study of cultural diversity and the critical practices that are promoted. A Scholars Floor and a 24-Hour Quiet Floor are also offered.

St. Lawrence has Greek chapter houses for one fraternity and four sororities.

The Steiner Senior Townhouses are available to seniors who have consistently demonstrated excellent citizenship and leadership throughout their tenure at St. Lawrence.

Because St. Lawrence is a residential college, off-campus housing is generally limited to commuter students living with their families.

## Room Occupancy

Requests for room changes will be honored to the extent possible, and the director of residence life may initiate changes in room assignments for a variety of reasons. Housing assignments are made without discrimination by reason of race, gender, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation or national or ethnic origin.

Opening and closing dates are announced well in advance of all official vacations and can be located at [www.stlawu.edu/reslife](http://www.stlawu.edu/reslife).

## Spiritual and Religious Life

St. Lawrence is a non-sectarian university that recognizes the significance and diversity of the religious and spiritual experiences of the campus community. The University views spiritual exploration as an integral part of its educational mission and seeks to enhance that mission by fostering a campus climate that honors all while privileging none.

The University provides a cooperative organizational structure within which groups representing many spiritual traditions can find expression. Ten multi-faith advisors, working with the chaplain and the Spiritual and Religious Life Committee, plan multi-faith common rituals and programs, encourage the formation of new groups and welcome the expression of individual faith seekers. The multi-faith advisory board, composed of advisors to the Buddhist meditation group, Christian Scientists, Earth-based traditions, Hindu students, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, Jewish Student Union, Muslim Student Association, Progressive Christian Ministry, Quakers and Roman Catholic Campus Ministry, meets regularly to discuss common interests, goals and programs. This is a communal effort to serve members of the University community and the broader community.

## Student Activities and Leadership

A student activities fee is paid by all matriculated students. The University collects the fee for disbursement by the student government. Activities covered by the fee include publications, cultural events and campus-wide entertainment, as well as community service and interest organizations.

The staff of the student activities and leadership office, located in the Student Center, and other student life personnel are available to help students with organizational development and social and educational program planning.

## Organizations and Societies

### Student Government

The Thelomathesian Society (“Thelmo”) is the student self-governing body. Students elect the executive board as well as representatives from residential units.

The Student Judiciary Board (“J-Board”) is a student-operated body that adjudicates cases of student misconduct.

### Leadership Honoraries

Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) is a national leadership honorary with members selected based on their academic standing and involvement both on and off campus.

## Academic Honorary Societies

An active chapter of Phi Beta Kappa has been in existence at St. Lawrence since 1899. Typically, the top eight to 10 percent (by class rank) of each graduating class are elected to membership by the faculty and staff members of the chapter.

National or local departmental recognition societies include:

- Lambda Alpha (anthropology)
- Beta Beta Beta (biology)
- Chymist Club (chemistry)
- Omicron Delta Epsilon (economics)
- Sigma Tau Delta (English)
- Fine Arts Honorary

- Pi Delta Phi (French)
- Delta Phi Alpha (German)
- Pi Sigma Alpha (government)
- Gamma Sigma Alpha (Greek organizations)
- Phi Alpha Theta (history)
- Pi Mu Epsilon (mathematics)
- Ives Society (music)
- Phi Sigma Tau (philosophy)
- Sigma Pi Sigma (physics)
- Psi Chi (psychology)
- Theta Alpha Kappa (religion)
- Alpha Kappa Delta (sociology)
- Sigma Delta Pi (Spanish)
- Delta Sigma Rho/Tau Kappa Alpha (speech)

## Clubs and Organizations

Approximately 90 clubs and organizations that reflect student interests exist on campus. Many of these organizations receive funding from the Thelomathesian Society Senate for annual activities. For information on forming a group, students may contact the office of student activities and leadership or the vice president of Senate affairs of the Thelomathesian Society.

## Greek Organizations

St. Lawrence University has four sororities and one fraternity. The University owns and maintains one fraternity house and one sorority house. The Panhellenic Council coordinates and oversees the activities of the sorority chapters.

## Journalism and Communication Organizations

The University provides opportunities for several kinds of experience in primarily student-run journalism and communication:

- *The Hill News*, the campus newspaper
- *The Gridiron*, the annual yearbook
- *The Laurentian* and the *St. Lawrence Review*, periodic literary magazines
- *SexEDITORial*, monthly newsletter that discusses safe sex practices and issues
- *The Stump*, periodic magazine featuring editorials and news analysis
- North Country Public Radio (WSLU-FM), a campus-based National Public Radio affiliate, which occasionally offers internships or work experience to students.

## Veterans' Affairs

St. Lawrence University is fully approved by the New York State Education Department for education of veterans, as provided in several acts of the U.S. Congress. The registrar acts as coordinator of veterans' affairs, and all inquiries about registration under veterans' benefits should be addressed to the registrar. To be eligible for VA subsistence, a veteran is required to submit a Certificate of Entitlement.