

FIRST - YEAR PROGRAM

ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY

Cyber Orientation #9 Sustainability

Welcome class of 2021! In this Cyber Orientation you will learn basic information about sustainability on campus, the sustainability program and our climate action plan.

WHAT'S SUSTAINABILITY?

Sustainability is based on a simple principle: Everything that we need for our survival and well-being depends, either directly or indirectly, on our natural environment. Sustainability creates and maintains the conditions under which humans and nature can exist in productive harmony, that permit fulfilling the social, economic and other requirements of present and future generations.

SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM

- Live and learn on a local organic farm.
- Take one core course each semester in sustainability studies.
- Have the flexibility to continue on-campus courses and activities.
- Gain practical skills in agriculture, leadership, and activism.
- Students in the program also take a 0.5 credit hands-on sustainable farming elective each semester.



The Sustainability Program is designed to give the next generation of thinkers and leaders the tools to tackle the globally important challenges of sustainability. Click [here](#) to learn about the Sustainability Semester and contact Jess Prody

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CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY

Facilities Operations strives to provide the University with safe, clean, attractive, well maintained, and sustainable facilities. Facilities Operations is home to the sustainability office, the heating plant, campus maintenance, and campus grounds.

FOOD SYSTEMS

Dining Services has worked with many student organization on a variety of initiatives in support of sustainable food systems.

-  Trayless Service
-  Local Foods
-  Biodegradable Products
-  Recycling Cooking Oil
-  Reusable Container Discounts
-  Energy Savings Practice
-  Seed to Table Program

Read more [here](#).

GREEN DESIGNS

St. Lawrence University applies a green building and design strategy to new construction and renovation projects. In 2007 the Johnson Hall of Science, the first LEED Gold Certified Science Building in New York, began operation on our campus. As part of our commitment to climate neutrality and environmental sustainability all future construction at St. Lawrence will meet the standards of the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED Silver Certification.

ACADEMICS

The University offers many courses, in many disciplines, that engage students on topics such as: climate change, sustainability 5 and consumption, energy, carbon cycling, environmental writing, ethics, and policy. Many of our courses include short term travel components providing students with an immersive learning experience in the field. St. Lawrence faculty have research interests related to environmental and sustainability topics that our students are both passionate about and want to study. This allows our students various opportunities to collaborate with faculty on independent research projects. Additionally, our many study abroad programs provide students with opportunities for unique research and field experiences.

GREEN GUIDE

This Green Guide is intended to help SLU students live a greener lifestyle in a dorm room setting. St. Lawrence University is taking major steps to become a more sustainable campus, and it is time for the students to do their part. The Green Guide is student written with the intentions of promoting simple lifestyle changes that will help the environment here at SLU, and also the greater world as people graduate. Click [here](#) to read the Laurentian Green Guide.

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