GET YOUR BACHELOR’S DEGREE IN IRELAND

ST. LAWRENCE COLLEGE GRADUATES OF THE COMPUTER NETWORKING & TECHNICAL SUPPORT PROGRAM ARE ELIGIBLE TO ADVANCE TO A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN ONE YEAR, IN IRELAND.

In 2011, Colleges Ontario and the Institutes of Technology in Ireland concluded an agreement to provide opportunities for Ontario College Diploma and Advance Diploma graduates to complete Bachelor’s degrees in Ireland. St. Lawrence College has an exclusive agreement with the Institute of Technology Sligo (ITS) for Computer Networking & Technical Support diploma students and graduates.

Sligo is located in the northwest of Ireland, near the Atlantic coast in the Yeats County. Sligo is a vibrant student town with high quality student residences, excellent recreation and leisure facilities, stunning natural scenery, and more.

Computer Networking & Technical Support Diploma graduates can complete a) Bachelor of Science in Computing in Systems & Networking in two academic semesters; or b) Bachelor of Science (Honours) Systems & Networking in four academic semesters at the Institute of Technology Sligo.

THE IT SLIGO PROGRAM
The core subjects are closely aligned with Microsoft and Cisco technologies and certification enabling the student to learn with the latest tools / technologies and also to achieve industry-recognised certifications which are much sought after in the workplace.

COST
- College fees for the academic year are €7,500. This covers tuition, registration and pick-up at the airport on first arrival.
- Accommodation: €3,000 for September to May.
- Additional Costs: Food and incidentals are estimated by IT Sligo at €3,000 per year. The GNIB immigration registration costs €300.
- Total cost for one year: Approximately €13,800 or $20,000 Canadian (excluding flights).
- IT Sligo is OSAP Aid approved.

GRADE REQUIRED
To be eligible for entry into this program, St. Lawrence College graduates will have achieved a minimum grade average of 60% at the diploma level. This entry requirement is subject to periodic review.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES
Applications may be made via email by contacting the IT Sligo International Office at international.office@itsligo.ie.

USEFUL LINKS
- Institutes of Technology Ireland – information for Ontario Students: www.ioti.ie
- IT Sligo online prospectus: www.itsligo.ie
- Bachelor of Science in Computing in Systems & Networking
- Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Computing in Systems & Networking
- IT Sligo – information for international non-EU students: www.educationireland.com
- Immigration: www.inis.gov.ie
IS OSAP AVAILABLE?
Ontario students can get OSAP for overseas studies. The maximum amount is reduced from $360 per week to $210 per week. The application is not done locally but through the Thunder Bay office.

The Institute of Technology Sligo is an approved institution.
For more information on how to apply, visit this link: http://www.ontario.ca/education-and-training/study-abroad#How_to_apply

HOW TRANSFERABLE IS THE DEGREE BACK INTO NORTH AMERICA?
The Republic of Ireland operates a pan-European Union academic awards system that is recognized worldwide based on the Bologna convention. Three year (ordinary) Bachelor degrees are not common in Canada, but will certainly be recognized by employers as a level higher than an Ontario College Diploma.

An Honours Bachelor Degree from Ireland is internationally recognised and is the same as an Honours Bachelor Degree in North America. Both typically take four years to achieve.

WHAT ARE THE APPLICATION DEADLINES?
Applications must be submitted by June 1st for September entry.

ARE STUDENTS PROVIDED / ASSIGNED TO ACCOMMODATION OR DO THEY GET TO MAKE A CHOICE?
Students have a choice – but advice and assistance is available from the IT Sligo International Office and should be used.

CAN INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WORK PART-TIME IN SLIGO?
Yes. Full-time IT Sligo international students can work up to 20 hours per week.

CAN GRADUATES WORK IN IRELAND AFTER THEY FINISH THEIR STUDIES?
Graduates from 3 year Bachelor Degree programs can work for 3 months in Ireland after completing their studies.
Graduates from 4 year Honours Bachelor Degree programs can work for 1 year in Ireland after completing their studies.

HOW IS THE ACADEMIC YEAR STRUCTURED?
The academic calendar comprises two (12 or 13 week) blocks (semesters) of academic study excluding holiday periods (e.g. Halloween; Christmas; Easter) and end of semester examinations. In addition some programs require an industry placement (up to 12 weeks duration) or dissertation.

CAN THIS PROGRAM BE TAKEN ON-LINE?
No.

WHAT IS THE TIME LIMIT AFTER FINISHING THE SLC DIPLOMA TO APPLY TO IT SLIGO?
There is no time limit while the articulation agreement is in place but graduates should be aware that programs are subject to change which in turn may result in a change to the articulation agreement.

CAN AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AT SLC ARTICULATE UNDER THIS AGREEMENT AND IF SO WOULD THE COSTS BE THE SAME?
Yes this articulation agreement is open to international students and they will pay the same as Canadian students.

COULD STUDENTS WITH CHILDREN STUDY AT IT SLIGO?
Yes but it could be expensive. Students with children should not stay in student residences.

ARE THERE ANY SCHOLARSHIPS?
Graduates of SLC are entitled to apply to IT Sligo for a sports scholarship. Scholarships are awarded for 1-year but can be awarded for up to 4-years and are valued at up to €1,750 (maximum) per annum. For full details see www.itsligo.ie. Note the application deadline is at the end of September. International students have previously been awarded and so have minority sports. Recipients are expected to be available to train with, and compete for IT Sligo.

WHEN DO STUDENTS HAVE TO BE IN SLIGO?
It is recommended that all students arrive one week before classes commence in mid-September to familiarize themselves with the town, the campus environment and to get their GNIB Immigration Card. The IT Sligo International Office organizes an induction program of events for all international students prior to the commencement of classes.