

## WHY POLITICAL SCIENCE AT ALGOMA U?

Whether you know it or not, we all participate in politics. If you are interested in a future career in law, activism, government or public service at the (local, national, or global level), journalism and media, the foreign diplomatic service, academics or the private sector, then Political Science is for you! A degree in Political Science -- a social science -- opens the door to a myriad of career paths. Politics is much more than simply voting in an election or working in government. Reading or listening to the news, making donations to aid groups, or talking with friends and families about social issues are other ways in which politics works into our everyday lives. Thus, by studying political science, students will have a deeper and more thorough understanding of the political forces and institutions that directly affect their lives. Plus, you will be able to make more informed decisions when it comes to election time. Aside from learning about political systems and governance, students will also be exposed to a variety of other

courses, including those in philosophy, law and justice, and history. Students will develop skills sought after in a variety of career paths, including those outside of politics. Critical thinking, writing, research, and presentation skills are just a few of the skills students will perfect in this holistic and interdisciplinary program, all of which are highly transferable. Algoma University's four-year Bachelor of Arts in Political Science degree focuses on three areas of study: Canadian politics, public policy and government; comparative politics and international relations; and political theory, philosophy, and economy.

## COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

Our program also works to incorporate Indigenous and Aboriginal content, ideas, and methodology in its approach. The program will help students to understand and identify important institutions, forces, and ideas that shape society. Students will gain an understanding of the history, values, structures, and processes of political systems, and will study the principles of effective democratic citizenship from local to international levels,

along with the relationships between states and non-state actors in the wider, interdependent global system and how they organize themselves into various decision making and administrative forums. A degree in political science will teach students how to systematically, rigorously, and analytically evaluate competing explanations of the same event or phenomenon, and gain an understanding of who or what exerts power.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Understand, evaluate and use a variety of theoretical and methodological approaches to study legal events and phenomena, past and present.
  - Identify and explain core principles of law (Canadian public, private, and Aboriginal, international, and comparative) and legal institutions.
  - Be aware of the learning process, the benefits of lifelong learning, and the complexity of knowledge.
  - Communicate effectively orally and in writing using different media and technologies.
  - Employ effective deliberative and discursive techniques in problem solving, decision-making, and conflict resolution.
- Apply these principles, concepts, and skills in diverse settings.



## WHY STUDY AT ALGOMA U IN SAULT STE. MARIE?

Algoma U is located in Sault Ste. Marie, a city of 75,000 people in Northern Ontario. "The Soo", as locals call it, has all the amenities of a big city – shopping, entertainment, sports teams, festivals, and cultural activities – but without the hassle of traffic.

We're lucky enough to live in a city surrounded by the great outdoors. With Lake Superior and the St. Mary's River literally just steps from our front door, there's always something to do. You can catch some sun at the beach or walk our beautiful boardwalk. With the highest elevation in Ontario, Searchmont Resort is a popular winter destination for our students, offering great alpine skiing and snowboarding.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

ENG4U, 5 other U/M courses.  
Minimum 70%.

Applying to Algoma U is simple. We're ready to help answer all of your questions and more. Before you know it, you'll be walking across campus to your first class.

[algomau.ca/apply](http://algomau.ca/apply)

## GAIN. EXPERIENCE.

Experiential Learning is "learning by doing." There are many experiential learning opportunities in the classroom, lab and in the community. Students in the Political Science program have participated in international debates, Model United Nations, research projects, policy making simulations and field trips. A full inventory of Political Science experiential Learning opportunities is listed in this Experience Map.

## SKILLS EMPLOYERS ARE SEEKING

With over 2,000 business leaders surveyed, the top skills they would like to see in their employees include:

1. Leadership
2. Communication
3. Collaboration
4. Time Management
5. Understanding the impact of technology
6. Consistent global training

## USING THIS EXPERIENCE MAP

Making a plan in first year will lead to your success. We're ready to assist you with your plan.

This Experience Map offers suggestions, which is a guide to explore many options. Understanding where you want to be will help you make the correct decisions to get you there.

We're also here to help you with your physical and mental well-being. We want you to succeed in all aspects of your life. For further assistance, visit Student Success Central, in NW307.

 Questions?  
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**GET  
ASSISTANCE**

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EXPERIENCE**

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CONNECTED**

**GET THINKING  
GLOBALLY**

**GET READY  
FOR LIFE  
AFTER  
GRADUATION**

**1ST YEAR**

<p>POLI1006*/1007*</p> <p>*Minimum grade of 60% required</p> <p>Electives:</p> <p>6 credits from Group I – Humanities 6 credits from Group III – Sciences 12 credits (from any group)</p> <p>Consider taking: ECON1006/1007, HIST1206/1207, JURI1106/1107, FREN1021/1022.</p> <p>Meet with your Academic Advisor to select courses.</p>
<p>Take COOP0101 as a first step to be enrolled in the co-op program at Algoma University. Check your <a href="#">Student Portal</a> for job postings. Visit the <a href="#">Experiential Learning HUB</a> to learn about exciting opportunities! Start connecting to career opportunities in your first year by joining the <a href="#">Career Link Program</a>.</p> <p><a href="#">Courses with EL component.</a></p> <p>Take part in the CanAm Exchange or Model UN and election campaign debate volunteering.</p>
<p>Get involved with volunteer opportunities on campus with the <a href="#">Food Bank</a>, the <a href="#">Thunder Street Team</a> or apply to be an <a href="#">Orientation Week Leader</a>. Come support our <a href="#">Varsity Thunderbird</a> athletic teams and participate in <a href="#">Intramurals</a> at the GLC.</p> <p>Consider joining one of the many <a href="#">clubs</a> through AUSU or get involved with <a href="#">SASA</a>.</p> <p>Be sure to sign up for one of our historical campus tours.</p>
<p>Attend a <a href="#">Study Abroad</a> info session and consider studying in the UK, Spain, South Korea, Italy, France, Austria and more! See which places appeal to YOU.</p> <p>Speak to the <a href="#">Mobility Coordinator</a> from the EL Hub to gather information on the various global engagement opportunities.</p>
<p>Check out <a href="#">Career Cruising</a> (login: algomau password: saultstemarie) to determine potential career paths that you can pursue in the future.</p> <p>Attend career related workshops in the <a href="#">Experiential Learning Hub</a>.</p> <p>Visit <a href="#">Career Services</a> in the <a href="#">Experiential Learning HUB</a> for assistance.</p>

**2ND YEAR**

<p>Make an appointment with your Faculty Advisor in early February to develop your academic plan.</p> <p>Questions about rules and regulations in your program? See your Academic Advisor in Student Success Central.</p> <p>Want to enhance your degree? Consider a <a href="#">minor or certificate</a>.</p>
<p>Use the skills gained from COOP0101 to apply for a co-op placement or summer job. Continue to keep an eye out for job opportunities on your <a href="#">Student Portal</a>.</p> <p>Listings include general employment, local/non-local coop opportunities, on-campus employment and volunteer opportunities.</p> <p><a href="#">Courses with EL component.</a></p>
<p>Volunteer off campus. Reach out to local organizations such as local legal firms or the <a href="#">Sault Ste. Marie Police Service</a>. For more volunteer opportunities visit <a href="#">Volunteer Sault Ste. Marie</a>.</p> <p>Think about running for a position with the <a href="#">Algoma University Students' Union</a>.</p>
<p>Are you interested in doing an exchange, short term abroad and internship abroad program in your second or third year? Check out <a href="#">Study Abroad</a> opportunities and submit your <a href="#">application</a> by the deadline.</p> <p>Your next adventure is waiting!</p>
<p><a href="#">LinkedIn Learning</a>, available through your <a href="#">Student Portal</a>, offers you thousands of excellent courses that will help you learn the skills you need to achieve your full potential. Once you complete a learning path it will automatically be displayed as an accomplishment on your <a href="#">LinkedIn</a> profile.</p> <p>Use Optimal Resume to improve your resume and cover letter as well as practice your interview skills.</p>

**3RD YEAR OR FINAL YEAR**

<p>Continue to meet with your Faculty Advisor to ensure you are meeting program requirements and academic goals.</p> <p>This is a good time to investigate a Master's Degree, Postgraduate Diploma or Bachelor of Education. Please make an appointment in Student Success Central for full details.</p>
<p>Participate in campus recruiting for summer work. Apply for co-op opportunities to gain experience and improve your network.</p> <p><a href="#">Courses with EL component.</a></p>
<p>Update your <a href="#">LinkedIn</a> profile and connect virtually with alumni, classmates, faculty and professionals in the Biology field.</p> <p>Networking is the most important technique to get jobs in today's society, over 75% of jobs come from networking.</p>
<p>Get involved with other cultures on campus or improve your language skills taking some of our Modern Language courses or interacting with International students on campus!</p> <p>Consider Summer <a href="#">Study Abroad</a> or <a href="#">Internship</a> opportunities. Gain experience, knowledge and have the opportunity to tour a new country while studying and working!</p>
<p>Start focusing on areas of interest and research education requirements for your career path.</p> <p>Reach out to your <a href="#">Academic Advisor</a>, <a href="#">Student Success Central</a> or your faculty advisor to assist you in applying to a Master's Degree, Post-graduate Diploma or Bachelor of Education.</p> <p>Take some time to create or update your resume and <a href="#">LinkedIn</a> profile.</p>

**4TH YEAR OR FINAL YEAR**

<p>Complete degree requirements and ensure you've met all deadlines for post-graduate options.</p> <p><a href="#">Apply to graduate.</a></p>
<p>Take part in the CanAm Exchange or Model UN to gain experience in your field of study.</p> <p>Take advantage of the New Graduate Transition Program!</p> <p><a href="#">Courses with EL component.</a></p>
<p>Think about joining professional associations such as the <a href="#">Canadian Institute of International Affairs</a> or the <a href="#">Canadian Environmental Law Association</a>.</p> <p>Join groups on <a href="#">LinkedIn</a> reflecting specific careers or topics of interest in Political Science.</p>
<p>If you are an international student looking to stay in Canada to work, talk to a <a href="#">Student Success Academic Advisor</a>.</p> <p>To learn more about working in Canada, volunteer at <a href="#">Discover the Sault</a> through the Economic Development Centre.</p>
<p>Use the resources available in <a href="#">Career Services</a> to learn about the many job opportunities available to you upon graduation. Attend career related events hosted by the <a href="#">Experiential Learning Hub</a>.</p> <p>Watch for the many workshops available to all students on resume writing, job searching strategies and networking.</p>

**AFTER GRAD?**

After completing a degree in Political Science, students are open to an array of career paths and opportunities.

Many of our students pursue graduate programs and go on to pursue exciting careers in many areas.

Graduates can and have pursued:

- Lawyer
- Journalist
- Entrepreneur
- Civil Service
- Teacher
- Police Officer
- Correctional Services
- Immigration & Border Services
- Diplomat
- Public Relations
- Aboriginal Research
- Researcher
- Foreign Services



Always remember to put your health first! Hit the [GLC](#) for some calming Yoga or an intense workout or take walks around campus to clear your mind.

If you're feeling depressed, anxious or upset don't worry YOU ARE NOT ALONE. – Download the [I.M. Well App](#) or call 1-877-234-5327 for 24/7 free counselling or book an appointment with an on-campus counsellor by emailing [healthservices@algomau.ca](mailto:healthservices@algomau.ca).

We're here for you. Visit the Learning Centre for information on free tutoring and learning strategies.