

## WHY SOCIOLOGY AT ALGOMA U?

Algoma University's sociology program is designed to engage with real life problems and issues. We are socially engaged scholars who are active participants in our community and support students taking an active approach to sociology. Our graduates move out into the world with a strong set of research skills, confidence and knowledge, prepared for going into graduate studies and the professional world. Our students leave Algoma as social actors who understand topics foundational to a Canadian identity, such as: relationships with First Nations, diversity, equity and challengers of class and intersected identities. In particular, students will gain an understanding of social movements, race, diversity, gender and sexuality. By third year, students will be familiar with research skills including surveys, interviews, observational studies and focus groups.

### 4th Year Thesis Course

A key element of the program is completing an honours thesis, known as the Research and Critical Analysis course, which allows

students to engage in critical study and theory at an advanced level. Students have the opportunity to design, research, and carryout their own ideas in order to complete the research. Students will be guided by a thesis supervisor who will mentor them through the process. As part of the thesis project, students write a research proposal, collect and analyze data, and present their findings to the public.

## COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

Students studying sociology at Algoma U also have the opportunity to take course electives in the field of anthropology to compliment their studies. Anthropologists focus on cultures of traditional and modern folk societies. Courses offered will familiarize students with cultural anthropology through the use of empirical evidence and analysis. Upon graduation, students in Algoma University's sociology program will have strong written, oral presentation, and research skills – invaluable skills highly

sought after in today's competitive work world and in institutions of higher learning. These refined skills set Algoma U graduates apart from the rest.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Apply sociological principles and concepts to understand yourself as a social actor.
- Demonstrate an understanding of how socialization, and social structure affect personal behaviour, interactions and opportunities.
- Utilize a foundational knowledge of the historical contexts to interrogate the contemporary conditions of Indigenous people in Canada.
- Mobilize an awareness of social justice issue and understand how social inequality is generated, maintained, and resisted.
- Apply various social theories to social issues and problems.
- Gather, interpret, and evaluate quantitative and qualitative data.
- Conduct research independently into contemporary social issues in Canada.
- Ability to write and communicate effectively.



## 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.  
Minimum 65%.

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 Sociology program have participated in labs, service learning, and consulting projects. A full inventory of Sociology 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?  
[info@algomau.ca](mailto:info@algomau.ca)





**1ST YEAR**

SOCI1016\*/1017\*  
\*Minimum grade of 60% required  
Electives:  
6 credits from Group I – Humanities  
6 credits from Group III – Sciences  
12 credits (from any group)  
Consider taking: ANTR1007, ANIS1006/1007  
Meet with your Academic Advisor to select courses.

Take COOP0101 as a first step to be enrolled in the co-op program at Algoma University. Check your [Student Portal](#) for job postings.

Visit the [Experiential Learning HUB](#) to learn about exciting opportunities! Start getting connected to career opportunities in your first year by joining the [Career Link Program](#).

[Courses with EL component.](#)

Get involved with volunteer opportunities on campus with the [Food Bank](#), the [Thunder Street Team](#) or apply to be an [Orientation Week Leader](#). Come support our [Varsity Thunderbird](#) athletic teams and participate in [Intramurals](#) at the GLC.

Consider joining one of the many [clubs](#) through AUSU or get involved with [SASA](#).

Be sure to sign up for one of our historical campus tours.

Attend a [Study Abroad](#) info session and consider studying in the UK, Spain, South Korea, Italy, France, Austria and more! See which places appeal to YOU.

Speak to the [Mobility Coordinator](#) from the EL Hub to gather information on the various global engagement opportunities.

Check out [Career Cruising](#) (login: algomau password: saultstemarie) to determine potential career paths that you can pursue in the future.

Attend career related workshops in the [Experiential Learning Hub](#).

Visit [Career Services](#) in the [Experiential Learning HUB](#) for assistance.

**2ND YEAR**

Make an appointment with your Faculty Advisor in early February to develop your academic plan.

Questions about rules and regulations in your program? See your Academic Advisor in Student Success Central.

Want to enhance your degree? Consider a [minor](#) or [certificate](#).

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 [Student Portal](#). Listings include general employment, local/non-local co-op opportunities, on-campus employment and volunteer opportunities.

[Courses with EL component.](#)

Volunteer off campus. Reach out to local organizations, such as: [Sault Pride Community](#), the [Alzheimer Society](#), [Red Cross](#), [THRIVE Child Development Centre](#) or the [Sault Area Hospital](#). For more volunteer opportunities visit [Volunteer Sault Ste. Marie](#).

Think about running for a position with the [Algoma University Students' Union](#).

Are you interested in doing an exchange, short term abroad and internship abroad program in your second or third year? Check out [Study Abroad](#) opportunities and submit your [application](#) by the deadline.

Your next adventure is waiting!

[LinkedIn Learning](#), available through your [Student Portal](#), 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 [LinkedIn](#) profile.

Use Optimal Resume to improve your resume and cover letter as well as practice your interview skills.

**3RD YEAR OR FINAL YEAR**

Continue to meet with your Faculty Advisor to ensure you are meeting program requirements and academic goals.

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.

Attend the fourth-year thesis presentations to gain knowledge to prepare yourself to complete your thesis project.

[Courses with EL component.](#)

Update your [LinkedIn](#) profile and connect virtually with alumni, classmates, faculty and professionals in the Biology field.

Networking is the most important technique to get jobs in today's society, over 75% of jobs come from networking.

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!

Consider Summer [Study Abroad](#) or [Internship](#) opportunities. Gain experience, knowledge and have the opportunity to tour a new country while studying and working!

Start focusing on areas of interest and research education requirements for your career path.

Reach out to your [Academic Advisor](#), [Student Success Central](#) or your faculty advisor to assist you in applying to a Master's Degree, Post-graduate Diploma or Bachelor of Education.

Take some time to create or update your resume and [LinkedIn](#) profile.

**4TH YEAR OR FINAL YEAR**

Complete degree requirements and ensure you've met all deadlines for post-graduate options.

[Apply to graduate.](#)

Make use of available tutors.

Complete a thesis and present it to fellow classmates, faculty and other AU community members!

Take advantage of the New Graduate Transition Program!

[Courses with EL component.](#)

Think about joining professional associations such as the [Canadian Sociological Association](#).

Join groups on [LinkedIn](#) reflecting specific careers or topics of interest in Sociology.

If you are an international student looking to stay in Canada to work, talk to a [Student Success Academic Advisor](#).

To learn more about working in Canada, volunteer at [Discover the Sault](#) through the Economic Development Centre.

Use the resources available in [Career Services](#) to learn about the many job opportunities available to you upon graduation. Attend career related events hosted by the [Experiential Learning Hub](#).

Watch for the many workshops available to all students on resume writing, job searching strategies and networking.

**AFTER GRAD?**

After completing a degree in Sociology, 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:
- Education
  - Researcher
  - Addiction Counsellor
  - Health & Safety
  - Health Promotion
  - Human Rights
  - Social Services
  - Counselling
  - Policy Analyst
  - Law



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.

**GET  
ASSISTANCE**

**GET  
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**GET  
CONNECTED**

**GET THINKING  
GLOBALLY**

**GET READY  
FOR LIFE  
AFTER  
GRADUATION**