

## WHY VISUAL ARTS AT ALGOMA U?

The Visual Art Program at Algoma U provides an ideal learning environment for Art students, who will undergo a process of dramatic personal growth. Students will graduate with a greater sense of achievement and pride in their work.

Throughout the duration of studies, students will work alongside our talented and dedicated faculty. Small class sizes ensure an excellent degree of one-on-one feedback and instruction. This constructive feedback allows for the completion of refined, polished, mature, and technical work. Visiting artists will enhance your experience through exhibitions, presentations, lectures, workshops and individual consultations. They also provide vital insight into the world of contemporary art.

Upon graduation, our students will have transitioned into mature artists, with a dynamic portfolio, vast understanding of art history, and will be prepared for the work world.

## COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

In addition to working with galleries and community organizations, our students also study outdoors. Being located in Sault Ste. Marie, a city which boasts natural beauty, our students have the opportunity to experience the truly awesome natural beauty of the region. Outdoor experiences include visiting historically significant sites such as the Agawa Pictographs, painting ‘en plein-air’, and exploring land-based art practices. Class trips to significant art collections in cities like New York, Chicago, Ottawa, and Montréal generally occur every year.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Utilize adaptive intelligence.
- Show competencies essential to the independent and collaborative practice of art.
- Show a high level of fluency with visual language.
- Display proficiency within specific disciplines in the visual arts.
- Understand art historical continuums and relationships, while demonstrating awareness of their own individual place within that continuum.
- Understand the history of art as an evolution of form, and grasp relationships between old and new.
- Synthesize from the past and present.
- Analyze and critique their own work and the work of others.
- Write clearly and demonstrate competency in articulating the ideas, motivations and issues in their own art practice.
- Be adaptive to new and emerging technologies.
- Display quantities and transferrable skills necessary for employment and further education.
- Use sound independent learning and analytical skills.
- Recognize and value the alternative outlooks that people from various backgrounds bring to projects.



## 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 + Portfolio.  
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 Visual Arts program have participated in creative performances, exhibitions, and research projects. A full inventory of Visual Arts 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

GET EXPERIENCE

GET CONNECTED

GET THINKING GLOBALLY

GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

1ST YEAR	2ND YEAR	3RD YEAR OR FINAL YEAR	4TH YEAR OR FINAL YEAR
VISA1005*, VISA1026*/1027*, VISA1506*, VISA2706* *Minimum grade of 60% required Electives: 6 credits from Group II – Social Sciences 6 credits from Group III – Sciences Consider taking: ENGL  Meet with your Academic Faculty to select courses.	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 <b>minor or certificate</b> .	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.	Complete degree requirements and ensure you've met all deadlines for post-graduate options.  <b>Apply to graduate.</b>
Take COOP0101 as a first step to be enrolled in the co-op program at Algoma University. Check your <b>Student Portal</b> for job postings.  Visit the <b>Experiential Learning HUB</b> to learn about exciting opportunities! Start getting connected to career opportunities in your first year by joining the <b>Career Link Program</b> .  Courses with EL component.	Use the skills gained from COOP0101 to apply for a co-op placement or summer job. Continue to keep an eye out for <b>job opportunities</b> on your <b>Student Portal</b> . Listings include general employment, local/non-local co-op opportunities, on-campus employment and volunteer opportunities.  Courses with EL component.	Attend the fourth-year thesis presentations to gain knowledge and advice for if you choose to complete one next year.  Courses with EL component.  Take: VISA4026/4017 to prepare for Thesis Independent Study.	BFA students will exhibit their Thesis work in a solo EXHIBITION and take part in a group exhibition at the Art Gallery of Algoma.  Take advantage of the New Graduate Transition Program!  Courses with EL component
Get involved with volunteer opportunities on campus with the <b>Food Bank</b> , the <b>Thunder Street Team</b> or apply to be an <b>Orientation Week Leader</b> . Come support our <b>Varsity Thunderbird</b> athletic teams and participate in <b>Intramurals</b> at the GLC.  Consider joining one of the many <b>clubs</b> through AUSU, especially the Fine Arts Student Society. Get involved with <b>SASA</b> .	Volunteer off campus. Reach out to local organizations, such as: the <b>Art Gallery of Algoma</b> , <b>180 Projects</b> , or the <b>Arts Council of Algoma</b> . For more volunteer opportunities visit <b>Volunteer Sault Ste. Marie</b> .  Think about running for a position with the <b>Algoma University Students' Union</b> .  Consider a leadership role in the Fine Arts Student Society.	Update your <b>LinkedIn</b> 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.	Think about joining professional associations such as the <b>Federation of Canadian Artists</b> or the <b>Canadian Artists Representation</b> .  Join groups on <b>LinkedIn</b> reflecting specific careers or topics of interest in Visual Arts.
Attend a <b>Study Abroad</b> 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 <b>Mobility Coordinator</b> from the EL Hub to gather information on the various global engagement opportunities.	Are you interested in doing an exchange, short term abroad and internship abroad program in your second or third year? Check out <b>Study Abroad</b> opportunities and submit your <b>application</b> by the deadline.  Your next adventure is waiting!	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 <b>Study Abroad</b> or <b>Internship</b> opportunities. Gain experience, knowledge and have the opportunity to tour a new country while studying and working!	If you are an international student looking to stay in Canada to work, talk to a <b>Student Success Academic Advisor</b> .  To learn more about working in Canada, volunteer at <b>Discover the Sault</b> through the Economic Development Centre.
Check out <b>Career Cruising</b> (login: algomauc password: saultstemarie) to determine potential career paths that you can pursue in the future.  Attend career related workshops in the <b>Experiential Learning Hub</b> .  Visit <b>Career Services</b> in the <b>Experiential Learning HUB</b> for assistance.	<b>LinkedIn Learning</b> , available through your <b>Student Portal</b> , 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 <b>LinkedIn</b> profile.  Use Optimal Resume to improve your resume and cover letter as well as practice your interview skills.	Start focusing on areas of interest and research education requirements for your career path.  Reach out to your <b>Academic Advisor</b> , <b>Student Success Central</b> 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 <b>LinkedIn</b> profile.	Use the resources available in <b>Career Services</b> to learn about the many job opportunities available to you upon graduation. Attend career related events hosted by the <b>Experiential Learning Hub</b> .  Watch for the many workshops available to all students on resume writing, job searching strategies and networking.

**AFTER GRAD?**

After completing a degree in Visual Arts, 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:

- Professional Artist
- Gallery Education
- Coordinator
- Educator (teaching in schools)
- Community Arts
- Educator/Facilitator
- Gallery Director/Curator
- Independent Curator
- Writer/Critic
- Designer
- Entrepreneur
- Framer/ Conservationist
- Photographer
- Visual Communications Professional
- Collections Manager
- Arts Facility Manager/ Director



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