



# Algoma UNIVERSITY



## International Exchange Guide

**Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada**



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INTERNATIONAL LEARNING







# ADVENTURE AWAITS

## Canada

- Canada is the second largest country in the world by land area, it is just slightly smaller by land mass than the entire continent of Europe.
- Canada boasts diverse landscapes, including vast forests, towering Rocky Mountains, beautiful lakes (including the iconic Great Lakes), and extensive coastlines along the Atlantic, Pacific, and Arctic oceans.
- Canada is often regarded as a country with a high quality of life and overall satisfaction among its citizens. It consistently ranks well in various global indices that measure happiness, life satisfaction, and overall well-being.
- Canada has a rich Indigenous history and culture, with over 600 recognized Indigenous First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities. These Indigenous Peoples have lived on the land for thousands of years and have unique languages, traditions, and art forms that contribute to the diverse tapestry of Canadian identity.

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## Sault Ste. Marie (Pronounced “Soo Saint Ma-ree.”):

- Known by the locals as ‘The Soo’.
- We are located at the heart of the Great Lakes, connecting both Lake Huron and beautiful Lake Superior. Lake Superior is the largest freshwater lake in the world.
- Sault Ste. Marie is unique as it is divided by an international border. The city’s Canadian side is located in the province of Ontario, while the American side, also known as Sault Ste. Marie, is situated in the state of Michigan, USA. The two cities are connected by the International Bridge.
- The Agawa Canyon Tour Train is a scenic railway journey that takes visitors through the rugged landscapes of the Canadian Shield and the picturesque Agawa Canyon. The train ride offers breathtaking views of waterfalls, forests, and pristine wilderness. Thousands of visitors from around the world come to Sault Ste. Marie each Autumn to ride the tour train.
- Sault Ste. Marie hosts various art festivals, live performances, and cultural events throughout the year. Each February, Sault Ste. Marie hosts its famous winter carnival, Bon Soo.
- Sault Ste. Marie is an outdoor enthusiast’s haven! From hiking, mountain biking, fishing, cross-country skiing, downhill skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing and more — you’ll always find something to do.



## Algoma University:

- Personalized learning experience
  - Rich cross-cultural advantages
  - Impact-focused experiences
  - 14:1 student to faculty ratio
  - Diverse student body
  - Vibrant student life
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## SPECIAL MISSION

The objects of the University are the pursuit of learning through scholarship, teaching, and research within a spirit of free enquiry and expression. It is the special mission of the University to:

- ▶ Be a teaching-oriented university that provides programs in liberal arts and sciences and professional programs, primarily at the undergraduate level, with a particular focus on the needs of Northern Ontario and;
- ▶ Cultivate cross-cultural learning between Aboriginal communities and other communities, in keeping with the history of Algoma University and its geographic site.





# HERITAGE HONoured

## The Seven Grandfather Teachings

The Seven Grandfather Teachings help guide our efforts, reminding us of our responsibilities to the world, to others around us and to ourselves.

**RESPECT (Manajiw'idiwin)** — To have honour for all of Creation

**WISDOM (Nibwaakaawin)** — To cherish knowledge is to have wisdom

**HUMILITY (Dabasendiziwin)** — To know humility is to know yourself as a sacred part of creation

**BRAVERY (Aakdewin)** — To be able to face the foe with integrity

**HONESTY (Gwayakwaadiziwin)** — To be honest in facing a situation

**TRUTH (Debwewin)** — To have truth is to know all of these things

**LOVE (Zaagi'idiwin)** — To know love is to know peace

## Anishinaabe Education

The spirit of sharing and coming together continues on our campuses today. Algoma U's Sault Ste. Marie campus, located on the former Shingwauk Indian Residential School site, offers a unique and historically rich setting for a cross-cultural community in which Anishinaabe (First Nations, Métis, and Inuit), Canadian, and International students and faculty learn with each other and from one another in a spirit of friendship and respect.

### AARC Services & Supports:

- ▶ Anishinaabe Student Success
- ▶ Anishinaabe Academic Resource Centre
- ▶ Academic support and academic advising
- ▶ Computer lab and study spaces
- ▶ Research support
- ▶ Peer supports, including mentors
- ▶ Lunch and learn sessions
- ▶ University preparation advisement and support
- ▶ Scholarships/bursaries
- ▶ Community outreach

### Social and Cultural Supports

- ▶ Elders
- ▶ Elders in residence
- ▶ Elders in classroom
- ▶ Cultural Supports
- ▶ Supporting SASA gatherings, ceremonies, events, workshops and seminars





# EXCHANGE INFORMATION

## Academic Calendar

Algoma University is on a three semester system (Fall-Winter-Spring). Please note that we only accept exchange students for the Autumn and Winter semesters.

### Fall Semester:

Orientation/Semester Begins: Early September  
Study Week: Mid-October  
Exams: Early December  
Semester End: Mid-December

### Winter Semester:

Orientation/Semester Begins: Early January  
Study Week: Mid-February  
Exams: Early April  
Semester End: End of April

## Course Selection

Visiting exchange students are welcome to enroll in any courses at Algoma University and are not required to stay within their study program.

Please note that some courses require prerequisites or prior knowledge to enroll in.

Once students have been sent an offer of admission, they will be eligible to enroll in courses using their student portal. Courses can also be viewed on our website at: [algomau.ca/course-schedules/](http://algomau.ca/course-schedules/)

## Nomination and Application Deadlines

### Nomination of Incoming Students:

Fall semester: March 31

Winter semester: October 1

### Application deadline for incoming students:

Fall semester: April 15

Winter semester: October 15

Students can be nominated by their home institution via email at [goabroad@algomau.ca](mailto:goabroad@algomau.ca). Please ensure that the students full name, program of study, term of exchange and contact information is included. Once the student has been nominated, they will receive a nomination email with the application form and relevant next steps.

Looking for more information on exchange at Algoma University? Visit our website at:

[algomau.ca/academics/international-affairs/](http://algomau.ca/academics/international-affairs/)



# PROGRAMS

## Bachelor Degree Programs

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### School of Business & Economics

Bachelor of Business Administration

Specializations in:

*Accounting • Aviation Management (Flight training option available) • Business of Esports • Economics •  
Human Resources Management • Marketing*

Bachelor of Arts – Finance & Economics

Bachelor of Arts – Accounting

Bachelor of Arts – Economics

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### School of Life Sciences & the Environment

Bachelor of Science – Biology

Bachelor of Science – Environmental Science

Bachelor of Science – Psychology

Bachelor of Arts – Psychology

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### School of Computer Science & Technology

Bachelor of Science – Computer Science

Bachelor of Computer Science

Specializations in:

*Computer Games Technology • Computer Games Technology & the Creative Arts • Mobile Software Engineering*

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### Social Sciences

Bachelor of Arts – Anishinaabe Studies

Bachelor of Arts – Community Development

Bachelor of Arts – Community Economic & Social Development

Bachelor of Arts – Geography

Bachelor of Arts – Law & Justice

Bachelor of Arts – Political Science

Bachelor of Arts – Sociology

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### School of Social Work

Bachelor of Social Work

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### Humanities

Bachelor of Arts – Anishinaabemowin

Bachelor of Arts – English

Bachelor of Arts – History

Bachelor of Arts – Music

Bachelor of Arts – Visual Arts

Bachelor of Fine Arts

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*\*Admission is a two step process for Social Work, please visit [www.algomau.ca/academics/programs/social-work/admissions/](http://www.algomau.ca/academics/programs/social-work/admissions/).*

*\*\*For audition requirements, please visit [www.algomau.ca/academics/programs/music/audition-requirements/](http://www.algomau.ca/academics/programs/music/audition-requirements/).*

*\*\*\*For portfolio requirements, please visit [www.algomau.ca/academics/programs/visual-arts/portfolio-requirements/](http://www.algomau.ca/academics/programs/visual-arts/portfolio-requirements/).*



# ACADEMIC INFORMATION

## Credit Information

Algoma University follows an independent credit system. Each course is 3 AU credits with a recommended term of 15 AU Credits.

Exchange students are recommended to maintain full time study status with 12-15 AU credits per term. In reference to the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS), 15 Algoma University credits is equal to 30 ECTS.

## English Language Proficiency Requirements

One of the following minimum requirements must be met in order to be eligible for admission:

- CAEL (paper-based, computer edition, or online): 60
- Cambridge English Qualifications: Overall 176, with no band below 169
- Duolingo English Test (DET): Overall 110 (including no individual band below 90)
- IELTS Academic (including IELTS Online): 6.0 overall (including no individual band below 6.0)
- TOEFL: 550 (paper-based) or 79 (Computer or Home Edition)
- TOEFL applicants are required to submit their official result on the ETS Portal. The Algoma University institution code is 0820.
- Pearson Test of English (PTE Academic & PTE Academic Online): 60

Visit [algomau.ca/admissions/admissions-requirements/english-language-requirements](https://algomau.ca/admissions/admissions-requirements/english-language-requirements)

## Grading

The grading scale for all individual courses is as follows:

**80-100% (A) – Excellent Performance:** comprehensive knowledge in depth of the principles and materials treated in the course, fluency in communicating that knowledge and originality and independence in applying material and principles.

**70-79% (B) – Good Performance:** thorough understanding of the breadth of materials and principles treated in the course and ability to apply and communicate that understanding effectively.

**60-69% (C) – Satisfactory Performance:** basic understanding of the breadth of principles and material treated in the course and an ability to apply and communicate that understanding competently.

**50-59% (D) – Marginal Performance:** adequate understanding of most principles and material treated in the course, but significant weakness in some areas and in the ability to apply and communicate that understanding.

**0-49% (F) – Failure:** inadequate or fragmentary knowledge of the principles and material treated in the course, or failure to complete the work required in the course.



# YOUR STUDENT EXPERIENCE

## Algoma U campus offers a unique student experience

There are plenty of opportunities to get involved and expand your learning beyond the classroom. Algoma U offers a variety of opportunities to help you meet new friends, while having some fun and gaining valuable experience. Meet people with like-interests by joining one of our many clubs, running for student government, or getting involved with activities like Leadership Week, as well as program specific events to expand your learning opportunities. You'll meet new friends, build your résumé, and become a part of a lifelong community of Algoma Thunderbirds. Plus, your leadership and volunteerism on or off campus are recognized on your Co-Curricular Record!

### 25+ clubs and associations to get involved in:

- ▶ Algoma University Student Union
- ▶ Algoma University Business Society
- ▶ Algoma Computer Science Club
- ▶ Algoma U Students' Cricket Club (AUSCC)
- ▶ Law and Politics Student Society
- ▶ The AURA (Algoma University Radio)
- ▶ The People's Garden
- ▶ African and Caribbean Students' Association of Algoma U

### On and off campus activities include:

- ▶ Trivia nights
- ▶ Dance parties
- ▶ Cultural celebrations
- ▶ Camping
- ▶ Ski, S'mores and More
- ▶ Gathering at the Rapids Pow Wow
- ▶ Off-campus excursions
- ▶ And more!

### Algoma students have access to on and off campus facilities including:

- ▶ The George Leach Centre and Gym
- ▶ On Campus Residences
  - ▶ Algoma Dormitory
  - ▶ Spirit Village Townhouses
  - ▶ Spirit Village International Dormitory
- ▶ Wishart Library

The Algoma Thunderbirds play in the Ontario University Athletics (OUA) and USports, the highest level of varsity sport in Canada. Cheer on your fellow students as they compete in:

- ▶ Basketball
- ▶ Cross-Country Running
- ▶ Curling
- ▶ Nordic Skiing
- ▶ Soccer
- ▶ Wrestling

[algomathunderbirds.ca](http://algomathunderbirds.ca)



### T-BIRD TIP

Did you know that access to Algoma U's athletics complex, the George Leach Centre, is included in your tuition? This 49,000 square foot facility features a state-of-the-art weight room, spin studio, a basketball court used by NBA All-Stars, and more.



# LIVING ON CAMPUS

On-campus accommodation is mandatory for all incoming exchange students. We offer three styles of living for our students including:

## **Algoma Dormitory**

- Guaranteed single room, including twin bed, full wardrobe and desk
- Shared bathroom with one dorm mate of the same gender
- Common rooms with entertainment centres shared with all students
- Shared common kitchen space
- Weekly cleaning in all bathrooms and common areas
- Laundry facilities available
- 24/7 on-campus security
- Required meal plan

## **Spirit Village Townhouses**

- Townhouse with five bedrooms (each room includes twin bed, full wardrobe, and desk)
- Two bathrooms shared amongst five students
- Fully furnished shared kitchen (table, chairs, refrigerator, and oven)
- Each townhouse is equipped with a lounge area, TV and couches.
- Meal plan optional but not required

## **Spirit Village Dormitory**

- Room includes twin bed, wardrobe, and desk
- One shared kitchen for all students in the dorm building
- One washroom shared between two students of the same gender.
- Common room with entertainment centre shared with all students
- 24/7 on-campus security
- Required meal plan

Questions? Email [housing@algomau.ca](mailto:housing@algomau.ca) or visit [algomau.ca/students/residence-life/](http://algomau.ca/students/residence-life/)

# FEES

## FEES (Quoted In Canadian Dollars)

### FEES FOR ON CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION FOR ACADEMIC YEAR (2 SEMESTERS OF STUDY OVER AN 8 MONTH PERIOD)

ON CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION	MEAL PLAN	TOTAL
\$5,410 – 5,910	\$0 – \$4,800	\$5,410 – \$10,210 CAD

\*Exchange students are required to live on campus during the duration of their exchange.

**QUESTIONS? Visit [algomau.ca/housing](https://algomau.ca/housing)**

## MANDATORY HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN FOR INCOMING EXCHANGE STUDENTS

### The University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP)

UHIP provides insurance to cover the cost of hospital and medical services that students or employees and their families might need to maintain their health while studying and working at an Ontario university in Canada.

UHIP is a basic and primary health plan that covers the following services:

- Hospital services such as emergency room services, non-emergency hospitalization, etc.;
- Physician services (for example: annual health examination, diagnosis or treatment of illness and injuries, care related to pregnancy, etc.); and
- Routine eye examinations for persons under 20 years of age.

**Health Insurance (UHIP)\*** – \$252 per semester

*(Fees are based on the 2024/2025 structure, please note that the fees are subject to change.)*







“Amazing experience filled with different cross-cultural learning opportunities. I was able to practice communication and networking skills while connecting and learning about the intricacies of different cultures. I think this experience upgraded my goals and changed the trajectory of my future!”

**Jauni Leigh Deneault,**  
Bachelor of Social Work

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STUDENT, FACULTY  
RATIO

UNIVERSITY GRADUATES HAVE

THE  
**LOWEST**  
UNEMPLOYMENT  
RATES



THE  
**HIGHEST**  
LIFETIME  
EARNINGS

IN ONTARIO

50% OF ALGOMA U STUDENTS  
ARE FROM OVER **30** countries  
worldwide

### WHY ALGOMA U?

More personal learning  
Rich cross-cultural advantages  
Impact-focused experiences



Do you want to learn more about Algoma University and its student exchange program? We're ready to help answer all of your questions and more.

Email [goabroad@algonau.ca](mailto:goabroad@algonau.ca) to get in touch with our team.

Visit [algonau.ca/international-students](http://algonau.ca/international-students) for more information on programs, scholarship eligibility, fees, living accommodations, and more.

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