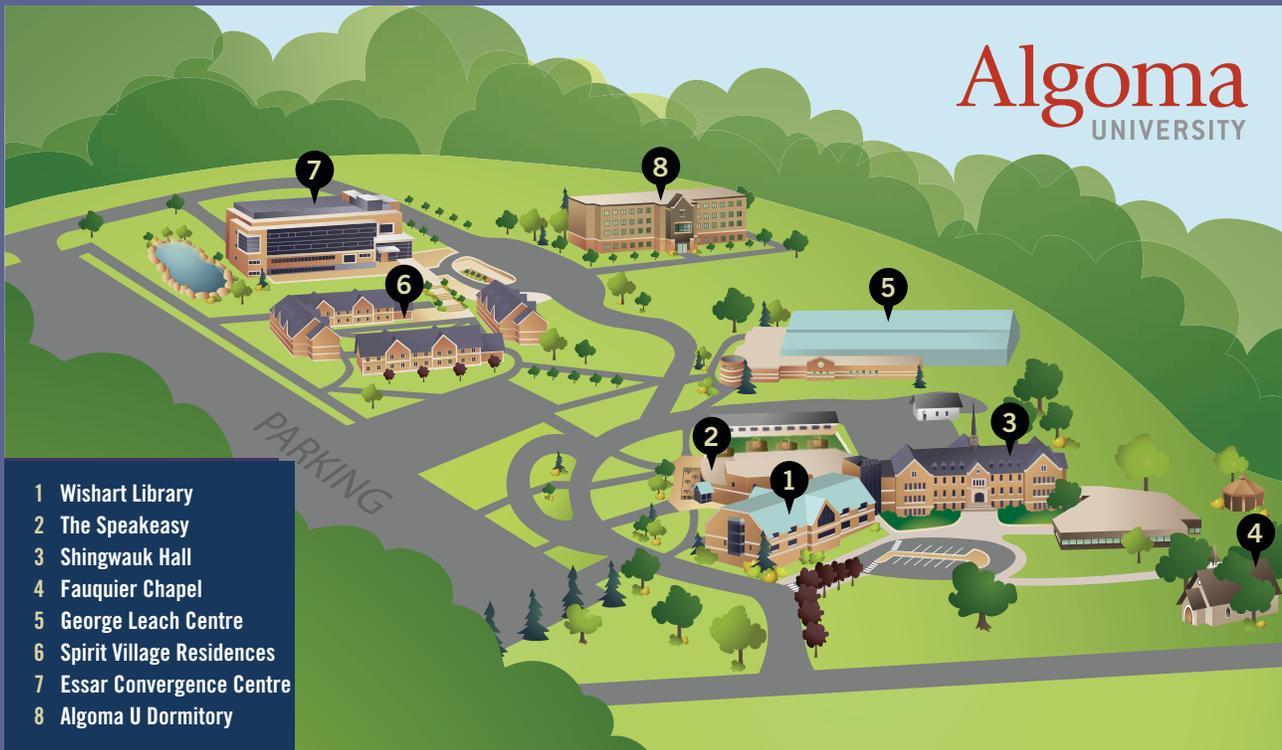


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Campus Map



- 1 Wishart Library
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Shingwauk Hall

- Student Recruitment/ Reception
- Office of the Registrar
- Financial Aid
- Student Accounts
- Anishinaabe Initiatives Division
- Anishinaabe Student Life Centre
- Learning Centre

East Wing

- Shingwauk Residential Schools Centre

Essar Convergence Centre

- Health Informatics Institute
- Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre
- Algoma Games for Health
- Teaching and Faculty Research Labs
- Student Lounge

North Wing

- Speak Easy
- GWL Great West Life Amphitheatre A.K.A “The Fishbowl”
- IT Helpdesk
- Computer Labs
- Bookstore
- AUSU Office
- T-bird II Lounge
- Lockers

Wishart Library

- Reference Desk
- Writing Lab

Welcome to Sault Ste. Marie - A Safe and Friendly City!

International ESL students, regardless of their background or country of origin, are venturing out into rural areas of Canada to experience a quieter, cleaner lifestyle while they study English. Sault Ste. Marie (SSM), with a population of 75,000 residents, is an ideal location – a town small in size, yet big for its quality of life!

Sault Ste. Marie is a beautiful city located on the banks of the St. Mary's River in Ontario, Canada. The city's waterfront offers a scenic boardwalk where one can spend leisurely afternoons enjoying the fresh air. In addition, there are numerous camping and hiking opportunities along Lake Superior - the world's largest fresh water lake, the outdoor experiences are endless. The city of Sault Ste. Marie prides itself on its friendly atmosphere and strong sense of community, a truly warm and welcoming environment for international students.

Algoma University

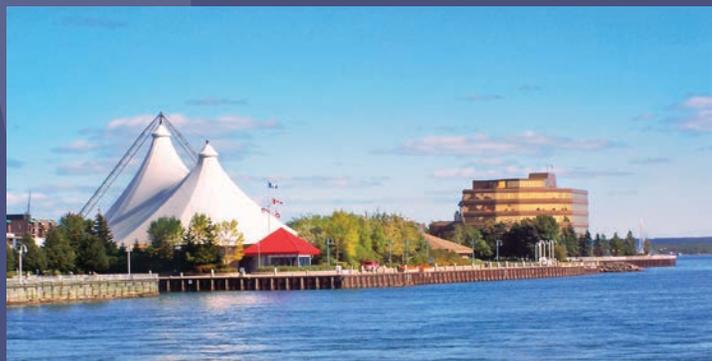
Established in 1965, Algoma is a small university in Ontario, Canada which offers some huge advantages. In fact, Algoma is the only university in Ontario that never has more than 85 students in a class. Our desirable size affords significant leadership and undergraduate research opportunities where professors and students know each other by name, and support is always available.

Algoma U also offers:

- Internationally recognized degrees
- Over 30 undergraduate programs
- A welcoming & diverse campus (20% International) with competitive international fees
- Scholarships awarded for select programs
- Co-op education & internships available
- Solid academic support & mentorship program
- Three on-campus residence options
- Diverse Homestay Program with over 60 homestay families
- WiFi Internet access throughout campus
- One-on-one interaction with instructors/professors
- A new renovated and expanded athletics complex building (George Leach Centre)

What Sault Ste. Marie has to offer:

- Great location - right at the US-Canada border
- Four distinct seasons which allows for many types of activities – skiing, swimming, hiking, camping, fishing, boating
- Close to three Great Lakes - Lake Superior, Lake Michigan and Lake Huron
- Vibrant, active community that plans festivals and events throughout the year including the Rotary Festival in the summer, Algoma Fall Festival and the BonSoo Winter Carnival
- Popular tourist attractions including Lake Superior Provincial Park, Agawa Canyon Train Tour, St. Joseph Island, Hiawatha Highlands Park, and Whitefish Island at the beautiful waterfront
- SSM Airport with daily affordable one-hour flights to Toronto
- An International Safe Community designated by the World Health Organization



ESL@Algoma – A Community of Students Learning Together

The ESL@Algoma Program was established in 2002 and is open to all non-native English speakers seeking to improve their language skills and/or prepare for academic study. ESL@Algoma is Languages Canada accredited and offers two avenues of study, Short term English Program (STEP) and English for Academic Purposes Program (EAPP), please see pages 4 – 6 for specific details.

ESL Team

The educators at ESL@Algoma are highly trained and have vast experience both in Canada and abroad. All members of the team are TESL Canada or TESL Ontario certified. The ESL instructors work collaboratively both inside and outside the classroom to identify areas of strength and areas of need. The small class sizes and individual support make ESL@Algoma an effective and very productive learning environment. We the ESL Team believes that our students' success is our success.

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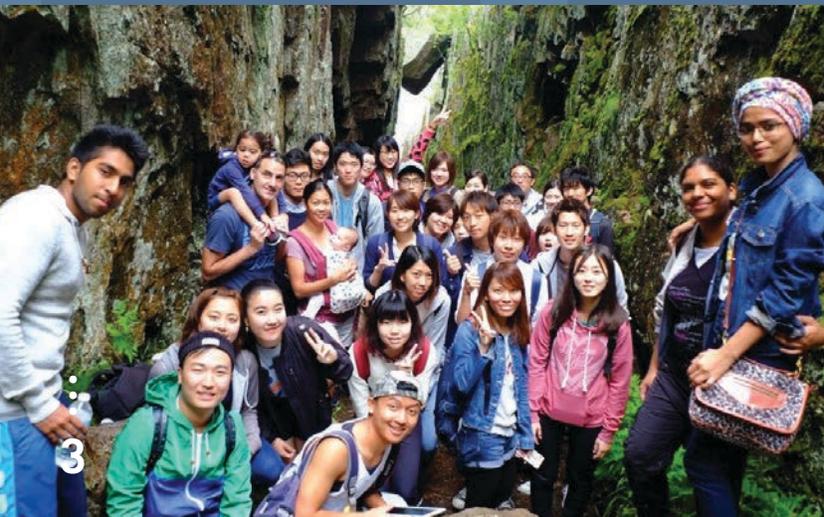
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https://www.instagram.com/esl_algoma/



Short-Term ESL Program (STEP)

Algoma University's Short-Term ESL Programs (STEP) are open to all non-native English speakers seeking to improve their English language proficiency. The programs are three to six weeks in duration and aim to immerse the students in the natural beauty of Sault Ste. Marie and area. Program activities include sports, volunteer work and a variety of recreational and cultural excursions.

ESL@Algoma has the expertise to offer a customized program ranging from three to five weeks for international clients and partners with specific focuses on:

- Volunteerism
- Leadership and team management
- Canadian cultural experience
- Canadian business and entrepreneurship
- Canadian fine arts and indigenous arts
- English language training for working professionals

Contact us at esl@algonau.ca for additional information on ESL@Algoma's extensive experience with Short-Term ESL Programs.



<https://www.facebook.com/ESLAlgomaU>



English for Academic Purposes Program (EAPP)



Beginning in Fall 2017, students who complete EAPP Level 4 with an average of 80 per cent or above, OR those who complete EAPP Level 5 successfully will earn three (3) academic credits toward their degree studies (HUMA 9101, first-year non-equivalent).

Special features include:

- Five levels of ESL programs range from Beginners to Advanced, including a **Bridging Program** (BP; level 5)
- Each level lasting 14 weeks
- 24-30 hours of instruction per week
- Placement Test upon arrival: Placement test is available upon arrival to determine appropriate level of study. If the students have taken a standardized English test before (e.g., IELTS, TOEFL; valid for 2 years), the test scores will be accepted for placement. However, ESL@Algoma reserves the right to administer the Placement Test if deemed necessary.
- An integrated skills approach with Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing and Grammar components
- Fluency and accuracy in both spoken and written English are emphasized.
- Average class size at ESL@Algoma seldom exceeds 15 students
- Maximum amount of individual attention
- One-on-one tutorials
- Personalized instruction for various academic streams
- Possibility of taking one academic course while studying ESL (Level 4 students only)
- Auditing an academic course while studying ESL (Level 4 students only)
- Cultural outings and cultural events throughout the year

EAP Program Tuition Fee and Other Required Fees (per semester)

- Program application fee: \$100 CAD
- Tuition fee:
 - Level 1 to 4 - \$3500 CAD per level
 - Level 5 Bridging Program - \$1800 CAD
- Ancillary fees: approximately \$400 CAD
- UHIP: \$204 CAD per semester
- Homestay (if living with a homestay family): \$2800 CAD
- Homestay application fee: \$100 CAD - one time only
- Textbooks: \$200-\$250 CAD

Total Cost:

- Level 1-4: \$4,350 CAD (approximately) for each level
- Level 5 Bridging Program: \$2,650 CAD (approximately)

How to Apply for EAPP

1. Complete the Algoma University Application online at: <https://apply.algomau.ca/>
2. Send all official transcripts (secondary and post-secondary school, if applicable); and
3. Send a non-refundable \$100 CAD application fee payable to Algoma University.

EAP Program Overview

Level	Entry Requirements	ESL Courses/Special Features	Exit Requirements
Level 1: Fundamentals	IELTS 4.0 overall or lower TOEFL iBT 49 or lower TOEFL ITP 400 or lower	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Core courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reading/Writing Speaking/Listening Grammar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students must achieve 75% in each core course to progress to the next level.
Level 2: Intermediate	IELTS 4.5 overall TOEFL iBT 50-59 TOEFL ITP 401-450	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Core courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reading/Writing Speaking/Listening Grammar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students must achieve 75% in each core course to progress to the next level.
Level 3: Upper - Intermediate	IELTS 5.0 overall TOEFL iBT 60-69 TOEFL ITP 451-500 TOEIC 600-649	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Core courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reading/Writing Speaking/Listening Grammar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students must achieve 75% in each core course to progress to the next level.
Level 4: Advanced (Earn three academic credits if completed with a minimum average of 80 per cent)	IELTS 5.5 overall TOEFL iBT 70-74 TOEFL ITP 501-540 TOEIC 650-699	<p>Speaking /Oral Presentational Skills, Listening/ Note Taking, Grammar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three academic streams based on area/major of interest: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A: Humanities & Social Sciences B: Business C: Computer Science Opportunity to audit an academic course related to the three streams ESL instructor accompanies the students in the audit course and then reviews the content and vocabulary of the course in the ESL class Strong L4 students may be permitted to take one academic course 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graduating Level 4 students with an 80% average or higher will have the option to enter into an academic program directly Students achieving between 70%-79% average in their core courses will enter the Bridging Program with the following stipulations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 70%-72% (Average): Entrance to BP + one academic course (3 credits) 73%-76% (Average): Entrance to BP + two academic courses (6 credits) 77%-79% (Average): Entrance to BP + three academic courses (9 credits) Students failing to achieve 70% in average must repeat the L4 Program
Level 5: Bridging Program (Earn three academic credits if completed successfully)	IELTS 6.0 overall with one band under 6.0 TOEFL iBT 75-78 TOEFL ITP 541-549 TOEIC over 700	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligible to enroll in 1-3 academic courses Academic advising to assist with course selection Full reading and writing support for academic assignments and all course content ESL classes: 6-9 hours per week, flexible to fit each student's academic time table Portfolio-based assessment via a digital badging system focusing on four core competencies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication Skills Critical Thinking and Problem Solving Global Understanding and Intercultural Relations Professional and Ethical Behavior Students' achievements in and outside the classroom will be recognized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful completion of academic course(s) Achievement of all learning outcomes based on the four core competencies

Bridging Program (Level 5)

Direct Entry Requirements: IELTS 6.0 overall with one band lower than 6.0

ESL@Algoma's Bridging Program is uniquely designed to prepare international students for their academic success with greater independence. The program allows students to *enroll in a maximum of three academic courses* with an ESL support system in place.

Bridging Program is based on a set of *core competencies* which the students will be expected to perform once they graduate from university. The four core competencies are:

- Communication Skills
- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- Global Understanding and Intercultural Relations
- Professional and Ethical Behavior

These core competencies are written in the form of *learning outcomes*, which are the bases for teaching and assessment.

BP aims to create an academic environment wherein students consolidate and apply their English language skills. It utilizes *portfolio-based assessment* where students are given the freedom to identify and select samples of their own work (exams, essays, assignments, group projects, volunteer work on and off campus) to provide evidence that they have achieved the specific learning outcomes.

BP measures the achievement of learning outcomes based on a set of rubrics developed by the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AACU), and implements a *digital badging system* to reward and acknowledge students' achievements, in and outside of the classroom.



Digital Badging System



Global Understanding & Intercultural Relations



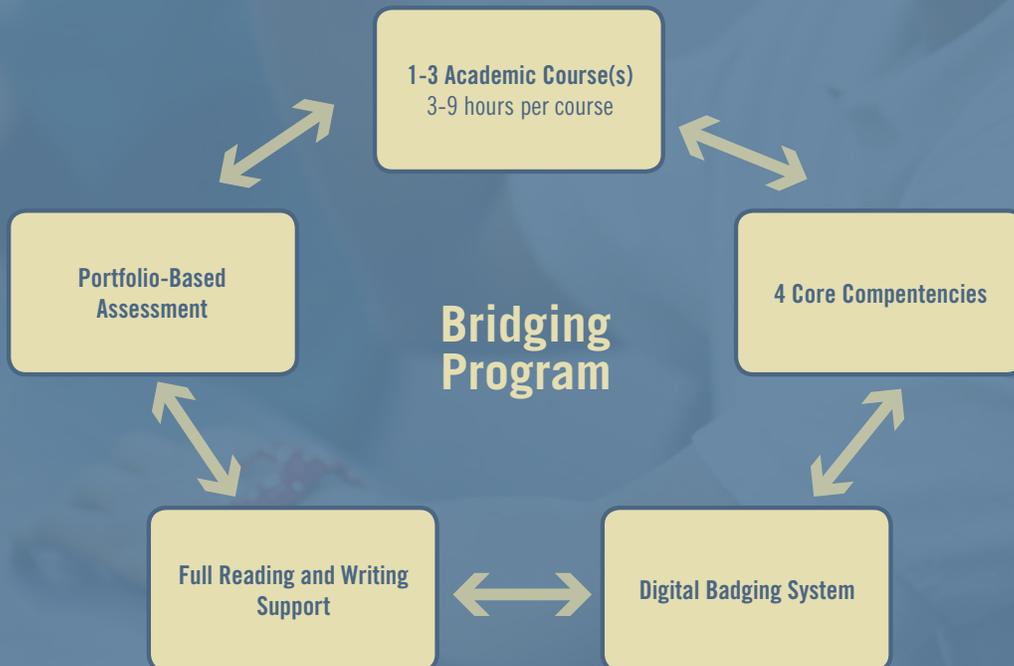
Critical Thinking & Problem Solving



Professional and Ethical Behaviour



Communications



Housing

Students have three choices for accommodation:

Option 1: Residence

Living in residence gives you the full student experience. You'll have more opportunities to make friends and get involved in activities and events around the campus. The Spirit Village Dorm, the New Dorm, and Town Houses are centrally located on the Algoma U campus, less than a minute walk to classes, computer labs, a fitness facility, and major transit routes.

For details on residence options, please go to:
http://www.algomau.ca/housing/residence_options/

If you have any questions, call us at:
705.949.2301 ext 4215, or email housing@algomau.ca.

Option 2: Homestay

AU Homestay Program is coordinated by the ESL@Algoma Office. Here are some of the benefits of living with a homestay family:

- Airport pickup and drop-off
- A private room
- Three meals a day
- More time to focus on studying
- Opportunity to learn about Canadian culture/traditions
- Improve English communication skills

All of the families, participating in the AUHP, are carefully selected and interviewed before joining our program and undergo a thorough Homestay Check as well as Criminal Record Check conducted by the Sault Ste. Marie Police Service.

Fee: \$2800 CAD for one semester (4 months)*. For the first time applicant, a one-time \$100 CAD application fee will be charged.

For more information, please check out our homestay website:

<https://algomau.ca/homestay/>
or contact homestay@algomau.ca

Option 3: Off-Campus Living

If you prefer to live off-campus on your own or if you have not arranged to live in residence or with a homestay family by the time of your arrival, you could conduct an online housing search at Sault Star (the local newspaper), Sootoday, Kijiji or Local 2.

www.saultstar.com
www.sootoday.com
www.kijiji.ca
www.local2.ca



University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP)

All AU international students and their dependents must enroll in the University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP), or a similar approved plan, for health coverage. Cost for a single student is \$204 CAD for one semester (4 months). This fee is subject to change upon evaluation of the program.

International students will not be permitted to register until and unless they have enrolled in UHIP or provided documented proof of membership in another similar plan. Please consult the Office of the Registrar for further information.

Link to the UHIP booklet: http://www.uhip.ca/_Uploads/en_UHIPBooklet.pdf

Payment Information

AU accepts credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, or American Express) and bank transfers. Please contact esl@algomau.ca to inquire about AU's banking information.

Deadlines

There is no set deadline for applications to ESL@Algoma. However, it is advisable for you to apply as early as possible to give yourself plenty of time to arrange for the necessary visa or study permit.

Refund Policy

The amount of any refund will be calculated as of the date on which the withdrawal form is received by the Office of the Registrar. The refund is based on the length of time that the student has been registered in the term and is subject to the following weekly declining percentage:

Withdrawal	Refund in percentage
1st week after the program starts	100%
2nd week after the program starts	75%
3rd and 4th week after the program starts	50%
After 4th week	No refund

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