WHY CESD AT ALGOMA U
The CESD program provides students with a critical, experiential and inter-disciplinary (economic, social, environmental, political and cultural) understanding of the contexts and issues facing communities, fostering skills to promote a just, inclusive and sustainable society. CESD places emphasis on smaller urban, rural, Northern, Anishinaabe/First Nation/Indigenous communities in Northern Ontario, although remains relevant to general communities. CESD offers two degree programs - a 3-year BA in Community Development (CDEV) and a 3 and 4-year option for a BA in Community Economic and Social Development (CESD). The program offers three minors in CESD and non-CESD majors: Environmental Sustainability, Social Justice and Globalization, and two certificates for non-CESD majors: 1) CESD and 2) First Nation Social Policy and Community Development (FNSPCD). CESD is accredited by the Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers (CANDO) and the Economic Developers Association of Canada (EDAC).

LEARNING OUTCOMES
- Describe multiple conceptual and theoretical bases for community development knowledge and practice, including the social construction of theory and practice that may reflect social injustices.
- Demonstrate a detailed understanding of holistic (economic, social, environmental, political, and cultural) sustainable community development and inclusive community engagement and planning.
- Demonstrate an awareness of self in terms of anti-oppressive values, beliefs and experiences as these impact community development practice and the ability to employ the principles of positive self-care in personal and professional settings.
- Promote community development practice in the context of grassroots community resiliency by understanding the ability of communities to meet their own needs.
- Understand the smaller urban, rural, northern, First Nation, and Indigenous realities in Canada and the implications of these realities for sustainable communities.

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 CESD program have participated in practicums, labs, simulations, experimentation, action research and more. A full inventory of CESD 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

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
ENG4U. Minimum average of 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.
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COMMUNITY ECONOMIC & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

1ST YEAR

- CESD1006/1007
- ECON1006 OR ECON 1007
- SOC1016 OR SOC2010
- SWRK1006
- ADMIN1016

*Minimum grade of 60% required Electives:
- 6 credits from Group I – Humanities and 6 credits from Group II – Sciences
- Meet with your Academic Advisor to select courses.

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.

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, Post-graduate Diploma or Bachelor of Education. Please make an appointment in Student Success Central for full details.
- Apply to graduate.

4TH YEAR OR FINAL YEAR

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

GET THINKING GLOBALLY

- 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 connecting 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 volunteer opportunities on campus employment and volunteer opportunities.
- Courses with EL component.
- Volunteer off campus. Reach out to local organizations such as The Sault Ste. Marie Downtown Association, the EDC, the Sault Community Career Centre, the YMCA or any other local business. For more volunteer opportunities visit Volunteer Sault Ste. Marie. Think about running for a position with the Algoma University Students' Union.

GET CONNECTED

- Attend a Study Abroad info session and consider studying in China, Spain, South Korea, Mexico, France, Austria or Japan and see which places appeal to YOU.
- Gather information on the various global opportunities. Algoma U is proud to offer Study Abroad and the Student Work Abroad Program.
- Are you interested in doing a study exchange? Check out Study Abroad and attend an information session to get the info you need and to ensure your application is submitted by the deadline.
- Your next adventure is waiting!

GET EXPERIENCE

- Use the skills gained from COOP0101 or CESD practicum courses 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.

GET Assistance

- Volunteer Sault Ste. Marie. Reach out to local organizations such as: The Sault Ste. Marie Downtown Association, the EDC, the Sault Community Career Centre, the YMCA or any other local business. For more volunteer opportunities visit Volunteer Sault Ste. Marie. Think about running for a position with the Algoma University Students' Union.
- To get an idea of career paths that you can pursue in the future, bring your resume to the next level by joining the Career Link Program. Courses with EL component.

GET THINKING FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

- Use the resources available in Career Services to learn about the many job opportunities available to you upon graduation.
- Attend the Career Conference to get some professional advice from the Sault Community Career Centre on your resume, job searching strategies and interview tips.

GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

- 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.