

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).

Graduates are eligible to apply to these bodies for ongoing certification. The CESD program is affiliated with NORDIK Institute, a community-based research institute at Algoma University. Students are encouraged to work with NORDIK as volunteers during their third and fourth year placements, as work-study/co-op students or as interns/ employees.

COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

Students in their third and fourth year of CESD apply concepts, theories, and methods from coursework in community-based placements. The two courses that require a weekly seminar class and field placement component are CESD 3017 (150-hour field placement) and CESD 4015 (300-hour field placement). The placement provides a supervised learning experience in an approved setting. Our CESD students are diverse, offering a range of strengths, skills, interests, and experiences to the field placement. The combination of skills, interests, and organizational needs will contribute to the actual placement learning activities. CESD has provided global

community development opportunities to students who have traveled to Ecuador, Colombia, Ireland and elsewhere, putting principles learned into practice and drawing parallels with regional realities and histories in Northern Ontario.

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



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 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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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

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.



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	1 ST YEAR	2 ND YEAR	3 RD YEAR OR FINAL YEAR	4 TH YEAR OR FINAL YEAR	AFTER GRAD?
GET ASSISTANCE	<p>CESD1006*/1007* ECON1006 OR ECON 1007 SOCI1016 OR SOCI2016 SWRK1006 ADMN1016</p> <p>*Minimum grade of 60% required Electives: 6 credits from Group I – Humanities and 6 credits from Group III – Sciences</p> <p>Meet with your Academic Advisor to select courses.</p>	<p>Make an appointment with your Faculty Advisor in early February to develop your academic plan.</p> <p>Questions about rules and regulations in your program? See your Academic Advisor in Student Success Central.</p> <p>Want to enhance your degree? Consider a minor or certificate.</p>	<p>Continue to meet with your Faculty Advisor to ensure you are meeting program requirements and academic goals.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Apply to graduate.</p>	<p>Complete degree requirements and ensure you've met all deadlines for post-graduate options.</p> <p>Apply to graduate.</p>	<p>After completing a degree in CESD, students are open to an array of career paths and opportunities.</p> <p>Many of our students pursue graduate programs and go on to pursue exciting careers in many areas. Graduates can and have pursued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Nation Economic Development Officer • Researcher/Research Coordinator • Program Coordinator • Community Organizer • Program Officer or Executive Director • Gladue Writer • Policy Analyst • Community Economic Development Consultant • Community Educator/Facilitator • Entrepreneur • Social Services Administrator • PR and Communications Officer • Child & Youth Worker • Employment Counsellor • Curriculum Developer • Community Arts Therapist
GET EXPERIENCE	<p>Take COOP0101 as a first step to be enrolled in the co-op program at Algoma University. Check your Student Portal for job postings.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Courses with EL component.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Courses with EL component.</p>	<p>Apply for internships and co-ops. Complete field practicums. Here are some field placement opportunities.</p> <p>Ask to be a faculty assistant.</p> <p>Courses with EL component.</p>	<p>Complete your First Nation Social Policy and Community Development Certificate.</p> <p>Take advantage of the New Graduate Transition Program!</p> <p>Courses with EL component.</p>	
GET CONNECTED	<p>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.</p> <p>Consider joining one of the many clubs through AUSU, such as the People's Garden or the CESD Club.</p> <p>Be sure to sign up for one of our historical campus tours.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Think about running for a position with the Algoma University Students' Union.</p>	<p>Update your LinkedIn profile and connect virtually with alumni, classmates, faculty and professionals in the Community Economic and Social Development field.</p> <p>Networking is the most important technique to get jobs in today's society – over 75% of jobs come from networking.</p>	<p>Think about joining a professional organization such as The Canadian Community Economic Development (CED) Network.</p> <p>Join groups on LinkedIn reflecting specific careers or topics of interest in CESD.</p>	
GET THINKING GLOBALLY	<p>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.</p> <p>Gather information on the various global opportunities. Algoma U is proud to offer Study Abroad and the Student Work Abroad Program.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Your next adventure is waiting!</p>	<p>Improve your language skills through some of our Modern Language courses or learn about another culture.</p> <p>Consider doing a Short-Term Summer Study Abroad opportunity gain experience, knowledge and have the opportunity to tour a new country while working!</p>	<p>If you are an international student looking to stay in Canada to work, talk to a Student Success Academic Advisor.</p> <p>To learn more about working in Canada, volunteer at Discover the Sault through the Economic Development Centre.</p>	
GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION	<p>Check out Career Cruising (login: algomau password: saultsternie) to determine potential career paths that you can pursue in the future.</p> <p>Bring your resume to the next level! Optimal Resume is an excellent resource to develop your resume and cover letter. Visit Career Services in the Experiential Learning HUB for assistance.</p>	<p>Lynda.com is available to 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.</p> <p>Use Optimal Resume to improve your resume and cover letter as well as practice your interview skills.</p>	<p>Start focusing on areas of interest and research education requirements for your career path.</p> <p>Reachout 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.</p> <p>Take some time to create or update your resume and LinkedIn profile.</p>	<p>Use the resources available in Career Services to learn about the many job opportunities available to you upon graduation.</p> <p>Attend the Career Conference to get some professional advice from the Sault Community Career Centre on your resume, job searching strategies and interview tips.</p>	



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.