

## WHY ENGLISH AT ALGOMA U

A degree in English is an advantage when it comes to the job market. While completing an English degree, you strengthen your written and oral communication skills, learn to appreciate the power of words, and hone your ability to analyze, interpret, and articulate ideas. Excellent analytical and cognitive skills will get you ahead, not just in professions associated with the Arts, such as teaching and journalism, but in professions such as law, medicine, banking, and management. English is also an advantage when it comes to personal growth. The subject of literature is life, and studying literature will broaden your perspective and develop your insight into the human condition. As an English student, you will grow as a person, become more open to others' ideas, and gain a better understanding of some of life's biggest questions: What is the meaning of life? What does it mean to be human? Can we find truth? What can we know? What is the basis of morality?

There are many great reasons to study

English. There is a lot that literature can teach you about thinking critically and communicating well. An undergraduate degree in English will provide you with a great foundation for many postgraduate programs and career paths. However, the study of literature also will enrich your life immeasurably.

## COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

Our small classes are discussion orientated, which allows you to develop your skills in reading critically, questioning astutely, writing articulately, generating effective and analytic arguments, interpreting and organizing ideas, collaborating with others, solving problems creatively, and listening carefully and responding intelligently to arguments. As a possessor of such skills, you are likely to do well in today's quickly changing world, one in which those with the ability to adapt, seek creative solutions, and learn as they go are most likely to succeed. Students studying English at Algoma U have countless

opportunities available to them. Students can interact and network with professionals, get real hands-on work experience, and be recognized for their hard work. We offer The Hayes-Jenkinson Memorial Lecture Series, Algoma Reads, Poetry Readings and a Research Assistant work experience.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Develop the abilities essential to the independent and collaborative practice of critical and theoretical thinking applied in the discipline.
- Explore many threads of development literatures composed in English from around the world, 1400 to the present.
- Clarify how texts, genres, and major literary forms are related to one another in temporal, cultural, historical, intellectual, and geographical terms.
- Think critically. Students of literature must, above all else, be able to determine the value of source materials by reading them critically and verifying them where possible, with other materials.
- Situate texts, past and present, in broader historical, cultural, and intellectual contexts.
- Describe important trends in writing and culture while evaluating them critically.



## 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.

[algomau.ca/apply](http://algomau.ca/apply)

## GAIN. EXPERIENCE.

Experiential Learning is "learning by doing." There are many experiential learning opportunities in the classroom and in the community. Students in the English and Film program have participated in debates, creative performances, and events. A full inventory of English and Film 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?  
[info@algomau.ca](mailto:info@algomau.ca)



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**1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR**

**2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR**

**3<sup>RD</sup> YEAR OR FINAL YEAR**

**4<sup>TH</sup> YEAR OR FINAL YEAR**

**AFTER GRAD?**



ENGL1006\*/1007\*  
\*Minimum grade of 60% required  
Electives:  
6 credits from Group I – Social Sciences  
6 credits from Group III – Sciences  
12 credits (from any group)  
Consider taking: HIST1206/1207, PHIL1116/1117, POLI 1006, 1007.  
Meet with your Academic Advisor 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 **minor or certificate**.

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.**

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

After completing a degree in English, students are open to an array of career paths and opportunities.



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.**

Use the skills gained from COOP0101 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.**

Apply for the Research Work Assistant Position. Take part in Algoma Reads or Poetry Readings.  
  
**Courses with EL component.**

Complete a thesis and present it to fellow classmates, faculty and other AU community members!  
  
Take advantage of the New Graduate Transition Program!  
  
**Courses with EL component.**

Many of our students pursue graduate programs and go on to pursue exciting careers in many areas.



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.  
  
Consider joining one of the many **clubs** through AUSU.  
  
Be sure to sign up for one of our historical campus tours.

Volunteer off campus. Get involved with any of the **Local Libraries** or the **Algoma U Library**. For more volunteer opportunities visit **Volunteer Sault Ste. Marie**.  
  
Think about running for a position with the **Algoma University Students' Union**.

Update your **LinkedIn** profile and connect virtually with alumni, classmates, faculty and professionals in the English 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 **Editors' Association of Canada (EAC)**.  
  
Join groups on LinkedIn reflecting specific careers or topics of interest in English and Film.

Graduates can and have pursued:



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!

Improve your language skills through some of our Modern Language courses or learn about another culture.  
  
Consider doing a **Short-Term Summer Study Abroad** opportunity gain experience, knowledge and have the opportunity to tour a new country while working!

If you are an international student looking to stay in Canada to work, talk to a **Student Success Academic Advisor**.  
  
To learn more about working in Canada, volunteer at **Discover the Sault** through the Economic Development Centre.

- Writer
- Reporter
- Novelist
- Journalist
- Librarian
- Screen Writer
- Blogger
- Teacher
- Editor
- Poet
- PR Specialist
- Copywriter
- Author



Check out **Career Cruising** (login: algomau password: saultstemarie) to determine potential career paths that you can pursue in the future.  
  
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.

**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.  
  
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 **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.  
  
Take some time to create or update your resume and **LinkedIn** profile.

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.



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](mailto:healthservices@algomau.ca).  
  
We're here for you. Visit the Learning Centre for information on free tutoring and learning strategies.