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 oriented, 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 73,000 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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Visit Career Services in the Experiential Learning HUB for an excellent resource to develop your resume and cover letter. Bring your resume to the next level! Optimal Resume is an online tool you can use to create an effective resume.

Check out Career Cruising (login: algomauc password: algomau) to determine potential career paths that you can pursue in the future. Gather information on the various global opportunities. Algoma U is proud to offer Study Abroad and the Student Work Abroad Program.

Take COOP01 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.

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Take advantage of the New Graduate Transition Program! Apply for the Research Work Assistant Position. Take part in Algoma Reads or Poetry Readings. Courses with EL component.

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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.

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 the Sault Community Career Centre.

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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.

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