WHY HISTORY AT ALGOMA U
By exploring the past, students of history build a foundation for understanding the present. They learn about the origins of their society and how it functions. This allows them to make decisions in the present day based on an understanding of the institutions, ideas, and relationships that have developed over the past decades and centuries. In short, the study of history builds a foundation for active, informed citizenship – from local to global levels.

Students in our program are taught to develop a number of skills that apply beyond the study of history. These include the ability to think clearly, write objectively, speak effectively, analyze critically, and undertake research confidently. As they acquire historical awareness and skills, our students equip themselves for potential careers in a variety of fields, including but not limited to: law, education, civil service (including the foreign service), journalism, museum studies, public history, publishing, information technology, and research consulting.

Finally, history is worth studying for its own sake. As students learn about the lived experience of the past, they discover that it is full of fascinating stories and compelling personalities. They learn that sometimes, truth really is stranger than fiction. As many of our senior-level students will testify, the research process can be exhilarating. They discover the excitement of sifting through the archives, making original discoveries, and sharing their findings with others. In short, when done well, history can be a source of immense delight – both the stuff of history and the process of discovering it.

LEARNING OUTCOMES
• Students will learn to find and interpret documents, accounts, and materials created in specific time periods (i.e. primary sources) as a means of understanding the history of the societies they are studying.
• Students will learn to find and synthesize information from the writings of other historians (i.e. secondary sources) as a means of compiling and applying historical interpretations to the history of the societies they are studying.
• Students will learn to compare and critique the theories historians apply to their interpretations of the history of historical periods and societies (i.e. historiography).
• Students will be exposed to a wide variety of historical time periods and societies.
• Students will be exposed to a variety of historical approaches – social, political, decolonized indigenous history, religious, intellectual, economic, etc. – and interdisciplinary methodologies that are used to understand and interpret past societies.

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.

GAIN. EXPERIENCE.
Experiential Learning is “learning by doing.” There are many experiential learning opportunities in the classroom and in the community. Students in the History program have participated in debates, research projects and workshops. A full inventory of History 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% is required.

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
Algoma U is proud to offer Study Abroad and the Student Experience. Japan and see which places appeal to YOU. in China, Spain, South Korea, Mexico, France, Austria or Canada to work, talk to a Student Success Academic Advisor. Consider doing a Short-Term Summer Study Abroad opportunity gain experience, knowledge and have the opportunity to tour a new country while working! Networking is the most important technique to get jobs in the History field. Many of our students pursue graduate programs and go on to pursue exciting careers in many areas. Graduates can and have pursued: • Event Coordinator • Records Manager • Appraiser • Archivist • Writer • Parliamentary Assistant • Reference Librarian • Civil Litigator • Diversity Manager • Exhibit Designer • Historic Interpreter • Teacher • Museum Curator • Public Historian • Journalism • Historical Researcher. • Historical Researcher. • Historical Researcher. • Historical Researcher. • Historical Researcher. • Historical Researcher.

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**GET EXPERIENCE**

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 CONNECTED**

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 teams! Get involved with volunteer opportunities on campus such as the Sault Ste. Marie Museum or the Old Stone House. For more volunteer opportunities visit Volunteer Sault Ste. Marie. Think about running for a position with the Algoma University Students’ Union. Volunteer off campus. Reach out to local organizations such as the Sault Ste. Marie Museum or the Old Stone House. 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 History field. Networking is the most important technique to get jobs in today’s society – over 75% of jobs come from networking. Participate in campus recruiting for summer work. Apply for co-op opportunities to gain experience and improve your network. Courses with EL component.

**GET THINKING GLOBALLY**

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.

**GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**

Check out Career Cruising (login: algomaucr; 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.

**HISTORY & PHILOSOPHY**

**1ST YEAR**

- HIST1206*/1207* - Minimum grade of 60% required Electives: 6 credits from Group I – Humanities 6 credits from Group III – Sciences 12 credits (from any group) Consider taking: ENGL1006/1007, PHL1116/1117, POLI1006/1007, PHSY1026/1027 Meet with your Academic Advisor to select courses.

Make an appointment with your Faculty Advisor by the end of the fall term to develop your academic plan. *This is highly recommended for transfer students.* 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.

**2ND 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.

- 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.

**3RD YEAR OR FINAL YEAR**

- Participate in campus recruiting for summer work. Apply for co-op opportunities to gain experience and improve your network. Courses with EL component.

- Update your LinkedIn profile and connect virtually with alumni, classmates, faculty and professionals in the History field. Networking is the most important technique to get jobs in today’s society – over 75% of jobs come from networking.

**4TH YEAR OR FINAL YEAR**

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

- 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.

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