

EXPERIENCE MAP

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) the following: 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.

COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

The department provides a great selection of courses that meet a wide range of student interests. From the ancient history of the Americas and Europe, to the history of Canada in the late twentieth century, and all areas and time in between, the program tries to match its offerings to popular areas of interest, and to the latest developments in historical study. We have recently added courses in archival studies, decolonizing

indigenous history, community-based public history, and witches and witch-hunts. We have courses on film and history, the history of First Nations, Canadian history, women's and gender history, the history of science, American history, pre-modern and modern British and European history, and the history of ideas.

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.

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.

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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

USING THIS EXPERIENCE MAP

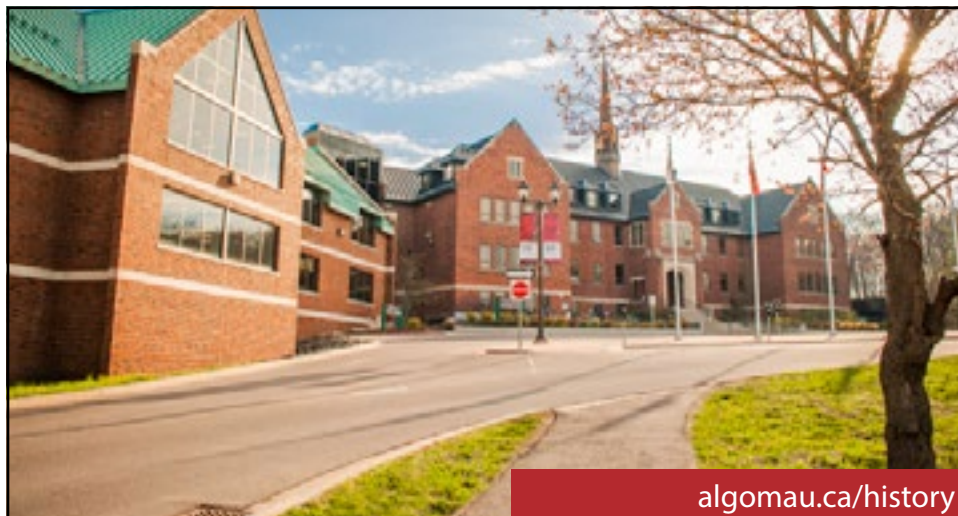
Making a plan in first year will lead to your success. We're ready to assist you with your plan.

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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1ST YEAR

2ND YEAR

3RD YEAR OR FINAL YEAR

4TH YEAR OR FINAL YEAR

AFTER GRAD?



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, PHIL1116/1117,
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**.

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 History, 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.

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

Think about joining professional associations such as the **Heritage Canada Association** and the **Canadian Historical Association (CHA)**.
Join groups on LinkedIn reflecting specific careers or topics of interest in History.

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.

- 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



Check out **Career Cruising** (login: algomau password: saultsternarie) 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.
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.
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. We're here for you. Visit the Learning Centre for information on free tutoring and learning strategies.