

## WHY LAW & JUSTICE AT ALGOMA U

Algoma University's Law and Justice program is a unique program, different from other university programs found across the province. What is unique and exciting about our law and justice program is that it is one of few such programs in Canada. Undergraduate legal studies programs are rare in Canada, and those that do exist often focus on criminology, rather than on legal traditions, institutions, and practices in their various current and historical forms and concepts. Criminology, which is offered at many universities across Canada, is the study of the anatomy of crime, specifically its causes, consequences, and costs. Law and justice, however, goes far beyond criminology, and provides students with a more well-rounded and holistic degree. It is an all-encompassing and transferable degree -- highly sought after in many career paths. In our four year program, students will acquire knowledge of the pattern of legal institutions required to regulate our political, social, and economic relations.

Students will examine topics such as civil, criminal, family, corporate, constitutional and contract law. They will study conventional, traditional, and alternative forms of justice and dispute resolution, as well as comparative, theoretical, and historical perspectives. The program helps students to understand law as a multidimensional and complex social phenomenon.

## COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

Within the program, students will develop a wide range of skills that apply beyond the study of law and justice. These include the ability to think clearly and critically, write and speak effectively, and to undertake primary and secondary research confidently. It incorporates diverse legal traditions into the curriculum and investigates law from historical, social, and philosophical perspectives. Courses are taught by faculty with expertise in law, law-related disciplines and areas cognate (e.g. history, political studies, international relations and sociology). Many of our students gain admission to law school and graduate programs, and diploma

programs at the college level.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Understand, evaluate and use a variety of theoretical and methodological approaches to study legal events and phenomena, past and present.
- Identify and explain core principles of law (Canadian public, private, and Aboriginal, international, and comparative) and legal institutions.
- Be aware of the learning process, the benefits of lifelong learning, and the complexity of knowledge.
- Communicate effectively orally and in writing using different media and technologies.
- Employ effective deliberative and discursive techniques in problem solving, decision-making, and conflict resolution.
- Apply these principles, concepts, and skills in diverse settings.



## 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 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 Law and Justice program have participated in research projects, independent studies, and international field experience. A full inventory of Law and Justice 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?**



JURI1106\*/1107\*  
\*Minimum grade of 60% required  
Electives:  
6 credits from Group I – Humanities  
6 credits from Group III – Sciences  
12 credits (from any group)

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 Law & Justice, 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.

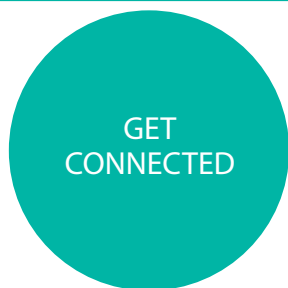
**Courses with EL component.**

Take part in the CanAm Exchange or Model UN to gain experience in your field of study.

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. Graduates can and have pursued:



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 local legal firms or the **Sault Ste. Marie Police Service**. For more volunteer opportunities visit **Volunteer Sault Ste. Marie**.

Think about running for a position with the **Algoma University Students' Union**.

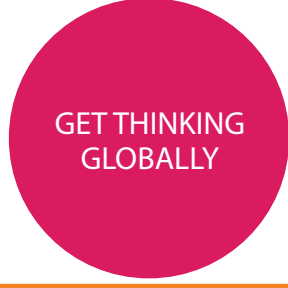
Update your **LinkedIn** profile and connect virtually with alumni, classmates, faculty and professionals in the Law & Justice field.

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 **Canadian Institute of International Affairs** or the **Canadian Environmental Law Association**.

Join groups on LinkedIn reflecting specific careers or topics of interest in Law & Justice.

- Police Officer
- Lawyer
- Paralegal
- Criminal Investigator



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.

- Clerk
- Civil Servant
- Correctional Services
- Forensic Scientist Technician
- Researcher



Check out **Career Cruising** (login: algomauc 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.

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.

- Teacher
- Immigration and Border Patrol Services



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.