WHY SOCIAL WORK AT ALGOMA U
Algoma University’s four-year Bachelor of Social Work degree is a unique professional program, different from other university programs found across the province. Our social work faculty are committed to a hands-on learning experience where students are able to establish a personal relationship with their professors. This fosters a very intimate and interactive learning environment. Algoma University’s Bachelor of Social Work program prepares students for generalist social work practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations, communities, and societies. Given Algoma University’s location in Northern Ontario in Sault Ste. Marie, and our special mission to cultivate cross-cultural learning between aboriginal communities and other communities, our social work program has a specific focus on multi-cultural social work in and with northern, rural, remote, Indigenous, and Franco-Ontarian communities. Graduates of our program will be prepared to practice anti-oppressive social work at the entry level with diverse populations in a Canadian context.

4th Year Field Practicum
In the fourth year of the social work program, students will participate in a field practicum. Students will perform a social work role at an organization for a total of 700 hours. The field practicum allows students the opportunity to put their lessons into practice, and to enhance and refine their social work skills.

LEARNING OUTCOMES
- Arrive at professional judgements and actions.
- Practice social work (including community development).
- Demonstrate a strong awareness of Anishinaabe history.
- Demonstrate a self-awareness.
- Promote social work practice in the context of grassroots community resiliency.
- Communicate effectively.
- Understand the current state of knowledge in the humanities and relevant behavioural and social sciences.
- Understand social work’s origin, purposes and practices.
- Understand and support social service development and sustainability in Northern Ontario.
- Understand and utilize research methods in all facets of social work knowledge and practice.
- Describe multiple theoretical and conceptual bases of social work knowledge and practice.
- Demonstrate a detailed understanding of structural, Anishinaabe, and feminist approaches to social work and social welfare.

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 Social Work program have participated in case studies, physical practice and practicums. A full inventory of Social Work 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 70%.

Questions?
info@algomau.ca
Get involved with volunteer opportunities on campus with the Food Bank, the Thunder Team or apply to be an Orientation Work Leader. Consider joining your campus’ athletic teams and participate in Intramurals at the GLC.

Consider doing a Short Term Summer Study Abroad Language course or take elective courses, such as Geography of Social Work, Improving your language skills through some of our Modern Language courses or take elective courses, such as Geography and Anthropology Studies. Consider doing a Short Term Summer Study Abroad opportunity gain experience, knowledge and have the opportunity to tour a new country while working!

Volunteer off campus. Reach out to local organizations such as: Victim Services of Algoma, Breton House, Children’s Aid Society of Algoma, Algoma Public Health or the Sault Area Hospital. For more volunteer opportunities visit Volunteer Sault Ste. Marie. Think about running for a position with the Algoma University Students’ Union.

Check your Student Portal for job postings. Visit the Experiential Learning (EL) Hub to learn about exciting opportunities! Start connecting to career opportunities in your first year by joining the Career Link Program. Read the BSW Handbook to give you further guidance on the Social Work program.

Meet with your Academic Advisor to select courses. SWRK1006*/ SWRK1007* or ANIS1007*
*Minimum grade of 70% required
Electives: 18 credits (from any group)
Consider taking: ANIS1007, CES1006/1007, COSC1701, JURI1106/1107, ENGL1801/1802, PSYC1106/1107

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.

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.

Some of the fall term to develop your academic plan. 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.

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Visit Career Services in the Experiential Learning Hub for additional resource to develop your resume and cover letter. Use Optimal Resume to improve your resume and cover letter as well as practice your interview skills.

Many of our students pursue graduate programs and go on to pursue exciting careers in many areas. Graduates can and have pursued:
- Aging
- Mental Health
- Child Welfare
- Nursing Homes
- Social Planning
- Community Planning
- Disabilities
- Rehabilitations
- Women’s Issues
- Poverty – Community Work
- Crisis Management
- Violence/Sexual Assault
- Health Care
- Case Management
- Administration

Take some time to create or update your resume and LinkedIn profile. Take advantage of the New Graduate Transition Program! Complete your field practicum to allow you to put your lessons into practice and enhance and refine your social work skills. Take advantage of the New Graduate Transition Program!

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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.

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.

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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.

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.

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EXPERIENCE MAP

S O C I A L W O R K

GAIN. EXPERIENCE.

1ST YEAR

2ND YEAR

3RD YEAR

4TH YEAR OR FINAL YEAR

GET ASSISTANCE

GET THINKING GLOBALLY

GET EXPERIENCE

GET CONNECTED

GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

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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. Consider taking SWRK courses during the Spring semester.

As you enter the professional year of the program, 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.

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

After completing a degree in Social Work, students are open to an array of career paths and opportunities. Many of our students pursue graduate programs and go on to pursue exciting careers in many areas. Graduates can and have pursued:

- Aging
- Mental Health
- Child Welfare
- Nursing Homes
- Social Planning
- Community Planning
- Disabilities
- Rehabilitations
- Women’s Issues
- Poverty – Community Work
- Crisis Management
- Violence/Sexual Assault
- Health Care
- Case Management
- Administration

After completing the BBA Student Orientation Session.

Work Abroad Program.

Gather information on the various global opportunities.

Japan and see which places appeal to YOU.

in China, Spain, South Korea, Mexico, France, Austria or

be an Orientation Week Leader. Come support our Varsity

Get involved with volunteer opportunities on campus with the Food Bank, the Thunder Team or apply to be an Orientation Work Leader. Consider support our Varsity Thunderbird athletic teams and participate in Intramurals at the GLC.

Consider joining one of the many clubs through AUSU, such as the BSWC.

Be sure to sign up for one of our historical campus tours.

Attend the 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 is proud to offer Study Abroad and the Student Work Abroad Program.

Attend the BBA Student Orientation Session.

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!

Review the HBSW Field Education Manual to gain knowledge to use during your field placement next year.

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