

WHY SOCIOLOGY AT ALGOMA U

Algoma University's sociology program is designed to engage with real life problems and issues. We are socially engaged scholars who are active participants in our community and support students taking an active approach to sociology. Our graduates move out into the world with a strong set of research skills, confidence and knowledge, prepared for going into graduate studies and the professional world. Our students leave Algoma as social actors who understand topics foundational to a Canadian identity, such as: relationships with First Nations, diversity, equity and challengers of class and intersected identities. In particular, students will gain an understanding of social movements, race, diversity, gender and sexuality. By third year, students will be familiar with research skills including surveys, interviews, observational studies and focus groups.

4th Year Thesis Course

A key element of the program is completing an honours thesis, known as the Research and Critical Analysis course, which allows students

to engage in critical study and theory at an advanced level. Students have the opportunity to design, research, and carry-out their own ideas in order to complete the research. Students will be guided by a thesis supervisor who will mentor them through the process. As part of the thesis project, students write a research proposal, collect and analyze data, and present their findings to the public.

COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

Students studying sociology at Algoma U also have the opportunity to take course electives in the field of anthropology to compliment their studies. Anthropologists focus on cultures of traditional and modern folk societies. Courses offered will familiarize students with cultural anthropology through the use of empirical evidence and analysis.

Upon graduation, students in Algoma University's sociology program will have strong written, oral presentation, and research skills – invaluable skills highly sought after in today's competitive work world and in institutions of higher learning. These refined

skills set Algoma U graduates apart from the rest.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Apply sociological principles and concepts to understand yourself as a social actor.
- Demonstrate an understanding of how socialization, and social structure affect personal behaviour, interactions and opportunities.
- Utilize a foundational knowledge of the historical contexts to interrogate the contemporary conditions of Indigenous people in Canada.
- Mobilize an awareness of social justice issue and understand how social inequality is generated, maintained, and resisted.
- Apply various social theories to social issues and problems.
- Gather, interpret, and evaluate quantitative and qualitative data.
- Conduct research independently into contemporary social issues in Canada.
- Ability to write and communicate effectively.



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.

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GAIN. EXPERIENCE.

Experiential Learning is "learning by doing." There are many experiential learning opportunities in the classroom, lab and in the community. Students in the Sociology program have participated in labs, service learning, and consulting projects. A full inventory of Sociology 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?
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1ST YEAR

2ND YEAR

3RD YEAR OR FINAL YEAR

4TH YEAR OR FINAL YEAR

AFTER GRAD?



SOCI1016*/1017*
*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: ANTR1007, ANIS1006/1007
Meet with your Academic Advisor to select courses. Visit the Learning Centre for information on free tutoring and learning strategies.

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**.
Make use of available tutors.

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.
Make use of available tutors.

Complete degree requirements and ensure you've met all deadlines for post-graduate options.
Apply to graduate.
Make use of available tutors.

After completing a degree in Sociology, 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.

Attend the fourth-year thesis presentations to gain knowledge to prepare yourself to complete your thesis project.
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 complete graduate studies 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 Residential School campus tours.

Volunteer off campus. Reach out to local organizations such as: **Sault Pride Community**, the **Alzheimer Society**, **Red Cross**, **THRIVE Child Development Centre** 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**.

Update your **LinkedIn** profile and connect virtually with alumni, classmates, faculty and professionals in the Sociology 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 Sociological Association**.
Join groups on LinkedIn reflecting specific careers or topics of interest in Sociology.

- Education
- Researcher
- Addiction Counsellor



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.

- Health & Safety
- Health Promotion
- Human Rights
- Social Services
- Counselling
- Policy Analyst
- Law



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.



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.