

## **Algoma University 2020/2021 Level 1 Professional Lands Management Certification Program FAQs**

### **1. Why Should I Enroll in the Level 1 Professional Lands Management Certification Program at Algoma University?**

- An opportunity to gain university credits that can be applied towards an Algoma University certificate (Aki and Environmental Stewardship Certificate) or degree and/or toward the National Aboriginal Land Managers Association's (NALMA) Professional Lands Management Certification Program (PLMCP)
- You can continue on to NALMA's Level 2 (upon completion of Level 1) and be well qualified to perform Lands Manager duties in First Nations communities and associated roles in government, industry, and the non-profit sectors
- If your First Nation is enrolled in the Reserve Land Environmental Management Program (RLEMP), having a Certified Land Manager enables your Nation to access 100% of the funding they are eligible for. Without a certified land manager, the community will only receive 80% of the funding it is eligible for
- Professional development for those already working in the field from communities, municipalities, organizations, or government
- Relevant, interactive, hands-on learning experience
- Great networking opportunity

### **2. What is the course schedule?**

- **Course 1:** Introduction to Land Management in First Nation Contexts (GEOG 2196) – Spring Term 2020 ONLINE (first half - June 1 to July 10)
- **Course 2:** Introduction to GIS Course (GEOG 2017) – Spring Term 2020 ONLINE (second half - July 15 to August 25)
- **Course 3:** Indigenous Knowledge in Natural Resource Management (GEOG 3307) - Fall Term 2020 ONLINE (to be approved)
- **Course 4:** Environmental Stewardship: Policy and Practice (GEOG 4407) – Fall Term 2020 ONLINE
- **Course 5:** Community Planning in an Indigenous Context (GEOG 3036) – Winter Term 2021 ONLINE
- **Course 6:**  
To Be Announced (1 Week Intensive OR ONLINE in Spring 2021 - delivery format to be confirmed)

### 3. How can I enroll in the Level 1 courses?

#### ➤ Current Algoma University Student

Current students can register for the courses online, in person at the Office of the Registrar or by emailing [regoffice@algomau.ca](mailto:regoffice@algomau.ca).

#### ➤ Visiting Student

Courses may be transferable to other universities. If you are interested in registering for the course on a Letter of Permission from your university, you can request a course description/syllabus. You will be required to complete an online application for admission at [www.algomau.ca/apply](http://www.algomau.ca/apply) in addition to providing the Letter of Permission.

#### ➤ New Algoma University Student

You will need to complete the online application form available at [apply.algomau.ca/apply](http://apply.algomau.ca/apply), send official transcripts (if applicable), send all applicable documents if applying as a Mature Student, and send non-refundable \$70 (CDN funds) application fee payable to Algoma University.

- You will be required to submit transcripts from all institutions previously attended. Unofficial copies are acceptable to assess your application and issue a conditional offer. Please arrange to have your official transcripts sent and once received, your admissions offer will be cleared.

- For more information on Mature Student applications please see <https://algomau.ca/admissions/apply/mature-students>.

- Students have two options. You can apply as a 'degree' student or as an 'auditing' student as outlined below.

1. **Degree:** If you wish to gain credit for all your courses and complete the NALMA Level 1 Course Requirements, or work towards the Aki and Environmental Stewardship Certificate, or possibly obtain a degree, apply using our [Online Application Tool](#). You will be graded and exams and assignments will be required.
2. **Auditing:** If you would like to take courses only for personal interest while not receiving credit, with no exams or assignments, you can apply as an Auditing

Student. **Please note you will be ineligible to receive NALMA Level 1 if you follow this option.** You are responsible for paying half the cost of tuition, plus full regulatory and supplementary fees. Select "Non-Degree" for both the Degree and Program within the [Online Application Tool](#). Upon payment of fees, advise the Student Accounts Office that you would like to be classified as an Auditing Student.

#### 4. Fees

- Total fees are \$1037.50 (tuition and ancillary) per three-credit course for Canadian students, plus an application fee of \$50 for new Algoma University Students. These fees are in effect as of May 1, 2019.

*NOTE: The Undergraduate fee schedule is in effect for May 2019 – April 2020. Fees are subject to change May 1, 2020 as approved by the Board of Governors of Algoma University.*

- Ancillary fees will change as of the Fall semester of 2019. Please see the details at this link: <https://www.algomau.ca/students/tuition-fees-important-dates/tuition-fees/>
- There is a \$100 Spring Session deposit required (waived if sponsorship letter is on file with Student Accounts Officer) before we can register you for courses.

#### 5. Are the Spring and Summer courses eligible for OSAP?

We encourage you to contact the Financial Aid Office to determine if you qualify, as OSAP is calculated on an individual basis. However, the courses are too short for part-time OSAP and it is unlikely the Spring Institute schedule will permit the required 9 credits per week to qualify for an extension to your full-time OSAP using the Spring Extension Application Form.

#### 6. What is the deadline to register for Level 1?

**June 9, 2020.** However, please try to register in advance of this date since the first course begins on June 1.

#### 7. Once I have completed Level 1 at Algoma University, how do I apply to NALMA to continue with Level 2?

To obtain an official verification letter for completing Level 1 of the Professional Lands Management Certification Program (PLMCP) at Algoma University, please go to the following link: <https://students.algomau.ca/formrequest/letterrequest>. There is a fee of \$10 associated with the letter.

To apply for Level 2 Training, please forward your letter obtained above to Buffy Hill, NALMA ETA:

Lesley (Buffy) Hill  
Education and Training Administrator  
National Aboriginal Lands Managers Association (NALMA)  
1024 Mississauga Street  
Curve Lake, ON  
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PH: (705) 657.9992  
Toll Free: (855) 657.9992  
FX: (705) 657.2999

**8. Who should I contact if I have further questions?**

- Admission and registration related inquiries may be directed to the Office of the Registrar  
– E: [regoffice@algonau.ca](mailto:regoffice@algonau.ca) T: (705) 949-2301, ext. 4227/4264 or toll free 1-888-254-6628.