



# COMMUNICATION MEMO

Office of the President & Vice-Chancellor

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**MEMO:        Fall Term (21F) Planning and Aspirations**

TO:            Students, Faculty, Staff, and Administration

FROM:        Asima Vezina, President and Vice-Chancellor  
                  Senior Executive Team

We are writing today to communicate our aspiration to position the University for the continued gradual return to in-person instruction and on-campus experiences for students and employees on all three campuses of Algonquin University for the 2021-2022 Academic Year.

As a reminder, the Sault Ste. Marie campus is expected to provide some in-person program delivery and a continued increase to on-site service delivery [this spring](#).

For the **Fall 2021 term**, we expect to use multiple delivery formats as we transition from entirely virtual learning to a combination of in-person, hybrid/blended and virtual delivery modes. We are optimistic that we will see increased access to sports, recreational activities and on-campus community events, as well as more in-person academic and student-facing support services.

Over the next several weeks, planning will continue across University departments as we consider what we have learned from the pandemic and what we will bring forward with us into the upcoming academic year. As per the past three terms, these consultations with academic and non-academic units will help shape planning, implementation and decision-making.

The following principles will continue to guide teams in their planning:

- the safety and wellbeing of all AU community members;
- the academic success of our students;
- fiscal responsibility;
- open, transparent and ongoing communication.

We want to thank all Algoma University community members for their ongoing resilience, dedication, ingenuity/creativity, and thoughtful consideration. Although we have faced many challenges together, we have also learned much as a community that will continue to help us successfully navigate this journey. Thank you for your continued support, together we can.

**WORK SAFE. BE SAFE. STAY SAFE.**