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 and with northern, rural, remote, Indigenous, and Franco-Ontarian communities. Graduates of our program will be prepared to practice anti-oppressive social work with diverse communities 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 origins, 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.
- Develop 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, lab, 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%.

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.

QUESTIONS?
info@algomau.ca

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.
GAIN EXPERIENCE

1ST YEAR
- Elected 16 credits (from any group)
- Meet with your Academic Advisor to select courses.
- Consider taking: ANIS1007, CES1006/1007, COSC1701, JUR1106/1107, ENGL1101/1102, PSYC1106/1107
- Check your Student Portal for job postings.
- Participate in Orientation Week Leader or book an appointment with an on-campus counsellor by emailing healthservices@algomau.ca.
- Attend a Student Success Academic Portfolio workshop to help you learn about key information on resume writing, job searching strategies and interview tips.
- Visit the Student Success Academic Portfolio website for information on general listings and the Student Portal for job postings.
- Meet with your Academic Advisor to ensure you are meeting program requirements and academic goals.

2ND YEAR
- Make an appointment with your Faculty Advisor in early February to develop your academic plan.
- Consider taking: ANIS1007, CES1006/1007, COSC1701, JUR1106/1107, ENGL1101/1102, PSYC1106/1107
- Meet with your Academic Advisor to select courses.
- 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.
- Be sure to sign up for one of our historical campus tours.
- Consider joining one of the many clubs through AUSU, such as the 3SW, or get involved with SASA.
- Attend a Study Abroad info session and consider applying to the UK, Spain, South Korea, Italy, France, Austria and more! See which places appeal to YOU.
- Check out Career Cruising (login: alumni password: saultstemarie) to determine potential career paths that you can pursue in the future.
- Continue focusing on areas of interest and research education requirements for your career path.
- Get involved with the Thunder Street Team or apply to be an Orientation Week Leader. Consider joining the Thunder Bird or Varsity Thunderbird athletic teams and participate in intramurals at the GFC.

3RD YEAR OR FINAL YEAR
- 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, Postgraduate Diploma or Bachelor of Education. Please make an appointment in Student Success Central for full details.
- See your Academic Advisor in Student Success Central.
- Review the HBSW Field Education Manual to gain knowledge to use during your field placement next year.
- Complete degree requirements and ensure you've met all deadlines for post-graduate options.
- Consider joining one of the many clubs through AUSU, such as the 3SW, or get involved with SASA.
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- Meet with your Academic Advisor to ensure you are meeting program requirements and academic goals.
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- Check your Student Portal for job postings.
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4TH YEAR OR FINAL YEAR
- 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/Crime Work
  - Crisis Management
  - Violence Against Women
  - Health Care
  - Case Management
  - Administration

AFTER GRAD?
- Be sure to sign up for one of our historical campus tours.
- Attend a Study Abroad info session and consider applying to the UK, Spain, South Korea, Italy, France, Austria and more! See which places appeal to YOU.
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