WHY VISUAL ARTS AT ALGOMA U?
The Visual Art Program at Algoma U provides an ideal learning environment for Art students, who will undergo a process of dramatic personal growth. Students will graduate with a greater sense of achievement and pride in their work.

Throughout the duration of studies, students will work alongside our talented and dedicated faculty. Small class sizes ensure an excellent degree of one-on-one feedback and instruction. This constructive feedback allows for the completion of refined, polished, mature, and technical work. Visiting artists will enhance your experience through exhibitions, presentations, lectures, workshops and individual consultations. They also provide vital insight into the world of contemporary art.

Upon graduation, our students will have transitioned into mature artists, with a dynamic portfolio, vast understanding of art history, and will be prepared for the work world.

COURSE HIGHLIGHTS
In addition to working with galleries and community organizations, our students also study outdoors. Being located in Sault Ste. Marie, a city which boasts natural beauty, our students have the opportunity to experience the truly awesome natural beauty of the region. Outdoor experiences include visiting historically significant sites such as the Agawa Pictographs, painting 'en plein-air', and exploring land-based art practices. Class trips to significant art collections in cities like New York, Chicago, Ottawa, and Montréal generally occur every year.

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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.

LEARNING OUTCOMES
- Utilize adaptive intelligence.
- Show competencies essential to the independent and collaborative practice of art.
- Show a high level of fluency with visual language.
- Display proficiency within specific disciplines in the visual arts.
- Understand art historical continuums and relationships, while demonstrating awareness of their own individual place within that continuum.
- Understand the history of art as an evolution of form, and grasp relationships between old and new.
- Synthesize from the past and present.
- Analyze and critique their own work and the work of others.
- Write clearly and demonstrate competency in articulating the ideas, motivations and issues in their own art practice.
- Be adaptive to new and emerging technologies.
- Display quantities and transferrable skills necessary for employment and further education.
- Use sound independent learning and analytical skills.
- Recognize and value the alternative outlooks that people from various backgrounds bring to projects.

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 Visual Arts program have participated in creative performances, exhibitions, and research projects. A full inventory of Visual Arts 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 + Portfolio.
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
GAIN EXPERIENCE

1ST YEAR
- Take COOP0010 as a first step to be enrolled in the co-op program at Algoma University. Check your Student Portal for job postings.
- Take the Experiential Learning Hub (ELH) to learn about exciting opportunities! Start getting connected to career opportunities in your first year by joining the Career Link Program.
- Get involved with volunteer opportunities on campus such as the Food Bank, the Thunder Street Team, or study online with Sassa.
- Attend a Study Abroad info session and consider studying in the UK, Spain, South Korea, Italy, France, Austria, and more. See which places appeal to YOU.
- Check out Career Cruising (login: algomau; password: saultiername) to determine potential career paths that you can pursue in the future.

2ND YEAR
- Make an appointment with your Faculty Advisor in early February to develop your academic plan.
- 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 or regional co-op opportunities, on-campus employment, and volunteer opportunities.
- Volunteer off campus. Reach out to local organizations, such as the Art Gallery of Algoma, to find out about their volunteers.
- Think about running for a position with the Algoma University Students’ Union (AUSU) to further develop your leadership.
- Are you interested in doing an exchange, short term abroad, or internship abroad program in your second or third year? Check out Study Abroad opportunities and submit your application by the deadline.
- Get involved with other cultures on campus or improve your language skills by taking language courses or interacting with international students on campus.

3RD YEAR OR FINAL YEAR
- Continue to meet with your Faculty Advisor to ensure you are meeting program requirements and academic goals. You should also be considering the GLC.
- Attend the fourth year thesis presentations to gain knowledge and advice for if you choose to complete one next year.
- Get involved with volunteer opportunities on campus. Consider joining: Career Link Program, courses with EL component.
- Get involved with Career Services in the Experiential Learning Hub for assistance.
- Consider volunteering or applying to a Master’s Degree.
- Update your LinkedIn profile and connect virtually with alumni, classmates, faculty, and professionals in the field. Networking is the most important technique to get jobs in today’s society, over 75% of jobs come from networking.

4TH YEAR OR FINAL YEAR
- Complete degree requirements and ensure you’ve met all deadlines for post-graduate options. Apply to graduate.
- Volunteer off campus. Reach out to local organizations and participate in volunteering.
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AFTER GRAD?
- After completing a degree in Visual Arts, students are open to an array of career paths and opportunities.
- Many of our students graduate, pursue graduate programs and go on to pursue exciting careers in many areas. Graduates can and have pursued:
  - Professional Artist
  - Gallery Education Coordinator
  - Educator (teaching in school)
  - Community Arts Educator/Facilitator
  - Independent Curator
  - Writer/Critic
  - Entrepreneur
  - Frame/Conservator
  - Photographer
  - Visual Communications Professional
  - Collections Manager
  - Arts Faculty Manager/Director

Always remember to put your health first! Visit the GOC 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, available through your Student Portal or your Faculty Advisor to assist you in applying to a Master’s Degree, Post graduate Diploma or Bachelor of Education.

LinkedIn Learning: available through your Student Portal; offers you thousands of courses that will 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.

Read from your Academic Advisor about their success in the visual arts, the Academic Advisor, Student Success Central, or your Faculty Advisor to assist you in applying to a Master’s Degree.

Take a career assessment quiz to determine your strengths and weaknesses.

Use the resources available in Career Services to learn about the many job opportunities available to you upon graduation. Attend career related events hosted by the Experiential Learning Hub.

Take time to create or update your resume and LinkedIn profile.