

Algoma University 2024/2025

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 their eligible funding. Without a certified land manager, it will only receive 80% .
- 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?

- Optional Pre-Level 1 Orientation "Zhii Taadaa" ("Let's Get Ready") – Friday, April 26, 2024, 10am-12pm, Online or Hybrid (Register by April 23).
- Course 1: Introduction to Land Stewardship in First Nation Contexts (GEOG 2196) – (1 Week Condensed, In-Person on Sault Ste. Marie Camps) – April 29-May 3, 2024.
- Course 2: Indigenous Knowledge in Environmental Stewardship (GEOG 3307) – (1 Week Condensed, Hybrid) – August 26-30, 2024.
- Course 3: Introduction to GIS Course (GEOG 2017) – (Asynchronous Online) – Fall Term 2024 (September – December, 2024).
- Course 4: Environmental Stewardship: Policy & Practice (GEOG 4407) – (Asynchronous Online) – Fall Term 2024 (September – December, 2024).
- Course 5: Impact Assessment and Environmental Management (GEOG 4296) – (Asynchronous Online) – Winter Term 2025 (January - April, 2025).
- Course 6: Course To Be Announced – 1 Week Condensed, Spring 2025.

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

- Current Algoma University Student
 - Current students can register for the courses online through the student portal, or by emailing 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 in addition to providing the Letter of Permission.
- New Algoma University Student
 - You will need to complete the online part-time application form available at apply.algomau.ca/apply, send official transcripts (if applicable), send all applicable documents if applying as a Mature Student, and pay the non-refundable \$70 (CDN funds) application fee 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 [Mature Students - Algoma](#).
 - 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.

5. Fees

- Total fees are \$ 1,035.94 (tuition and ancillary) per three-credit course for Canadian students, plus an application fee of \$70 for new Algoma University Students. These fees are in effect as of May 1, 2024
- Please see the details at this link for ancillary fees:
<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) before we can register you for courses.
- There are no registration fees to attend the Pre-Level 1 Orientation session "Zhii Taadaa".

6. 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 condensed courses are too short for part-time OSAP and it is unlikely the condensed 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.

7. When does Registration open and when is the deadline to register?

Registration for Spring 2024 courses opens **March 2024**. If you are new to Algoma University, you need to apply to the University first, before registering. You can apply to the University any time before registration opens. It generally takes about 2 weeks for your application to be assessed. The deadline to register for the Intro to Land Stewardship course (first course of 2024/25 PLMCP Level 1 at Algoma University) is: **April 30, 2024**. Please note though that the Intro to Land Stewardship course starts on April 29, so ideally you should be registered before April 30.

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 , domestic-admissions@algonau.ca
- To register for “Zhii Taadaa” (“Let’s Get Ready”) please contact E: Land1@algonau.ca