

WHY ACCOUNTING AT ALGOMA U

There are countless reasons to study accounting in university. Having a fundamental understanding of accounting concepts and principles will provide you with the necessary skills needed to succeed in life, and is a great investment to your future career.

Students with an accounting degree have a higher job prospect. In today's global work world, accountants are in high demand.

According to Service Canada, the need for certified accountants continues to rise and will continue to do so over the next 20 years. With the economy bouncing back from the recent economic downturn, Service Canada has forecasted accounting careers to mimic this trend. Plus, an accounting degree can be used in the public sector, the private industry, governmental agencies, and not-for-profit organizations. You're not limited to one sector with an accounting degree. Unlike in most other career paths, accountants have a higher chance of promotion, and tend to earn high-earning promotions, including Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and Chief Executive Officer

(CEO) within only a few years of entering the job. Thus, earning an accounting degree is not only a fiscally smart decision with financial pay-offs, it also provides for the opportunity of job advancement. Did you know that more CEOs have undergraduate or graduate degrees in accounting than any other area of study?

Plus, by pursuing an accounting degree, you'll never need help with your taxes again, you can do it yourself!

COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

Our program is the perfect fit for students who have an aptitude for numbers, organizing, and analytical problem-solving skills. Students will gain a strong understanding of managerial accounting, income taxation, finance, auditing, and analysis of general and management practices. Our program provides students with a chance to pursue an array of accounting career opportunities, including the opportunity to pursue the Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) designation after graduation. Our accounting program

also helps prepare students to become a Certified Financial Planner (CFP), and our courses are recognized by the Aboriginal Financial Officers Association of Canada (AFOA), which can prepare students to become Certified Aboriginal Financial Managers (CAFM certification). A degree in accounting, complemented with a professional designation, makes our students a valuable asset to employers, and increases their employment prospects after graduation.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Assess and apply appropriate problem-solving techniques to business problems.
- Utilize proven statistical, accounting, and financial standards of justification to support sound decision making.
- Integrate knowledge across business disciplines to formulate decisions.
- Determine and apply relevant practices from Accounting, Finance, or Economics to address business problems.
- Think critically.
- Analyze and solve difficult, multi-dimensional, highly impactful business and managerial problems with far reaching consequences.
- Provide evidence and rational using proven research and statistical justification.



WHY STUDY AT ALGOMA U IN SAULT STE. MARIE OR BRAMPTON?

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.

Enjoy urban living and study in the heart of downtown Brampton. With the GO and Via stations only steps away, students can take the bus or train to class and easily connect to the GTA.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

ENG4U. Minimum average of 65%.

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.

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GAIN. EXPERIENCE.

Experiential Learning is "learning by doing." There are many experiential learning opportunities in the classroom and in the community. Students in the Accounting program participate in case studies, research projects and workshops. A full inventory of Accounting 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

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.



Questions?
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1ST YEAR

2ND YEAR

3RD YEAR OR FINAL YEAR

AFTER GRAD?

GET ASSISTANCE

ADMN1126*/1127*
ECON1006/1007
*Minimum grade of 60% required
Electives:
6 credits from Group I – Humanities, 6 credits from Group III – Sciences, and 6 credits (from any group)
Consider taking: COSC1701/1702
Meet with your Academic & Faculty Advisor to select courses.

Make an appointment with your Faculty Advisor to develop your academic plan by the end of the fall term (highly recommended for transfer students).
Questions about rules and regulations in your program? See your Academic Advisor in Student Success Central.
Want to enhance your degree? Consider a **minor or certificate**.

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, Post-graduate Diploma or Bachelor of Education. Please make an appointment in Student Success Central for full details.
Apply to graduate.

After completing a degree in Accounting, students are open to an array of career paths and opportunities.

GET EXPERIENCE

Take COOP0101 as a first step to be enrolled in the co-op program at Algoma University. Check your **Student Portal** for job postings.
Visit the **Experiential Learning HUB** to learn about exciting opportunities! Start connecting to career opportunities in your first year by joining the **Career Link Program**.
Start thinking about a full year co-op opportunity. See a Faculty Advisor for more details.

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/non-local co-op opportunities, on-campus employment and volunteer opportunities.
Courses with EL component.

Participate in campus recruiting for summer work. Accounting students should really consider volunteering at the Northern Ontario Business Case Competition to network with business professionals.
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Many of our students pursue graduate programs and go on to pursue exciting careers in many areas.

GET CONNECTED

Get involved with volunteer opportunities on campus with the **Food Bank**, the **Thunder Street Team** or apply to be an **Orientation Week Leader**. Come support our **Varsity Thunderbird** athletic teams and participate in **Intramurals** at the GLC.
Consider joining one of the many **clubs** through AUSU. Especially the **Algoma University Business Society (AUBS)**.
Be sure to take advantage of our historical campus tours.

Volunteer off campus. Reach out to local organizations such as **BDO** or other professional organizations for internship positions. For more volunteer opportunities visit **Volunteer Sault Ste. Marie**.
Think about running for a position with the **Algoma University Students' Union** or applying for an Executive position on AUBS.

Consider joining professional the **Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Institute** or the **Chartered Professional Financial Accountant Association (CPA)**. The CPA requires testing.
Join groups on LinkedIn reflecting specific careers or topics of interest in Accounting.

Graduates can and have pursued:

GET THINKING GLOBALLY

Attend a **Study Abroad** info session and consider studying in China, Spain, South Korea, Mexico, France, Austria or Japan and see which places appeal to YOU.
Gather information on the various global opportunities. Algoma U is proud to offer **Study Abroad** and the Student Work Abroad Program.

Are you interested in doing a study exchange? Check out **Study Abroad** and attend an information session to get the info you need and ensure your application is submitted by the deadline.
Your next adventure is waiting!

If you are an international student looking to stay in Canada to work, talk to a **Student Success Academic Advisor**.
To learn more about working in Canada, volunteer at **Discover the Sault** through the Economic Development Centre.
Consider one of our post-graduate diplomas.

- Chartered Professional Accountant
- Chartered Financial Analyst
- Certified Information Systems Analyst
- Certified Internal Auditor
- Entrepreneur
- Statistics
- Hospitality
- Real Estate
- Chief Financial Officer (CFO)
- Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

Check out **Career Cruising** (login: algomauc, password: saultstmarie) to determine potential career paths that you can pursue in the future.
Bring your resume to the next level! **Optimal Resume** is an excellent resource to develop your resume and cover letter.
Visit **Career Services** in the **Experiential Learning HUB** for assistance.

Lynda.com is available to 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.
Use **Optimal Resume** to improve your resume and cover letter as well as practice your interview skills.

Use the resources available in **Career Services** to learn about the many job opportunities available to you upon graduation.
Attend the Career Conference to get some professional advice from the **Sault Community Career Centre** on your resume, job searching strategies and interview tips.



Always remember to put your health first! Hit the **GLC** 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** or call 1-877-234-5327 for 24/7 free counselling or book an appointment with an on-campus counsellor by emailing **healthservices@algomau.ca**. We're here for you. Visit the Learning Centre for information on free tutoring and learning strategies.