

McMaster University Labour Studies Certificate Program

2022-2023 Course Schedule

Why Enroll...?

- ✓ Participate from the comfort of home
- ✓ All courses are offered online, in the evening
- ✓ Easy to enroll and pay online
- ✓ Accessible and Affordable
- ✓ Learn from instructors who are experts in their fields, including labour lawyers, university researchers and professors, union leaders, activists and, community leaders



About the Labour Studies Certificate Program



Our program is designed with the needs of adult learners in mind

- Enroll at your own pace: take as many or as few courses you wish each semester with no deadline to graduate
- Each session includes small breakout groups and exciting discussions with activists from different unions, industries, and occupations around the country
- Each course is one night a week, for 4 weeks
 - \$160 per course, payable online
- Completion of 12 courses is required to obtain the certificate
 - Of the twelve courses, one must be a Labour History course (either Part 1 or 2); and one a Labour Studies Theory course (either Part 1 or 2)



Fall 2022 Courses

*All courses 6:30-9:30 pm EST

Course 1:

Labour Studies Theory Part 1

Class Dates: Tuesdays, Sept 6, 13, 20, 27

Course 2:

What happened to the economy during the pandemic?

Class Dates: Tuesdays, Oct 11, 18, 25, Nov 1

Course 3:

Labour Law for Workers Part 4

Class Dates: Tuesdays, Nov 15, 22, 29, Dec 6

To enroll in a course, click [HERE](#)



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Register as soon
as possible to
ensure a spot this
semester!**

Winter 2023 Courses

*All courses 6:30-9:30 pm EST

Course 4:

Global Labour on the Rise

Class Dates: Tuesdays, Jan 17, 24, 31, Feb 7

Course 5:

Labour Law for Workers Part 5


Class Dates: Tuesdays, Feb 21, 28, March 7, 21

Course 6:

Labour History Part 1

Class Dates: Tuesdays, April 4, 11, 18, 25

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Fall 2022 Course Descriptions

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Course 1: Labour Studies Theory Part 1

Tuesdays, September 6, 13, 20, 27

One of our foundational courses (you must take part 1 or 2 to complete the certificate). This course makes the links between everyday work problems and the hard to see, big picture forces behind them. Who are the 1%? Do they have power over the economy, society and our workplaces? How do employers squeeze us at work? Why do they do this, and how can we fight it?

Instructor: Anthony Tambureno, Labour Studies Certificate Coordinator

Course 2: What happened to the economy during the pandemic?

Tuesdays, October 11, 18, 25, November 1

Did corporate profits and CEO pay increase during the pandemic? How about workers' wages? What has been happening with inflation and the cost of living? How can we 'build back' post pandemic? Is the economic system rigged against workers?

Instructors:

Sessions 1-3: Angella MacEwen, senior economist for CUPE; Researcher, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.

Session 4: Professor Richard Wolff, The New School, New York; Author of numerous books on workers and the economy; co-founder of *Democracy at Work*

Course 3: Labour Law for Workers Part 4

Tuesdays, November 15, 22, 29, December 6

What are some problems workers and unions face in the workplace, and what are some practical strategies we can use to overcome them? Each session will look at a unique workplace issue by putting students into small groups to discuss how they would address it in their workplace.

Note: This course is independent from the previous parts. You can enroll without completing 1-3.

Instructors:

Wade Poziomka
Labour Lawyer, Ross and McBride Law Firm

Keerthana Sivapatham
Labour Lawyer, Goldblatt Partners Law Firm

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Course 4: Global Labour on the Rise

Tuesdays, January 17, 24, 31, February 7

A special look at movements around the world that are currently making gains for workers in their countries, including India, Latin America and other regions. What happened during last year's general strike in India (the largest strike in history)? How are pro-worker governments in Latin America improving conditions for workers?

Instructors:

Radhika Desai, Professor of Political Science, University of Manitoba, author of several books and articles on global workers movements

Raul Burbano, Program Director, and author, at Common Frontiers, an organization working for global solidarity and justice.

Course 5: Labour Law for Workers Part 5

Tuesdays, February 21, 28, March 7, 21

This course addresses four problems (*different* than the ones in Part 4) that we often face in our workplaces and discusses practical strategies to overcome them. Each session will look at a different workplace issue, and students will be put into small groups to discuss.

*Parts 1-4 are NOT prerequisites to enroll in this course

Instructors:

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Course 6: Labour History Part 1

Tues April 4, 11, 18, 25

One of our foundational courses (you must take part 1 or 2 to complete the certificate). The history of working people is largely ignored and invisible. What conditions drove workers to first form a labour movement? How did employers and governments use violence to repress workers? We will discuss major battles in Canadian labour history such as the On-to-Ottawa Trek and the Winnipeg General Strike.

Instructor: Anthony Tambureno, Labour Studies Certificate Coordinator



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