



McMaster University Online Labour Studies Certificate Program

Fall 2023 course catalogue

- ✓ 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 experts, including labour lawyers, university professors, union leaders, activists and community advocates.

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Space is limited!
First class begins
September 5th. Sign
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Fall 2023 Courses

1. LABRST193 | Labour Studies Theory (Part 2)

One of our foundational courses that gives a deeper understanding and a 'big picture' look at strategies workers have used in their struggle for collective improvement. Is there a constant battle between employers and workers to control the workplace? What were 'sit-down strikes' and 'control strikes'? Does 'management rights' give employer's the upper hand?

*Note: Part 1 is not a pre-requisite'

Tuesdays September 5, 12, 19, 26. 6:30 – 9:30 pm EST

2. LABRST 201 | Is the Cost of Living Out of Control?

A different author-journalist joins us each night to discuss the rising costs of housing and groceries; Why is inflation increasing faster than wages? Who is benefiting from this and who pays the price? And Finally, we will debate the prospects for workers fighting back.

Tuesdays October 3, 10, 17, 24. 6:30 – 9:30 pm EST

3. LABRST 202 | How to Organize a Union

Labour Lawyer Josh Mandryk will outline the legal process of forming a union in the workplace. What are the steps that must be taken? What challenges does the organizing drive face? This course is a great opportunity for all activists to familiarize themselves with the organizing process.

Tuesdays October 31, November 7, 14, 21. 6:30 – 9:30 pm EST

4. LABRST 189 | Build your Personal Leadership Skills with Peggy Nash

Author and former Member of Parliament Peggy Nash will identify different leadership styles, and how you can determine which one is best for you. The course will discuss ways you can develop your personal leadership abilities in your union, job, community and life.

Tuesdays November 28, December 5, 12, 19. 6:30 – 9:30 pm EST

- Click [**HERE**](#) to register for Fall 2023 courses

- 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
- Each course is \$170 and is one night a week, for 4 weeks
 - Payment is due at the end of each course
 - Click [**HERE**](#) for payment information
- Completion of 12 courses, including one labour history course (either Part 1 or 2) and one labour studies theory course (either Part 1 or 2); is required to obtain the certificate.
- Registration closes **3 business days** before the first session OR when capacity is reached.
- If you have any questions please send an email to [**lbstcert@mcmaster.ca**](mailto:lbstcert@mcmaster.ca)

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Winter 2024 Courses

*Registration for the following courses will open on **November 6th**. Please check our website regularly for updates in upcoming semesters.

1. LABRST203 | Is Healthcare Being Privatized?

A speaker from the Coalition for Public Healthcare will outline the privatization agenda in the healthcare system. We will then be joined by front-line healthcare workers who will describe how privatization has affected their jobs, and finally, we will debate how we can keep our healthcare public.

Tuesdays January 9, 16, 23, 30. 6:30 pm EST

2. LABRST 204 | The New Organizing: Gig Industries and Amazon

Can exciting new organizing initiatives revive the labour movement? Mostafa Heneway, who worked 'undercover' in an Amazon warehouse, and later published a book about this, will discuss his experience and the prospects for unionization. We will also be joined by activists organizing unions for 'gig' workers.

Tuesdays February 13, 20, 27, March 5. 6:30 PM EST

3. LABRST194 | Issues in Labour-Management Relations

Improve your skills as a union rep with labour lawyer Josh Mandryk. This practical course will discuss effective grievance handling, unfair labour practices, 'past practices', the duty of fair representation and other issues that front-line representatives face advocating for their members in the unionized workplace.

Tuesdays March 19, 26, April 2, 9. 6:30 PM EST

4. LABRST 832 | Labour History - Part 2

One of our foundational courses which will look at the struggles of workers to improve their lives, particularly in the post World War 2 era, with a particular emphasis on the public sector. What have been our collective gains, and are those gains under threat?

Tuesdays April 23, 30, May 7, 14. 6:30 PM EST

Winter Term registration will open on **November 6th, 2024**. You will be able to find the registration form [HERE](#)