Unifor-McMaster Labour Studies courses are designed specifically for Unifor members. Education has an important role in building a knowledgeable membership and workplace leadership. Our program will develop members capacities for critical thinking. The learning process is built upon a commitment to participants that translates into respect for prior experience, skill and activism.

The certificate is an in-depth credit program designed to be completed at your own pace. Courses are offered locally in your community. Classes are held at various times during the day, evening or weekend, allowing the maximum number of workers to take advantage. Courses are designed by experts in the field to give you knowledge and practical information you need to succeed and understand the working world of today. Courses are set to serve individuals who want to pursue learning and career goals in a flexible setting.

Whether looking for career advancement, job change, working towards a degree or interested in learning for self-development and enrichment, we can help.

For more information, contact us at 905.525.9140 Ext. 24015 or by email at lambem5@mcmaster.ca Visit our website for detailed information and to download our current schedule:
labourstudies.mcmaster.ca/certificate-programs/unifor-mcmaster-labour-studies-certificate-1
OR search mcmaster-unifor certificate
Requirements for Completing the Labour Studies Certificate

Students are required to complete 36 units in order to be eligible to graduate. Depending on the course, unit values range from 1 to 8 unit courses. Courses are delivered through a combination of face-to-face instruction, online learning, and video conferencing. Students are required to take 24 units of courses from the following list:

- The CAW and the Canadian Labour Movement: A History (4 units)
- Current Challenges to the Labour Movement (4 units)
- Introduction to Workplace Issues (4 units)
- Globalization and Democracy (4 units)
- Making Work: Factors Shaping Today’s Workplace (4 units)
- Wal-Mart: Driving a New Brand of Capitalism (4 units)
- Government, Labour Regulation and the Workplace (4 units)
- Solutions to Global Warming (4 units)
- Labour and Media (4 units)
- Labour in Film (4 units)
- Labour in Documentary Film (4 units)
- Film and Ideology (4 units)
- Photo Essay Project: Social Justice through Photographs (4 units)
- Labour History as Told Through Music (4 units)
- Art, Labour Activism and Change (4 units)
- Introduction to Economics course (online) (9 units)
- Introduction to Politics (online) (9 units)
- Working Class Life (4 units)
- Who are the 1% (4 units)
- Food, the Environment and Workers Power (4 units)
- Understanding Mexico: The Struggle for Social Change (4 units)

Registration: Unifor members employed at Ford, GM, and Chrysler can continue to enroll in courses at no direct cost. Simply inform your area Unifor-McMaster Coordinator (listed on the right) that you are interested in enrolling in a course. All necessary registration forms are completed in the first class.

Area Coordinators

**Brampton:** Bill Turner (Local 1285) 905-799-5135, wt14@chrysler.com, Gail Luyben-Powers 905-451-2691, gailwind50@gmail.com

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**Ingersoll:** (Local 88) Ann Macmeekin, 519-536-6420, macmeek@rogers.com or Joe Graves, 519-425-0952

**St Catharines:** Peter Scott (Local 199) 905-682-2611 ext. 238, education@unifor199.org

**Oakville:** (local 707) Zeina El-Masri, zeinaann@gmail.com, 647-960-3712 or Carol 905-844-9451 to register: uniforlocal707@uniforlocal707.ca

**Oshawa:** John MacDonald (Local 222) johndmacd@rogers.com, 905-424-2776

**Windsor:** Rick LaBonte (Local 444) 519-258-6400 to register or 519-890-9809. Or Darryl Charron (Local 200) 519-817-9330, darrylcharron81@gmail.com
Understanding Mexico: The Struggle for Social Change
US domination of the economy; US owned sweatshops; weak unions; low wages; repression of activists. Mexican workers face difficult conditions, but they also have a rich, heroic, and inspiring tradition of resistance, political art, music, and revolution. Come learn about their struggles and what workers here can do to make common cause and build solidarity. 4 units

Food, the Environment, and Workers Power
How often do we think about the way our food is produced and how this negatively affects our society? Our food supply is controlled by a few giant corporations. How does this hurt our health and environment? How are the workers who grow, harvest, and our food treated? Are there are less harmful alternative methods of producing and distributing food? 4 units

Photo Essay Project: Social Justice through Photographs
Public perception of workers is often manipulated by politicized portrayals of workers as a threat, in photos, videos, TV and newspapers. This hands-on course provides you with the tools to tell a story in images from your own perspective through the use of photos and text to create a photo essay. 4 Units

Labour History as told through Music
Learn the history of the labour movement through the songs and songwriters that gave voice to its ideals and struggles. Explore the links between working class struggle and the music and lyrics that emerged out of them. The instructor is an accomplished musician/vocalist and performances will be part of each session. 4 units

ONLINE COURSES:
These self-paced courses allow students to work at their own pace from the comfort of home, and view online presentations, complete readings and submit exercises to an instructor via email. Students will have access to the facilitator thorough email.

Introduction to Economics
How did our economic system evolve? How are wages determined? Is competition good for workers? These and other questions will be addressed in this on-line course featuring mini lectures by Jim Stanford, videos and animations describing how the economy works. Readings are from Jim Stanford’s Economics for Everyone, and include online quizzes. 9 Units

Labour and Politics—New Course!
This course looks at the history of the Canadian working class’s involvement with politics, both historically and today. What are the different philosophies unions have had regarding members involvement in politics? What is the difference between Canadian and US unions views on politics? Why have many unions supported the NDP? What current and future political issues do working people face? 9 Units
The objective of the Advanced Certificates is to deepen understanding of issues relevant to Canadian workers, provide them with a core set of research skills, and to use these skills in carrying out a research project. The Advanced Certificates are only open to students who have completed the Unifor-McMaster Labour Studies Certificate.

To qualify for the Advanced Certificate students will be asked to complete 5 full additional courses (20 units).

The requirements are as follows:

A) 5 full courses (20 units) made up of a maximum of 3 full video conferencing courses (12 units) plus at least two regular full courses (8 units).

B) If students have not taken the online Introduction to Economics (No. 853) course as part of their first certificate they must include this in the 20 units.

In addition students must complete, or have completed as part of their first certificate, the following two courses:

a) Tools for Further Study (No. 860)

b) Computer Skills for Activists (No. 838)

Certificate In Basic Research Skills

This Certificate includes the Research Methods, and Research Project Courses. Students are permitted to take the Advanced Certificate without taking the Certificate in Basic Research Skills. Those taking the Certificate in Basic Research Skills will need to complete the Advanced Certificate, or be working towards completion.

Students must complete the Tools for Further Study course (Course No. 860—formerly called Tools for Success at University) before they start the Research Skills course. We offer a prior learning assessment for those who feel they have already acquired the skills taught in this course.

Course requirements for the Certificate in Basic Research Skills are as follows:

A) Research Methods (Course No. 815) (Open only to students who have completed the first certificate)

B) Research Project–Independent Study (Course 839A). This course will be offered in the Winter 2012 term and is open only to students who have completed the first certificate.

Extra Credit in the UNIFOR-MAC Program

McMaster University Senate has approved the Unifor-McMaster University, Labour Studies Certificate Program for advanced credit towards degree studies. Advanced credit is possible only after successful completion of the Certificate Program. Once completed, students are eligible to receive 15 units of level one undergraduate credit towards a degree. Credit in this certificate program has also been recognized at Athabasca University and the University of Windsor.

HAVE YOU COMPLETED PEL-4 WEEK BASIC TRAINING PROGRAM?

If so, you are eligible to receive extra credit towards your completion of the Unifor-McMaster Certificate. Please send us a copy of your Basic Training PEL Certificate along with your name and student number. Upon receipt of your documentation, 8 additional units will be added to your student record.

Contact the program office for further information.
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The Rise of Insecure Work: What Can be Done?

Professor Wayne Lewchuk of McMaster University joins us to discuss his recent research on precarious work. Is it the new normal? How does the growth of precarious, part time, contract, work affect workers, families, communities and society? What are some solutions?

Mon. Nov. 12 and 19, 6:30—9:30 pm, 2 Course Units

The End of Auto Production in Australia: What Lessons Can We Learn?

Former CAW-Unifor economist Jim Stanford has been living in Australia where he has been studying the Australian auto industry. What lessons can we learn from the demise of Australian auto? Join us as Jim shares his thoughts on the subject.

Mon. Nov 26, 6:30-9:30 pm, 1 Course Unit

Is there a New Cold War Against Russia?

What is behind the recent US news media allegations against Russia? Ken Stone, long time anti-war activist and leader of the Hamilton Coalition to Stop the War, will discusses the implications of continued US hostility against Russia and what the driving force behind it is.

Mon. Dec 3, 6:30-9:30 pm, 1 Course Unit