Why Choose McMaster?

Reputation
One of four Canadian universities ranked in the top 100 world-wide and host site for a United Nations University

Research
Consistently ranked as one of Canada’s top research-intensive universities. We are home to more than 70 Research centres and institutes

City
The fourth largest city in Ontario, Hamilton is a waterfront community situated on the Niagara escarpment

Campus
300 acres of property with 30 acres of campus for over 4000 graduate students and 300 postdoctoral fellows
Our Faculty conduct cutting-edge interdisciplinary research on domestic and international labour issues. We are leaders in community-engaged scholarship, collaborating with unions, community organizations and policy-makers on research that will help make work better for everyone.

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**FACULTY EXPERTISE**
- Precarious employment
- Unions and social movements
- Equity and diversity
- Labour politics and strategy
- Immigrant worker rights
- Health and safety
- Sexuality and gender
- Resource workers and workplaces

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**PhD in Labour Studies**

Knowledge for Transforming the World of Work

The PhD in Labour Studies is the newest component of McMaster University’s School of Labour Studies. The only such degree in North America, this program engages closely and critically with the issues of work and labour in contemporary and historical perspective. The program aims to develop a new generation of scholars prepared to contribute to research leadership in the academy, the community, policy arenas and organizations representing working people. As a small interdisciplinary program, students will enjoy strong mentorship from leading scholars in the field and benefit from the strong union and community connections of faculty.

**THE PROGRAM**

The program, which normally takes four years of full-time study, consists of course work, a comprehensive examination and a Dissertation. Students are required to take four courses, of which Methods and Advanced Labour Studies Theory are required. Additional courses are chosen from a list of core Labour Studies courses as well as from the disciplines such as Sociology, Political Science, Geography, Social Work, and History. Students can take the PhD on a full-time or part-time basis.

**PROGRAM LENGTH:** 4 years full-time

**REQUIRED CREDENTIAL:** Master’s degree or equivalent from any discipline

**PROGRAM TYPE:** Dissertation and Course based

**PROGRAM OPTIONS:** Full-time, Part-time

**TYPICAL ENTRY:** September

**CURRENT DEADLINE:** January 31st

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**COURSES**

- Advanced Labour Studies Theory
- Bodies at Work: Politics, Science, Law & Occupational Health
- Contemporary Issues in Labour Studies
- Independent Study
- Labour Movements and Social Transformation
- Labour, Equity and Diversity
- Methods
- Selected Topics in Labour Studies
- Theories of Work, Social Justice and Inequality
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