Why Choose McMaster?

**Reputation**
One of four Canadian universities ranked in the top 100 worldwide 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

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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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The MA in Labour Studies is an exciting component of the School of Labour Studies at McMaster University. This interdisciplinary program introduces students to a variety of theoretical approaches and practical policy debates that relate to working in Canada and in societies around the world. We focus on a broad range of work activities, from working for wages in primary, industrial and service settings, to the paid and unpaid work that goes on in the home and elsewhere, to the health and safety implications of new technologies and new forms of work organization. With questions of social justice at the forefront, our MA encourages students to examine not only how workers are affected by these changes, but also what they are doing to transform work to make it better for everyone.

**OUR STUDENTS**

Our interdisciplinary program draws students with a wide range of academic backgrounds, including Sociology, Political Science, Geography, Anthropology, History, Communications Studies, English, Film, Women & Gender Studies, as well as arts and social science concentrations such as Sociology, Political Science, Geography, Social Work, Anthropology, and History. Students can undertake the program on a full-time or part-time basis.

**THE PROGRAM**

The program consists of course work plus either a Major Research Paper (MRP) or a Thesis. Students complete either five courses and a MRP or six courses and an MRP. Courses are chosen from a list of core Labour Studies courses as well as from disciplines such as Sociology, Political Science, Geography, Social Work, Anthropology, and History. Students can undertake the program on a full-time or part-time basis.

**PROGRAM LENGTH:**
1 year full-time. Up to 5 years allowed for part-time studies.

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

**PROGRAM TYPE:**
Thesis and Course based

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

**TYPICAL ENTRY:**
September

**CURRENT DEADLINE:**
February 15th

**FUTURE PATHS**

Graduates from the MA in Labour Studies leave McMaster with a strong theoretical and policy-oriented background, sharpened analytical skills, and confidence in their abilities to effectively communicate what they have learned. These skills have enabled our graduates to pursue further graduate studies, move into professional programs such as law, and take up careers in the public, private and non-profit sectors. Our graduates are employed in numerous government departments, by unions as researchers and organizers, and as industrial relations experts, advocates for the disadvantaged, negotiators, labour economists, health and safety officers, teachers and politicians.

**COURSES**

- Work, Workers and Their Workplaces
- Theories of Work, Social Justice and Inequality
- Methods
- Labour Markets, The State and Inequality
- Work and Democracy in the Global Society
- Labour, Equity and Diversity
- Labour Movements and Social Transformation
- Bodies at Work: Politics, Science, Law & Occupational Health