

## Welcome to Unifor- McMaster Labour Studies!

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.

## Contact Us!

For more information, contact us at 905.525.9140 Ext. 24015 or by email at [uniformcmaster@mcmaster.ca](mailto:uniformcmaster@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](http://labourstudies.mcmaster.ca/certificate-programs/unifor-mcmaster-labour-studies-certificate-1)

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### Graduation Ceremony!

**Sept 15 2018 @ McMaster**

Plan on graduating by this date?  
call our office to make sure you  
have enough credits!



# Unifor- McMaster

# Labour Studies Certificate

# Fall 2017 Course Schedule

# Program Details

## 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)
- The Modern Labour Movement (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)

**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

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# Fall 2017 In-Class Course Descriptions

## **Understanding Mexico: Workers Fighting for Social Change **NEW!****

Mexican workers face difficult conditions; US domination of the economy, sweatshops, weak unions, low wages, and repression of activists. They also have a rich tradition of fighting back! Get an understanding of the Mexican workers struggle, and how we can make common cause and build solidarity.

**4 units**

## **Food, the Environment, and Workers Power **NEW!****

How is our food supply controlled by a few giant corporations? How does this hurt our health and environment? What is the link between farmers' well-being and workers' job security? How are people challenging the system with urban agriculture in Windsor and Detroit and farm cooperatives in Native communities? **4 units**

## **Tools for Further Study**

Thinking of continuing your studies in the advanced Certificate or other post secondary programs? Learn how to improve your communication skills through writing and oral presentations, how to take notes from a talk or a reading and how to use libraries and online resources. **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**

## **Working in Auto: Lessons from the Past**

This one night course, hosted by Professor Wayne Lewchuk of McMaster University, explores the struggles and gains of our past union members and how they affect us today. Great opportunity for young workers and veterans to discuss working in the industry to compare yesterday and today! **1 unit**

## **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**

# Advanced Certificate in Labour Studies

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.

## Credit Toward a University Degree

### 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.

# Fall 2017 In-Class Course Schedule: Courses 6:30–9:30 pm unless otherwise noted

Course	Oakville	Oshawa	Windsor	Ingersoll	Brampton	St. Catharines	Hamil.	Etob.
<b>Labour history through music</b> 4 units			Oct 17, 24, Nov 14, 21	Oct 19, 26, Nov 16, 22			<b>Video Conference and Online Courses</b>	<b>Video Conference and Online Courses; In class Course TBA</b>
<b>NEW! Understanding Mexico: Workers fighting for social change</b> 4 units	Oct 18, 25, Nov 15, 22	Oct 17, 24, Nov 14, 21 <b><u>4-7pm</u></b>						
<b>NEW! Food, the environment and workers power</b> 4 units		Oct 3, 10, 31, Nov 7 <b><u>4-7pm</u></b>	Nov 2, 9, 30, Dec 7					
<b>Tools for Further Study</b> 4 units	Oct 4, 11 Nov 1, 8, <b><u>5-8pm</u></b>							
<b>Photo Essay Project: Social Justice through Photographs</b> 4 units					Oct 11, 18, Nov 8, 15, <b><u>5-8pm</u></b>			
<b>Working in Auto: Lessons from the past</b> 1 unit						Contact Peter Scott for date		

<b>Intro.to Economics (online)</b> 9 Units	Self-paced online course, available in all locations. Contact <a href="mailto:uniformcmaster@mcmaster.ca">uniformcmaster@mcmaster.ca</a> or 905-525-9140 Ext. 24015 to register
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<b>Labour and politics (online) Course</b> 9 units <b>NEW!</b>	Self-paced online course, available in all locations. Contact <a href="mailto:uniformcmaster@mcmaster.ca">uniformcmaster@mcmaster.ca</a> or 905-525-9140 Ext. 24015 to register
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# Fall 2017 Video Conference Courses

## **Is the US an Empire? Understanding US Foreign Policy**

US multinational corporations dominate the economies of virtually every country in the world, often owning the natural resources of many nations. At the same time, the US has military bases in over 80 countries; it is in a constant state of war around the world, directly invading countries, and indirectly overthrowing governments at will. Is there a connection between US military policy, and US corporate investments abroad? Is the US an 'empire'?

**October 30 and Nov 6, 6:30—9:30 pm, 2 Course Units**

**Speaker:** Independent Journalist and Political Analyst Caleb Maupin



## **Journalism and Democracy**

A strong and independent media is a foundation of democracy. Journalists play a crucial role in informing citizens and ensuring elected officials are accountable. Independent journalists have been instrumental in exposing state and corporate abuses of power. However, there has been an increase in campaigns and hostility aimed against independent media and journalists from powerful sources aimed at discrediting and marginalizing alternative voices. What is behind these growing attacks and what are the implications for the nature of our democracy?

**November 13 and 20, 6:30-9:30 pm, 2 Course Units**

**Speakers:** Journalism experts Howard Law and Jim Rankin

