

Welcome to the CAW-McMaster Labour Studies Program.

CAW-MAC Labour Studies courses are designed specifically for CAW members. Courses are offered locally in your community. Education has an important role in building a knowledgeable membership and workplace leadership. An educational program will develop members capacities for critical thinking. The learning process built upon a commitment to participants that translates into respect for prior experience, skill and activism.

The certificate program is an in-depth credit program designed to be completed at your own pace. 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 you are looking for career advancement, job change, working towards a degree or interested in learning for self-development and enrichment, we can help.

Please be sure to visit our web site for detailed information about the program.

<http://socserv.mcmaster.ca/labourstudies/cawmac>

[How to Complete the Certificate Program](#)

Students in the CAW-MAC program are required to complete 36 units in order to be eligible to graduate. Depending on the course, unit values range from 1 unit to 4 unit courses. Course descriptions in the calendar include the unit value. Courses are delivered by a combination of face-to-face instruction, computer, video conferencing and learning via the Internet & CD Rom's.



CAW Members in Toronto.

Students at CAW Local 199, St. Catharines



C.A.W. McMaster University Labour Studies Certificate Program

Winter-Spring 2007 COURSE CALENDAR

Worker Friendly Education



PROGRAM DETAILS:

Payment Procedures

CAW - Big 3 Auto Workers:

This is a negotiated, pre-approved program with direct billing/payment from the employer. Courses and textbooks are free of cost to you through your tuition benefits in your contract (up to maximum allowable). Please be sure to follow the tuition benefit application procedure at your workplace to ensure you are properly covered.

CAW Members (not Big 3)

Many members have tuition assistance options through their employer. Please be sure to check your eligibility criteria. Follow application procedures at your workplace.

If you need more information or assistance about tuition application procedures, please speak to your area coordinator as listed on the insert or feel free to contact the CAW-McMaster Certificate Program office @ 905-525-9140 Ext. 23874 or 24015.

Course Cancellation

CAW-MAC reserves the right to cancel courses due to insufficient registration, inclement weather or other unavoidable factors. In the event of a cancellation, we will attempt to contact all students via telephone and/or email.



Extra FYIs

McMaster University requires students to provide SIN numbers in order to setup a student record & issue Income Tax Receipts.

Registration

Registration is done locally through area co-ordinators. If you would like to register for a course, locate your specific area on the timetable, determine what courses are being offered in your area, then contact your co-ordinator.

Please note: if the course you are interested in taking is not offered in your specific area but is offered in another area, please feel free to attend at another location, however, please be sure to register with the co-ordinator from that area.

AREA CO-ORDINATORS:

Windsor Area

Local 444 - Rick LaBonté
519-258-6400 - to register
519-985-5579 - questions
Local 200 - Mike Turnbull
519-256-3453 - to register
519-256-3453 ext. 226 - questions
Local 1973 - Mike Thomas
519-969-2120

London Area

Rick Witherspoon / Dave Vyse
519-649-2552

Brampton Area

Local 1285 - Bill Turner
905-458-2759

Oakville Area

Local 707 - Scott McColeman
905-844-9451 ext. 6

Oshawa Area

Local 222 - Lynn Argue-Hogarth
905-259-4914

Hamilton Area

Local 555 - Kim Sardella
905-525-9140 ext. 24015

Niagara Area

Local 199 - Peter Scott
905-682-2611 ext. 238

THE CAW-McMASTER, LABOUR STUDIES CERTIFICATE TEAM

Canadian Auto Workers

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Kathy Bennett, Librarian

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Course Development

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Instruction

Robin Alexander, (Director, International Relations, UE), Steve Babson (WSU), Elaine Bernard (Harvard), Dale Brown, Marlea Clarke (McMaster), Nivaldo Galleguillos (McMaster), Euan Gibb (CAW), Laurie Graham (Perdue), Alan Hall (Windsor), Joel Harden (York), Laurinda Hart-Fournier (York), Derek Hrynshyn (Windsor) Sam Gindin (York), Chris Huxley (Trent), Stufen Kipfer (York), Joe Kispal-Kovacs (York), Atif Kubursi (McMaster), Tony Leah (CAW), Rick La Bonté (CAW), John Lang, Wayne Lewchuk (McMaster), Brandi Lucier (McMaster), Scott McColeman (CAW), Brett Murdoch (CAW), Leo Panitch (York), John Peters (York), Jose Ramalho (Rio De Janeiro), Jim Rinehart (Western), Laurell Ritchie (CAW), Chris Roberts (York), Herman Rosenfeld (CAW), Stephanie Ross (McMaster), Jason Russell (York), Peter Scott (CAW), Jim Stanford (CAW), Steve Staples (Polaris Institute), Mark Thomas (York), Bill Turner (CAW), Sam Vrankulj (McMaster), Cathy Walker (CAW), Charlotte Yates (McMaster).

*“The CAW-McMaster Certificate in
Labour Studies is an exciting program
for CAW members”
Buzz Hargrove, CAW President*

Courses in the CAW- McMaster Labour Studies Certificate Program



US Imperialism? The Bush Agenda in Iraq and the Middle East

(Video Conference)

This four session video conferencing course will explore the new face of US foreign policy through an examination of the steps leading to the US invasion

of Iraq and the broader US agenda in the Middle East. It will be delivered by Antonia Juhasz, the former project director of the International Forum on Globalization. The four sessions will focus on the birth of the Bush Agenda and his links with corporate USA, how this agenda is being applied in Iraq, how it is being exported to the rest of the Middle East, and a final session on the implications and what an alternative might look like. The course will help students understand the agenda behind US foreign policy, how it is shaping global commerce, and what it means for workers in Canada.

Course # 842, Unit: 4, Tuition \$675, Textbook \$86.95

South America & Globalization

(Video Conference)

A two session course using lectures, discussions and readings on why alternative labour politics have become so active and successful in this region and what it means for workers in North America.

Course #843, Unit: 2, Tuition \$400, Textbook \$30

Middle East Unrest

(Video Conference)

Across the middle east, conflict appears to be the order of the day. What is the cause of this region's turmoil, likely to be the outcome in both short-run and long-run? What does this all mean for workers in countries such as Canada? This two session course will use lectures, discussions and readings to explore these issues in some detail.

Course #844, Unit: 2, Tuition \$400, Textbook \$30

Labour and the Internet

Learn to surf and do union research as well as use e-mail in a one day hands-on learning session. This course is taught right in your union local with our portable computer lab.

Course #845, Unit: 2, Tuition \$400, Textbook \$30



History of the CAW

A new look at CAW history which includes the origins of the labour movement in Canada, the birth of the union, building the union, the split from the UAW and today's challenges. The course uses videos, internet quizzes and discussions as well as classroom discussions.

Course #846, Unit: 4, Tuition \$675, Textbook \$84.95

Challenges to the Labour Movement

This course looks at the major issues facing the labour movement today. It uses internet and classroom discussion to deal with issues such as the changing job market, globalization and the changes in labour law & working time.

Course #847, Unit: 4, Tuition \$675, Textbook \$63.95

Labour in Film

If you like films, you'll love this course. It features the history of Hollywood movies with a focus on how working people and the labour movement have been depicted in movies over the past century.

Course #848, Unit: 4, Tuition \$675, Textbook \$50

Globalization & Democracy

This course deals with what globalization is and who it benefits; what free trade, the GATT and the WTO are about; and the implications for democracy. The course will be taught using classroom discussion and internet discussions.

Course #849, Unit: 4, Tuition \$675, Textbook \$70.95

Labour in Documentary Film

This course examines how workers and their organizations have made use of the form of the documentary film to tell their stories and shows how these films are constructed.

Course #850, Unit: 4, Tuition \$675, Textbook \$50

World Politics in the Age of Terrorism

(Video Conference)

Since the fall of the Soviet Union, the world has undergone major changes. The United States has emerged as the only Super Power with profound economic and political consequences. This course will explore how this shift is affecting major regions of the world. Four specialists in world politics each host a session delivered through video conferencing.

Course #851, Unit: 4, Tuition \$675, Textbook \$50

Labour & Politics: Which Way Forward?

This course introduces students to debates regarding labour and its political strategies. It examines the early history of labour politics at the turn of the century, the emergence of social democratic movements, the successes and failing of social democracy, current debates within the NDP and the CAW regarding political strategy, and movement politics.

Course #852, Unit: 4, Tuition \$675, Textbook \$50

Introduction to the Economy (on-line course)

How did our economic system evolve? What is GDP? How are wages determined? Is competition good for workers? These and other questions will be addressed in this course. This is a self-paced on-line course featuring mini lectures by Jim Stanford, a diagrammatic description of how the economy works, readings, videos and online quizzes. Students will have access to a course facilitator thorough email.

Course #853, Unit: 4, Tuition \$675, Textbook \$50

Note: Special Registration Required for this on-line course - Please Contact CAW-McMaster Office 905-525-9140 Ext. 24015

Government, Labour Regulations and the Workplace

Government plays a central role in regulating the labour market and the workplace. This course focuses on four areas of government regulation: employment standards, labour relations, workplace equity, and workers' health and safety. The objective of the course is to develop a critical understanding of the role of government in regulating the workplace by considering how governments have both defined workers' rights and protected the power of employers.

Course #854, Unit: 4, Tuition \$675, Textbook \$65.95

The Mexican Labour Movement

(Video Conference)

This two session course will introduce students to the history of politics in Mexico and the development of the Mexican labour movement. It will look at how unions emerged in Mexico, how they evolved over time, and the implications of the close ties between the union movement and the Mexican political parties. It will examine the struggles to place the Mexican labour movement on a more democratic footing. It will explore the implications of NAFTA for Mexican workers and recent efforts to establish a Mexican autoworkers federation.

Course # 856, Unit: 2, Tuition \$400, Textbook \$68.50

Understanding the United States: Labour, Politics, Religion & Empire (Video Conference)

Recent events in the United States have left many people confused. Union membership has declined dramatically, the recent presidential election was based on principals and ideas that are foreign to many Canadians, and US foreign policy is overwhelmingly opposed by the international community. What is going on? This course will explore in detail some of these questions and offer an interpretation of what is behind these events.

Course #857, Unit: 4, Tuition \$675, Textbook \$50

Progressive Movements and the State: Getting What We Vote For? (Video Conference)

Globally, there are a number of examples of progressive movements acquiring some degree of political power. This course will focus on four of these movements: The British Labour Party, the Greens in Germany, the ANC in South Africa, and the PT in Brazil. In most cases, once in power these progressive movements deliver less than was promised to their supporters. This course will explore why this is the case.

Course #858, Unit: 4, Tuition \$675, Textbook \$79.95

Foundations of the Modern Labour Movement

This four session course will look at the early history of the labour movement. It will examine in detail the emergence of early craft unions and the first industrial unions, events such as the Winnipeg General Strike, how early Canadian unions were integrated into a larger North American labour movement, and how the legislative changes in the 1930s and 1940s set the stage for the emergence of unions such as the UAW and later the CAW. This course will provide the foundation for a deeper understanding of the history of the CAW and the post-World War II labour movement.

Course #859, Unit: 4, Tuition \$675, Textbook \$78.69

Tools for Succeeding at University: Writing, Research and Taking Notes

This course will provide students who are near completion of (or have completed) the certificate program with an introduction to some of the basic skills required for successful university study. It will cover the different aspects of essay writing, such as the need for careful organization and clear expression of ideas, as well as techniques that will help students make careful records of lectures, classroom discussions and readings for later study. Introduction to the university system and ways of making the most of libraries and other on-campus and on-line resources will also be covered.

Course #860, Unit: 4, Tuition \$675, Textbook \$92.95

China: An Emerging Economic Force

(Video Conference) Within a few short years, China has burst on to the world stage as a major economic power. Growth rates have been rapid, particularly in the automotive sector. Yet many questions remain unanswered. What is behind this rapid development? How has China combined its socialist past with its new interest in markets and capitalism? What is the role of transnational companies in this development? What are working conditions like in China and are workers able to form unions and bargain collectively? What does the growth of the Chinese economy mean for Canadian workers? This two session course will examine these questions and provide students with the background needed to better understand the events in what will soon be the largest economy on the globe.

Course # 861, Unit: 2, Tuition \$400, Textbook \$30

Introduction to Workplace Issues

Workers have historically struggled to control the conditions under which they work. Reducing the time spent at work, and enhancing the quality of work have been two central goals. Workers' priorities in these areas, and the ways in which work impacts their lives outside the workplace will be central themes and will be examined throughout the course. Topics include work-family balance, workplace technology and work intensification, and workplace culture. The role of unions and the impact of relevant workplace legislation will also be explored.

Course #862, Unit: 4, Tuition \$675, Textbook \$50

From 9-11 To Deep Integration: U.S./Canada Economic & Political Relations (Video Conference)

This four session video course will explore the changing economic and political relationship between Canada and the United States since the events of September 11, 2001. The first session will explore the changing security relationship between the two countries, the implications of a common NA security perimeter, restrictions on individual rights and the case of Maher Arar. Session two will look at the changing economic relationship and the push for even deeper economic integration between Canada and the United States. Session three will open up with a discussion of NAFTA and strategies for ending it. The final session will be a round table discussing Canada's economic and political future.

Course #863, Unit: 4, Tuition \$675, Textbook \$69.99

Venezuela: Standing Up To The U.S. / Standing Up For Workers (Video Conference)

This two session course will focus on recent events in Venezuela. The first session on the background to Chavez's rise to power, the attempts to remove him from power and the short term challenges facing the new government. The second session will look in more detail at the policies being pursued by the Venezuelan government. How are they going to deal with the United States? What are the plans for building an alternative society? What might workplaces look like in this society? How is Chavez reaching out to a broader South American constituency? What does all of this mean for Canadian workers?

Course #864, Unit: 2, Tuition \$675, Textbook \$50

Making Work: The Factors Shaping Today's Workplace

This course will undertake a critical examination of technology in the workplace. It will investigate the ways in which technological and workplace organizational changes have shaped the labour process, and consider the consequences of these changes for workers. Beginning with a discussion of pre-capitalist work arrangements, it will trace the evolution of the capitalist production process over time and in various work contexts. Although the focus of this course is on the mass production workplace, the labour process in other work environments will also be evaluated. The role of technology in labour control and worker resistance are central themes, and will be explored throughout the course.

Course #865, Unit: 4, Tuition \$675, Textbook \$105.95

Mexico II: Changing Political & Union Relations

(Video Conference)

This two session video conferencing course will examine the recent contested Mexican presidential election. Why has Mexico failed to follow the path set by other Latin American nations in moving towards the left electorally? How did the candidate of the left, who seemed to be way ahead in the early polls get defeated? What does this mean for the people of Mexico, the labour movement in Mexico and for unions trying to build bridges with Mexican unions? **Course #867, Unit: 2, Tuition \$400, Textbook \$30**

Canada's Changing Foreign Policy Strategy: From Peace Keepers to ??????



(Video Conference)

Canada's foreign policy is undergoing a dramatic revision. It is unclear if we are still the peace keepers we claimed to be as we become more involved in conflicts such as Haiti and Afghanistan. Increasingly our approach to foreign policy looks like a miniature version of our neighbours to the south. This four session video course will explore the post World War II history of Canada's foreign policy, how we got involved in NATO, our relations with the US military, early debates over housing US nuclear missiles in Canada, and the emergence of our role as peace keepers to the world. Other session will focus on our involvement in the intervention in Haiti, and our current mission in Afghanistan. How do these square with our alleged peace keeping strategy? The final session will try to make sense of recent events, our changing relationship with the US military establishment and where our foreign policy is headed.

Course #868, Unit: 4, Tuition \$675, Textbook \$69.95



Wal-Mart:

Driving a New Brand of Capitalism

Wal-Mart, by virtue of its size and scale is changing the world, or at least accelerating changes underway as a result of globalization. As the largest private employer in the United States, Wal-Mart sets the standard for wages and working conditions in retail, with ripple effects in other sectors. As the United States' largest grocery store, toy store, jewelry store, bookstore, and third largest pharmacy, it affects rival businesses, small and large, and impacts patterns of urban development across America. In its quest for "Always Low Prices," Wal-Mart has helped push manufacturing overseas and revolutionized the global supply chain in the process. This course will explore fundamental questions about the political, economic and social direction of Western societies and explore urgent questions of public policy and corporate responsibility.

Course #869, Unit: 4, Tuition \$675, Textbook \$50