

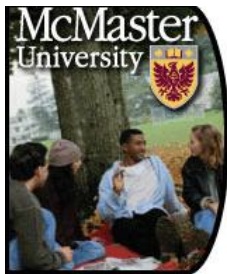
Welcome to the CAW-McMaster Labour Studies Program.

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.



To contact the CAW-McMaster University Labour Studies Certificate Office, please call 905-525-9140 ext. 24015 or visit our website:

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

Program Update – January 2010

As most of you are aware, recent changes to the collective agreements at Chrysler and GM resulted in the suspension of the tuition refund benefit as of December 31, 2009. This has created some confusion regarding its implications for the CAW/McMaster Certificates.

The Certificates are a unique education program jointly delivered by the CAW and McMaster University and are governed by separate letters of understanding attached to the collective agreements.

An understanding has been reached with Ford to allow the program to continue, and we are in the process of clarifying what, if any, implications the changes at Chrysler and GM will have for the certificate programs. Students from Ford St. Thomas are covered under a special provision in their agreement. We are proceeding as normal and have planned an exciting schedule of courses this Winter term and are continuing to discuss future new courses.

We encourage those considering enrolment in the CAW/McMaster Certificate to sign up for courses. We look forward to seeing many of you in classes this term and will pass along further information once we have clarified the situation.

If you work at Ford, CAW/McMaster course tuition and text costs will be paid under the arrangements of your new plan. If you work at GM or Chrysler, we will ensure there will be no cost to you for courses taken if a new plan is not worked out with the companies before the end of term. In any event, there will be no direct cost to you.



CAW-McMaster Labour Studies Certificate WINTER 2010 COURSE CALENDAR



Worker Friendly Education

Program Details

How to Complete the Labour Studies 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 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, online learning, video conferencing and learning via the Internet & CD Rom's

Payment Procedures

Students from Ford St. Thomas will continue to follow existing tuition assistance procedures. We are clarifying how courses will be billed at all other locations.

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. 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.

Further Information

Official Income Tax receipts (T2202A) are made available to students towards the end of February each year for the previous academic year. Students must access this receipt through MUGSI on-line and then print it off. Student ID cards are issued to new students approx. six weeks after completion of their first course. Current students will receive a sticker for their student card.

Advanced Credit towards a University Degree

McMaster University Senate has approved the CAW-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.

Extra Credit in the CAW-MAC Program

HAVE YOU COMPLETED PEL - 4 WEEK BASIC TRAINING PROGRAM?

If so, you are eligible to receive extra credit towards your completion of the CAW-MAC 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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Course Offerings

Solutions to Global Warming

Dire warnings about global warming from climate scientists have brought environmental issues from the margins of political discussion to the centre of attention, and have prompted a wide variety of responses from governments, businesses, and other influential social actors. This course will examine the root causes of global warming and a careful assessment of the possible solutions. It will look at these issues from the perspective of Canadian workers and will discuss the relationships between the ecological crisis and the structure of the economy, both in industrialized nations and globally. The first session provides an overview of ecology and society, and of the problem of global warming. The next three sessions each consider proposed solutions and the implications of each approach for working people.
Course #824, Unit: 4, Tuition \$725

Computer Skills for Activists

This four session course will combine theoretical discussion of how the computer and internet are changing how people do and distribute research with hands on sessions to develop computer skills. The course will be organized around a project which will allow students to use their skills in a practical application. Students will build a web page and utilize social networking technologies including YouTube, Facebook, Flickr, and Blogger. Some of the modules will be made available online. Course sessions will include:

- Why do unions and other progressive groups use the internet?
- Web Pages, Bogs, Twitter, and Skype
- Possibilities and limitations of online campaigns

Course #838, Unit: 4, Tuition \$725, Text \$21.50

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 \$725 Textbook \$15.95**

Labour and the Internet

What is the internet and where did it come from? This is an introductory course for beginners. Getting to know your computer. Getting an email account. How to search, find and download from the world wide web. This course will teach you skills and answer questions regarding the internet. This course is a one day hands-on course taught in your union local using our portable computer lab.

Course #845, Unit: 2, Tuition \$430

Tools for Further Study: Writing, Research and Taking Notes

This course formerly known as "Tools for Succeeding at University"

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 continuing their studies either in the advanced CAW/MAC Labour Studies Certificates or in other College or University programs. It will focus on how to improve your communication skills through writing and oral presentations, how to take notes from a talk or a reading and how to make good use of libraries and online resources.

Course #860, Unit: 4, Tuition \$725, Text: \$42.95

Labour Studies Advanced Certificates

The objective of the Advanced Certificate is to deepen participants' understanding of issues relevant to Canadian workers and to provide some basic skills to improve participants' ability to communicate with a broader audience. Open only to students who have completed the CAW/McMaster Labour Studies Certificate.

The requirements are as follows:

A total of 5 full courses (20 units).

As part of the 5, a maximum of 3 video conference courses are allowed (12 units).

Note: If students have not taken the courses listed below as part of their Labour Studies Certificate Program, they must include these courses in the 20 units.

- a) Tools for Success at University (#860) (4 units)
- b) Computer Skills for Activists (#838) (4 units)
- c) Introduction to Economics On-line (# 853) (4 units)

Basic Research Certificate

The objective of the Certificate in Basic Research is to provide participants with a core set of research skills and to use these skills in carrying out a research project. The Certificate in Basic Research is only open to students who have completed the CAW/McMaster Labour Studies Certificate.

The requirements are as follows:

A total of two courses (16 units).

- a) Research Methods (#815) (8 units)
- b) Research Project (# 839A)(8 units)

Note: Students must complete course 815 prior to 839A. If students have not taken the courses listed below as part of the Labour Studies Certificate or Advanced Certificate they must complete these courses in addition to the above 16 units. :

- a) Tools for Further Study (#860) (4 units)
- b) Computer Skills for Activists (#838) (4 units)

Students must complete the Tools for Further Study before they are eligible to register for Research Methods.

WINTER 2010 COURSE SCHEDULE

Course	Oakville	Etobicoke	London London Regional Centre	Windsor	Brampton	Niagara	Oshawa
Solutions to Global Warming Course No. 824						Mondays April 26, May 3, 10, and 17 6:30-9:30	
Labour and the Internet Course No. 845			Saturday Feb. 20 9:00 to 4:00				
Computer Skills for Activists Course No. 838		Sat April 3 9:00 to 4:00 Wednesdays April 14, and 21 6:30 to 9:30	Saturday Feb. 27 9:00 to 4:00 Wednesdays March 10 and 17 6:30 to 9:30	Saturday April 24 9:00 to 4:00 Tuesdays May 4 and 25 6:30 to 9:30			
Government Labour Regulations and the Workplace Course No. 854	Wednesdays March 3, 10, 31 and Thursday April 8 6:30 to 9:30			Wednesdays April 14, and 21 and May 12 and 19 6:30 to 9:30			
Tools for Further Study: Research and Note Taking Course No. 860	Wednesdays Feb. 17, 24 and March 17, 24 6:30 to 9:30						
VIDEO CONFERENCE IN ALL LOCATIONS TOPIC TO BE ANNOUNCED Mondays April 12 and April 19 6:30 to 9:30							