What is the Labor School?
The Labor School at Wayne State University is a multidisciplinary leadership development certificate program for workers, union leaders and community activists. The program’s curriculum focuses on providing information to working people about issues that affect their workplaces, unions and communities. The Labor Leadership Development School (Labor School) has been educating union leaders, staff and community activists for over 50 years.

What is the Labor School Certificate Program?
The certificate program consists of 10 non-credit, 5-week, labor relation and liberal arts courses that may be taken either on the main Wayne State University campus or online.

On-Campus Courses

Choose Your Weekly Attendance Preference
Attend twice per week and finish in one year, or attend once a week and finish in two years. Select from each track below if attending twice per week, or one from either track if attending once per week.

Track 1
___Tues, 10:00am - 12:00pm, or
___Wed, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Track 2
___Thurs, 6:30pm- 8:30pm, or
___Sat, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Each course is 5-weeks in length and 2-hours per session.

Fall Semester
US Labor History
What Unions Do
Labor in Crisis and Renewal
Your Rights in the Workplace

Winter Semester
Economics for Workers
Basic Grievance Handling
Power and Politics
Effective Leadership
Leading a Diverse Organization
Building the Union

Online Courses

Online courses are convenient for busy adults. There are no course meetings and you can take the course anytime during the week, 24 hours a day. The courses are hosted on the user-friendly Blackboard system. While the online courses are self-paced, they are instructor led and include interactive course assignments.

Option 1: Attend all 10 courses at our main campus.

Option 2: Take all 10 courses online.

Option 3: Take a mix of on-campus and online courses.

Each course is 5-weeks in length. Plan to spend approximately 2-hours on each course per week.

Fall Semester
US Labor History
Basic Grievance Handling
Economics for Workers
Your Rights in the Workplace

Winter Semester
Advanced Grievance Handling
Effective Leadership
Power and Politics
Collective Bargaining
Leading a Diverse Organization
Building the Union

Tuition
Each course is $150. Tuition includes all materials. Many students receive tuition assistance from their union or employer. Labor School courses are approved through UAW-Ford, GM, Chrylser and USW tuition assistance programs.

Scholarships
Scholarships are available to pay a portion of the tuition, based on need, through the Ethel Schwartz Memorial Scholarship for Labor Education. Contact the Labor Studies Center to request a scholarship application at (313) 577-2191.

To Register
1. Call the Labor Studies Center at (313) 577-2191.
2. Register online at the following link: http://go.wayne.edu/LaborSchool2016