The Labor Center is a unit of The University of Iowa’s Division of Continuing Education. Its mission is to provide educational programs and resources to Iowa workers and their unions.

The Labor Center offers courses for union members on The University of Iowa campus. Each year we conduct a series of open-enrollment, non-credit short courses and seminars—see inside for this year’s calendar.

We also travel to your union hall or community to provide classes on a wide range of topics which can be tailored to the needs and priorities of your union.

Our staff can also provide research assistance and technical information to unions.

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**What participants are saying about Labor Center programs…**

**From our 60th Annual Labor Short Course (May 2011)**

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**Everyone I learned will make me a more confident, stronger, and better educated steward and citizen.**

I feel re-energized and ready to continue the battle. I was able to learn so much about a variety of subjects.

I enjoyed the program because it was a great moment of sharing and studying. I feel like I am powerful and ready to educate my members when back home.

What I learned will help me get our members more involved and play a role when it comes to issues which affect us all.

**Labor Advisory Committee**

The Labor Advisory Committee regularly meets with Center staff to plan and promote labor education in Iowa. Current members:

Jim Beach, President, Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers (NALC)
Bill Biede, President, Southwest Iowa Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Bruce Clark, President, Iowa Postal Workers Union (APWU) and President, Dubuque Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO
Mark Cooper, President, South Central Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO
Greg Cross, International Representative, UE
Gary Dunham, Secretary-Treasurer, IBT Local 238
Bill Gerhard, President, Iowa State Building & Construction Trades Council
Cathy Glasson, President, SEIU Local 199
Roger Grobstich, International Representative, RWDSU
John Harrig, Business Representative, IAM&AW Dist. 6
David Hoffman, International Representative, GMP
Danny Homan, President, AFSCME Council 61
Jerry Kearns, Education Director, Lee County Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Jan Laue, Secretary-Treasurer, Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO
Coy Marquardt, East Central Unions Director, ISEA
Tom Moritz, Union Representative, UFCW Local 431, and Iowa Vice President, Quad City Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO
Jane Nygaard, National Vice-President, Dir. 8, AFGE
Sandy Oppstvedt, President, IBEW’ Iowa State Conference
Shelley Parbs, President, Hawkeye Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Kay Pence, International Representative, CWA
Keri Sagard, President, Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO
Brad Schwanda, International Representative, UAW, and Region 4 Education Coordinator
Rick Scofield, President, Iowa Professional Fire Fighters (IAFF)
Midge Slater, Iowa Alliance for Retired Americans

Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to attend all University of Iowa-sponsored events. If you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation in order to participate, please contact the Labor Center in advance at (319) 335-4144. The University of Iowa is an equal opportunity employer and prohibits discrimination in employment or in its educational programs and activities.
Courses for Union Members, 2011 - 2012

**Public Sector Bargaining in Crisis** .................................. Sept. 9-10
**Tools for Talking About Today's Economy** ........................ Oct. 29
**Financial Officers' School** ............................................... Dec. 1-2
**Collective Bargaining** ..................................................... Jan. 25-27
**Workers' Compensation** ................................................ Feb. 9-10
**Building Bridges for Worker Justice in Iowa's Growing Low-Wage Economy** .......... Feb. 18
**Family & Medical Leave Act (FMLA)** ................................. March 8-9
**Advanced Steward School** ............................................... April 12-9
**61**st **Annual Labor Short Course** ..................................... May 14-18

Sponsored by the United Association for Labor Education, hosted by Labor Center
**2012 Midwest School for Women Workers** .......................... July 25-29

Information and Registration for Courses on Campus
Courses held on campus feature instruction provided by Labor Center staff and university faculty as well as invited experts from the labor movement, the legal field, and relevant government agencies. Detailed fliers and registration information for each program will be distributed to mail-invited experts from the labor movement, the legal field, and relevant government agencies. Detailed fliers and registration information for each program will be distributed to mail-recipient officers and posted on our website prior to each program. Please register at least 21 days in advance.

For more information or to register, call 319-335-4144 or visit www.continuetolearn.uiowa.edu/laborctr. Standard per-person registration fees: One-day schools=$100, two-day schools=$150, three-day schools=$200, five-day schools=$300. Lodging options will be available either on site or at nearby hotels (lodging/meal costs are not included in registration fees unless specifically noted). English-Spanish interpretation is available for all programs with advance notice.

OPTION 1: Attend Classes at The University of Iowa

For a fee of $250 per day, plus the cost of materials. A reduced fee sliding scale is available to locals experiencing financial hardship. Call for information on out-of-state fees.

Central Labor Council Programs
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Spanish and Multilingual Programs
Classes may be delivered in multiple languages through simultaneous interpretation. Programming in Spanish is also available. Call for details.

Sample Class Topics
Topics listed below are examples of classes offered to Iowa unions on a regular basis. The Labor Center also offers classes on a wide range of other relevant topics by request, and can customize or combine topics to create a course to suit your local union. Give us a call to discuss the possibilities: 319-335-4144.

**Arbitration**
**Building Solidarity**
**Building Trades Union Issues**
**Child Labor**

OPTION 2: Let the Labor Center Come to You

Host a Labor Center Class
Customized for Your Union
Labor Center instructors are available to travel to your community to conduct programs at times and places convenient for your members. Call to discuss setting up a class for your local union: 319-335-4144.

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Collective Bargaining
Common Sense Economics
Communication Skills & Strategies
Disability Issues and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
Discrimination Issues in the Workplace
Drug and Alcohol Testing
Ergonomics
Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA)
Health Care
Immigration
Internal Organizing: One-on-one communication, building membership, organizing around issues, etc.
International Trade and the Global Economy
Labor and Employment Law
Labor History
Mobilizing
New Member Education
Newsletters and Web Sites
Media Outreach
Organizing
Parliamentary Procedure
Political Action and Citizenship
Privacy Issues in the Workplace
Privatization, Outsourcing and Contracting Out
Public Sector Union Issues
Public Speaking
Safety and Health: OSHA and other legal rights, safety committees, etc.
Sexual Harassment in the Workplace
Steward Education: Legal rights and roles, grievance handling, organizing, etc.
Strategic Planning
Workers' Compensation in Iowa
Young Workers/Emerging Leaders

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