

About the Labor Center

The Labor Center is located within The University of Iowa's College of Law. 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 our 2015-16 on-campus programs...



Informative, enlightening, inspiring; can take this info back and apply it to my work.

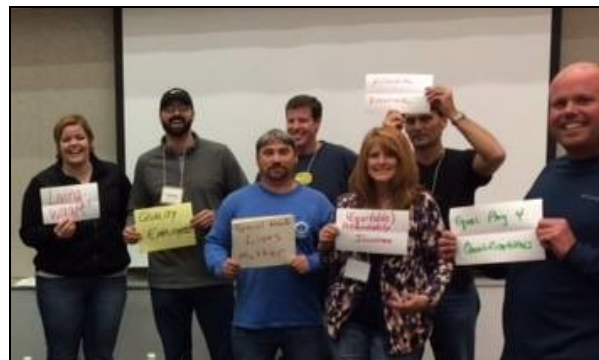
I'm new to this and the class is giving me tools I can use.

This class did a great job inspiring me to be a better union member. Great ideas on how to build a stronger shop.

Always so much information, wonderful instructors. I may need to attend again.

I feel that the team at the Labor Center does a great job with teaching and having the right instructors who know the subjects.

Enjoyed the detail and depth of the class. I will take a lot back to the membership from class and from speaking with the other locals here.



Labor Advisory Committee

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

Stacey Andersen, *International Representative, GMP*

Jim Beach, *President, Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers (NALC)*

Bruce Clark, *President, Iowa Postal Workers Union (APWU) and 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*

Robert Gilmore, *Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, IUPAT District Council 81*

Cathy Glasson, *President, SEIU Local 199*

Brad Greve, *Interim President, Great River Area Labor Federation, AFL-CIO*

Roger Grobstich, *International Representative, RWDSU*

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John Herrig, *Business Representative, LAM&AW Dist. 6*

Danny Homan, *President, AFSCME Council 61*

Jerry Kearns, *USW (retired)*

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Ken Sagar, *President, Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO*

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Midge Slater, *President, Iowa Alliance for Retired Americans*

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OPTION 1: Attend Classes at The University of Iowa

Courses for Union Members, 2016-2017 *presented in cooperation with the Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO*

New Steward School	Sept. 8-9
Union Communications	Nov. 17-18
Financial Officers' School	Dec. 1-2
Collective Bargaining	Jan. 30-Feb. 2
Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA)	Feb. 27-28
Workplace Health & Safety	March 9-10
Labor Short Course	April 24-28

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-receiving 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 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.

Fees for Off-Campus Classes

Customized classes are offered to Iowa unions 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

Under a unique statewide education program, each Iowa Central Labor Council (CLC) is eligible to receive financial sponsorship from the Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO, to hold up to four Labor Center classes per year. Contact the Labor Center for details.

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

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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