The Professional Certificate in Labor Leadership

About Labor Studies
Labor studies is an interdisciplinary academic field encompassing labor and worker history, organizational development, international relations, organizing, advocacy, adult education and training, understanding democratic institutions, and leadership development.

Labor studies in higher education is inherently a field of engaged scholarship, and thus many students, faculty, and staff members are active participants in the organized labor movement. Labor studies practitioners and students are uniquely placed to provide critical analysis of historic controversies and strategic barriers to social, political, and organizational change.

The Labor Studies Program at UMass Boston’s College of Public and Community Service (CPCS) prepare students for work in unions, labor organizations, community-based organizations, and government and public service. This academic field provides excellent career advancement opportunities for rank-and-file union members who aspire to leadership positions, and for younger workers and activists seeking entry into the sector of organized labor.

The Certificate Program
The Certificate in Labor Leadership is a valuable professional credential for emerging leaders in the labor movement. Students may pursue a cohort program fostering group learning across different unions, communities, and economic sectors. Completion requires six three-credit courses (18 credits) Scholarships are available.

Curriculum Topics
- Labor History
- Organizing Strategies
- Workers’ Rights
- Union Administration
- Private and Public Sector Bargaining
- International Labor Issues
- Strategic Analysis and Planning

The Certificate consists of 6 courses selected from the following list:
LABCTR 210 Assessing Workers’ Power: Are Unions Necessary?
LABCTR 230 Legislative Labyrinth: Legislative Structure, Power, and Process
LABCTR 315 Leading and Strengthening Workers’ Organizations
LABCTR 320 Union Administration
LABCTR 325 Workers’ Rights
LABCTR 330 Division of Labor: Debating Policy Issues
LABCTR 335 Workers of the World Unite: Critical Practice
LABCTR 405 Analyzing Organizing Strategy
LABCTR 425 Bargaining Strategies

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