

The Labor Center provides educational programs and resources to workers and labor organizations. For over 70 years, we have served as a bridge between the state's public university system and working Iowans across the state's 99 counties. The Labor Center is located within The University of Iowa College of Law.

We offer non-credit, continuing education courses for Iowa workers on workplace legal rights, industrial relations, and leadership. You can attend open-enrollment classes on campus or host a program that is customized for your members, held in your community at accessible times & places.

Our staff also provides research, curriculum development, and technical assistance to community and labor organizations, and preserves Iowa's rich labor history by curating the Iowa Labor History Oral Project.

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What recent attendees are saying about our classes...

“ The class changed my life forever. I learned so much, the teachers were really good. . . . It brought me out of my shell and to be more confident. I'm so grateful to have gone through this class. ”



“ Super interactive, which helps me learn. Very informative, I like the resource handouts. Really educational. ”

“ This program and all of the presenters were by far the best I have attended. Very pleased. ”



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Option 1: You come to us

2023/24 courses presented on The University of Iowa campus in Iowa City, in cooperation with the Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO

These courses feature instruction provided by Labor Center staff and university faculty as well as invited experts from the labor movement, the legal field, government agencies, and nonprofits.



Iowa Public Sector Union Conference

Sept. 8

Union Financial Officers' School

Dec. 7-8

Collective Bargaining (private sector)

Jan. 29-31

Advanced Stewards' School

Feb. 21-22

Iowa Workers' Compensation

Mar. 25-26

72nd Labor Short Course

Apr. 29 - May 3

- Standard per-person registration fees are: 1-day schools=\$150, 2-day schools=\$300, 3-day schools=\$400, and 5-day schools=\$600.
- Lodging options will be available either on site or at nearby hotels.
- Lodging/meal/parking costs are not included in registration fees.
- English-Spanish interpretation is available for all programs with advance notice.



For more information or to register, call 319-335-4144, visit

https://bit.ly/LC_program_registration or scan here:



Option 2: We come to you

Host a Class Tailored for Your Group:

We conduct programs on dates and at times and locations convenient for your members on topics you care most about.

Sample class topics are listed on the right. Call 319-335-4144 for details.

Fees for Off-Campus Classes:

Standard fees are \$600/teaching day plus print costs for classes in Iowa hosted by local unions with fewer than 1,500 members. Programs in Iowa for large local unions or state-wide bodies are \$800/day plus materials. Regional and national union program rates vary as do rates for programs conducted out of state; call for details. A reduced fee sliding scale is available for groups facing financial hardship.

Labor Federation Programs:

The Iowa Federation of Labor sponsors a program in which chapters of AFL-CIO Area Labor Federations in Iowa can host Labor Center classes for workers and community allies up to four times per year with no program fee. Call for details!

Legal Rights Topics include:

National Labor Relations Act • Iowa Public Employment Relations Act • Davis-Bacon and Related Acts • Federal Service Labor Management Relations Statute • Railway Labor Act • Occupational Safety & Health Act • Iowa Workers' Compensation • Fair Labor Standards Act • Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) • Americans with Disabilities Act • Iowa Wage Payment Collection Act • Federal and Iowa Civil Rights Acts • Iowa Employment Security Act

Leadership Development Topics include:

Steward Schools • Collective Bargaining • Organizational and Member Communications • Health and Safety Risks of Fatigue • Effective Safety Committees • Union Values • Financial Officers' Training • Workplace Grievance Handling • Arbitration • Public Speaking • Coalition Building • Civic Engagement • Unions 101 • Iowa Labor History • Running Effective Meetings • Combating Discrimination and Harassment

Leadership Institutes, Curriculum Development, Equity Initiatives, and other Sponsored Projects

In addition to teaching classes, the Labor Center contracts with local, regional, and national unions and nonprofits to host weeklong on-campus leadership institutes, develop customized curriculum, or produce educational materials on labor topics.

The Labor Center convenes statewide alliances and public conferences to tackle the most pressing issues of our time, such as labor and climate, labor and immigration, workplace safety, worker-led economic development, and combating wage theft.

We are also proud to support initiatives such as the Iowa Women in Trades Network, the Iowa Labor History Oral Project (ILHOP), the Iowa Labor History Society, the Iowa BlueGreen Alliance, and our Quality Pre-Apprenticeship Program that promotes pathways into construction registered apprenticeships. Call us to find out more!