

The Labor Center provides educational classes, resources, and programs that equip workers and their organizations to improve the quality of their jobs and communities. For over 70 years, we have served as a bridge linking our public university system with working lowans 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, policy, and leadership skills. Workers can attend our open-enrollment classes on the University of Iowa campus, or their union or organization can sponsor a customized program held in their local community, at accessible times & locations.

Our staff also provide **research, curriculum development, and technical assistance** to community and labor organizations.

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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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Join our 2024-25 Classes!



Strengthening Iowa Through Worker Education

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Option 1: You come to us

2024/25 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.



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| Health & Safety/Fatigue (no registration fee!) | Sept. 21 |
| Union Financial Officers' School | Dec. 5-6 |
| Collective Bargaining (private sector) | Jan. 29-31 |
| Family & Medical Leave Act | Mar. 31-Apr. 1 |
| 73rd Labor Short Course | Apr. 28 - May 2 |

- 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 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, Community Initiatives, & 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 (IWIT), the Iowa Labor History Oral Project (ILHOP), the Iowa BlueGreen Alliance, the "Stepping Up for Iowa's Future" next generation construction leadership initiative, and the Iowa City Quality Pre-Apprenticeship Program. Call us to find out more!