

Located within The University of Iowa College of Law, **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 Iowans across the state's 99 counties.

We offer **non-credit, continuing education courses for Iowa workers on workplace legal rights, policy, and leadership skills.**

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

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"This is my second class hosted by you guys, and just like the first, I will leave feeling so empowered! These classes are great and so engaging!"



"Excellent content... I felt like I will be capable of taking care of my union members."

What recent attendees are saying about our classes...

"The class covered everything that I could encounter during our upcoming negotiations. I feel more prepared going forward. Thank you!"

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Strengthening Iowa
Through Worker Education



JOIN OUR 2025/2026 CLASSES!

The University of Iowa Labor Center
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Iowa City, IA 52242-5000
<https://laborcenter.uiowa.edu>

OPTION 1: You come to us

2025/2026 courses presented on the University of Iowa Campus in Iowa City, in cooperation with the Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO.



Instruction provided by the Labor Center staff and university faculty, as well as invited experts from the labor movement, the legal field, government agencies, and non-profits:

Health & Safety

Stewards' School

Union Financial Officers' School

Collective Bargaining

Workers' Compensation

74th Annual Labor Short Course

Sept. 11-12

Sept. 29-30

Dec. 4-5

Jan. 21-23

Mar. 26-27

Apr. 20-24

Standard per-person
registration fees:

2-day school = \$300

3-day school = \$400

5-day school = \$600

- Discounted room rates at nearby hotel.
- Lodging/meal/parking not included in registration fees.
- English-Spanish interpretation available with advance notice.

For more information: <https://laborcenter.uiowa.edu>

To register: https://bit.ly/LC_program_registration
or scan code:



OPTION 2: We come to you

Host a Class:

We conduct programs on dates and at times and locations convenient for your members on topics important to you.

Email labor-center@uiowa.edu for details.

Fees for Off-Campus Classes:

Programs for local unions in Iowa with fewer than 1,500 members are \$600/day plus print handouts. Programs for large local unions in Iowa or state-wide bodies are \$800/day plus print handouts. Rates for out-of-state, regional and national union programs vary; email for details. A reduced, sliding scale fee is available for groups facing financial hardship.

Labor Federation Programs:

Sponsored by the Iowa Federation of Labor, chapters of AFL-CIO Area Labor Federations in Iowa can host Labor Center classes for workers & community allies up to four times per year with **no program fee**.

Leadership Institutes, Curriculum Development, Community Initiatives & Other Sponsored Projects

We contract with local, regional, and national unions and nonprofits to host weeklong, on-campus leadership institutes, develop customized curriculum, and 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.

Do you have an idea for an educational opportunity, project, or community initiative? Contact the Labor Center to to speak with one of our staff about collaborating with us: labor-center@uiowa.edu.

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

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