Where
Classes are held at Wayne State’s main campus near Warren and Woodward avenues.

When
New students normally begin the Labor School at the start of the fall or winter semesters, but you are welcome to begin at any time.

You can complete the program in two years by attending once each week (for 2½ hours) or in one year in the accelerated program by attending twice each week. Classes include evening and morning options.

Fall semester: fourth week of September through the second week of December. New students attend an orientation session the week before regular classes begin.

Winter semester: second week of January through the second week of May. Graduation is held in May on the Saturday following the final class.

Tuition and course materials
The Labor School is $750, which can be paid in semester installments. Tuition includes all books. Many students receive tuition assistance from their union or employer.

In its four-decade history, the Labor School has never denied admission to anyone based on inability to pay. Students can set up payment installment plans. Labor school scholarships are also available to pay half or more of the tuition. To request a scholarship application, call the Labor Studies Center office at (313) 577-2191.

For more information visit the Labor Studies Center website: www.laborstudies.wayne.edu or call: (313) 577-2191 or e-mail: laborschool@wayne.edu
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Meet union members across the metro area  
Earn credit toward a Wayne State bachelor’s degree

Come to the Labor School

The Labor School is a leadership development program that builds your confidence and capacity to make a difference in your workplace, union and community. You will learn such diverse skills as enforcing workplace rights, recruiting and motivating volunteers, understanding organized labor’s role and history, and planning and implementing workplace campaigns.

Get to know other workers throughout southeast Michigan. Lively classes feature discussions and small group activities designed for working adults. Our teaching staff combines years of activism in the labor movement with long experience in adult education.

Join the more than 3,500 people in southeast Michigan, including many union officers and staff, who have graduated since the Labor School began in 1967!

Open to All

The Labor School is a certificate program focused on real-world problems and prospects of workers and unions. There are no exams and no grades. Workers, union members, community groups, students, and all others are welcome to attend. The only entrance requirement is a commitment to learning.

A Path to Wayne State University

Labor School graduates with a high school diploma or GED can enroll as undergraduates at Wayne State with no further admission requirements other than a simple application. As undergraduates progress toward their degree, the Labor School counts as 10 elective credits.

The Courses

The Labor School consists of 10 courses divided into two tracks. Students attending once a week take one track the first year and the other track the second year. Those attending twice a week complete both tracks simultaneously to finish in one year.

Union Views Track

In these five courses, students discuss how the labor movement can rebuild power in the 21st century.

Fall semester

History of American Social Movements (7 weeks)
Labor Perspectives (4 weeks)

Winter semester

Leading a Diverse Union (4 weeks)
Economics for Workers (7 weeks)
Power and Politics (6 weeks)

Union Skills Track

Students develop skills, technical knowledge, and strategies needed to become an effective workplace leader.

Fall semester

What Unions Do (4 weeks)
Your Rights in the Workplace (7 weeks)

Winter semester

Strategic Planning and Campaigns (6 weeks)
Communication Skills (6 weeks)
Building Effective Union Locals (5 weeks)

Registration

Complete this form and mail to:
Labor School registration, Labor Studies Center, 3178 FAB, 656 W. Kirby, Detroit MI 48202; fax to (313) 577-2191 or e-mail the requested information to laborschool@wayne.edu.