

Dear Friends, health and safety instructors, activists, brothers and sisters,

This September the University of Windsor Labour Studies program's offering a **WORKER HEALTH & SAFETY COURSE**. I will be the sessional instructor. This course is part of the university curriculum and a Partial Distance course made specifically for full time workers and shift workers.

"Partial Distance" courses provide a combination of class room instruction, learning and discussion via the Internet and take home assignments. Many Windsor workers have taken advantage and benefited from the program.

Most university courses demand taking 3 hours of classroom instruction each week. With the Partial Distance courses in Labour Studies it is much more flexible, class time is cut in half and the course will be offered off campus at the Windsor Public Library Main Branch, 850 Ouellette Ave.

Course times and dates will be every Thursday, one class from 10:00-11:50 AM and the same class re-taught from 5:30- 7:20 PM. Classes begin September 8. If you are on shift work then you can attend either the morning or evening class.

What Is Different About This Health & Safety Course?

This course will not be the standard WHMIS and joint health and safety course offered. The course will examine more than the mechanics of health and safety, scientific research, WHMIS training, etc. We examine the historical struggle for worker's rights; the rise of worker movements; how the law is framed and developed and who benefits; the differences in worker, management and government perspectives; health and safety struggles across Canada and the world; the culture of work in capitalist society with a critical eye; women's health and safety issues; differences in industrial and non-industrial workplaces; the politics of power, control and wealth in society; a critical examination of who controls the science of workplace health and safety.

Why Take This Course?

You can supplement your educational background, work to get a Certificate in Labour Studies, earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in Labour Studies, augment a previous degree, add skills for career development. Whether you are a union representative or a member of the management team you can simply benefit from the wider perspectives on workplace health and safety.

If you are a member of the CAW your union local may have negotiated educational benefits for you. Check with your union rep. Your employer may pay.

What Does Labour Studies Offer?

Courses are offered in summer, fall and winter sessions and include:

**WORKER HEALTH & SAFETY
LABOUR LAW
LABOUR & SOCIAL MOVEMENTS
WORKING FOR A LIVING
WORK & OCCUPATIONS**

Making Contact

We will be glad to talk to you about the possibilities. Please, feel free to contact Alan Hall, Director of the Program at 519 253-3000 Ext. 5109 or email him at hall4@uwindsor.ca.

We hope you consider signing up for the course.

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