

LABOR STUDIES

College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies

Program Description

The Labor Studies Program is concerned with the world of work, workers, and their organizations. It investigates the cultural, economic, and political forces which provide the environment in which people make a living. It is an inter-disciplinary program which combines broad perspectives with specific skills.

The program emphasizes the world of work from the view of the individual in the workplace, the labor market, and as a member of a work group or labor union. The roles of employers, government, and labor unions, as adversaries and cooperators in an increasingly competitive world, are covered. Courses combine analytical and practical elements, bridging academia with the world of work.

Degree Program

Minor in Labor Studies (<https://catalog.csus.edu/colleges/social-sciences-interdisciplinary-studies/labor-studies/minor-in-labor-studies/>)

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LBRS 100. Labor and the American Social Structure.  3 Units

Prerequisite(s): Junior standing; a WPJ Portfolio score OR ENGL 109M or ENGL 109W

General Education Area/Graduation Requirement: Writing Intensive Graduation Requirement (WI), Social and Behavioral Sciences (4-A)

Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Introduction to the study of labor in the U.S., including the nature of work, characteristics of the work force, and an overview of contemporary labor and industrial relations systems within the framework of current U.S. economic and political developments.

Cross Listed: SOC 176; only one may be counted for credit.

LBRS 195. Labor Studies Internship. 1 - 3 Units

Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Supervised work experience or research in relevant institutions providing an opportunity to apply classroom theories and principles to the "real world." Partial supervision may be supplied by host institution. Requires approval of the Labor Studies Coordinator.

Credit/No Credit

LBRS 199. Special Problems. 1 - 3 Units

Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Individual projects or directed reading open to students competent to carry on individual work under the direction of a faculty sponsor. Admission requires approval of the faculty sponsor and the Labor Studies Coordinator.

Credit/No Credit