

Bachelor of Arts with a
Major in Labour Studies

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A university that's all about you

Athabasca University, Canada's Open University, is the nation's leading online and distance education university. We're proud to take education to the people, serving more than 37,000 students in 87 countries worldwide.

We offer over 700 courses in more than 90 undergraduate and graduate degree, diploma and certificate programs. Our philosophy is to remove geographical, financial, social and cultural barriers that traditionally limit access to post-secondary achievement.

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Labour Studies As Individual As You Are



→ The AU Labour Studies Program is unique in Canada, being the only program of its kind that is available entirely through distance education.

Labour Studies is an interdisciplinary program that assesses the place of labour and working people in society. The content draws on traditional social sciences such as economics, labour law, political science and sociology, as well as on more modern approaches including women's studies and cultural studies.

It is often difficult for working people to know and understand their rights and to articulate their interests. One reason lies in the pro-business bias that dominates mass media and many educational programs. Another reason is that issues significantly affecting the lives of working people, such as labour law, workplace organization and welfare state

provisions, are rarely presented or discussed in public.

Labour Studies focuses on these issues and offers a perspective that is different from mainstream media representation. The approach recognizes the legitimacy of the concerns of working people, aims at helping to build their capacities and self-confidence, and opens equitable access to university education.

The program is flexible and self-directed with only three mandatory core courses. You may select the rest of your program from a list of electives according to your background, interests and aspirations. Included are courses in labour history, work organization, women and unions, and the theory and practice of trade unions. With these choices, the program can be as individual as you are.

Our program is designed for people who want to know more about the position of labour and workers in society, especially

- * trade unionists at both the leadership and general membership levels
- * those who want to know about and improve their skills in collective bargaining, labour law or occupational health and safety (OH&S) issues *
- * people who are active in their unions or who want to become active
- * people who work in labour relations management and others interested in social activism





→ **Advanced Credit**

You may be able to receive advanced credit for some union education training programs. For full details, refer to our online Calendar at www.athabascau.ca, click on Programs and then select the program you are interested in from the list provided.

→ **Prior Learning Assessment**

AU recognizes that learning is not restricted to a scholastic environment. You may have acquired university-level learning through work or other informal means. The university will use the prior learning assessment and recognition (PLAR) process to assess, for credit, your training and work experience in the Labour Studies field. As a program student, you may be awarded up to a maximum of 30 PLAR credits toward the BA in Labour Studies concentration program or a maximum of 39 PLAR credits toward the BA in Labour Studies major program.

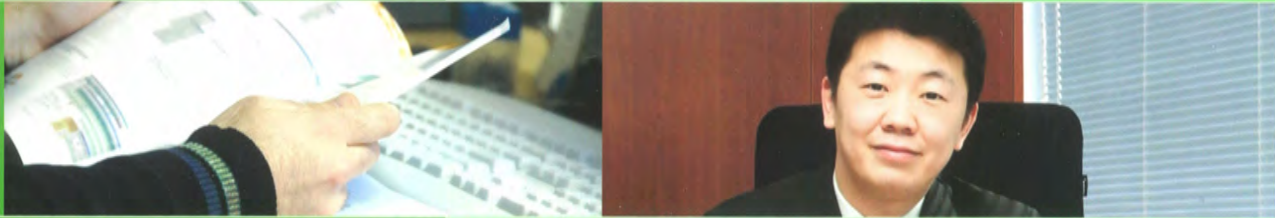
For more information about PLAR and for application materials, contact the Centre for Learning Accreditation at 1-800-788-9041, extension 6481.

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Programs and Courses

The program is designed so that all program students gain knowledge and skills in key areas of Labour Studies. As a certificate student, you will have the opportunity to ladder your credential easily into one of the degree routes if you choose to do so. The core courses and elective choices for all students are the same. It is the depth and breadth of the studies that vary, depending on the program you select. As a degree student, you must, in addition to satisfying the specific requirements of your chosen concentration or major, meet the general requirements for a three-year (90 credits) or a four-year (120 credits) BA. For full details, go to our online Calendar at www.athabascau.ca and click on Programs for the undergraduate regulations.



→ **Certificate (30 credits)**

- * Designated core courses: 12 credits
- * Elective courses: 18 credits selected from a prescribed set of courses

BA Concentration (90 credits)

- * English Writing Skills requirement (See Admission Requirements)
- * Minimum of 33 credits in Labour Studies concentration courses, including a minimum of 24 senior (300 or 400) level credits
- * Designated core courses: 12 credits
- * Elective courses: minimum of 21 credits selected from a prescribed set of courses

→ **BA Major (120 credits)**

- * English Writing Skills requirement ((See Admission Requirements)
- * Minimum of 39 credits in Labour Studies major courses, including a minimum of 30 senior (300 or 400) level credits
- * Designated core courses: 12 credits
- * Elective courses: minimum of 27 credits selected from a prescribed selection of courses

→ **Designated Core Courses**

All Certificate and Baccalaureate program students complete the following designated core courses (12 credits):

- * HIST 336 History of Canadian Labour (6)

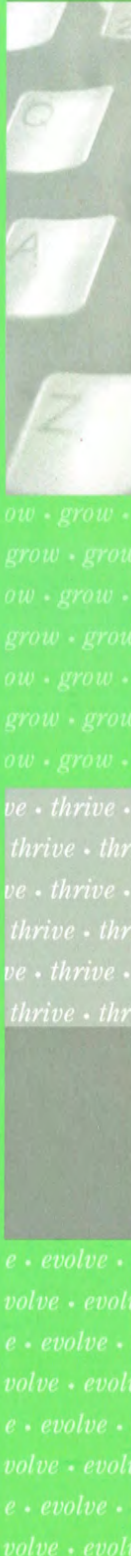
- * LBST 200 Introduction to Labour Studies (3) OR Labour College of Canada: Introduction to Labour Studies (3)
- * SOCI 321 The Sociology of Work and Industry (3)

→ **Elective Courses**

Elective Courses include

- * Workers and the Economy
- * Labour Relations and the Law
- * Women and Unions
- * Occupational Health and Safety
- * The Impact of the Charter on Labour Relations
- * What Do Unions Do?
- * Collective Bargaining
- * Public Sector Labour Relations
- * Labour Unions

...and many more



→ Delivery

AU is committed to meeting your academic needs through the flexible design and delivery of its courses and programs. Some courses offer print-based course materials with online enhancements, while other may be fully available online.

→ Individualized Study

The flexibility of individualized study through online and distance education allows you to continue your post-secondary education and professional development while maintaining your employment and remaining in your home community.

Individualized study courses are offered throughout the year, beginning on the first of each month. Please note that you must register for your courses at least one month in advance of your intended start date.

→ Grouped Study

Students meet in a classroom.. Grouped study courses are currently available in Alberta, Newfoundland and the Northwest Territories. To find out if a course you are interested in is available through grouped study, go to <http://www.athabascau.ca/collab/> and click on Classroom Courses.

→ Admission Requirements

Courses are open to anyone 16 or older regardless of previous educational background, achievements or geographic location.

All BA program students must meet an English Writing Skills requirement in one of the following ways:

- * complete ENGL 255
- * earn a grade of B- (70 per cent) or better on another AU English course above the preparatory (100) level
- * receive transfer credit for an English course above the preparatory (100) level in which a grade of B- or better was achieved
- * pass the Alberta Universities Writing Competency Test

For more information about AU's admission requirements please see the online Calendar at www.athabascau.ca/.

→ Contact Information

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