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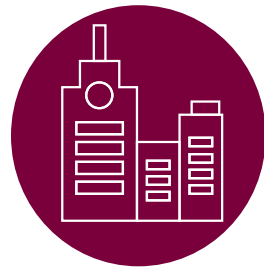
Reputation

One of four Canadian universities ranked in the top 100 world-wide and host site for a United Nations University



Research

Consistently ranked as one of Canada's top research-intensive universities. We are home to more than 70 Research centres and institutes



City

The fourth largest city in Ontario, Hamilton is a waterfront community situated on the Niagara escarpment



Campus

300 acres of property with 30 acres of campus for over 4000 graduate students and 300 postdoctoral fellows

MA in Labour Studies

Knowledge for Transforming the World of Work



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Our Faculty conduct cutting-edge interdisciplinary research on domestic and international labour issues. We are leaders in community-engaged scholarship, collaborating with unions, community organizations and policy-makers on research that will help **make work better for everyone.**



JUDY FUDGE

Judy Fudge's current research looks at the labour/migration nexus, unacceptable forms of work and the relationship between current campiness against modern slavery and the idea of unfree labour.



STEPHANIE PREMJI

Stephanie Premji researches working conditions and health problems in jobs held primarily by women, immigrants and minorities (ethnic and linguistic). She also examines social inequalities across and within occupations that have implications for health.



DAVID GOUTOR

David Goutor's research explores Canadian labour's approach to immigration, and the relationship between the labour movement and human rights campaigns since the 1940s. He also studies the politics of the living wage movement.



STEPHANIE ROSS

Stephanie Ross's research and teaching focuses on public sector unionism, union political strategy, emerging forms of worker organizing, labour movement renewal, and democracy in working-class and social movement organizations.



SUZANNE MILLS

Suzanne Mills' research explores diverse topics pertaining to equity at work and worker representation. Her research addresses gender and indigeneity in resource employment and union engagement with Indigenous peoples and gender and sexual minorities.



TOMMY WU

Tommy Wu's research and teaching interests are situated at the intersection of race and political economy, exploring how different groups become susceptible to extraction and violence in all their forms. His research focuses on the ideological and spatial dimensions of contemporary labour regimes in various industries.



GERALDINA POLANCO

Geraldina Polanco's research is situated at the intersection of work and migration. She explores the role of labour-sending states in the regulation of temporary labour programs, and how Canada's expansion of its Temporary Foreign Worker Program has introduced new regimes for establishing labour consent.

Unions and Workplace Democracy
Work, Health & Wellbeing

FOCUSED ON A
**BRIGHTER
WORLD**

Equity, Diversity & Inclusion in the Workplace
Vulnerable Workers, Human Rights & Social Justice

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The MA in Labour Studies is an exciting component of the School of Labour Studies at McMaster University. This interdisciplinary program introduces students to a variety of theoretical approaches and practical policy debates that relate to working in Canada and in societies around the world. We focus on a broad range of work activities, from working for wages in primary, industrial and service settings, to the paid and unpaid work that goes on in the home and elsewhere, to the health and safety implications of new technologies and new forms of work organization. With questions of social justice at the forefront, our MA encourages students to examine not only how workers are affected by these changes, but also what they are doing to transform work to make it better for everyone.

OUR STUDENTS

Our interdisciplinary program draws students with a wide range of academic backgrounds, including Sociology, Political Science, Geography, Anthropology, History, Communications Studies, English, Film, Women & Gender Studies, as well as Labour Studies. As well, many of our students are coming back to school from working in labour-related fields and bring a wealth of practical experience to the classroom. Our small class sizes mean that students will enjoy strong mentorship from faculty and a supportive intellectual community.

THE PROGRAM

The program consists of course work plus either a Major Research Paper (MRP) or a Thesis. Students complete either five courses and a Thesis or six courses and an MRP. Courses are chosen from a list of core Labour Studies courses as well as from disciplines such as Sociology, Political Science, Geography, Social Work, Anthropology, and History. Students can undertake the program on a full-time or part-time basis

PROGRAM LENGTH:

1 year full-time. Up to 5 years allowed for part-time studies.

REQUIRED CREDENTIAL:

Honours Bachelor's degree or equivalent from any discipline

PROGRAM TYPE:

Thesis and Course based

PROGRAM OPTIONS:

Full-time, Part-time

TYPICAL ENTRY:

September

CURRENT DEADLINE:

January 31st

FUTURE PATHS

Graduates from the MA in Labour Studies leave McMaster with a strong theoretical and policy-oriented background, sharpened analytical skills, and confidence in their abilities to effectively communicate what they have learned. These skills have enabled our graduates to pursue further graduate studies, move into professional programs such as law, and take up careers in the public, private and non-profit sectors. Our graduates are employed in numerous government departments, by unions as researchers and organizers, and as industrial relations experts, advocates for the disadvantaged, negotiators, labour economists, health and safety officers, teachers and politicians.

COURSES

- Bodies at Work: Politics, Science, Law & Occupational Health
- Independent Study
- Labour Movements and Social Transformation
- Labour, Equity and Diversity
- Methods
- Selected Topics in Labour Studies
- Theories of Work, Social Justice and Inequality
- Work and Democracy in the Global Society
- Work, Workers and Their Workplaces

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