

## Certificate in Labor Studies

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The Labor Studies certificate program empowers students with the knowledge to improve their working lives and equips them with the skills necessary for labor resource specialists. Hawai'i is one of the most unionized states in the United States, and organized labor has played a central role for democracy and equality in Hawai'i. Our courses equip students to think critically about the relationship between work and quality of life, and provide students with the opportunity to view race, culture, gender, economics, political science, media, history, and the future of work from a labor perspective. Courses address workers' rights, labor laws, collective bargaining, and labor theories. As an interdisciplinary field, Labor Studies prepares students for graduate school in law, work in unions, labor resources, public service, or social sciences fields. Labor Studies includes an international focus which helps students gain a critical understanding of the broader global economy as it impacts working people.

### Lower Division Requirement: 6 credits

Credits	Course Alpha / Number / Title
3	LBST 100: Introduction to Labor Studies
3	LBST 200: Hawaii Labor Media and Film

### Theory Foundational Requirement: 3 credits

Credits	Course Alpha / Number / Title
3	LBST 300: Labor Theory

### Upper Division Requirement: 6 credits

Credits	Course Alpha / Number / Title
3	LBST 400: Seminar in Labor Topics
3	LBST 486 Labor Studies Project or LBST 490: Labor Studies Practicum

### NOTES:

The faculty contacts for this certificate are Dr. Leslie Lopez ([lalopez@hawaii.edu](mailto:lalopez@hawaii.edu)) and Dr. William Puette ([puette@hawaii.edu](mailto:puette@hawaii.edu)).

The Certificate in Labor Studies will be offered via distance delivery only.