

1199SEIU

United Healthcare Workers East

QUALITY CARE AND
GOOD JOBS FOR ALL

MEMBER LEADERSHIP DEGREE PROGRAMS



**CUNY SCHOOL OF LABOR
AND URBAN STUDIES**

Dedicated to Public Service and Social Justice

Education is Power

About 1199SEIU

With more than 450,000 members, 1199SEIU is the largest and fastest-growing healthcare union in the nation. Since its founding in 1932, the union's mission has been to advocate for quality care, good jobs, and social justice for all. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. called 1199 his favorite union, describing it as “the authentic conscience of the labor movement.” Over the years, 1199SEIU has won some of the highest standards for healthcare workers in the country, including good wages and benefits, safe staffing levels, paid time off, a secure retirement, model childcare and education benefits, and a real voice in the workplace.



About SLU

The CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies (SLU) traces its roots to three decades of serving New York's workers and their unions as The Murphy Institute. Thanks to the support of 1199SEIU and other major New York unions that serve on its Labor Advisory Board, SLU opened its doors in 2018 as CUNY's 25th and newest self-standing school – and the only one explicitly dedicated to public service and social justice. Its educational mission is two-fold: 1) to expand opportunities for workers to obtain a college education and achieve occupational and economic mobility in the career of their choice; and 2) to prepare the next generation of labor and civic leaders, and to support the growth of labor and social justice organizations. As such, SLU now serves as labor's home and intellectual hub within the university.

Conveniently located in Midtown Manhattan just steps away from Grand Central Station and Times Square, SLU offers a small-college experience with the resources of the largest urban public university in the country.

About the Program

In collaboration with SLU, 1199SEIU is offering a new labor leadership program for its delegates and activists through an exciting opportunity to enroll **tuition-free** and earn either a Bachelor's or Master's degree in Labor Studies. SLU is known for providing support to adult students who may be returning to school after many years. In addition to on-going academic support, SLU offers specialized tutoring and college preparation courses to improve reading, writing, and math skills. SLU also provides guidance and assistance to 1199SEIU delegates and activists throughout the admissions process.

The tuition for undergraduate and graduate degree programs will be paid in full for qualified members by the 1199SEIU Training and Upgrading Fund.

Developing Leadership Skills for 1199SEIU Activists and Staff

Labor Studies at SLU prepares union activists to take on increasing levels of responsibility for union building. Students gain a deeper knowledge of labor's challenges and opportunities regarding organizing, politics, and the 21st century political economy. Courses also sharpen students' critical thinking, oral and written communication, and strategic planning skills. SLU's Labor Studies classes enable students to gain knowledge that is essential to the daily functioning of unions – including contract campaigns, collective bargaining, internal and new organizing, grievance handling – as well as grounded in labor history and theory. SLU offers certificates and degree programs at both the graduate and undergraduate level.

Programs include:

- [The Bachelor's Degree in Labor Studies](#)
- [The Undergraduate Certificate in Labor Studies](#)
- [The Undergraduate Certificate in Labor Relations](#)

- [The Master's Degree in Labor Studies](#)
- [The Graduate Certificate in Labor Studies](#)
- [The Graduate Certificate in Labor Relations](#)



Five Reasons to Enroll at SLU

1. Like 1199SEIU, SLU recognizes the value of public service work and is dedicated to strengthening the labor movement and building a more just society.
2. At SLU you can study the world of work and gain the knowledge and skills needed to advocate for workers in the workplace and the broader society.
3. SLU is a school for thinkers and doers. The faculty includes both academics and movement-building activists. At SLU, you will have classmates who are decision-makers in government, non-profit organizations, and labor unions.
4. SLU can help you certify your skills and advance your career by earning a degree or stackable credit-bearing certificates that can be applied towards a degree.
5. SLU offers a supportive learning environment, with evening classes for working adults. It has a student/faculty ratio of 11 to 1, and offers small classes, pro-active advisement, individualized tutoring, and one of the most comprehensive academic and student support systems anywhere.

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Learn From the Best

The CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies has a world-class faculty that includes renowned scholars and authors who are contributing new knowledge and shaping public policy and opinion. The faculty also includes distinguished practitioners who are experts in various fields, including government, labor, non-profit and public service. As a result, SLU's students learn about organizing from labor leaders, law from labor attorneys, policy from legislators and agency heads, and politics from elected officials and political action veterans. Together, our faculty brings a kaleidoscope of experience, ideas, and perspectives to the classroom. All are dedicated teachers and activists who are committed to educating for meaningful change.

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What Students and Alumni Are Saying About SLU

"The faculty at SLU are some of the most distinguished scholars and practitioners in the field. I don't think I could get a better education in Labor Studies anywhere in the country."

Carmen Del Valle
Graduate Student

"This is the perfect atmosphere to learn about labor, as well as to develop your own thoughts and ideas about it."

Kendall Holland
Graduate Student

"I have a much better understanding of where to put my energy to help change the world. And I have made some good friends along the way."

Mica Baum-Tuccillo
Undergraduate Student



Who is Eligible?

Must be an 1199SEIU member in good standing.

Admissions Requirements

Bachelor's Degree in Labor Studies

- High school diploma or high school equivalency (GED/ TASC)
- GPA 2.5 or higher for those with some college credits
- **Required Documents:** High school (or GED/ TASC exam results) or previous college transcripts



Master's Degree in Labor Studies

- B.A. degree from an accredited institution
- 3.0 GPA or higher
- **Required Documents:** previous college transcripts and personal statement



What Can You Do With a Degree or Certificate from SLU?

You can deepen your understanding of the labor movement and the problems facing workers. You can develop the skills to be more effective on the job, or as an advocate for change. You can advance in your career or build a new career. You can make a difference in your life and the lives of your family members and your community.

The possibilities are limitless!

More Than Just a School

SLU has a well-earned reputation for serving as a community hub for civic engagement and public programs featuring discussion and debate among scholars, policy-makers, elected officials, organized labor and allied organizations on a broad range of topics. SLU's online programs and conferences draw participants from around the globe. SLU also publishes a national journal, *New Labor Forum*, produces a monthly TV show about workers in New York City, *City Works*, and a podcast featuring academics and activists, *Reinventing Solidarity*. SLU is also home to the International Program for Labor, Climate and the Environment (ILPCE), a global center that links unions, grass-roots organizations, and social movement leaders to advocate for solutions to the climate crisis and advance the struggle for energy democracy.



*“1199SEIU is proud to partner with CUNY SLU to offer our members an education that prepares them to be leaders in the labor and social justice movements. I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity. **Education is power.**”*

*- George Gresham
President, 1199SEIU*



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