

Local 1549, DC 37, AFSCME

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CUNY SCHOOL OF LABOR AND URBAN STUDIES

Dedicated to Public Service and Social Justice

Collaborating to bring you undergraduate and graduate courses in

- Public Administration and Urban Studies
- Labor Relations and Labor Studies

About Local 1549, DC 37

Local 1549 represents nearly 16,000 clerical and administrative employees in almost every city agency in New York City. Members include clerks, eligibility specialists, paralegal aides, cashiers, and other employees who work in some of NYC's most critical agencies, including municipal hospitals, the police department, the Social Security Administration, and the Human Resources Administration. The Local works to protect the rights of members while negotiating for improved salaries, benefits, and working conditions.

About SLU

The CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies (SLU) is the 25th and newest School in The City University of New York system, and the only one explicitly dedicated to public service and social justice. With a nearly forty year history of serving New York City's workers, SLU has a well-deserved reputation for providing strong support to adult learners who may be just beginning their studies, or are returning to school after many years. Offering the only interdisciplinary curriculum in Labor and Urban Studies in the nation, SLU awards undergraduate and graduate degrees as well as numerous credit-bearing certificates that can provide you with an important professional credential.



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About The Collaboration

Local 1549 and CUNY SLU are collaborating to create a ladder to professional success for interested members, offering them the opportunity to build their knowledge and skills by enrolling in a certificate or degree program in Urban Studies or Labor Studies.



TUITION SUPPORT

Local 1549 provides its members with a number of tuition assistance programs that allow union members to pay little out-of-pocket tuition costs for their education.

- Local 1549's Ronnie Harris Memorial Scholarship awards \$1,500 in scholarships to a select number of members and members' children annually.
- DC 37's Ed Fund offers eligible members \$915 in annual tuition reimbursement.
- The DC 37 Ed Fund now covers four courses in Labor Studies at SLU (in the Labor Certificate, Labor M.A., or Urban B.A. with Labor Studies concentration).
- In addition, CUNY SLU offers an array of generous scholarships for adult learners and public sector workers.

DEVELOPING SKILLS FOR NYC'S CLERICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEES

Programs at CUNY SLU prepare 1549 members to take on increasing levels of responsibility in administration, decision-making, policy, strategic planning, and leadership. SLU's programs also help our member-students hone their skills in critical thinking, research, and oral and written communication.

Programs Offered

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION and URBAN STUDIES

B.A. in Urban and Community Studies

M.A. Degree in Urban Studies

Undergraduate and Graduate Certificates include:

- Public Administration and Public Policy
- Healthcare Leadership and Advocacy
- Community Leadership
- Workplace Democracy and Community Ownership (graduate level)

LABOR RELATIONS and LABOR STUDIES

B.A. in Labor Studies

M.A. in Labor Studies

Undergraduate and Graduate Certificates include:

- Labor Relations
- Labor Studies

Credits for Undergraduate and Graduate Certificates are fully transferable to the B.A. and M.A programs in Labor and Urban Studies

Learn From the Best

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

Increase your knowledge and skills to advance your career, our union, and our City.

Just Six Of Many Great Reasons to Enroll at SLU

1. Enroll in a school dedicated to public service and social justice.
2. Study NYC its problems and the administrative policies and practices that are designed to alleviate those problems.
3. Learn about labor-management relations, unions, and the labor movement.
4. Join a program for thinkers and doers
5. Develop your skills and advance your career.
6. Benefit from a small and supportive learning enviroment.

What Union Members and Alumni Are Saying

“The faculty are knowledgeable, caring, and enthusiastic about their subject matter. I like the fact that I have some very accomplished practitioners teaching me. They’ve exposed me to new ideas that I can apply on the job”

Shirley Netram
Undergraduate Student

“The program has given me the skills I need to advance my career.”

Lezette Clark
Undergraduate Student

“I thought about going back to college for years. When I realized my union could help pay the tuition, it was the push I needed. I’m fulfilling a lifelong dream and setting an example for my children.”

Harold McGruder
Undergraduate Student

“I’m constantly learning new things and improving myself. College is the one thing in my life right now that I am doing for myself, for my own personal growth. It’s a wonderful experience.”

Sandra Douglas
Undergraduate Student



The SLU Student Experience

SLU offers a unique small-college experience supported by the resources of the largest urban public university in the country.

CONVENIENCE The campus is conveniently located in mid-Manhattan, just steps away from both Grand Central Station and Times Square.

OPPORTUNITY SLU's small classes promote individualized attention. (average teacher/student ratio of 11:1)

SUPPORT SLU offers proactive and wraparound academic and student support services including:

- One-on-one academic advisement and support
- Supplemental instruction, individualized tutoring, and specialized student success workshops
- Health and wellness counseling
- Career counseling



COMMUNITY SLU's student body is comprised of individuals from diverse backgrounds and experiences, but they share a mutual concern for workers and disadvantaged populations, a passion for social justice, and the desire to make a difference. SLU is a teaching and learning community where students expand their knowledge of the world and share a vision for the future.



Who is Eligible?

- Must be a current member in good standing of Local 1549, DC 37 AFSCME
- Certificate and B.A. admission requires high school diploma or GED/HSE
- Advanced Certificate and M.A. admission requires B.A.
- See slu.cuny.edu for specific program requirements



What Can You Do with a Degree or Certificate?

SLU's Labor Studies and Urban Studies programs will deepen your understanding of how the problems, politics and policies of cities impact working-class and marginalized communities. Degrees and certificates from SLU's Urban Studies program can open doors and advance careers in government, community service, and urban planning and design, or prepare you to advocate for the needs of disadvantaged communities. Likewise, A degree or certificate in Labor Studies prepares students to work with unions and non-profit organizations as organizers or in leadership positions to advocate for workers' rights. In all of SLU's degree and certificate programs, you will gain marketable professional credentials and skills while promoting social justice and community-based activism.

Advance Your Skills in the Workplace and Beyond

More than a School

SLU has a well-earned reputation for serving as a community hub for civic engagement and public programs featuring discourse 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 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.



“I have always believed education is one of our most important life pursuits. When it comes to the members of Local 1549, I want to see them take advantage of all educational opportunities offered by their Union and other institutions that provide member employment advancement through formal learning and skill building. A very important consideration for our members when deciding to pursue advancement through education is affordability. An institution that has a mission and proven track record in providing affordable educational opportunities in the primary area of Labor and its related practices is the CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies. CUNY SLU has a long-developed history with Local 1549 and its members and has played a strong role in offering course studies centered on Labor and the Labor movement. 1549 members have an opportunity to apply for scholarships offered by SLU, DC 37, AFSCME, and Local 1549 to assist with funding their education. I cannot say enough about the importance of Unions and the continuing fight to keep Labor and the Labor Movement alive for future generations of workers. And we need institutions like CUNY SLU to make sure future generations receive a strong educational foundation to firmly participate in the labor movement.”

*- Eddie Rodriguez
President, Local 1549, DC 37*



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