

**LOCAL 1180
COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA**



**CUNY SCHOOL OF LABOR
AND URBAN STUDIES**

Partners Dedicated to Public Service and Social Justice



Education is Power

**LOCAL 1180 WILL PAY FOR UP TO 30 CREDITS IN TUITION FOR
BOTH UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDY**

About CWA 1180

Communications Workers of America, Local 1180, represents nearly 9,000 workers and 6,200 retirees. Members are employed as administrative and supervisory workers in New York City's mayoral and other city agencies, as well as in the NYS Unified Court System, private companies, and nonprofit organizations. The Local has a proud record of fighting against race and gender discrimination and for decent wages, good benefits, safe working conditions, and strong communities.



About SLU

The CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies is located in Midtown Manhattan (25 W. 43rd St.) and has a satellite program at Queens College (65-30 Kissena Blvd. Flushing, Queens). It was previously known as the Murphy Institute. In 2018, SLU opened its doors as the 25th school of CUNY, and the only one explicitly dedicated to public service and social justice. Its educational mission is threefold: expand higher education opportunities to enable job advancement and greater economic mobility; provide college degree programs that prepare the next generation of civic, labor, and community leaders and activists; and serve the broader community by promoting civic engagement.

Tuition Support for Eligible Local 1180 Members

CWA Local 1180 and CUNY SLU are partnering to support eligible Education Fund participants interested in furthering their education in the areas of government, public service, community building, and labor leadership. **Local 1180's Education Fund will pay for up to 30 credits in tuition and some fees** for eligible fund participants who enroll in SLU's undergraduate or graduate-level programs in Labor or Urban Studies! Those who complete an undergraduate degree can enroll for another 30 credits to earn their master's degree and Local 1180's Education Fund will pay for up to another 30 credits in tuition and some fees for eligible fund participants.

Urban Leadership Program

Undergraduate and Graduate Certificates and Degree Programs in Public Administration and Urban Studies

Urban Studies at SLU is an interdisciplinary approach to the study of cities, with a particular emphasis on the problems of urban, working-class communities and on strategies to alleviate these problems. This program is ideally suited for those interested in gaining important education credentials and advancing their careers in city government.

Students will study public management and public administration, and develop a deeper understanding of the structure and effectiveness of public agencies. They also will develop research, writing, analytical, budgeting, decision-making, and supervisory skills that are useful in their everyday work.

Topics of discussion include:

- Housing, education, health care, transportation, the environment, and public safety
- Politics and power in the city and their implications for policy formulation and implementation
- The social and economic problems confronting working-class communities, racial discrimination, and disparities in opportunities
- The urban economy and economic development
- Equitable tax policy and the public budget process
- Personnel practices, management, leadership, ethics, and accountability
- Evaluation of public policy, its implementation, and its effectiveness

The Urban Leadership Program offers:

Undergraduate & Graduate Certificates

Public Administration and Public Policy
Healthcare Leadership and Advocacy
Leading Change in Healthcare Systems
Community Leadership

Undergraduate & Graduate Degrees

Bachelor's in Urban Studies
Master's in Urban Studies

Labor Leadership Program

Undergraduate and Graduate Certificates and Degree Programs in Labor Relations and Labor Studies

Labor Studies is the interdisciplinary approach to the study of work, workers, worker organizations, and movements. Labor Relations focuses more narrowly on the policies and practices that define the relationship of employers and workers at the workplace (e.g. labor law, collective bargaining, contract administration, etc.). These programs of study are ideally suited for Local 1180 members who are interested in advocating for workers' rights on the job and in coalition with the broader community. Graduates of the program can become shop stewards, field representatives, organizers, researchers, or elected leaders.

Members enrolled in this program will expand their knowledge of labor history and the contemporary labor movement. They will deepen their understanding of working-class life, culture, and consciousness, and will develop leadership skills for grievance handling and arbitration, negotiation, and collective bargaining.

Topics of discussion include:

- Workers' rights
- Challenges facing the contemporary labor movement
- Issues of race, class, gender, and sexual orientation in the workplace
- The global economy and its effect on workers worldwide
- Labor law and its impact on organizing and labor-management relations
- Union governance and union democracy
- Strategies for union organizing and political mobilization
- The role of unions in local, national, and international politics
- Recent labor victories and the future of organized labor

The Labor Leadership Program offers:

Undergraduate & Graduate Certificates

Labor Relations
Labor Studies

Undergraduate & Graduate Degrees

Bachelor's in Labor Studies
Master's in Labor Studies



Benefits for Eligible 1180 Members

- Local 1180's Education Fund will pay for up to 30 credits in tuition, plus some fees, toward undergraduate and graduate studies.
- \$400 reimbursement per semester that can be applied to cover additional tuition costs to complete your degree.
- If you are pursuing a bachelor's degree, and need support beyond 30 credits, there are additional union and SLU resources available to help you complete your degree.

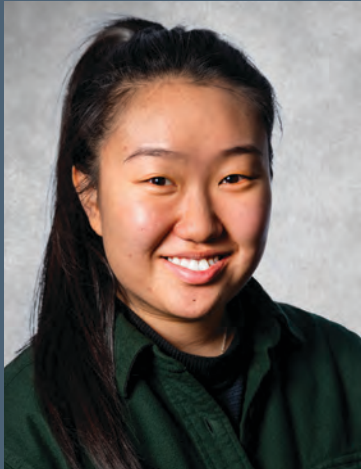


Who is Eligible

Must be a CWA Local 1180 Education Fund participant in good standing.

Students sponsored by CWA Local 1180 Education Fund are required to enroll and participate in a Community Service Project each fall and spring semester in which credits are being paid by CWA Local 1180. Please contact Local 1180 for specifics to fulfill this requirement.

Students can receive tuition coverage for up to two courses per semester for up to three semesters per year (spring, summer, fall).



Life Experience Credits

CWA Local 1180 members enrolled at the CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies may be eligible to receive college credits for prior learning experiences. This includes credits for relevant work experience, training, professional certifications, or previous coursework completed at accredited institutions. SLU's Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) process allows members to accelerate their educational journey by earning credits for their skills and knowledge, making degree completion faster and more affordable.



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 Terminal and Times Square.

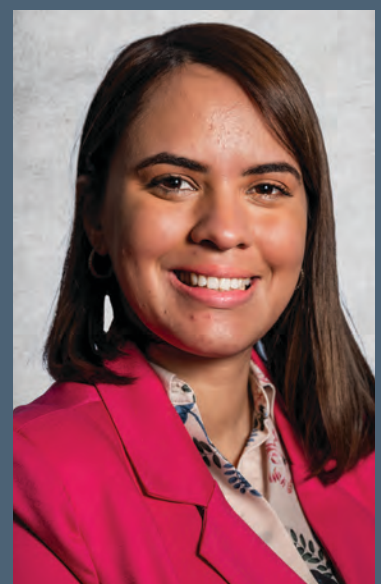
SUPPORT SLU offers proactive wraparound academic and student support services, including:

- One-on-one academic advising 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 who 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.

Learn From the Best

The CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies has a world-class faculty that includes renowned scholars and authors, as well as distinguished practitioners who are experts in a variety of fields. At SLU, students learn about politics, policy, and practice from legislators and agency heads, elected officials, and political action veterans. They learn about the union movement from organizers, labor attorneys, and labor leaders. Together, SLU's faculty brings a kaleidoscope of experience, ideas, and perspectives to the classroom.





What Students and Alumni Say

“My experience at SLU gave me the skills that I will need to succeed in government. I learned so much about how to navigate the many different city agencies and processes that govern New York City.”

Noem Gogh
Undergraduate Student

“You’ll be sitting in class with traditional-age students, but also a mother of four who is a union steward...an MTA bus driver...a retired sanitation worker. All of the people who are actually moving the city and the state forward, but that are often behind the scenes and have so much knowledge to help unfold.”

Sandra Douglas
Undergraduate Student

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

Lezette Clark
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

“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

“I cannot think of any time in the history of our nation when education — especially for middle-class workers — has been more critical to the survival of our cities and our communities. We need to further educate our workers so they are well informed and highly skilled. We need them as leaders in government at every level and in the institutions that fight for economic opportunity and social justice for everyone. In partnership with the CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies, CWA Local 1180 offers two leadership programs designed to promote an enlightened and progressive approach to city government and union activism. Along with other political and social initiatives developed by our union, these programs provide members with the tools needed to advance in public service careers and become strong civic leaders.”

*— Gloria Middleton
President, CWA Local 1180*



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