

CERTIFICATE IN WORKING-CLASS STUDIES

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This four-course certificate (12 semester hours) is designed to provide students with an interdisciplinary overview of the history and political and cultural meanings of working-class life. Program emphasis is on concepts of class, work, and identity, as well as strategies from multiple disciplines for gaining insight into working-class culture. For graduate students and working professionals, this program will provide an in-depth look at local history, local working-class culture, and the lives and experiences of local working people. For educators at middle and high school levels, this program will enhance their teaching careers by increasing their knowledge about working-class culture, issues, and pedagogy while satisfying certain professional development requirements of local school districts. Frequency of course offerings allows most students to finish the certificate within one year.

Admission Requirements

Applicants for this graduate certificate must meet the requirements for admission to the College of Graduate Studies at YSU.

Certificate Requirements

COURSE	TITLE	S.H.
AMER 5850	Class and Culture	3
AMER 6910	Introduction to Working-Class Studies	3
AMER 6970	Teaching Working-Class Studies	3
ENGL 6923	Working Class Literature	3
HIST 6939	Labor in US History	3
HIST 6945	Interpretation and Preservation of the Industrial Built Environment	3
MGT 5845	Work in America	3

Students may also petition to have one relevant topics course in English, history, or management count toward the certificate. Students may complete the certificate as a stand-alone program or in conjunction with a master's degree in American studies, business, English, historic preservation, or history. Students taking the certificate as part of a master's program may count two of the four certificate courses toward the master's degree. To complete the certificate, the remaining two courses must be taken as additional credits.