



Wayne County Community College District

COURSE SYLLABUS

HIS 255 History of American Labor

CREDIT HOURS: 3.00

CONTACT HOURS: 45.00

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course covers the growth of organized labor from early craft unions, through the struggles of the industrial revolution, to the present multi-organizational federations. Analysis of current problems, organizational forms and activities of organized labor.

EXPECTED COMPETENCIES:

Upon completion of this course, the student will:

- Appreciate the varied interpretations of American labor history.
- Develop a historical perspective by examining the themes in the history of American labor including the rise of industrialization, the emergence of the working class, and the entry of women and immigrants into the labor market.
- Understand the critical thinking and writing process within the discipline of labor history.
- Utilize the historical methodologies of inquiry, research, and synthesis of information.
- Increase the student's information literacy skills.

ASSESSMENT METHODS:

Student performance may be assessed by examination, quizzes, case studies, oral conversation, group discussion, oral presentations. The instructor reserves the option to employ one or more of these assessment methods during the course.

GRADING SCALE:

90%-100% = A
80%-89.9% = B
70%-79.9% = C
60%-69.9% = D
<60% = E