

*School of Labor and Employment Relations  
Online Distance Learning Program  
Unionist Testimonials*



*"I would highly recommend union members taking the on-line courses. I have been a Teamster for almost 20 years and am a shop steward. With every class I take I am even more astonished by the information I learn about unions and the labor movement. It has helped me tremendously in performing my duties as a steward. My experience with a computer is limited but the sign up process and taking the courses couldn't be easier. The online classes were very enjoyable. I have been out of school for a great many years and really looked forward to getting online everyday and posting to the discussions. Even with a less than stellar knowledge of computers and some very rusty typing skills it was very easy to keep up with everything in the classes." - James Denton, International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 26*

*"I strongly recommend fellow unionists take classes through the online program. In working as a firefighter, I know I can't do my job without the right tools. The same applies to my job as a Local Union President; I can't do my job without the right tools, and I view education as one of the best tools a unionist can have. It's easy to sign up, classes are viewed online and work is done on your schedule; when it works best for you. It's great to be exposed to different ideas, different thoughts on a wide range of union topics." - Brian Gaughan, President, International Association of Fire Fighters Local 4186*



*"I would highly recommend your online program to fellow union members. Academic Outreach facilitated the process and it have been very easy for registration and they are great at taking care of any other problems such as getting your CITES account set up or things along that line. The classes LIR 100 and LIR 110 are fantastic. The structure of these classes are very compatible for someone working full time, as scheduling time to do the class work is very flexible. And travel away from home does not interfere with taking an online class." - Gary Beer, Laborers' International Union of North America Local 773*

*"I have already started recommending both the online and in-person classes. The curriculum offered has helped me reconcile the goals of the labor movement into a broader vision for a society that includes workers' interests. The online classes have made it very easy to test my ideas against other people's perspectives and expose myself to new ideas. The online class system is very easy [to navigate]. All of the grades, discussion, announcements, messages, and most material are available on the main screen and are self-explanatory." - Chris Kasmer, Carpenters Local 1027*

