



# MA in Labour and Trade Union Studies

## Part-time evening course

### Introduction

This is a postgraduate course for labour movement activists and practitioners which will provide an advanced study of labour movement history, theory and practice. The course is run by **The Centre for Trade Union Studies** based at **London Metropolitan University** in conjunction with the **Working Lives Research Institute**

### Course Structure

The approach of the course is to place the labour movement within the context of national and international development of the capitalist economy, as well as within the dominant political and ideological framework of society, both current and historical.

#### *Core modules*

Three taught core modules concentrate on examining this context: These are:

- The Labour Movement, the Labour process and the economy
- Trade Unionism — the Ideological, Political and Legal context
- Labour Race and Empire: Labour History 1880-1960

#### *Option modules*

Other modules provide for the study of a range of current labour movement issues. You will chose two modules from the following:

- Comparative Employment Systems
- Trade Union Issues
- Industrial Relations: Context and Practice
- Labour Law
- Public Policy and Employment
- Gender and Work
- Managing Diversity in a European Context
- Human Resource Strategy

### *Dissertation*

In addition you will write a double module dissertation on a chosen aspect of trade union/labour studies. This will help to develop your research skills as well as providing you with an opportunity for supervised in-depth study. Preparatory training for this will be undertaken via the fourth core module: Research Methodology: Researching the Labour Movement.

### Duration

Students can complete the course in two years by attending on two evenings per week, or take longer by attending on one evening per week.

### TUC Library Collection

The course benefits from the unique resource base of the TUC Library Collection at the University. The course is supported by experienced staff with a strong research base and long standing commitment and expertise in trade union education.

### Entry Requirements

You are welcome to apply if you have a relevant first degree or relevant labour movement experience.

### How to Apply

For further information please contact Professor Mary Davis, Centre for Trade Union Studies, tel: 020 7753 3375, email [m.davis@londonmet.ac.uk](mailto:m.davis@londonmet.ac.uk).

For an application form, please contact our Admissions Office, tel: 020 7753 3333, fax: 020 7753 3272, email: [admissions@unl.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@unl.ac.uk). More information is also available on our website: [www.unl.ac.uk](http://www.unl.ac.uk).