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Is Labour Studies for you?

What is the future of work? Are labour markets becoming more or less unequal? How do workers organize to fight for their rights? These are the kinds of questions that students in the Labour Studies program tackle as they learn about our economic system and the role of workers within it.

Labour Studies is committed to the study and understanding of labour, working people, and their organizations from a comprehensive social, cultural, historical, political, and economic perspective. We are an interdisciplinary program that brings together researchers and instructors with diverse backgrounds to explore the forces shaping work and employment today.

We offer you the opportunity to learn new analytical and research skills, and to study and debate current economic, political, and social trends as they relate to the working world. Building on SFU's tradition of community engagement, we have strong links with unions and organizations advocating for workers' rights. We also offer you opportunities for academic project work with our partners, providing real experience with the issues affecting working people in B.C. and beyond.

Where will you go from here?

Work and employment impact our lives in many ways, and they are changing.

The Labour Studies program provides you with a solid understanding of these forces, and equips you with important transferable skills: critical thinking, economic and social analysis, writing, and research. These skills are valuable in many fields of work. Our students go on to a wide variety of careers in fields such as labour and employment law, research, policy analysis, teaching, community development, and human resources management.

Want to know more?

The Labour Studies program currently offers a major, a minor, and a certificate in workplace rights.

Our courses centre on contemporary issues affecting workers, unions and labour movements: work and technological change, migration, labour and the environment, Canadian labour law, and the politics of labour in Canada.

Students in the Labour Studies program have access to a range of generous awards and prizes, including the James Clark Undergraduate Award (\$2,500). We also offer students opportunities for paid research. Our goal is to give students a chance to apply their knowledge in real world situations.

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