Labor Studies is an interdisciplinary field that deals with work, the workplace, and workers and their organizations. You will learn about the rapidly changing conditions of work within a national and global perspective and how to respond to the challenges faced by labor institutions. Labor studies will teach you to value the well-being of workers and how to support, strengthen, advocate, and promote the development of the labor movement. This completely online major will prepare you to assume leadership roles in the workplace and in communities (IU School of Social Work, 2017).

Skills and abilities this major develops includes: advocating, critical thinking, supporting individuals, and communication skills.

Career Opportunities
According to the Occupational Outlook Handbook (2017), the employment of labor relations specialists is projected to decline by 8% through 2024 due to a decreasing number of labor unions. Human resources specialists are expected to see an increase in the job outlook by 5%, which is the national average.

Salary Information
The average starting salary for IU School of Social Work graduates was $34,592 for the May 2016 graduating cohort. The median starting salary for liberal arts graduates and for graduates who studied social work was $50,500 for the class of May 2016 according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE, 2017).

(This section is intended for informational purposes, not predication of actual salary.)

Graduate & Professional School Paths
Labor Studies majors often pursue advanced degrees in the following areas: Business Administration, Higher Education, Law, and Human Resources.

WHERE TO GET MORE INFORMATION

IU Labor Studies Department
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National Labor Relations Board
www.nlrb.gov

International Labour Organization
www.ilo.org

Sample Coursework:
- American labor history
- Labor law
- Contemporary labor problems
- Workplace discrimination
- Union organizing
- Collective bargaining
- Employees with disabilities

Possible Careers:
- Affirmative action coordinator
- Employee benefits manager
- Employment counselor
- Labor relations manager
- Training specialist
- Union staff representative

Where Could I Work?
- Business development
- Cummins
- Human Resources
- Operations
- State of Indiana

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