

Labour Studies (LBST) 335

Global Labour History (Revision 2)

Delivery Mode: [Individualized Study Online](#) 

Credits: 3



Areas of Study: Arts, or Social Science

Prerequisites: None

Precluded: LBST 335 is a cross-listed course—a course listed under 3 different disciplines—[GLST 335](#) and [HIST 335](#). LBST 335 cannot be taken for credit if credit has already been obtained for GLST 335 or HIST 335.

Challenge: LBST 335 has a Challenge for Credit option.

Faculty: [Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences](#) 

Status: Replaced with new revision, see the [course listing](#)  for the current revision 



Overview

LBST 335 follows workers and workers movements from Caribbean slave plantations and Atlantic slave trade in the 18th century to today's global production and distribution networks. After a theoretical introduction, the course explores working class formation and the organization of unions and workers parties in the 18th and 19th century. It then looks at 20th century labour in the West, the East, and the Global South. The course ends with an overview of global labour in the 21st century. Each unit of the course looks at the ways in which race and gender differentiated the global forces of labour.

Outline

- Unit 1: A Theoretical Framework: Beverly Silver's *Forces of Labour*
- Unit 2: Workers During the British Empire: Cotton, Coal, Craft Unions, and Workers' Parties
- Unit 3: US Hegemony and the Cold War: Oil, Automobiles, and Industrial Unionism
- Unit 4: After Hegemony: Toward Global Labour Movements?

Evaluation


To **receive credit**  for LBST 335, you must complete four written assignments and achieve an overall grade of **D (50 percent)**  or better for the entire course. Your final grade is determined by a weighted average of the grades you receive on these assignments for credit. The weightings for these assignments are as indicated below.

Activity	Weight
Assignment 1	20%

Activity	Weight
Assignment 2	30%
Assignment 3	30%
Assignment 4	20%
Total	100%

To learn more about assignments and examinations, please refer to Athabasca University's [online Calendar](#) .

Materials

Silver, B. J. (2003). *Forces of Labor: Workers' Movements and Globalization Since 1870*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.  (eBook)

Other Materials

All other course materials are online.

Challenge for Credit

Overview

The Challenge for Credit process allows you to demonstrate that you have acquired a command of the general subject matter, knowledge, intellectual and/or other skills that would normally be found in a university-level course.

Full information about [Challenge for Credit](#)  can be found in the Undergraduate Calendar.

Evaluation

To **receive credit** [↗](#) for the LBST 335 challenge registration, you must achieve a grade of at least **D (50 percent)** [📄](#) on the challenge assignment.

[📄](#) **Challenge for Credit Course Registration Form**

Important Links

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