



ESSENTIALS OF UNION LEADERSHIP

Back by Popular Demand in 2026! This series of 4 ONLINE OFFICER TRAININGS was developed by the University of Wisconsin and the IATSE Education & Training Department. With IATSE-specific content, this series is the perfect way for new officers to consider their “craft of leadership.” Refine skills that encourage strong, inclusive, and effective leadership! Take 1, 2, 3, or all 4 courses.

Foundations of Union Leadership September 21-30, 2026	Leadership Theories and Styles November 12-20, 2026	Strategic Planning December 2-11, 2026	Building Capacity: Internal Organizing January 7 -15, 2027
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SEPT. 21 – 30, 2026 FOUNDATIONS OF UNION LEADERSHIP

is designed to help Union leaders understand key components and considerations for leading their local unions. Whether you have attended an in-person Officer Institute and want a review or have not been able to attend in person yet and are seeking a strong foundation, this class is for you. A virtual complement to the in-person IATSE Officer Institute, this class is focused on effective leadership principles and tools to help attendees to build a high-capacity local union, effectively represent workers, communicate clearly, and set and achieve long term goals. The instructor for this class is Don Taylor, Professor, University of Wisconsin School for Workers.

Topics include:

- ✓ Why Workers Join Unions
- ✓ The Impact of Unions
- ✓ The Decline of Unions
- ✓ Signs of Hope
- ✓ Union Functions
- ✓ Duties of Officers
- ✓ and more!

Learning is asynchronous!

ATTEND INDEPENDENTLY, AT YOUR OWN PACE FROM SEPTEMBER 21 – 30, 2026. Students will complete lessons on their own schedule, for a total of approximately 6-8 hours over the course of the 8 days. Lessons include short readings; videos; recorded PowerPoints; quizzes; and discussion boards where reflective questions will be posed, and students post responses and engage with the instructor and classmates.

WHO CAN ENROLL?

This class is open only to Officers, Officials, Trustees, and Board members of IATSE Local Unions. Class size is limited, so enroll early to avoid disappointment. **There is a limit of three (3) individuals per local union.**

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Send an email to officerinstitute@iatse.net - Subject line: “Application for 9/21/26 Foundations of Union Leadership”. Include the following information in the body of your email:

- ✓ First and Last Name
- ✓ Email Address
- ✓ Mailing Address
- ✓ Phone Number
- ✓ Local Union
- ✓ Position at Local Union

Please copy your Local Union's Secretary-Treasurer on your application email. If you are the Secretary-Treasurer, please CC one of your local's other primary officers. We will verify your application.

You will be notified of your acceptance. When the class is full, additional students will be placed on the waiting list.

