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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!

Foundations of Union Leadership	*Leadership Theories and Styles*	*Strategic Planning*	*Building Capacity: Internal Organizing*
September 21-30, 2026	November 12-20, 2026	December 2-11, 2026	January 7 -15, 2027

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NOV. 12 – 20, 2026 LEADERSHIP THEORIES & STYLES

will look at several leadership types and how they apply to union leadership. Students will explore the characteristics of leaders and develop the skills they need to grow and strengthen their leadership and their local. Participants will evaluate the difference between managing and leading; assess strengths; interpret key leadership practices; and apply different leadership models and practices to their situations. This class, for currently serving Local Union Officers, Officials, Trustees, and Board members is a virtual complement to the in-person IATSE Officer Institute. It 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.

Learning is asynchronous!
ATTEND INDEPENDENTLY, AT YOUR OWN PACE FROM NOVEMBER 12 – 20, 2026.
Students will complete lessons on their own schedule, for a total of approximately 6-8 hours over the course of the 9 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 11/12/26 Leadership Theories". 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.

If you have any questions, please email officerinstitute@iatse.net