Description This graduate seminar will provide an overview of the literature on the sociology of labor. The course will view labor and labor movements from a macro, meso and micro perspective. The course will examine how labor processes serve as mechanisms in the constitution of race, gender, and social class. We situate our examination of labor in the formation of labor markets, the global economy, the organization of work, the conditions of work, and labor movements.

The course relies on contemporary and classic texts. This is a reading seminar. In addition to a term paper, students will be required to provide a 250 word written reaction to each set of weekly readings 24 hours before the seminar.

Requirements Students must attend all seminars prepared to discuss the readings. At the end of the semester, students must submit a 20-page research paper on labor.

WEEKS I – V THEORETICAL PERSPECTIVES


WEEK VI POLITICAL ECONOMY


WEEK VII LABOR MARKETS AND STRATIFICATION


WEEK VIII LABOR MARKETS AND INTERSECTIONALITY

**WEEK IX-XI** WORK CONDITIONS: SERVICE AND MANUFACTURING


**WEEK XII** REPRODUCTIVE LABOR AND GENDERED ORGANIZATIONS


**WEEK XIII** LABOR MOVEMENTS/RESISTANCE


**WEEK XIV** LABOR MOVEMENTS/RESISTANCE

WEEK XV

CONCLUSION