Hello, and welcome to the labor relations course. I am the developer of this course, though I may not be your instructor.

This course provides an overview of labor relations in the United States. Many subjects will be covered in the coming weeks. If any interest you in particular, you are encouraged to explore them further online.

Labor relations formed the work landscape in the United States as we know it today. For example, unions are responsible for the eight-hour work day, five-day work week, minimum wage, and other benefits that many workers enjoy.

Specific topics covered in this course include:
- the history of unions in America
- the role of unions in the workplace
- union membership and organization
- union structures and government
- grievances, arbitration, and mediation
- today’s labor market, and
- the future of labor relations

This course is eight weeks long. Be sure to complete all work assigned. You should begin by reading the syllabus thoroughly. If you have any questions about the course, please contact your instructor.

Throughout the course, you will participate in class discussions, complete assignments, and take exams. You will also write a project paper on a labor-related event of your choosing.

A note about the online format—a successful student in online education is one who takes an active role in the learning process. You are therefore encouraged to participate in the weekly online discussions by posting frequently and thoughtfully.

Once again, welcome to the course, and please contact your instructor if you have any questions.