

Frequently asked questions – Student Life – Societies & Sports Clubs

Below you'll find answers to the questions we get asked most:

What is a society?

A society is a group of like-minded people that have a common interest. It is a chance to take part in activities that you enjoy whilst making new friends.

What is the difference between a society and a sports club?

A society is usually based within the Student Union or guild whilst the sports club is based within the athletic union. They are both still groups that meet to do something that everyone enjoys.

Can I only join one?

You can join as many as you like! Just be careful that you do not overload yourself with things and become too busy!

Do I have to have to have previous experience to join?

No, societies welcome beginners and they usually hold initial taster sessions to allow you to see if you want to join. It can be a great way to try something new.

How do I find out what societies and sports club my university has?

There will be a welcome fair in your first week at university where all of the societies and sports clubs can showcase what they offer. You will also be able to find out on the university website.

Are they free to join?

There is usually a joining fee that can range from £1 upwards! You can usually try out the society before you have to pay this though.

Who runs the societies and sports clubs?

They are run by students. They will also have support from either the student union/guild of students or the athletic union.

What if there isn't a society or sport club that I want to join?

You can always make your own! You just need a couple of people that would be interested in joining and helping you to run it.