

What is a student union?



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What is a student union?

“The students are entitled to representation when decisions or preparations are made that have bearing on their courses or programmes or the situation of students.”

Statute (2010:701)



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A few facts about student unions

A student union is...

...a politically non-affiliated, non-religious and non-profit interest organisation for the students.

...run by students for students, without interference from the university and with its rights guaranteed by Swedish law.

...the union for all students, protecting students' rights and ensuring high education quality.

...a democracy for all members.



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Union life

The union is you, and you can be one of its representatives too!

As a member of the student union you can stand for election or get engaged in the many social organisations that your union has to offer.



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Social activities

There are a variety of social activities at different unions.

Common organisations are:

- Networking and socializing associations
- Student pubs and party associations
- Sports associations
- Sustainability associations
- Singing, dancing and music associations
- Career fairs

Union membership

Union membership is voluntary, but very important.

Membership...

- ... enables the student union to work for improved education quality.
- ... is an act of solidarity with students who wrongly get in trouble with the university.
- ... gives you access to social activities, career fairs, student pubs etc.
- ... comes with benefits, such as extra queue time at SGS, cheaper gym membership at Fysiken, etc.



Union companies



The student unions run a student health centre, and appointments are free of charge for students. They also have courses on student related psychological topics.

<https://akademihalsan.se/in-english/>



The student unions run a student gym, with four different locations. No registration fee and a discounted membership fee for union members.

<https://fysiken.nu/en/>



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Which union is your union?

Which union you belong to depends on which faculty you study at.

Sahlgrenska Academy

SAKS

School of Business, Economics and Law

HHGS

Faculty of Fine, Applied and Performing Arts

Konstkåren

All other faculties

Göta studentkår

*Faculty of Humanities/Arts,
Faculty of Education,
Faculty of Science,*

*Faculty of Social Science,
IT Faculty*



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Get in touch

Remember that the student unions are there to help **you!** You can get in touch with them easily, either by going to your student union's office, or by e-mail. You will find all of the necessary contact info on the unions' website, which you'll find easily through a google search. On their respective websites you can also find more info about the different associations and other opportunities that they have to offer.



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Thank you...

... and enjoy your time here in Gothenburg!



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