A students’ union is a democratic organisation which represents the student voice at universities. It is responsible for organising social events and activities for students, representing students in larger decisions being made at universities and providing support to students throughout their studies. Students’ unions are led by newly elected representatives each year known as Sabbatical Officers (or ‘Sabbs’).

Students’ unions normally have a building associated to them. Many students’ unions have their own restaurants, eateries, bars and nightclubs which are used by many of the students. The union will run these venues so all of the profits go directly to the student union to be spent on improving the quality of the student experience. At the University of Exeter our union is known as the Students’ Guild, which is based in Devonshire House. We are lucky to have five eateries and food outlets, a shop, a bar and a nightclub.

Students’ unions are also responsible for the societies that are available for students to join. Societies are set up and run by students with a similar interest, with the support of the union, and will organise various activities for their members. Each society will have a committee who oversee day-to-day running of it. Committee roles allow students to build on their organisation, communication, leadership and management skills. If there is not a society that you are interested in joining then you are able to start a new one, if you can find other likeminded people to support you.
The Students’ Guild at the University of Exeter has over 240 societies covering many different areas of interest.

**Academic**
- Arabic and Middle Eastern Society
- Archaeology and Forensics Society
- Art History & Visual Culture Society
- Biology Society
- Bracton Law Society
- Bright Futures Exeter
- Business and Finance Society
- Canadian Law Society
- Chinese Language Society
- Classics Society
- Computer Science Society
- Digital Currency and Blockchain
- Drama Society
- English Society
- European Law Society
- European Law Students Association (ELSA) Exeter
- Exeter Consulting Society
- Exeter Engineering Society
- Exeter Entrepreneurs Society
- Exeter University Hong Kong
- Public Affairs and Social Services Society
- Exeter University Women in Business Society
- ExTalks Society
- Film Society
- French Society
- Geography Society
- German Society
- Global Investor’s Circle
- History Society
- Italian Society
- Liberal Arts Society
- Management and Marketing Society
- Maths Society
- Natural Sciences Society
- Philosophy Society
- Physics Society
- Pint of Science
- Politics Society
- Politics, Philosophy and Economics Society
- Postgraduate Society
- Psychology Society
- Rethinking Society
- Sociology, Anthropology and Criminology Society
- Space Exe
- SPIE Chapter (Optical Science and Engineering)
- Theology Society
- University of Exeter Natural History Society
- UpReach Society
- With Industrial Experience (WIE) Society

**Arts and Culture**
- Art Society
- Campus Cinema
- Comic Book Production Society
- Exeter University Creative Writing Society
- Exeter University Theatre Company
- Fashion Society
- Footlights
- Han Culture Society
- PearShaped Music Magazine
- Photography Society
- Razz Magazine Society
- Shakespeare Society
- Shotgun Theatre
- Thaqafatuna: Our Culture
- The Exeter Revue
- Theatre with Teeth
- Theatre-goers Society
- West Country Society

**Faith and Worldview**
- Catholic Society
- Evangelical Christian Union
- Exeter Humanist Students
- Hindu Society
- Islamic Society
- Jewish Society
- NOOMA Society
- Orthodox Christian Society
- Quaker
- Sikh Society

**Fitness and Wellbeing**
- Ballroom, Latin and Salsa Society
- Bench Ball Society
- Body Society
- Breakdancing Society
- Cool Runnings
- Dance Society
- Dodgeball Society
- Exeter Calisthenics Society
- Exeter Engineers RFC Society
- Exeter University Capoeira Society
- Exeter University First Aid Society
- Exeter University Powerlifting Society
- Floorball
- Kung Fu Society
- Meditation Society
- Mind Your Head Society
- Muay Thai
- Pole Fitness Society
- Real Tennis Society

**International**
- African and Caribbean Society
- American Society
- Asian Society
- Azerbaijani Society
- Balkan Society
- Baltic Society
- Belgian Society
- Brux Society
- Bulgarian Society
- Chinese Society
- Czechoslovak Society
- Erasmus Society
- European Society
- Filipino Society
- Greek and Greek Cypriot Society
- Hong Kong Society
- Hungarian Society
- Indonesian Society
- International Society
- Irish Society
- Japanese Society
- Jordanian Society
- Kazakhstan Society
- Korean Society
- Latin American Society
- Malaysian Society
- Omari Society in Exeter
- Pakistani Society
- Polish Society
- Romanian Society
- Russian Society
- Saudi Society
- Scandic Society
- Singapore Society
- Spanish Society
- Swiss Society
- Taiwanese Society
- Thai Society
- Third Culture Kid Society
- Turkish Society
- Ukrainian Society
- Vietnamese Society
- Welsh Society

**Media**
- Exeposé
- ExeTech
- XpressionFM
- XTV

**Music**
- A Cappella Society
- Beats and Bass Society
- Big Band
- Brass Ensemble
- Campus Bands
- Chamber Orchestra
- Change Ringing Society
- Choral Society
- Clarinet Choir
- Concert Band
- Contemporary Choir
- Exeter University Steel Band
- ExTalks
- Flute Choir
Folk Society
Gilbert and Sullivan Society
Jazz Orchestra
Korean Pop (K-Pop) Society
Modern Orchestra
Opera Society
Piano Society
Rock and Metal Society
Saxophone Choir
Semi-Toned
Soul Choir
Symphony Orchestra
University Singers
World Music Choir

Outdoor and Adventure
Exeter Motorsport
Expedition Society
Hide and Seek Society
Longboarding Society
Orienteering Runners Of Exeter
Out of Doors Society
Scouts, Guides and DoE Society
Ski Club
Slacklining Society

Campaigns and Causes
Amnesty International Society
Animal Welfare Society
Aprove
Be The Change Society
Conflict, Security and Peace Society
Conservative Association
Debating Society
Effective Altruism Society
Enactus
Engineers Without Borders Society
Exeter Beats Eating Disorders
Exeter RotaRact Society
Feminist Society
Freedom Society
Friends of Israel Society
Friends of MSF
Friends of Palestine Society
Global Brigades
Green Party Society
Howard League for Penal Reform
Labour Society
LGBTQ+ Society
Liberal Democrat Society
MEDLIFE
Model United Nations Society
Oxfam Society
Slow Food on Campus Society
Socialist Students Society
Students Action for Refugees’
(STAR) Society
Students for Sensible Drug Policy (SSDP)
UKIP Students
Uni Boob Team
UNICEF on Campus
University of Exeter British Red Cross
YMCA

Recreational
Anime and Manga Society
Bake Society
Beekeeping Society
Chess Society
Cocktail Society
Darts Society
Disney Society
Doctor Who Society
eSports Society
Exespresso Coffee Society
Game of Thrones Society
Game Society
Harry Potter and Quidditch Society
Jane Austen Appreciation Group
Knitting Society
Literature Society
Mature Students Society
Nerf Society
Pokémon Society
Poker Society
Real Ale Society
Robotics Society
Rubik’s Cube Society
Sci-Fi and Fantasy Society
Sherlock Holmes Mystery Society
Street Magic
Tolkien Society
TravelExe
Vegetarian Society
Video Games Society

St Luke’s and Medical
Acute Care and Anaesthetics Society
Anatomy
Exeter Students PaedSoc (ESPS)
Exeter Undergraduate Medical Society
First Response
Medical Ethics Society
Medical Leadership and Management Society
Medical Research Society
Medical Sciences Society
Medical Society
MedTeach Society
Obs and Gynaec Society
Psychiatry Society
Radiography Society
Sport and Health Sciences Society
Surgical Society
Wilderness Medicine Society

The union is there to support you through your time as a student. It will have various support services offering independent and confidential advice and help on a whole range of issues such as finances, housing, mitigation, and the academic experience.

Fundraising and Volunteering
If you’re interested in volunteering, then the student union can help you be part of some amazing projects. Lots of universities will have fundraising and volunteering groups which will enable great work raising money and working on community projects. This can include volunteering within the local community or travelling afar and trekking to raise money for charity. In Exeter, there are over 13 groups that organise fundraising and volunteering projects. The two biggest are known as Exeter Raise and Give (RAG) and Exeter Student Volunteers (ESV).
The University of Exeter is one of the top sporting institutions in the country with a broad and diverse range of activities to take part in.

The University of Exeter is regularly rated a top 5 sporting institution in the national BUCS league table and has recently invested over £30 million in sport to help deliver the best possible facilities and widen participation for all students. With almost 70 per cent of students engaged in weekly sport and physical activity, University of Exeter’s unrivalled sporting experience plays a huge part in student life and overall satisfaction.

We cater for almost all sports and below is a list of the clubs we currently have:

- American Football
- Archery
- Athletics
- Badminton
- Men’s Basketball
- Women’s Basketball
- Canoeing
- Caving
- Cheer and Gymnastics
- Clay pigeon
- Climbing
- Men’s Cricket
- Women’s Cricket
- Cycling
- Fencing
- Men’s Football
- Women’s Football
- Golf
- Men’s Hockey
- Women’s Hockey
- Jiu Jitsu
- Karate
- Korfball
- Lacrosse
- Netball
- Polo
- Riding
- Rifle
- Rowing
- Men’s Rugby
- Women’s Rugby
- Rugby League
- Sailing
- Snooker and Pool
- Snowsports
- Squash
- Sub Aqua
- Surf
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Taekwondo
- Tennis
- Touch Rugby
- Trampolining
- Triathlon
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Volleyball
- Water Polo
- Windriders