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# Students' Union UCL

Visiting Membership Guide

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where **more** happens

# Who are we?

Students' Union UCL is the representative body for University College London (UCL) students. We currently represent over 38,000 UCL student members and we welcome over 1,000 visiting members, like yourself, each year.

We're a registered charity and a separate organisation from the university. We provide a range of services that help our members make the most of their time at UCL and in one of the most exciting cities in the world, London.

***We're your route to over 300 Clubs and Societies, countless volunteering opportunities, part-time jobs that fit around your studies, 100's of events, a fully-equipped student gym on campus and great places to eat, drink and chill in.***

Every student at UCL is automatically a member of the Union making us one of the largest and most diverse student communities in the world. Being a visiting member at Students' Union UCL will help you make the most of your time at UCL and meet fellow students from the UK and around the globe.

Visit us online at [studentsunionucl.org](https://studentsunionucl.org)



# Your Visiting Membership Benefits

- » Access to over 300 clubs and societies
- » Visiting Membership ID card for access to great Students' Union facilities on campus
- » Access to student membership offers at Bloomsbury Fitness
- » Find part-time, voluntary or seasonal work with JobShop
- » Access to around 500 different volunteering opportunities
- » Access to 100's of student events
- » Access to the biggest Welcome Fair in London

**We're here to help you do more at UCL**

# Societies

We've got over 230 Affiliated Societies at Students' Union UCL. They're run by UCL student volunteers, with support from union staff, to provide a wide range of extracurricular activities for our members throughout the academic year. They cover everything from culture, the arts, faith & spirituality, student media, finance and enterprise and much, much more.

Memberships are available from 1 September each year and range from free to £30. If you change your mind, there's a 30 day no questions asked refund policy on all membership purchases.

As a visiting member there are some society restrictions that apply to you:

- » You can't be elected to any society committee position or vote at any society general meeting
- » You can't take away an opportunity for a UCL student. (Societies welcome visiting members and provide as many opportunities as possible but in order to meet our objectives as a charity they must provide for UCL students first)

Societies are a great way to meet new people who share similar interests and want to learn a new skill or get into a new hobby. Feel free to browse our directory for more information:

[studentsunionucl.org/clubs-societies/directory](https://studentsunionucl.org/clubs-societies/directory)

***As an approved visiting member you'll be able to join any UCL club or society by simply logging into the union website and purchasing a membership to whichever society you are interested in.***



# Sport

## Sports Clubs

There are over 70 sports clubs to choose from at Students' Union UCL, everything from American Football through to Pole Fitness and everything in between. Membership prices start at around £10 and go up to over £100 for the more expensive sports such as rowing and gliding (boats and gliders are expensive to maintain!). You do get a lot for your money though with perks like access to facilities, coaching, uniforms and transport included in the membership fee. Some clubs with a lower membership fee, such as martial arts clubs, may have a class fee as well. Usually around £3 each.

Same rules as for societies apply, you can't hold a committee position or take an opportunity away from a UCL student. You also cannot compete for UCL teams in national or regional competitions. Depending on the sport, there may be opportunities to both train and play in non-competitive fixtures. Please talk to the sports club in question first, as it can vary between sports. You can find their information on the directory:

[studentsunionucl.org/clubs-societies/directory](https://studentsunionucl.org/clubs-societies/directory)

## Project Active

If competitive sport and team training isn't your thing, Project Active is about having fun and enjoying being active in whatever way works for you: We offer a wide range of beginner-friendly activities to get you moving and enjoying an active lifestyle without breaking the bank; from 5 a side soccer to yoga, you'll find something to suit your interests - or you could try something new. We also run women only sessions.

We provide all the equipment needed for all our sessions, all you need is comfy clothing or gym wear and a pair of trainers. You can find out more by visiting our website:

[studentsunionucl.org/project-active](https://studentsunionucl.org/project-active)



## Bloomsbury Fitness

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Open 7 days a week, Bloomsbury Fitness is our student gym on campus and one of the cheapest around. Members are able to access a wide range of services, including free classes, free squash courts (terms apply), barbells & free weights, cardio equipment, spin suite, personal trainers, massage therapist and free beginners 1-2-1 inductions tailored to your specific needs. Please remember Bloomsbury Fitness membership is not included in your visiting membership, it must be purchased separately by either your college or yourself, however you are eligible for our student membership offers, which are always great value for money. For more information on Bloomsbury Fitness and our current offers visit our website:

[www.bloomsbury.fitness](http://www.bloomsbury.fitness)



## Other Services

### Bars & Cafés

We have a number of bars and cafés where you can get cheap eats, drinks and entertainment in a student friendly atmosphere. From our legendary sports night and infamous Glittoris series, our monthly LGBT+ club night in Phineas Bar, to chilled out breakfasts in the Print Room Café, there really is something for everyone. Check out all venues in more detail on our website:

[studentsunionucl.org/places-for-you/bars](http://studentsunionucl.org/places-for-you/bars)

[studentsunionucl.org/places-for-you/cafes](http://studentsunionucl.org/places-for-you/cafes)

[studentsunionucl.org/places-for-you/stone-willys-pizza](http://studentsunionucl.org/places-for-you/stone-willys-pizza)



## Volunteering **Volunteering Service**

You can use our directory of London-based volunteering opportunities if you wish to take part in some community volunteering during your stay in London. Most of the volunteering roles we advertise are with external charities and community organisations and are open to visiting members. This gives you access to around 500 different volunteering opportunities. Visiting Members cannot join Student-Led Projects, Social Hackathon events, or anything else marked as 'UCL students only', but there are plenty of other opportunities waiting to be explored. You can find further information here:

[studentsunionucl.org/volunteering](https://studentsunionucl.org/volunteering)

## Bloomsbury Spotlight

Bloomsbury Spotlight is a programme of large and exciting theatre productions by a wide range of UCL Arts and Cultural societies. It is a unique opportunity for UCL students to train, produce and perform in high quality productions at UCL's Bloomsbury Theatre. You may be able to get involved with productions in a minor capacity by joining the relevant society. You can see our full programme on our website:

[studentsunionucl.org/bloomsbury-spotlight](https://studentsunionucl.org/bloomsbury-spotlight)

## JobShop

If you are looking for employment during your stay, our very own **JobShop** at Students' Union UCL is the right place to find part-time, seasonal and temporary work. All employers go through our vetting process before we advertise them. Unfortunately visiting members cannot apply for roles marked 'Students' Union UCL' but there are still many other opportunities available.

## UCL Merchandise

If you are after some official UCL merchandise, perhaps as a gift for a friend or loved one back home or just to remember your time in London please visit our shop **The Hanger** in 25 Gordon Street for hoodies, t-shirts, scarves, hats, TeamUCL merch and more.



# Where are we?

Students' UCL is based over a number of sites around the Bloomsbury area, within walking distance of your main college building. Please see the map overleaf.

- 1. 25 Gordon Street** – home of our Volunteering Service, Advice Service, Phineas Bar, Stone Willy's Pizza and Gordon's Café
- 2. 15 Gordon Street** – home of the Student Activities Centre (sports clubs & societies), Bloomsbury Fitness (fully-equipped gym) and Bloomsbury Café
- 3. 134-136 Lewis Building** – home to The Huntley, Mully's, George Farah Café and Student Activities
- 4. Institute of Education (IOE)** – home to the new refurbished Institute Bar
- 5. South Quad UCL Gower Street** – home to the Print Room Café





# Welcome to London and enjoy your time as a Students' Union UCL Visiting Member!

If you have any questions or queries don't hesitate to contact us:

**Student Activities**

**Second Floor**

**Bloomsbury Theatre Building**

**London WC1H 0AY**

**Tel: 020 7679 7239**

**Email: [su.activities-reception@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:su.activities-reception@ucl.ac.uk)**

Keep up-to-date with our:

**What's On Calendar**

**Twitter**

**Facebook**

And don't forget our Welcome Fair on **28 and 29 September**.



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