

1. Ordinary

Eligibility:

- 1.1. All students registered at the University of Bath shall be eligible for Ordinary Membership of the Union.
- 1.2. Union Sabbatical Officers

Entitlement:

- 1.3. Eligibility for membership of all Union Clubs, Societies and other Student Activity Groups
- 1.4. Speaking rights at General Meetings of the Union
- 1.5. Eligibility for election as a Union Officer
- 1.6. Eligibility for election to any committee or sub-committee of the Union
- 1.7. Observer status at any Union sub-group meeting that they are not elected to
- 1.8. Voting rights in any referendum or Union wide vote

2. Associate

Eligible:

- 2.1. Carers of ordinary members for whom the fee will be waived
- 2.2. Any other person subject to the approval of the Trustee Board
- 2.3. Staff of BUSU on permanent or fixed term contracts of at least 6 months for whom the fee will be waived. [These staff will, exceptionally, be entitled to a BUSU membership/Library card and to purchase a NUS card.]

Entitlement:

- 2.4. Entitled to a BUSU Associate membership card for use solely in the course of their duties as carer
- 2.5. Use of appropriate facilities as determined by the Board of Trustees including access to Union run bars and social facilities with the exception of "special events".
- 2.6. Membership of all Clubs, Societies and other Student Activity Groups subject to the consent of the relevant Sabbatical Officer
- 2.7. Associate members will have no speaking or voting rights. They may not stand for election as a Union Officer or membership of any Union committee or sub-committee or become an officer of any Union Club or Society.
- 2.8. Associate members have no voting rights

3. Honorary Life

Eligibility:

- 3.1. Members or ex members of the Union may be granted Honorary Life Membership in recognition of services to the Union at the discretion of the Board of Trustees or a body nominated by them. Any honorary life-memberships must be recorded in the minutes of the Board of Trustees

Entitlement:

- 3.2. Use of appropriate facilities as determined by the Board of Trustees

3.3. Eligibility for membership of all Union Clubs, Societies and other Student Activity Groups

3.4. Observer status at any meeting of the Union sub-group of which they are an Associate member

3.5. Access to Union run bars and social facilities with the exception of "special events".

3.6. Honorary Life members do not have any speaking or voting rights nor can they stand for election as a Union Officer, as a member of any Union committee or sub-committee or become an officer or committee member of any Union Club, Society or other Student Activity Group

4. Life

This category of membership has been discontinued. However, those who have already been granted Life Membership will remain Life Members.

Entitlement:

4.1. all the benefits and privileges conferred on ordinary members except that -

4.1.1. they shall not be eligible to be Officers

4.1.2. they shall not be entitled to take part in any election of Officers or officers of any club or society for the time being affiliated to the Students' Union

4.1.3. they shall not be entitled to attend Union General Meetings or any general meeting of any Club, Society or other Student Activity Group for the time being affiliated to the Students' Union

4.1.4. they shall not be entitled to represent the Students' Union in any official capacity.

Footnote:

Use of facilities is subject in all cases to Union Disciplinary procedures.

OPTING OUT OF STUDENT UNION MEMBERSHIP

Under Section 22(2) 'c' of the 1994 Education Act you have the right not to be a member of the University of Bath Students' Union.

To exercise that right you must inform the SU President of your intention to 'opt-out' in writing.

If you choose to opt-out of membership of your Union, you will be denied a BUSU Membership card and NUS card and many of the benefits that these entail.

You will not be able to:

- Enter the membership only bar and night-club except as a guest who has been signed in by a Member (as these are licensed as members clubs).
- Avail yourself of the numerous generous discounts local and national pubs, clubs, leisure and shopping outlets offer our students.
- Hold a position within an SU club or society, nor stand for election for any SU posts.
- Borrow a Union minibus, or use the free services of the Union's free legal advice service.
- Have a say in how your Union is run and elected.

Furthermore, Union officers will not represent you in any circumstances (eg an appeal on a degree classification/examination results).

If you opt-out you will *not* receive any funding that the University would otherwise have given the Students' Union to represent you.

We hope you will not feel the desire to opt-out of what is your Union. If you do, however, we will fully respect your decision. You may opt-out at *any* time, although you will not be able to opt-in again until the beginning of the following academic year.

In line with the annual registration procedures you will be required to notify the SU President at the start of each and every academic year in which you chose to exercise your right to opt-out.