WELCOME TO THE STUDENTS' UNION

A guide to your Students' Union at the University of Worcester.

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WHO ARE WE

The Students' Union (SU) is here to represent you and help you make the most out of your time at Worcester. We're here to support you in every aspect of the university experience and as a student at the University of Worcester you're automatically a member of the SU.

Getting involved with the SU is the best way for you to make the most of your time at Worcester. If you're looking to join a club or society, get involved with volunteering and fundraising, or enhance your employability skills, the SU is the place to come.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU

REPRESENTING YOU

Every year, you have the opportunity to elect three Full-Time Officers from the student body. They make sure your voice is heard at the University and help to make your time at Worcester the best it can be.

AL LINFORTH - STUDENTS' UNION PRESIDENT

Al is the lead representative of the SU and it's their job to champion your rights, welfare, and diversity. Al is here to make sure all of you are represented and empowered, and to speak out on the issues that really matter to you.

GEMMA ALLCOTT - VICE PRESIDENT EDUCATION

Gemma takes the lead on educational quality issues at the SU and makes sure your academic experience is the best it can be. Gemma works with Course Reps, School Reps, and the University to give you the best possible experience on your course.

MEG LEE - VICE PRESIDENT STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Meg looks after all the great activities we have at the SU, including clubs, societies, TeamWorc Action, and fundraising. Over the next year, Meg aims to get as many of you as possible involved in all the great things we have going on.

REPRESENTATION AND DEMOCRACY

NETWORKS

Our student-led Networks are dedicated to speaking up for underrepresented students and work to enhance visible diversity on campus. Our Networks campaign on current and relevant issues, and empower like-minded students to bring about positive change at the University. They are also here to provide you with a safe space to share experiences, make friends, and build communities.

Mature Students' Network **Commuter Students' Network**
Disabled Students' Network
Race, Ethnicity, and Cultural Heritage (REACH) Network
International Students' Network **Sustainability Network**
LGBTQ+ Students' Network
Postgraduate Students' Network **Women's Network**
Widening Participation Network

IDEAS FORUM

Our Ideas Forum is a space where you can have a direct impact on the SU and university experience. Any student at Worcester can submit an idea for positive change, as well as vote and comment on the ideas submitted by other students. Ideas with enough votes are discussed at Student Council and could be put into practice by the SU and University.

Some of the ideas successfully submitted by students include:

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- Installation of **recycling bins** at City Campus
- Lobbying the University to introduce a **Women's Workout hour** at the University gym
- Creation of the **Book Swap scheme** in the SU
- Working with the University to create a **common room** space in the Jenny Lind building

You can submit your own ideas for change at **www.worcsu.com/ideasforum.**

ACADEMIC REPRESENTATION

We're really passionate about making sure you have the best learning experience possible during your time at Worcester. Our Course Reps and School Reps listen to what you have to say about your course and feed this back to your VP Education and the University, to ensure your academic experience is the best it can be. It's really important for you to give your reps feedback throughout the year, make sure you let them know what's been great and what improvements you think need to be made on your course.

All of our academic reps are current students at the University and any student at Worcester is eligible to become a rep. We recruit Course Reps and School Reps at various points throughout the year, so make sure you keep an eye out for your chance to represent your fellow students.

Visit **www.worcsu.com/yourvoice/reps** to find out more.

SOCIETIES

Being a member of one of our societies is a great way for you to make new friends, unleash hidden talents, find a new passion, or indulge in what you already love. Being part of a society gives you the opportunity to learn new skills, compete, go on trips, win awards, and take on leadership roles.

Societies can also help enhance the learning experience on your course. You can join an academic society to gain skills and take part in activities on top of your day-to-day lectures.

SPORTS ▶

Sport plays a big role in the student experience at Worcester, whether you're playing competitively or just for fun. We have 40 sports clubs at the University and many of them compete in national league and cup competitions.

If competitive sport isn't for you, there are some great opportunities to take part in recreational sport or become a social member of one of our clubs.

VARSITY ▶

One of the highlights of our sporting calendar is the annual Varsity competition against our friendly rivals at the University of Gloucestershire.

Varsity 2023 will be taking place from the 20th-31st March, so keep an eye out for when tickets go on sale and don't forget to grab some of our exclusive Varsity merch.

GET INVOLVED

#TeamWorc ACTION

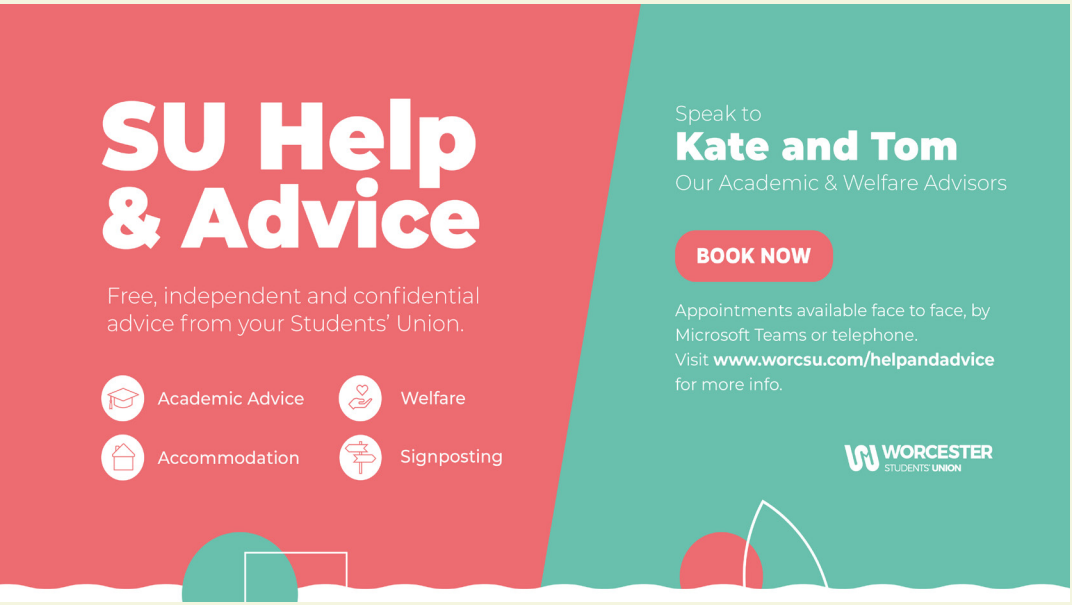
Through TeamWorc Action you can get involved in a wide range of volunteering projects at the SU, University, and in the local community. Volunteering is a great way for you to gain real life experiences, build your confidence, and develop your skills, helping you to stand out from the crowd once you graduate.

You can volunteer to do almost anything and give as much time as you like. Throughout the year we'll have lots of opportunities, from one-off events to setting up your own volunteering project. And you can record all of your volunteering hours on your degree, so you can showcase your achievements when applying for jobs.

RAISE AND GIVE (RAG)

Getting involved with RAG is a great way for you to make a real difference during your time at university and help out some fantastic causes. RAG is run by a student committee who can support you in fundraising for the charity of your choice, as well as hosting activities for you to get involved with. We raised over £30,000 for charity last year and with your help we're hoping to raise even more this year!

Every year our students vote for their RAG Charity of the Year, who will be the recipient of funds raised during RAG Week and other major fundraising events. This year our RAG Charity of the Year is the Worcestershire Animal Rescue Shelter (WARS). You can find out more about them at www.wars.org.uk.



HELP AND ADVICE

Student life can be an exciting time filled with lots of incredible opportunities, but when things aren't going so well, our Help & Advice service is here to support you. Our friendly advisors offer independent and confidential advice to all students studying at Worcester and its partner institutions.

We're here to help you with a range of issues, including academic problems, misconduct, appeals, housing, student conduct, complaints, and disciplinaries. We can also signpost you to further support for finance and health and wellbeing.

If you need to speak to one of our advisors, booking an appointment couldn't be easier. You can either visit the Welcome Desk in the SU, call us on **01905 543210**, email us at **studentsunion@worc.ac.uk**, or fill out a booking form at **www.worcsu.com/helpandadvice**.

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THE HANGAR

The Hangar is your on-campus bar and the place to go when you want to relax and unwind. We're open from midday Monday-Saturday and you can find us upstairs in the SU building. Our weekly lineup includes Quiz Night, Worcester Wednesday, and the always popular Karaoke Night on a Friday night. We also have lots of great events throughout the year, including live comedy, open mic nights, and the infamous Disco Binglow.

The Hangar is also a great place to come and chillout in between lectures. We have a brand-new Xbox with loads of games, pool tables, dart board, and loads of great non-alcoholic drinks and mocktails for you to enjoy.

You can also book out The Hangar for your own events. We've hosted everything from Winter Balls, to Halloween Scarefests, to Blind Date. Just get in touch with us via **thehangar@worc.ac.uk** and our bar and events team are here to help you to plan your event every step of the way.

WELCOME DESK

If you have any queries about the SU and what we do, or you just want to pop-in to see a member of the team, the Welcome Desk is the place to come. Our Welcome Desk Assistants are all current students at the University, so they've got all the inside knowledge on everything that's going on.

The Welcome Desk is open from 9am-5pm every Monday-Friday. You can also get in touch with us on 01905 543210 or via studentsunion@worc.ac.uk.

GET IN TOUCH

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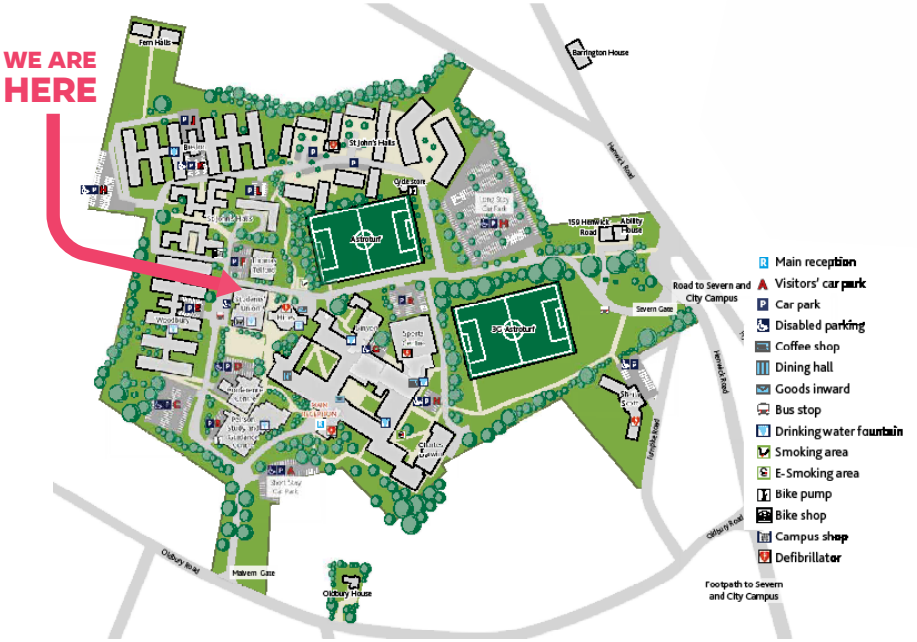
SEMESTER ONE

Welcome Festival
Club and Society 'Give it a Go' sessions
Black History Month
RAG Week
Halloween Karaoke
Christmas Karaoke

SEMESTER TWO

Refreshers
Housing Fair
LGBTQ+ History Month
SU Elections
Varsity
Celebration Week

ST. John's Campus Map



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