

Rep Acronym Buster

You have probably already come across a variety of different acronyms during your time as a Course Rep (and you might discover that you are finding it difficult to keep up with them all!). Therefore, the SU have compiled a handy list of common acronyms for you to refer back on - as and when you need to:

CES – Course Evaluation Survey

Designed to gather insightful and valuable information from students about their courses, this survey helps in the evaluation of course content, curriculum, lecturers, etc.

CMC – Course Management Committees

Course Management Committees are formal meetings within the University committee structure. The meeting's organisation and agenda will depend on your course but they will typically focus on items such as academic standards, the student experience, student feedback, reviewing courses and monitoring progress.

HEAR – Higher Education Achievement Report

The HEAR records and recognises student achievement. It also acknowledges the range of opportunities that UK Higher Education Institutions offer to their students.

NSS – National Student Survey

Conducted every year on (mostly) final year undergraduates, the NSS uses student feedback to drive the delivery of education forwards and to improve the overall student experience.

NUS – National Union of Students

The NUS is a student-led and democratic organisation. By representing students' interests nationally and developing research that influences national policy, the NUS take on issues that affect the lives of students. The organisation aims to shape the future of education by fighting discrimination, isolation and injustice through campaigns and targeted action.

OfS – Office for Students

The OfS is a new public body, established by the Higher Education and Research Act 2017, and will become operational in April 2018. Replacing the Higher Education Funding Council of England (HEFCE) and the Office for Fair Access (OFFA), the OfS will act as a regulator for the Higher Education sector. With a focus on student experiences and interests, the OfS will pay close attention to student participation, success and employability.

TEF – The Teaching Excellence and Student Outcomes Framework

As a scheme designed by the Government, the TEF aims to measure the things students care about the most to ensure high quality experiences. The TEF provides prospective students with the necessary information to help them make an informed choice about where they choose to study. Participating providers receive a gold, silver or bronze award that reflects the excellence of their teaching, learning environment and student outcomes.