

## **BYE-LAW | MEMBERSHIP**

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### **Members**

1. In accordance with Article 10, the members of the Students' Union are:
  - a. Every student who is deemed by the University of Manchester to be a registered student on an academic programme, and
  - b. The Officer Trustees.
2. In accordance with the University of Manchester's Code of Practice on the Students' Union, a student may opt-out of their membership of the Union by notifying the Union within the first 10 days of their registration that they wish to opt-out from their membership.
3. Once a student has opted-out, they shall cease to be a member of the Students' Union for the remainder of the academic year, and cannot opt-in from that point. The opt-out will last one year, and a student must re-opt-out the following year if they wish to remain not a member of the Union.
4. If there is any uncertainty as to whether or not a person qualifies as a member of the Students' Union, this matter shall be resolved exclusively by the University.

### **Membership benefits**

5. Members of the Students' Union shall be exclusively entitled to:
  - a. Stand for election to any elected position within the Students' Union;
  - b. Hold any representative post in the University that is filled by the Students' Union;
  - c. Attend, speak and vote at any Company Law Meeting, and exercise any other powers conferred to members under the Companies Acts;
  - d. Vote in any election or referendum;
  - e. Attend and speak any meeting of the Union Assembly, and be eligible to be a member of the Union Assembly panel;
  - f. Hold any elected position within a Society or other affiliated student group (including Student Action or Manchester RAG).

### **Associate and Honorary Members**

6. The Trustees or Union Assembly may confer honorary membership of the Students' Union upon any person, and the Trustees may prescribe measures to define honorary membership further.
7. The Executive Committee may enter in agreements with other education institutions so that the members of those institutions may make use of Union facilities or activities as associate members.
8. Associate and honorary members shall not be entitled to any of the benefits reserved to members under this Bye-Law.

### **Conduct**

9. A person may have their membership (including honorary or associate membership) or any of the associated privileges removed or suspended for misconduct or breach of discipline.

10. The definition of misconduct or breach of discipline and the procedures for investigating and implementing sanctions shall be set out in a code specified by the Trustees from time to time.