

What you don't know about Worcester Students' Union!

Thanks to the 168 students and staff who completed our quiz, designed to tell us what you know about your Students' Union. Whether you completed the survey or not, we hope you'll be interested in the results and, more importantly, the right answers!

1. We asked whether the SU is:
A department of the University
A charity
A private company

47% thought it is a department of the University, 28% thought it is a private company and 25% thought it is a charity.

Oh dear! Only 25% got this right – Worcester Students' Union is a charity. That means it's an independent organisation and later this year, like other students' unions, it will need to register with the Charity Commission.

2. We then asked what you thought our objects (purpose) are:
36.3% thought we exist for "The advancement of political campaigns on behalf of the National Union of Students". They were wrong.
30.4% thought we exist for "The provision of a subsidized campus shop and bar for students at the University of Worcester". Wrong again.

33.3% were right that, as a students' union, our objects are "The advancement of education of students at the University of Worcester for the public benefit".

3. We asked who the members of Worcester Students' Union are. Only one person thought that it's only students who belong to any of the student clubs and societies. Good – because that's not true. 13 people thought that our members are everyone who has bought a membership card. That's wrong – we don't have membership cards and we don't charge for membership.

91% correctly answered that everyone who is a registered student at the University of Worcester is automatically a member of Worcester Students' Union – so it really is your SU.

4. Our next question concerned where we get most of our income from.
6% of you thought it was from membership fees. No – we don't charge membership fees!
A staggering 55.4% thought we get most of our income from profits from the bar and the shop. If only!

Just 38.7% knew that by far the biggest source of income for the Students' Union is the block grant we receive from the University of Worcester.

5. We then asked what you knew about the people who work in the SU building.
7.1% of you thought they are all volunteers – not true.
11.3% thought they are all unpaid elected officers.

The right answer is that everyone who works in the building is an employee of the Students' Union – 81.5% realised that.

6. **David Antell was delighted that 91.7% knew that he is the current President!**

To set the record straight for the 9 people who thought that the President is David Green – no – he's the Vice Chancellor of the University. 5 people went for David Brown. If there is a David Brown here, apologies – we don't know him.

7. **Michael Collins is the current Vice President Education and Welfare, as correctly identified by 76.2% of respondents.**

14.9% thought Michael Collins was the General Manager. For your information, the General Manager was Richard Evans. Worcester Students' Union now has a new Chief Executive, Paul Johnston.

8.9% thought Michael Collins was the Bar Manager – that's actually Phil Roberts.

8. **Only two people did not know that the Students' Union Bar is called The Dive.**

One thought it was The Dave and another thought it was The Dove.

9. The Students' Union employs quite a lot of people, many of whom are student-staff who work in the bar or the shop.
42% thought the number employed was 21 and 45.2% thought it was 41.

At the time of the quiz, the total number employed was 61, which only 11.9% got right.

10. On the question of Sabbatical Officers, nearly 20% thought they are unpaid interns and 23.2% thought they are part-time volunteers.

While they are in office (for a year), elected Sabbatical Officers work full-time and are paid a salary.

11. Students' Union clubs and societies are not set up and run by the University (2 people thought this) and they are not set up and run by the Students' Union (as almost 20% thought).

Clubs and societies are set up and run by students, with support from the Students' Union, as 79.2% knew.

12. BUCS does not stand for British Universities Challenge Shield (8.9%), neither does it stand for British Universities Campus Society (44%).

BUCS stands for British Universities and Colleges Sport, correctly identified by 47%.

13. **The Students' Union supports all student-led sports clubs (hurrah – 96.4% knew this).**

One person thought we only support elite sportsmen and women and five thought we only support football, rugby union and cricket.

14. On the question of Course Reps, 8.3% thought you need to be asked by your Course Leader to be one, which is incorrect, although we recognise that it does happen sometimes. Over 20% thought the Course Reps need to be elected in a cross-campus ballot, which is not true.

If you'd like to be a Course Rep, you should contact your Course Leader to volunteer, as over 70% realised.

15. Worcester Students' Union does not have its own independent nurse (3 people thought we do) and we don't yet have a radio station (30 people thought we do), although one of our elected part-time officers is working hard to get one started.

We do have our own, independent Student Advisor, Kate Gynn. Kate works full-time in the SU, so if you have a welfare or education issue you'd like to get some independent advice on, contact the SU and make an appointment to see Kate.

16. We have a number of elected part-time executive officers, who are all volunteers. No-one thought we have an Irish Students' Officer – we don't. Over 16% thought we have a Young Students' Officer – no.

One of the part-time executive posts is Mature Students' Officer, as 83.9% knew.

17. In order to run for the Students' Union elections, you don't need to be a full-time undergraduate (5.4% thought you did) and you don't need to be a final year student (16.1% thought you did).

78.6% knew that any student enrolled with the University of Worcester who is not employed by the University, is eligible to stand as a candidate.

18. **Student Council is made up of elected officers, Course Reps and Hall Reps, as 78% correctly identified.**

19% thought that Student Council is made up of any student who turns up to the meetings and 4 people thought it comprised senior University staff and sabbatical officers.

19. Perhaps the most disappointing result (for him anyway) was this one: when we asked who the President of the National Union of Students is, over 50% thought it was someone by the name of Les Keating (a made-up name as far as we're concerned). 22.6% thought it was Jez Wheating.

Only 25.6% knew, or maybe just had a lucky guess, that the current NUS President is Wes Streeting.

20. **66% of you knew that the Students' Union's General Manager recently left (to take up a job at BCU) after working here for 9 years.**

20 people thought Richard Evans had only worked here for 9 months, while 37 thought it was 19 years.

Who took part in our quiz?

168 people took part, 50 male and 118 female. 54.8% who responded were aged 18-21 and 97% are white. 22 people who took part have dependents. 126 were students and 41 staff. All but 4 of the students who responded were full-time undergraduates, the other four were postgraduates. Almost 50% were in their first year of study. We had respondents from every academic institute, the largest proportion from the Institute of Humanities and Creative Arts. 25.4% were mature students and 12.8% were international students. 6 PGCE or initial teacher training students and 7 nursing or midwifery students took part. Of those taking part, over a third live in student shared accommodation. Of those staff who took part, a third are academic staff and two-thirds support staff.