

Eligibility Criteria for standing for Office.

The below are general criteria that any prospective candidate in our election must adhere to for them to be confirmed as a candidate in our elections.

There are no exceptions to these rules.

Criteria

- **For full time roles, you must have been a UWS student at the point of the election nominations closing.**

You must have been a UWS student at the point of nominations closing to be eligible to take office. You can have completed your teaching, but you must not have graduated.

- **For Voluntary Roles, you must be a current UWS Student.**

For a volunteer role, you must remain a student at UWS until summer 2026. This means that you cannot hold a Voluntary post with the Union if you are no longer a UWS student.

- **You must be in good academic standing with the University.**

To be eligible to stand and take office, you must pass all your assessments, and you cannot stand for election if you are scheduled to have resits.

Having outstanding resits can cause disruption to the Union as everything is dependent on the candidate completing their resits.

Example 1

Candidate A is in 2nd year, they have passed all their assessments and are on track to progress to third year. As the candidate has nothing to re-sit, then they would be eligible to stand.

Example 2

Candidate B is in 4th year and has failed an assessment in Trimester 1. They have a re-sit early in Trimester 2 and have completed the re-sit and found out that they had passed before standing in the election. As they have no re-sits outstanding, the candidate would be eligible to stand.

Example 3

Candidate C is a PG and has failed one of their modules. The opportunity to re-sit the module is in the summer after the nomination deadline has passed. The candidate would not be able to stand, as they still have an outstanding re-sit.

- **You must be in good financial standing with the University.**

You cannot be one of our officers if you owe money to the University. Any outstanding balances must be cleared before you stand for election.

It does not matter how much is owed, if there is **any** outstanding balance on your university account then it must be removed otherwise you will not be permitted to stand.

Example 1

Candidate A is a home student who has gotten behind on their rent in the University halls. They owe approximately £1200. They would **NOT** be able to stand unless the £1200 was cleared from their account before the close of nominations.

Example 2

Candidate B is an international student, who receives regular invoices from the University for tuition. Candidate B has paid all the balances as soon as they receive the invoice from the University. Candidate B has nothing outstanding and is therefore able to stand.

Example 3

Candidate C is a student in Lanarkshire. They have library fines on their university account but have disputed these charges with the University. Candidate C would **NOT** be able to stand until the balance is cleared and/or the dispute has been resolved.

- **You must be a student at a domestic campus in the UK.**

You must be a student at either Ayr, Dumfries, Lanarkshire, London, or Paisley.

- **You must be resident in, or willing to relocate to Scotland to take office. (Full-time Officer Roles only)**

The University's head office is in Paisley, and this is where the vast majority of the University's meetings take place. You must sign that you understand that you must relocate in your candidate declaration.

- **You agree to adhere to all the policies and procedures of the Student Union – including the Student Council**

The Union has several policies and procedures that candidates need to follow. You can find them on our website at <https://www.uwsunion.org.uk/representation/student-council/>

- **You must be able to read, write and speak English fluently.**

As part of the elected officer roles, you are expected to participate in meetings and various University and Union committees. You will be expected to read the papers and verbally participate in these meetings. You will also have to write and draft reports for these meetings.

As part of taking office, you will be expected to read and sign various legal documents.

- **You must adhere to the constitution.**

You can find the Union's constitution at <https://www.uwsunion.org.uk/constitution>

- **You must share your social media usernames with us.**

The Student Union is an organisation that prides itself on equality, diversity and inclusivity and the students who represent us need to be able to embody those values. The Union will make sure that the candidate has no posts that would be contrary to these values in their social media history.