Student Societies: Sources

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This is a list of some of the collections that may provide a useful starting point when researching this subject. It gives the collection reference and a brief description of the kinds of records held in the collections. More detailed lists are available in the Searchroom and from our online catalogue. Enquiries should be directed to the Duty Archivist, see contact details at the end of this source list.

Introduction to Student Societies

Student societies are groups run by student committees with the intention of attracting like-minded people to share a common interest. Often the groups are founded with the aim of involving people in student life beyond the boundaries of their subject area, in order to expand the student’s experience of life at university. Societies or clubs can be set up to focus on a wide variety of topics and interests, from academic subjects to unusual social activities. Although often designed for specific groups within certain departments, generally they are open to all students from any faculty.

Student societies offer many different opportunities in which the members can participate, ranging from organising publications and lectures to social events. Up until the mid-twentieth century university clubs and societies were primarily academically focused, specifically offering lectures and opportunities for discussion of a given subject. However, nowadays student societies are of a more social nature, although there still are those that do exist solely for academic purposes. Many of the societies receive funding through affiliation to either Queen Margaret Union or Glasgow University Union, or both, or through the Student’s Representative Council.

Adam Smith Club (GUAS Ref: DC 331)
Minutes 1947-95
The Adam Smith Club, Glasgow 1868-1969

Alchemist’s Club (GUAS Ref: DC 306/1)
Financial reports 1923
Former students’ roll 1927
Minute books 1913-71
Photograph 1923
The Alchemist, the society magazine 1925-42

Alexandrian Society (GUAS Ref: UGC 116)
Membership card 1922-1923
Dinner programmes 1937-1978
Latin verse undated

Archaeological Society (GUAS Ref: UGC 113)
Magazines 1968-1978
Report on excavations 1975
Annual conference flyer 1982
Membership cards 1976-1979

Boat Club (GUAS Ref: UGC 78)
Minute Books 1919-1995
Scrap books 1919-1934
Press cuttings 1877-1992
Reports undated

Chess Club (GUAS Ref: UGC 145)
Correspondence 1924
### Company of Honourable Alchemists (GUAS Ref: DC 306/6-7)
- Minutes: 1907-77
- Programmes of meetings: 1955-62

### Conservative Club (GUAS Ref: DC 180)
- Accounts: 1852-1988
- Correspondence: 1872-93
- Letterbooks: 1896-1900
- Membership records: 1883-1909
- Minute books: 1885-1951
- Papers relating to the Rectorial election: 1877-1971

### Contemporary Club (formerly the Economics Club) (GUAS Ref: DC 471)
- Committee minute books of the Contemporary Club: 1932-41
- Committee minute books of the Economics Club: 1930-32

### Dialectic Society (GUAS Ref: DC 38)
- Constitution and by-laws: c1877
- Correspondence and papers: 1978-80
- Minutes: 1969-83

### Distributist Club (GUAS Ref: DC 372)
- Minute book: 1954-67

### Dramatic Club (GUAS Ref: DC 284)
- Financial statements; correspondence and minutes: 1954-58

### Earth Science Society (GUAS Ref: UGC 184)
- Outcrop: 1977

### Economic History Club (GUAS Ref: UGC 65)
- Correspondence: 1968-70
- Membership cards and syllabuses: 1965-76
- Minutes: 1970

### Engineering Society (GUAS Ref: DC 299)
- Financial records: 1923-74
- Minutes: 1892-1980
- Newsletters: 1971-85
- Photographs: 1897-1914
- Year books: 1933-69

### Exploration Society (GUAS Ref: UGC 186)
- Glasgow University Exploration Society expedition report: 1979

### Gamma 1911 Medical Club (GUAS Ref: DC 423)
- Minute book: 1911-15

### Geographical Society (JOGSOK) (GUAS Ref: DC 332)
- Society magazine, *The Drumlin*
  - *The Drumlin* Tenth Anniversary Issue: 1964

### Glasgow & Strathclyde Universities’ Officers’ Training Corps (GUAS Ref: DC 99)
- Correspondence: 1912-55
- Equipment Register: 1936-42
- Minutes: 1908-77
- Photographs: 1911-62
- Registers and roll books: 1943-59

### Glasgow University Club, Aberdeen (GUAS Ref: UGC 185)
- Annual Dinner Menu Cards: 1975-1976
Glasgow University Sports Association (GUSA) (GUAS Ref: DC 71)
   Association minutes 1910-76
   Financial records 1928-73
   Foundation and constitution 1877-1958
   Golf club minutes 1942-77
   Handbooks 1962-84
   Hockey minutes 1919-72
   Newscuttings 1888
   Photographs 1912-c95
   Sports programmes and membership cards 1924-81

Glasgow University Union, student union (GUAS Ref: DC 94)
   Administrative papers 1925-88
   Architectural plans 20th century
   Constitution 1891-1979
   Correspondence 1970-82
   Debating records 1889-1979
   Financial records 1885-1988
   GUU diaries 1924-69
   Minutes 1885-1969
   Programmes and menus 1895-1985
   Photographs 1889-1990
   Posters 1937, 1942

Hare & Hounds (GUAS Ref: UGC 19)
   Minutes 1927-1934
   Results book 1965-1974
   1996 Reunion correspondence 1995-1996
   Photocopied material related to the Hare & Hounds 1926-1996
   Reunion supper menu 1930
   Photographs 1929-1930

Highland Girls' Club Munition Workers (GUAS Ref: UGC 021)
   1916-1923

History Club (GUAS Ref: UGC 32)
   Minute books 1963-1972

International Club (GUAS Ref: UGC 22)
   Minute books 1931-1969
   Papers relating to Mrs Ranji Aaron and Mr Appadurai Aaron 1959-1976
   Leaflets 1945-1946

Labour Club (GUAS Ref: DC 329)
   Minute book 1967-75

LGBT Society (GUAS Ref: UGC 178)
   Constitutions 2002-2004
   Committee Minutes and Papers 2002-2004
   Minutes of Annual General Meetings 2003-2004
   Policies and Guidelines 2003
   Financial Records 2003
   Correspondence 2003-2004
   Publicity Material 2002-2004

Liberal Democrat Student Society (GUAS Ref: DC 309)
   Campaign Radical
   Correspondence 1987-93
   Liberal News 1992

Medico-Chirurgical Society (GUAS Ref: DC 373)
   Minute books 1868-1981
   List of presidents and honorary presidents
Model United Nations Society (GUAS Ref: UGC 200)
Brief history of debating society 2011
Constitution 2010
Rules and procedures and glossary
Executive meeting minutes
Member lists 2009-2011
Resolution handouts for debate, 2009-2011
Promotional and advertising material 2010-2011.

Motorcycle Club (GUAS Ref: UGC 50)
Photocopies of newspaper cuttings 1934-1936
Glasgow University Motorcycle Club lapel and brass plate badges c1935

Mountaineering Club (GUAS Ref: UGC 190)
Glasgow University Mountaineering Club magazines 1952-1953

Natural History Society (GUAS Ref: DC 427)
Minute book 1892-94

Nautical Society (GUAS Ref: UGC 189)
Secretaries' reports 1924-1927
Minute book 1924-1928
List of committee members 1947-1952

Ossianic Society (Comunn Oiseanach Oilthigh Ghlaschu) (GUAS Ref: DC 69)
Account book 1906-60
Correspondence 1981
Membership lists 1979-81

Philosophical Society (GUAS Ref: DC 330)
Correspondence 1771 and 1865
Minute book 1934-47

Physical Society (GUAS Ref: UGC 133)
Founding Papers 1884-1898
Minute books 1884-1981
Treasurer's accounts 1884-1971
Membership lists 1884-1944
Membership cards 1912-1991
Library Records 1922-1989
Events tickets 1963-66
Publications 1889-1921

Queen Margaret Settlement Association (GUAS Ref: DC 22)
Association records 1897-1998

Queen Margaret Union, student union (GUAS Ref: DC 240)
Accounts 1908-71
General correspondence 1901-82
Membership records 1890-1980
Minutes 1908-98
Papers regarding the constitution 1908-93
Photographs c1948-81
Queen Margaret Union Handbooks 1989-93

Shinty Club (GUAS Ref: DC 70)
Minute book 1906-74
Photograph 1952

Society for New Testament Study (GUAS Ref: DC 428)
Minute book 1912-39
### Students Representative Council (GUAS Ref: DC 157)
- Copies of constitution: 1886-1985
- Correspondence: 1977-78
- Financial records: 1906-79
- Glasgow University *Guardian*: 1956-95
- Glasgow University Student Handbook: 1893-1999
- Minutes: 1886-1998
- Miscellaneous publications and pamphlets: 1910-77
- Photographs: 1947-78
- Publicity materials: 1976-89
- Roll of members: 1887-1929; 1948-53
- Student Representative Councils of Scotland minutes and conference notes: 1899-1913
- Scottish Union of Students minutes, working papers, correspondence and reports: 1946-67

### The Glasgow Amateur Dramatic Club (GUA REF: UGC 55)
- Circular, introduces aims and brief constitution of the club: 1883

### Temperance society (GUAS Ref: UGC 108)
- Claims of Total Abstinence booklet: 1894

### Twentieth Century Club (GUAS Ref: DC 327)
- Membership list and constitution: 1907-08 and 1910
- Minutes of annual meetings: 1945-47

### Zoological Society (GUAS Ref: DC 333)
- Minute book: 1925-36