

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
<i>The Alchemist</i> , 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
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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)	
<i>Outcrop</i>	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)	
Copies of <i>A History of a Faculty: Engineering at Glasgow University</i> by C. A. Oakley (1973); and <i>From the Days of the Horseless Carriage: Centenary of the Glasgow University Engineering Society</i> by A S Thom (1991)	
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, <i>The Drumlin</i>	1956-58
<i>The Drumlin</i> 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 and 1943-1980
Accounts book	1978-1991
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)	
<i>Campaign Radical</i>	
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 <i>Guardian</i>	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