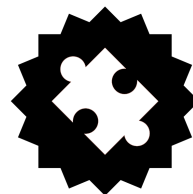


The Social Sciences Student Union's

Political Action Plan

2024/2025



**SOCIAL SCIENCES
STUDENT UNION**

Introduction

The main purpose of the Social Sciences Student Union is to monitor and engage with the education for Social Sciences students at Lund University. This work is carried out by the elected Presiding Committee and other relevant student representatives on faculty, university and national level, as well as internationally. The Presiding Committee is responsible for leading a division of responsibility over the points in the Political Action Plan.

This document is established by the Representative Assembly, and is one of the union's primary steering documents for the student union's political work.

Students' wellbeing

Efforts to improve students' mental health need to be made and the University can contribute by, for example, creating and evaluating supportive physical, social and academic environments. When we conduct campus projects aspects of inclusivity and accessibility should always be looked at. Another issue is the transportation between campuses, which sometimes can act as a barrier for a good learning environment. Additionally, ongoing conflicts in the world and student involvement in solidarity movements have an impact on the students' welfare and well-being.

Because of this, the student union shall:

- strive for more accessible and better funded student health services.
- strive to actively safeguard the welfare and rights of students involved in movements that stand in solidarity with parties to ongoing conflicts in the world.
- advocate for more equal, inclusive and accessible campuses.
- advocate for better transportation opportunities between the campuses.

Faculty, resources and organisation

Despite the university's four campuses, large parts of student life are still concentrated in Lund. Both the attraction of student social life and the need to commute create travel costs that are challenging for students. The student union should do its best to safeguard a good study environment for social sciences students. Social Sciences are one of the least prioritised academic disciplines. In order for students to pursue their studies, the Student Union needs to push for mending the resource gap between the university's faculties.

Because of this, the student union shall:

- advocate for clear and well-timed communication towards students that will be affected by campus projects.
- advocate for clear communication towards students regarding access to study places and ensuring consistent access to buildings during all bookable opening hours.

- advocate for opening up more lecture halls to be used as study places when not being used for teaching.
- advocate for an increased resource allocation to the Faculty of Social Science, and monitor the index based resource allocation process.
- advocate for proper student influence in all bodies where the faculty's organisation is discussed.

Quality in higher education

The most important part of being a student is to learn. To be able to promote learning, the faculty needs to be in the forefront of teaching and learning tools. Students do best when they are in contact with their teachers and we are in need of more teacher-led hours. The course evaluations are an important part in the development of courses at the university. It is often through the course evaluations that the students' experiences of the individual courses are captured and their answers are used to identify what needs to be improved in the education. Students also need access to the necessary technical equipment to pass their courses, and the student union should advocate that the library service extend their services in regards to that. Moreover, it is always a problem when the students' list of rights is not followed. The student union should safeguard those rights and ensure that the Faculty of Social Sciences act in accordance with it.

- advocate for more teacher-led hours.
- advocate for student influence in regards to course evaluations.
- ensure that the Faculty of Social Sciences adheres to the university protocols and lists of rights.
- advocate that the library services should provide loans of necessary technical equipment.

Internationalisation and mobilisation

The Faculty of Social Sciences is one of the most internationalised faculties, not only academically, but a large part of the student mass at the faculty are international students. There are many obstacles for students, especially those from outside of the Swedish borders. The responsibility of the student union therefore should be to strive for better communication with these students, and ensuring international students' influence. The student union also needs to take a solidarity approach to ensuring the rights of students globally.

- advocate for better conditions for international students to become student representatives at all relevant levels.
- advocate for external and internal solidarity for students' rights and academic freedom.
- strive for better communication from the faculty, university and municipality to international and/or non-Swedish speaking students.

- advocate for CIM to be more broadly available.