

# WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO JOIN STUDENT SOCIETIES



## WiB's Thoughts



Did you know that UTS has over 180 clubs and societies? Becoming an active part of societies is a fantastic way to immerse yourself in the kaleidoscopic world that is university life through valuable sports, social and professional development opportunities. If you're still unconvinced, keep reading on how societies can enrich your university experience!

The relief of getting into uni is often short-lived and quickly overshadowed by the common worry, "how will I make friends?" Luckily, joining a club or society makes it that much easier! 180 clubs and societies including the Cat Society, Cafe Club and Bubble Tea Appreciation Society means that you are bound to find people to indulge in the same interests and passions as yourself. Even better, regular social events like trivia nights help you bond with your fellow club members to create lasting friendships.

The classroom isn't the only place on campus where you can hone your skills. How boring would that be? Faculty clubs and professional development societies such as our very own Women in Business ensures that you are joined by like-minded individuals who are similarly looking to enhance their academic and professional skills. Such clubs and societies often offer networking events, mentoring programs, internship opportunities and workshops to better equip you for the workplace whilst having fun along the way!

The workload of university can get quite mundane and stressful at times, but luckily there's a solution to this! Becoming part of a society allows you to take your mind off the next assignment due, and ensures you're still enjoying your time at university. The events hosted by societies are a great way to socialise, and leave you feeling ready to tackle your next task as well. It's honestly a win-win situation!

The most underrated impact of joining a society lies in its ability to teach you more about yourself. You will discover your various strengths, whether that be persuading others to join your society or writing up an amazing piece of work for a newsletter! Knowing this will allow you to translate these skills into future careers or other areas of life. You will also be able to learn your true interests and passions by exploring various societies, which can also help guide future decisions. How cool is that?

These are just a few of the amazing things that you can get from joining a society, or even better, multiple societies! So, what are you waiting for? Head onto the ActivateUTS website to explore the variety of societies that you can join, and get started by joining one.

Good luck!

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