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# Student Associations

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Our students can become members of numerous student societies, academic clubs, and associations operating at the university or faculty level. Some of them hold lectures, conferences, or specialist seminars, while others organise cultural events or charity campaigns. We generally welcome activities of all kinds because we believe they help broaden students' horizons and serve as valuable preparation for their future professional lives. Therefore, some associations are not exclusively for students; many of the university's staff are keen participants too.

Although most of the association use primarily Czech language in their communication, there are certain strictly English-speaking as well. We encourage you to get in touch with the Czech-speaking associations too because, in most cases, **switching to English is usually not a problem.**

Below, you can find selected student organizations popular among students of all our faculties. For other faculty-specific organizations, please visit the [faculty website](#) .

## Charles University Debate Club

Debate Club meets weekly (usually every Wednesday at 6:30 PM in room 308B at the Faculty of Arts) to hold British Parliamentary-style debates. Debating cultivates skills of analytical thinking, precise expression of ideas, and rhetorical style. The club is open to all students of Charles University as well as anyone with interest in debating.

## Erasmus Student Network Charles University (ESN CU)

This student association organises various social, cultural, and sports events or trips for international and Czech students and generally helps international students handle their stay in Prague.

## Charlie (Czech-speaking)

This student club is a queer association which organises and participates in projects focusing on environment, security, and self-confidence.

## Prague Academic Cabaret (Czech-speaking)

The Prague Academic Cabaret project was established in order to launch events that would connect creative activities of students of Charles University, the Academy of Performing Arts and the University of Arts and Crafts in Prague with a wider and professional public.

## CU Hockey Prague (Czech-speaking)

The CU hockey club unites Charles University students interested in ice hockey. Members of the association carry out regular sports activities as a part of a national university competition. Anyone from the university with interest in ice hockey is welcome.

## Student Union (Czech-speaking)

The Charles University Student Union (SU UK) was established in 2008 as the result of an initiative by six Charles University societies. Its main objective is to act as a guide for university student organizations, facilitating communication and cooperation among them, developing a creative platform for active students, supporting the implementation of their ideas, and acting as a mediator providing information to all students about what is currently happening in the academic community. The CU Student Union has a current membership of around thirty societies from almost all faculties, and the number is growing.