

Policy name: **Compulsory Reading Weeks**

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### **STUDENT COUNCIL NOTES:**

Reading weeks are currently at the discretion of module co-ordinators.

This discretion allows for reading weeks to be slotted in during different weeks for different modules. This means that students may need to come onto campus to be taught other modules during their reading week. This presents the issues of time lost to travel and additional travel costs that some students may accrue as a result. This could be avoided if reading weeks were standardised.

### **STUDENT COUNCIL BELIEVES:**

Many modules require students to dedicate an extensive amount of time to reading in order to succeed in their degree.

Throughout the semester there may be various events outside of the students control which limits the amount of time they can dedicate to reading. This has the potential to have an adverse effect on the performance and wellbeing of students due to increased stress associated with an increased workload.

The Student Council also believes that reading weeks provide students with an opportunity to catch up on any work they may have missed due to events outside their control and that they will have a positive impact on student performance and wellbeing.

### **STUDENT COUNCIL RESOLVES:**

The Student Executive will lobby the University Management to highlight the issue with the hope of having standardised reading weeks included in the University calendar.

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