

1. STANCE TITLE: ACCESSIBLE EDUCATION

Ulster University Students' Union believes that education should be accessible, inclusive, and equitable for all students, regardless of their background, identity, financial circumstances, or personal needs.

We recognise that barriers to education persist in many forms, including financial hardship, disability and accessibility challenges, caring responsibilities, digital exclusion, and structural inequalities. These barriers disproportionately impact students from underrepresented and marginalised communities, limiting their ability to fully participate in and benefit from higher education.

As a Students' Union, we affirm that accessible education is not a privilege, but a fundamental right. Every student should be able to engage with their studies, access support services, and participate fully in university life without facing preventable obstacles.

What we stand for:

- The removal of financial barriers that prevent students from accessing and continuing in education.
- Inclusive and accessible teaching, assessment, and learning environments.
- Adequate and timely support for disabled students and those with additional needs.
- Flexible learning options that recognise the diverse circumstances of our student body.
- Equal opportunities for all students to succeed and thrive.
- We will use this position to advocate for meaningful change within Ulster University and beyond, ensuring that student voices are central to the development of a more accessible and inclusive education system.
- This stance reflects our commitment to representing all students and working towards a university experience where accessibility is embedded, not added as an afterthought.

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