

Course representative elections

Autumn 2026

Who and how?

- All students at all levels are eligible to apply and to vote
- One course rep per level per course
- Applications and voting will be online only
- To apply, students must:
 - Submit a short application form on the Students' Union website
 - This includes a short statement saying why they want to be the course rep
 - Ask course mates to vote for them
- There is no option for course leaders to organise a separate in-class election
 - If there is only one candidate, they must still complete the online process

Training and first meeting

- Course reps must attend a one-hour-long training event in week four
- Training will be offered in Docklands and Stratford
- There will be lots of different days and times available
- If a course rep doesn't attend, they'll be deemed to have resigned from the role
- Course reps should meet their course leader within two weeks of training
- Course reps can apply for an award/certificate in spring
 - Details will be confirmed later

Exceptions

- Some exceptions exist for the 'one course rep per level per course' rule
- Alternative arrangements will be put in place for apprenticeships and large postgraduate courses such as MBA, MSc IBM, MSc Computer Science
- If this applies to your course, this will be highlighted on the Students' Union's website

Dates

- Welcome week (week commencing 21 Sep): course rep marketing campaign
- Teaching week one (w/c 28 Sep): application period – week one
- Teaching week two (w/c 05 Oct): application period – week two
- Teaching week three (w/c 12 Oct): voting week
- Teaching week four (w/c 19 Oct): training week

Questions

- Questions about this process should be sent to su.elections@uel.ac.uk