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www.dsu.ca
WHAT IS THE DSU?

The Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) is our collective student voice on campus. With over 19,000 members, the DSU is here to make sure we thrive during our experience at Dal. The DSU advocates for student rights and is one of the main student voices on Governing Council and on University Senate. The DSU also supports students by building community on campus through events, supports over 250 societies, and provides discount services to save you money! As a student at Dalhousie University, you are a member of the DSU and have access to all the services, campaign supports and programming created to help you succeed during your time at Dal. dsu.ca/about

Events and Programming
We foster authentic connection and experiences that make your time at Dalhousie memorable and unique. Participating in DSU events will positively shape your time in university in life-changing ways and help expand your knowledge and network. Some of these events include O-Week, Society Expo, Racial Justice Symposium, and so many more!

Campaigns and Advocacy
We lead work to advance inclusion and fairness for a variety of social and political issues, including addressing better support for low-income students and combating issues around homophobia, transphobia, racism, ableism and other intersecting issues that impact students on and off campus. Through lobbying decision makers and collective student action, both on and off campus, we strive to create a more just and accessible society for all.

Services and Support
Navigating university life is both challenging and rewarding. The DSU is proud to offer cost-saving, accessible, student-focused and student-run services to help you in all aspects of your journey. We have a student-run print shop, Campus Copy, and two beautiful campus pubs – The Grawood and T-Room. We actively work to ensure our services are safe and welcoming for all students.
WHO REPRESENTS YOU?
DSU.CA/YOUR-STUDENT-UNION

The DSU is governed by participatory democracy driven by students. In the winter term, Dalhousie University students participate in an election to select the next executives and student representatives to represent students on council throughout the year. The executive team works full-time in the DSU offices to manage the day-to-day operations of the Union, and are overseen by council. Both executives and council members work hard all year long to lobby for what you need. The five executive positions of the DSU are President, Vice President (Internal), Vice President (Finance & Operations), Vice President (Academic & External), and Vice President (Student Life).

Want to meet this year’s executive team? Get to know them virtually at dsu.ca/o-week.

President | dsupres@dal.ca
The President is the chief spokesperson for the student union. They sit on the Dalhousie Board of Governors and Senate. They also oversee all day-to-day operations of the student union and regularly represent students to government officials and senior administrators at the university.

Vice President Internal | dsuvpi@dal.ca
The Vice President Internal facilitates all student union societies and oversees all communications, including official correspondence and the student union website. They also chair several committees, including the Student Accessibility Fund, Sexton Campus Advisory and Society Review Committee.

Vice President Finance & Operations | dsuvpf@dal.ca
The Vice-President Finance & Operations oversees the student union’s finances and many operational aspects of the Union. They also audit the books of levied societies and are responsible for writing the student union’s yearly budget.

Vice President Academic & External | dsuvpae@dal.ca
The Vice President Academic & External is responsible for the student union’s advocacy and campaigns on academic and student issues, including tuition fees, student debt, academic integrity, and equity issues. They sit on the Dalhousie Senate and represent students on various university committees and through municipal, provincial and federal lobby efforts. They chair the Academic and External Affairs committees and the student union’s Senate Caucus.

Vice President Student Life | dsuvpsl@dal.ca
The Vice President Student Life facilitates, and plans student union activities aiming to increase student spirit on campus. This includes Orientation Week, the Impact Awards and various other activities. They are also responsible for promoting varsity athletics on campus, chairing several event-related committees and overseeing the activities of the DSU’s Shinerama campaign.
GET INVOLVED
DSU.CA/GET-INVOLVED

Jobs
The Dalhousie Student Union employs about a dozen full-time staff and close to 100 part-time staff who work together to support the delivery of the Union’s services.

Want to join the team? Visit our website and follow us on social media to stay updated on current opportunities.

Societies
There are over 250 active societies ratified with the DSU each year. With interests like academics, social issues, recreation and culture, there’s a society for everyone. Can’t find what you’re looking for? Why not start a news society?

Committee
Committees are a crucial part of the fun and important work the DSU does. Committees are small and have specific goals. They are comprised of executives, councilors and general members working together to plan events; support societies; make improvements to the DSU’s operations, services and policies; or to carry out other important work.

Council
Council oversees the operations of the Union. It is comprised of the executives, representatives of faculties, representatives from particular community groups on campus (e.g. International students, LGBTQ students), and the student representatives on the Board of Governors.
DSU Farmers’ Market
At the DSU we also operate a student-run farmers’ market that is committed to providing fresh, local, and whenever possible, spray-free produce available to students and the Halifax community at an affordable cost. Our network of local farmers allows us to bring in the best seasonal produce, fresh baked bread, homemade jams, and more! We offer close to wholesale pricing, which is among the lowest you’ll find in the city. This year, pre-order for pick up in the Student Union Building (SUB). dsumarket.ca

Survivor Support Centre
At the DSU we believe all students have a right to safer campuses. We believe survivors and center their experiences. We recognize that rape culture and gender-based violence affects people differently. We aim to combat all forms of inequality and injustice through an anti-oppressive, feminist framework. dsu.ca/survivor-support

Sexual Assault & Harassment Phone Line
The phone line offers confidential and anonymous, non-judgmental, active listening and support to anyone who has experienced, or has been affected by, sexualized violence. You are not required to give any identifying information to receive support.

Call or Text (902) 425-1066 between 12pm and 12am daily, 7 days a week.

Equity and Accessibility Office
The Equity and Accessibility Office (E&A Office) was formed to address issues of systemic and institutional oppression at Dalhousie University and within the Dalhousie Student Union (DSU). The E&A Office strives to implement an anti-oppressive framework in all the work we do to make our community a more equitable and accessible place for everyone. dsu.ca/equity
**DSU Food Bank**
We are aware that food insecurity is a problem in the student community. Sometimes money doesn’t come in, loans get delayed or other expenses suddenly appear. Don’t worry. If you need long term assistance or just a few meals to get by, please come visit us. [dsu.ca/foodbank](http://dsu.ca/foodbank)

**DSUSO – Sustainability Office**
The Dalhousie Student Union Sustainability Office (DSUSO) strives to create a culture of sustainability within DSU Operations and at Dalhousie University through anti-oppressive framework. They seek to improve our university community by making the DSU an ecologically aware, economically responsible and socially equitable institution. [dsu.ca/sustainability-office](http://dsu.ca/sustainability-office)

**DSAS – Advocacy Service**
Whether you have been accused of an academic offence, or you are dealing with harassment or discrimination, drop us a line at [dsas@dal.ca](mailto:dsas@dal.ca). Dalhousie Student Advocacy Service (DSAS) hires and trains volunteers in anti-oppressive practices, advocacy skills, confidentiality and Dalhousie’s many policies to help students facing academic offences get the support they need. [dsu.ca/student-advocacy-service](http://dsu.ca/student-advocacy-service)

For more info and hours of operation for all DSU services please visit our website at [dsu.ca](http://dsu.ca).
Sex Talk
Let’s talk about SEX. Better yet, let’s talk about how sexy, important and mandatory consent culture is. Join us and our friends at Venus Envy to learn about the importance of consent and provide you with tips and resources to support a consent-centered environment both on and off campus. dsu.ca/o-week

Meet the Executives
Want to get to know the faces representing you on campus and the work they do? Check out our website to meet the DSU executive for the 2020/2021 year. dsu.ca/o-week

We are Treaty People
It is important that we all take time to learn about whose land we live on. In addition to learning more about Mi’kma’ki, the DSU is connecting you to resources available to Indigenous and non-Indigenous students on campus through this video. dsu.ca/o-week

Know Your Rights
DSAS will be setting you up for success this semester. Learn more about your academic rights and the resources available in person and remotely with this informative video. dsu.ca/o-week

Welcome to Halifax
Need a quick tour of Halifax? The DSU has got you covered! Learn more about some of our city’s fun places to hang out. dsu.ca/o-week

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