

Course Representative

Undergraduate and PGT students





The role

Course reps work with other reps and university staff to improve the student academic experience. They do this by representing their course-mates' issues and priorities to staff at course and school/department level.

Course Reps are also members of the Bristol SU's Education Network, and full voting members of Student Council, ensuring that students on their course have a voice in key SU decisions. Usually there is at least one Rep for every course at the University – this means a system of over 700 academic reps!

Core responsibilities as a Course Rep are:

Gathering and understanding students' opinions

- o Regularly communicating with your peers to hear their opinions
- Sending out more formal surveys/questionnaires when appropriate
- Ensuring that you are truly representative by considering students' varied experiences and backgrounds
- Attending Bristol SU democratic events such as Student Council and Annual Members Meeting, to represent your course and to contribute to universitywide student issues.

Working with both staff and students to find solutions

- Attending Student-Staff Liaison Committees (SSLCs) in your school to report findings to university staff.
- o Working with staff to raise and resolve issues where appropriate.
- o Working with other Course Reps to be a powerful collective voice.
- Communicating and working with your Faculty Rep on issues that go beyond just your course.
- o Engaging with the SU's Education Network, to take part in student-led change through consultations, forums and Rep training events.

Communicating outcomes and updates back to your course-mates

- Reporting results, explanations and changes back to your course-mates after meetings with university staff
- Reporting key successes and progress to your Faculty Rep, or directly to Bristol SU.

Time Commitment:

Course Reps spend an average of 1-2 hours a week on their role during term-time. This includes fixed term commitments (such as Student-Staff Liaison Committees or Student Council) and communicating with their course-mates.

The position runs for the entire duration of the academic year.



If you are interested in standing for this role and want to know more about what it's like on a day-to-day basis, email bristolsu-representation@bristol.ac.uk.