

Rules for Göta studentkår's associations.





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“Göta studentkår's purpose is to represent, promote, and safeguard the interests of its represented students in matters relating to education and the student social environment” (Göta studentkår Bylaws § 1:2).

In order to safeguard and promote its members' academic and social well-being, Göta studentkår chooses to support associations connected to the University of Gothenburg and its students. This support is partly financial but also administrative and is provided only to associations that have applied for and been granted the status of a Union Association or a Section Association, in accordance with the applicable regulations. Göta studentkår is a membership organization by its members, for its members, with students as the target group.

Activities and purpose

The purpose of associations must be compatible with the student union's objectives—namely, to safeguard and promote the interests of its members in matters concerning their student life. Associations shall work to create added value for Göta studentkår's members during their time of study.

Göta studentkår offers its associations:

- › Financial support in the form of operational grants
- › Financial support through the possibility to apply for additional funding
- › Knowledge and training in association-related matters
- › Access to room bookings
- › Guidance on how to book rooms and what they may be used for
- › Marketing support
- › Assistance with creating logos, images, and text

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- › Printing services
- › Opportunities to participate in organizing events, such as the kick-off

Rights and responsibilities of associations

The rights of associations (depending on the type of association) include:

- › The right to book university rooms that Göta studentkår has access to
- › The right to promote the association's events through Göta studentkår's channels
- › Access to training in association-related matters such as board work, nomination committee work, financial management, marketing, and communication (*Does not apply to political, religious, or honorary associations*)
- › The opportunity to take part in the development of major student union activities, such as introduction weeks (kick-off), concerts, and career networking events
- › Support with specific association-related matters
- › The opportunity to apply for funding for activities (*Does not apply to political, religious, or honorary associations*)
- › The opportunity to apply for operational grants (*Does not apply to political, religious, or honorary associations*)
- › The right to use Göta studentkår's logo (*Does not apply to political or religious associations*)

	Central Union association	Sexmästeri	Political union association	Religious union association	Section association	Honorary association
Use Göta studentkår's logo	X	X			X	X
Book rooms	X	X	X	X	X	X
Help and support	X	X	X	X	X	
Social media	X	X	X	X	X	X
Training	X	X			X	
Development	X	X	X	X	X	
Operational Grants	X	X			X	

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Request of funds	X	X			X	
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Responsibilities of associations

- › To apply for association status annually to demonstrate that the association is active
- › To ensure that all board members are ordinary members of Göta studentkår at the time of applying for association status or renewing association status.
- › To carry out activities aimed at members of Göta studentkår and students at the faculties represented by the student union
- › To ensure that the association's activities align with the purpose and core values of Göta studentkår
- › To actively promote membership in Göta studentkår among its members and potential members
- › To have adopted statutes for the association
- › To have an operational plan
- › To submit an annual activity report

If a board member of an association pauses or ends their studies during their term, they have the right to complete their mandate period.

Göta studentkår's classification of association types

There are two main categories of associations: Union Associations and Section Associations. A Union Association refers to an association that operates across multiple sections. A Section Association refers to an association that targets students within a specific section.

Central union associations

Central union associations are cross-sectional associations that carry out activities within a specific area and are aimed at all students represented by Göta studentkår. Examples of areas of activity include dance, singing, music, gaming or sports.

Sexmästerier

Sexmästerier are union associations that primarily focus on student social activities such as events involving parties, sittningar, introduction weeks (kick-off), and pub-related

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operations. Unlike other union associations, the activities of Sexmästerier are more specifically focused on party and pub-related events.

Political union associations

Political union associations are associations with an ideological purpose. Within Göta studentkår, these associations serve to bring together students with political interests to discuss and exchange ideas. The purpose of the association must align with Göta studentkår's core values. Political union associations have the right to book rooms for association gatherings. The purpose of the association is not to proselytize or recruit members to a political ideology within university premises.

Political union associations must not be affiliated with a political party.

Religious union associations

Religious union associations are associations aimed at bringing together students with a religious interest for discussion and reflection. The purpose of the association must align with Göta studentkår's core values. Religious union associations have the right to book rooms for association gatherings. The purpose of the association is not to proselytize or attempt to convert others to a religion.

Section associations

Section associations are associations aimed at students studying within the same faculty, department, programme, subject, or equivalent, at one of Göta studentkår's sections. A Section association may engage in both educational advocacy and/or student social activities. It must be clearly stated by the section the association belongs to whether the association has the right to nominate student representatives.

Honorary associations

Honorary associations are union associations that are independent but still wish to maintain cooperation with Göta studentkår. These associations consist of former students and members who want to continue to be involved within the framework of Göta studentkår's activities.

The Union Board holds the main responsibility for maintaining relations with honorary associations. These associations may use Göta studentkår's facilities in consultation with the Union Board. To qualify as an honorary association, the association must have its own organizational registration number (organisationsnummer).

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Board members of honorary associations must hold either ordinary membership or membership as a kårkompis in Göta studentkår.

Bylaws

Associations must adopt their own bylaws, which must include the following:

- › The purpose of the association
- › The association's highest decision-making body
- › The procedure for appointing the association's board
- › The procedure for amending the bylaws
- › The target group of the association
- › The procedure for dissolving the association
- › The procedure for withdrawal from the association
- › A definition of what constitutes a member

Göta studentkår will provide example bylaws upon request.

Nationally affiliated organizations

If an association is affiliated with another organization, that organization must not conflict with the bylaws or core values of Göta studentkår. The organization must be democratically structured.

If an association is affiliated with a nationally recognized organization, this must be stated in the application for association status.

Association members

Board members of the association must be ordinary members of Göta studentkår. Members who carry out activities in the name of Göta studentkår must be either ordinary members or kårkompis-members of Göta studentkår. The association must actively encourage all other members to become members of Göta studentkår.

Application for union association status

The status of a Union association at Göta studentkår is valid for one operational year (1 July–30 June).

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Applications to become a Sexmästeri or a central, political, or religious Union association are reviewed and decided by The Union Board. Prior to the board's decision, the application is evaluated based on its content in accordance with the "Rules for Göta studentkår's associations." Upon approval, association status is granted for a period of one operational year. During the period in which the association holds Union association status at Göta studentkår, no further verification of membership is conducted.

The decision may be appealed to The Representative Assembly and must be submitted within 30 days from the date the applicant was notified of the decision. The appeal will then be considered at the next meeting of the Representative Assembly.

If an application to become a Union Association is incomplete or clearly does not meet the requirements of the regulations, The Union Board shall request that the applicants complete or amend their application. Following the board's request, the Event and Association Coordinator shall inform the association of the requirements for completion or amendment, as well as the deadline. The decision will then be made at the next meeting of The Union Board.

The application must include the following:

- › Bylaws
- › Operational plan
- › Composition of the board - Board members must hold ordinary membership in Göta studentkår
- › Contact details for the entire board
- › Minutes from the constituent meeting or current annual meeting
- › Any national affiliation

Application for renewal of student union association status

The status of a Union association at Göta studentkår is valid for one operational year (1 July–30 June).

Applications for the renewal of Union Association status for a Sexmästeri, or a central, political, or religious Union Association are reviewed and decided by The Union Board. Prior to the board's decision, the application is evaluated based on its content in accordance with the "Rules for Göta studentkår's Associations." Upon approval, association status is

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granted for a period of one operational year. During the period in which the association holds Union Association status at Göta studentkår, no further verification of membership is conducted.

The decision may be appealed to the Representative Assembly and must be submitted within 30 days from the date the decision is communicated to the applicant. The appeal will then be addressed at the next Representative Assembly meeting. During the period between the appeal and the next Representative Assembly meeting, the association has the right to continue operating as usual.

If the application is incomplete or clearly does not meet the requirements set by these rules, the Union Board shall instruct the association to supplement or amend their application. Following the Union Board's instruction, the Event and Association Coordinator shall inform the association of the requirements for supplementation or amendment, as well as the deadline. A decision will then be made at the next Union Board meeting.

The application must include the following:

- › Bylaws
- › Composition of the board
- › Contact details for the entire board
- › Current annual meeting minutes
- › Any national affiliation
- › Operational report for the previous operational year and operational plan for the upcoming operational year

If requested by the Union Board, and if there are particular reasons in the individual case, the association must present documentation demonstrating that it complies with the requirements in the Rules for Associations at Göta studentkår.

Application for section association status

The status of a Section Association at Göta studentkår is valid for one operational year (1 July–30 June).

Applications to become a Section Association are reviewed and decided by the section board of the respective section. Prior to the board's decision, the application is evaluated based on its content in accordance with the "Rules for Göta studentkår's Associations."

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The decision may be appealed to The Union Board and must be submitted within 30 days from the date the applicant was notified of the decision. The appeal will then be considered at the next meeting of The Union Board.

If an application to become a Section Association is incomplete or clearly does not meet the requirements of the regulations, the section board shall request that the applicants complete or amend their application. Following the board's request, the responsible section should inform the association of the requirements for completion or amendment, as well as the deadline. The decision will then be made at the next section board meeting.

The application must include the following:

- › Bylaws
- › Operational plan
- › Composition of the board - Board members must hold ordinary membership in Göta studentkår
- › Contact details for the entire board
- › Minutes from the constituent meeting or current annual meeting
- › Any national affiliation

Application for renewal of section association status

The status of a Section Association at Göta studentkår is valid for one operational year (1 July–30 June).

Applications to become a Section Association are reviewed and decided by the section board of the respective section. Prior to the board's decision, the application is evaluated based on its content in accordance with the "Ruöes for Göta studentkår's Associations." Upon approval, association status is granted for a period of one operational year. During the period in which the association holds Section Association status at Göta studentkår, no further verification of membership is conducted.

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The application must include the following:

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- › Composition of the board – Board members must hold ordinary membership in Göta studentkår
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- › Any national affiliation
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If requested by the section board, and if there are particular reasons in the individual case, the section association must present documentation demonstrating that it complies with the requirements in the Rules for Associations at Göta studentkår.

Application for honorary association status

The status of an Honorary Association at Göta studentkår is valid for one operational year (1 July–30 June).

Applications for Honorary Association status are reviewed and decided by The Union Board. Prior to the board's decision, the application is evaluated based on its content in accordance with the "Rules for Göta studentkår's Associations." Upon approval, association status is granted for a period of one operational year. During the period in which the association holds Honorary Association status at Göta studentkår, no further verification of membership is conducted.

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If an application for Honorary Association status is incomplete or clearly does not meet the requirements set out in these regulations, The Union Board shall request that the association complete or amend its application. Following the board's request, the responsible Event and Association Coordinator shall inform the association of the requirements for completion or amendment, as well as the deadline. The decision will then be made at the next meeting of The Union Board.

Only associations that have previously held association status with Göta studentkår are eligible to apply for Honorary Association status.

The application must include the following:

- › Bylaws
- › Operational plan
- › Composition of the board – Board members of honorary associations must hold either an ordinary membership or a "kårkompis" membership in Göta studentkår
- › Contact details for the entire board
- › Current annual meeting minutes
- › Any national affiliation

If requested by the Union Board, and if there are particular reasons in the individual case, the association must present documentation demonstrating that it complies with the requirements in the Rules for Associations at Göta studentkår.

Application for renewal of honorary association status

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