

# Speak Week Survey 2025 (Term 1)

## Summary Report

This one-page summary report will give an overview of the Union's Term 1 Speak Week exercise, and highlight key findings for onward use.

## Procedure Overview

Speak Week took place in Week 6 of Term 1 (3/11-6/11), and was the first time it has been conducted during this period of the academic year.

In line with strategic planning, Term 1 Speak Week featured a much-reduced question pool, and featured decreased staff / cross-union involvement in promotion and execution.

<b>281</b> Views	<b>162</b> Starts	<b>114</b> Submissions
<b>70.4%</b> Completion Rate		<b>01:57</b> Time to complete

<b>29%</b> 2023 Start	<b>19%</b> 2024 Start	<b>44%</b> 2025 Start
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Speak Week was promoted through the Union newsletter, social media (Insta: 3/11 & 6/11; FB: 5/11), on-site postering and flyering (KA and WD), and Officer GOAT-ing across the week. Movember featured heavily in Social Media promotion that week. The Live Open Forum was also featured in comms.

## Results Overview

### What is your favourite thing about your university experience?

#### Key Theme 1:

#### **Meeting New People & Making Friends (50%)**

A dominant theme across responses is the value students place on forming friendships and connections. Many describe the social aspect as central to their positive experience.

#### Key Theme 2:

#### **Learning & Course Experience (12%)**

Many students appreciate their course content, teaching, and practical learning opportunities.

#### Key Theme 3:

#### **Societies, Sports & Extracurriculars (12%)**

Students frequently emphasise societies, clubs, music, sports, and social events as highlights of student life and community-building.

#### Other Themes:

Welcome, Community, Inclusivity (8%)  
Facilities, Campus Environment (8%)  
Events & Night Life (7%)  
New Independence (4%)

### As a student, what is your biggest concern, right now?

#### Key Theme 1:

#### **Cost of Living & Financial Pressure (28%)**

Students frequently express anxiety about affording food, housing, commuting, living costs, and managing finances alongside studying.

#### Key Theme 2:

#### **Academic Pressures (24%)**

Assignments, exams, workload, deadlines, structure, and performance stress appear as major sources of anxiety.

#### Key Theme 3:

#### **Housing (esp. Second Year) (9%)**

A significant proportion of students feel worried about securing a place to live next year or not knowing who to live with.

#### Other Themes:

Careers, Grad, Post-Uni (8%)  
Mental Health & Wellbeing (6%)  
Uni Policies, Support & Representation (6%)  
Teaching & Resources (6%)  
Transport, Commuting & Access (4%)