

Student Council Motion

SC-8.2 Group work (*amended**)

**additions/changes in red*

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What issue is your proposal going to address?

Group work in every module during a sem should be limited to just one. We do get that teamwork is important but having group coursework in every module just makes life so much harder on the students. This targets those who do not end up in a good team or a team where a student who couldn't be bothered about the work, and this impacts the overall grade for the module. We think that a student should be awarded a grade that pays for his hard work but when a major part of the module contains group coursework, a really good student end up with a lower grade and a student who doesn't put in enough effort ends up passing the module with a decent grade.

Why this is important to University of Hertfordshire Students?

Student come to university to learn, study and pass out with a really good grade and the grade of an individual really affects when it depends on various other students in a group and for modules where group work is the major part of the coursework, it really affects students who want to get really good grades but couldn't because they are being let down by the group.

What action would you like the Students' Union to take?

We would like the student union to take this forward to the department heads and to really consider making group coursework to be limited to one module per semester **in courses that do not require group work to be assessed as part of their accreditation.**

We would also like the Students' Union to lobby the University to instigate a review of the way in which group work operates, and is assessed, overall.