DE MONTFORT UNIVERSITY LEICESTER

DMU STUDENT CHARTER
2018–2019

Introduction

This Student Charter has been developed collaboratively with you, our students; De Montfort University (DMU) and De Montfort Students' Union (DSU). Students have the responsibility of playing an active and crucial role in the Charter's development and overall success. The Charter sets out what we expect from each other as partners in our scholarly community. The Student Charter will be reviewed annually by the Academic Board, which includes student membership and representation from DSU.

"At **DMU**, we encourage every student to have a strong and independent voice and the confidence to craft an individual approach to learning, study and university engagement.

The **DMU Student Charter** has been developed with our students to inspire you to play a part in transforming the world in line with our university's values and our commitment to the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals for a better future."

Professor Dominic Shellard, Vice-Chancellor

"Your journey at **DMU** is not only about your education inside the lecture hall, but also developing and shaping your future through the experiences and memories you create here. We're here to help you achieve this by representing your academic interests to ensure your time at **DMU** is the very best it can be. Therefore, as your Officer Team for 2018-2019, we're proud to commit to the 2018 Student Charter by putting you at the heart of everything we do. After all, it's not the University or Students' Union Charter, but the Student Charter, and yours to own!"

De Montfort Students' Union Executive Officer Team

"Studying at **DMU** is an incredible experience. Students receive award-winning teaching and an extensive support system. The universal design for learning approach makes university accessible for everyone to learn, explore and discover."

Stefania Vodita, DMU Student, School Representative Coordinator for School of Allied Health Sciences, Faculty of Health and Life Science

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

I will as a student at De Montfort University...

... respect fellow students, staff and the wider community to contribute to a safe and inclusive environment for all, in line with the Student Code of Conduct

... demonstrate commitment towards my course by attending and engaging in academic activities throughout my university experience

... make the most of the services provided by DMU and DSU that could enhance my personal and professional development

... regularly engage with my Personal Tutor to help me reach my full potential

... engage with extracurricular activities, which may be facilitated by the university, Students' Union and local community, in order to enrich my overall student experience

... take advantage of opportunities that allow me to amplify the student voice, in order to enhance the student experience for myself and others

DSU will...

… respect its students, staff and the wider community thereby contributing to a safe and inclusive environment for all

… represent your academic interests

… provide tailored student advice on your course and student experience

… create opportunities through our student-led activities for your enjoyment, development and to strengthen your sense of belonging

… be an independent voice to the university, supporting you where needed

… provide elected officer roles that represent and celebrate the diversity of students at DMU

… provide fresh and effective communication through face to face opportunities, email updates, the web and social media

… provide an inclusive and creative environment that hosts social events in our very own campus centre building

… give you a voice to represent your peers and create change through democratic structures across the university

… be led by YOU. We are your Students' Union, where you can come to your Annual General Meeting, regular Student Councils, plus vote and stand for election

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DMU will…

… respect its students, staff and the wider community to contribute to a safe and inclusive environment for all

… provide excellent teaching, learning opportunities, and student support for all

… continually review our development of curricular, co-curricular, and extra-curricular activities

… encourage your personal growth and support collaborative working between students, staff, employers and DSU to co-create a rewarding student experience

… provide you with a Personal Tutor to support you through your university experience

… give you the tools and confidence to help you to succeed and to achieve your potential at university and in life

… give you the opportunities to represent students and the student voice and create change through democratic and/or representative structures at every level of the university

… continue to enhance our digital environment through IT investment to aid your studies and transform your experience

… provide practical opportunities for learning such as through #DMUworks, volunteering, sports, the arts, #DMUlocal and #DMUglobal

… recognise and celebrate students' contributions to the success of the university

… provide an equitable learning experience for every DMU student through Universal Design for Learning