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# Introduction – Letter of Opinion

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## 55 **Introduction**

### 56 **§.1 Purpose**

57 The purpose of the Letter of Opinion of the Jönköping Student Union (JSU) is to  
58 provide the Board with the prerequisites for making good decisions and carry out the  
59 operations that are based on the interests of the members.

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61 The Letter of Opinion should be revised once per year to stay continuously updated.  
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### 63 **§.2 How to use**

64 The opinions in this document shall direct the decision made by the JSU Board and JSU  
65 Presidium.

66 The opinions in this document is constant and shall always be acted upon when the  
67 opportunity appears.

68 The Letter of Opinion is the base for the Plan of Operations; however all opinions may not be  
69 included in the Plan of Operations and it may include goals outside of these opinions.

70 The Board has the right to interpretations if any opinion is unclear.



# Chapter 1 – Obligatory Membership

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## 71 **Obligatory membership**

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73 On July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010, compulsory student union membership was abolished for state-  
74 owned universities. Jönköping University (JU) is a private institution and are not  
75 subject to this law which gave the Foundation board of JU the power to decide to  
76 keep the obligatory membership or not.

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78 To ensure a continued and stable student influence at JU the foundation board decided to  
79 keep the obligatory membership in the Jönköping Student Union (JSU) for all students at  
80 Jönköping University. This is regulated in “Regulations and guidelines for first-, second- and  
81 third-cycle education at Jönköping University” (BRJU).

82 The opinion of JSU is that:

### 83 **§.1.1 The obligatory should remain**

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### 85 **§.1.2 JSU should together with JU decide upon the membership fee.**

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### 87 **§.1.3 It is JU’s responsibility to ensure there is an academic consequence if the** 88 **membership00 fee is not paid to the union.**

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### 90 **§.1.4 The obligatory union membership shall be reinstated on a national level.**



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### 91 **Education**

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#### 93 **§.1 General**

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95 The opinion of JSU is that:

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97 **§.1.1 The State bears the entire responsibility for higher education.**

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99 **§.1.2 Higher education shall be free from tuition fees for to the largest extent**  
100 **possible for all students.**

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102 **§.1.3 The student shall be seen as a co-actor in the education.**

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104 **§.1.4 The education at JU shall hold a high international standard.**

105

106 **§.1.5 The educations at JU shall offer a base for further studies and work life.**

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108 **§.1.6 All educations at JU shall be based on high quality research and**  
109 **consider ethical perspectives.**

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#### 111 **§.2 Quality assessment system**

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113 The opinion of JSU is that:

114 **§.2.1 JU shall have an internal quality system assessing the quality of each**  
115 **educational program at JU.**

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117 **§.2.2 External expert shall be a part of each assessment group.**

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119 **§.2.3 Students shall be a part of each assessment group.**

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121 **§.2.4 The student perspective from inside the program shall be considered by**  
122 **the assessment group.**

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124 **§.2.5 JU shall participate in national and international evaluations and seek**  
125 **accreditations for each faculty.**

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127 **§.2.6 JSU shall participate in the development of ISBS**

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### 129 §.3 Pedagogy

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131 The opinion of JSU is that:

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133 **§.3.1 All teachers shall be able to be fully understood in the language or**  
134 **languages they teach in.**

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136 **§.3.2 All teacher shall have good understanding of the subject they are teaching**  
137 **in.**

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139 **§.3.3 All teachers shall have good knowledge of pedagogy.**

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141 **§.3.4 JU shall value pedagogy skills as high as subject knowledge and**  
142 **research merits at employments.**

143

144 **§.3.5 JU should encourage and offer teaching staff in-service training courses**  
145 **on pedagogical approaches and methods.**

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### 147 §.4 Degrees

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149 The opinion of JSU is that:

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151 **§.4.1 Students shall be able to use the same course for multiple degrees if the**  
152 **course meets the requirements of the degree.**

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154 **§.4.2 The degree certificate shall state whether courses have been included in**  
155 **more than one degree.**

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157 **§.4.3 Applicants shall have the opportunity to combine courses from different**  
158 **university colleges and universities in their degrees.**

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160 **§.4.4 ECTS is a relevant grading system.**

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162 **§.4.5 Each faculty shall decide for itself whether to use the ECTS grading**  
163 **scale and that any instatement of the system shall be done only after**  
164 **extensive consequence analyses have been carried out.**

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### 166 §.5 Legal Security

167 JU is a foundation which means that “högskolelagen(1992:1434)” and “  
168 högskoleförordningen(1993:100)” do not apply to the operations of JU. The  
169 consequence following is that students at JU do not have the same legal protection as  
170 students at state-owned universities. Following this it is crucial that JU has clear  
171 internal rules and that these special conditions are communicated to students at JU.



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173 The opinion of JSU is that:

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175 **§.5.1 All students at JU shall have equal legal protection as other students in**  
176 **Sweden.**

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178 **§.5.2 JSU shall always be informed before changes are made to BRJU**  
179 **(Bestä05elser och riktlinjer vid Jönköping University/ Regulations and**  
180 **guidelines for first-, second- and third-cycle education at Jönköping**  
181 **University).**

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183 **§.5.3 JSU shall always have the chance to express an opinion about changes**  
184 **made to BRJU.**

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186 **§.5.4 BRJU must be easily accessible for all students at JU.**

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### 188 **§.6 Educational structure**

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190 The opinion of JSU is that:

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192 **§.6.1 It shall be easy to transfer credits to Jönköping University from other**  
193 **seats of learning.**

194

195 **§.6.2 Students must be given opportunities to plan both their studies and their**  
196 **spare time.**

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198 **§.6.3 Consideration must be taken to students' workload when scheduling and**  
199 **planning the course.**

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201 **§.6.4 Students shall have as even workload as possible during the whole**  
202 **academic year, both when it comes to teaching time and examinations.**

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204 **§.6.5 Scheduling at evening time shall be avoided to the largest possible extent.**  
205 **Students have the right to extracurricular activities and most of these takes place**  
206 **during evening time. Some students are also parents and must be allowed to take care**  
207 **of their children during these hours.**

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209 **§.6.6 Staff and students shall respect schedule free days.**

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211 **§.6.7 Students shall have at least 2 schedule free days between regular exams.**

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- 213 **§.6.8 Teachers must inform the students of changes in the schedule at least 5**  
214 **work days before the schedule moment.**  
215
- 216 **§.6.9 There should be as few schedule changes as possible during a course.**  
217
- 218 **§.6.10 Each program should be built upon the idea of knowledge progression and**  
219 **have a red tread through the whole program.**  
220 It is of importance that teachers are actively aware of the content in other courses in  
221 the program than their own and keep an active communication with other teacher in  
222 the same program to ensure knowledge progression  
223
- 224 **§.6.11 The academic environment shall create the conditions for meetings**  
225 **between the first, second cycle and third cycles**  
226
- 227 **§.6.12 Bachelor level education shall offer a great variation of the forms of**  
228 **instructions and examination.**  
229
- 230 **§.6.13 Mandatory moments shall award credits (“högskolepoäng”) and shall be**  
231 **graded separately.**  
232
- 233 **§.6.14 Lectures and exercise sessions shall be voluntarily to attend, unless there**  
234 **is especially motivated not to be.**  
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- 236 **§.6.15 All examination moments shall be free of charge.**  
237
- 238 **§.6.16 Lectures, workshops, seminars and course material shall be majorly**  
239 **related to one or several examination moments.**  
240
- 241 **§.6.17 Students shall have access to course literature list and course syllabus**  
242 **(“kursplan”) 1 month before course start.**  
243
- 244 **§.6.18 The study-guide shall be complete and available at least 1 weeks before**  
245 **course start, and the course shall be available via Canvas.**  
246
- 247 **§.6.19 There shall be opportunities for students to interact with the teacher in**  
248 **question outside lectures during the course.**  
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- 250 **§.6.20 Mandatory or examining moments shall not be added or removed after**  
251 **the study-guide has been determined, the only exceptions is with a written**  
252 **exception from the faculty’s educational chief.**  
253
- 254 **§.6.21 The lecturer must respect start and end time of the lecture and offer a**  
255 **break of 15 minutes for every 45 minutes lecture time.**



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### 257 **§.7 Parenthood**

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259 The opinion of JSU is that:

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261 **§.7.1 Parents who study shall have the right to an extra grant (“tilläggsbidrag”)**  
262 **which is not connected to the study aid.**

263

264 **§.7.2 Students shall have the possibility to be on part-time parental leave.**

265

266 **§.7.3 The State shall make it possible for students who have maintenance**  
267 **obligations toward children to study on the same conditions as students**  
268 **without children.**

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### 270 **§.8 Study-counselling**

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272 The opinion of JSU is that:

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274 **§.8.1 For each educational program there should be at least one study-**  
275 **counsellor.**

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277 **§.8.2 The Student counsellors shall work closely with the students during their**  
278 **entire period of study.**

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280 **§.8.3 Students situations shall be considered in its entirety.**

281 This requires coordination between Student counsellors and the Student Health.

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283 **§.8.4 The Study-counsellor should be easily accessible for students.**

284

285 **§.8.5 The Study-counsellors shall have a good insight to what it is to study at JU**  
286 **and each individual faculty.**

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288 **§.8.6 Study counsellor shall assist students in switching program within JU.**

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### 290 **§.9 Course Material**

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292 The opinion of JSU is that:

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294 **§.9.1 All lecture material shall be available before and after the lecture.**

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296 **§.9.2 Teachers shall be aware of the small margin of income that students have**  
297 **when planning course literature.**



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299 **§.9.3 Each individual piece of course literature shall be relevant and be used to**  
300 **the largest extent possible during the course.**

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302 **§.9.4 Course literature should always be peer-reviewed unless there is a**  
303 **relevant connection between the material and the task.**

304

305 **§.9.5 Course literature shall consider to the largest extent possible the**  
306 **international perspective.**

307

308 **§.9.6 The library should have course literature accessible online to the largest**  
309 **extent possible.**

310

311 **§.9.7 Material needed to complete the examinations shall be free of charge.**  
312 **Course literature is excepted from this.**

313

### 314 **§.10 Examinations**

315

316 The opinion of JSU is that:

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318 **§.10.1 All students shall be assessed equally and consequently.**

319

320 **§.10.2 Anonymous examination shall be applied to all examinations where**  
321 **deemed practically possible.**

322

323 **§.10.3 The examination shall reflect the content of the course and the course**  
324 **goals.**

325

326 **§.10.4 It shall always be the course goals and content that steers the choice of**  
327 **examination form and consideration shall be given to the scope of the**  
328 **course.**

329

330 **§.10.5 Students shall always know what is required to reach different degrees.**

331

332 **§.10.6 All examinations moments shall be reported in to LADOK within 20**  
333 **workdays.**

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335 **§.10.7 All courses shall be reported in to LADOK within 20 workdays after the**  
336 **last examination moment is completed.**

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338 **§.10.8 All exams shall be possible to sit at least three times within the upcoming**  
339 **12 months.**



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**§.10.9 The time set aside for examination shall be taken from the appointed course time.**

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**§.10.10 Submission deadlines may be set to a later deadline but not to an earlier deadline.**

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### **§.11 Admissions and recruitment**

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The opinion of JSU is that:

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**§.11.1 Students should be invited to participate in the recruitment of new students and receive reasonable payment for the participation.**

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**§.11.2 Practical experience and other educational merits shall be counted at admission if it is equal to the regular entry requirements.**

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358

**§.11.3 JU shall work actively to broaden recruitment to the University.**

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**§.11.4 JU shall have a technical base year and technical basic semester (tekniskt basår och tekniskt bastermin).**

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**§.11.5 JU shall continuously work to decrease the level of discrimination at admission.**

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**§.11.6 JU should not accept more students than that the educational quality can be uphold and developed.**

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**§.11.7 Positive discrimination shall not be used at admissions.**

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**§.11.8 Any specific entry requirements posed must be essential to the student's ability to complete the education.**

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**§.11.9 Applicants shall be able to appeal against decisions regarding qualifications requirements and selection.**

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**§.11.10 Both international and national work experience is to be considered at selections.**

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**§.11.11 Alternative selection methods (interviews, personal letters, etc.) for educational programs should be used to a greater extent to increase the weight of personal suitability in selections.**



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### 383 **§.12 Placements and Internships (VFU/NFK)**

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385 The opinion of JSU is that:

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387 **§.12.1 Placements (“VFU/ NFK”)/internships shall be of high quality, be**  
388 **connected to the studies and thus relevant to the student and the**  
389 **education.**

390

391 **§.12.2 The rights and obligations of the student during a placement/an internship**  
392 **shall be clear and well communicated both to the student and the**  
393 **workplace.**

394

395 **§.12.3 JU shall ensure the students safety during transportation to and from the**  
396 **placement/internship and safety on the workplace.**

397

398 **§.12.4 Forced placements that results in double accommodation cost shall not**  
399 **affect the student.**

400

401 **§.12.5 All students shall be offered the opportunity to a placement/an internship**  
402 **during their educations.**

403

### 404 **§.13 Studies Abroad**

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406 The opinion of JSU is that:

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408 **§.13.1 The individual finances conditions should not be a hindrance to go abroad.**

409

410 **§.13.2 The total amount must be adapted to the local price level for studies**  
411 **abroad in such a way that an adequate standard of living is achieved after**  
412 **paying rent, course literature and other costs that come with the studies.**

413

414 **§.13.3 JU shall to the furthers extent possible offer all students the possibility to**  
415 **study abroad.**

416

417 **§.13.4 Students abroad shall have the possibility to have continually contact with**  
418 **personnel at JU.**

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### 421 **§.14 Co05issioned education**

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423 The opinion of JSU is that:

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425 **§.14.1 Co05issioned education shall not be allowed to compete with regular**



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426 **education.**

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428 **§.14.2 Businesses and organizations must pay the full price of the co5issioned**  
429 **education so that no resources are diverted from the students.**

430

431 **§.14.3 Co5issioned education shall not be awarded higher education credits or**  
432 **academic degrees**



## Chapter 3 – Students rights and influence

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### 433 **Students rights and influence**

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#### 435 **§.1 National representation**

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437 The opinion of JSU is that:

438 **§.1.1 JSU shall actively participate in the work of SFS (The Swedish National**  
439 **Union of Students) which is crucial to ensure that JU's students' opinions**  
440 **are voiced on a national level.**

441

442 **§.1.2 JSU shall take a proactive stance in cooperating with external authorities**  
443 **(e.g. UKÄ) relevant to education and studying environment quality at JU.**

444

445 **§.1.3 JSU shall collaborate with other student unions.**

446

#### 447 **§.2 Representation at JU**

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449 The opinion of JSU is that:

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451 **§.2.1 JSU shall maintain a constant dialogue with JU to monitor and develop**  
452 **educational and study-environmental quality through student**  
453 **representation in all relevant JU bodies.**

454

455 **§.2.2 JSU shall have representation on a JU level as well as at faculty level.**

456

457 **§.2.3 Students shall always be granted postponement of studies to work**  
458 **actively in the Jönköping Student Union.**

459

460 **§.2.4 Resuming studies shall be facilitated and when granting continued**  
461 **student aid, the time spent working for the Jönköping Student Union**  
462 **shall be taken into account**

463

464 **§.2.5 Students who has been offered a place on a student exchange program**  
465 **shall have a place on the exchange program next year if they choose to**  
466 **work for JSU instead of going on the exchange.**

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## Chapter 3 – Students rights and influence

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### 468 **§.3 Course and Program Development**

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470 The opinion of JSU is that:

471 **§.3.1 The course evaluations shall be done anonymously.**

472

473 **§.3.2 There should be a minimum amount of 3 questions that are the same in**  
474 **all the course evaluations regardless of faculty.**

475

476 **§.3.3 The result from the equally stated question should be compared between**  
477 **the faculties.**

478

479 **§.3.4 JU shall have a transparent course evaluation process.**

480

481 **§.3.5 At each course at least 2 students shall be course developers.**

482

483 **§.3.6 Course developers shall be democratically elected by students.**

484

485 **§.3.7 At each program at least 2 students shall be program developers.**  
486 If there are more than 1 minor there should be a program developer for each minor within  
487 the program.

488 **§.3.8 Program developers shall be democratically elected by students.**

489

490 **§.3.9 Program developers shall have at least 2 meetings per semester with the**  
491 **program council (programråd).**

492

493 **§.3.10 The class should evaluate the whole program when they graduate.**

494

495 **§.3.11 Course and program developers shall have easy access to guidelines for**  
496 **the role as developers.**

497

498 **§.3.12 The results after course and program evaluations should be made public**  
499 **and be easily accessible in written form.**

500

501 **§.3.13 The results after a course evaluation shall be presented at the first lecture**  
502 **the following time the course is held.**

503

504 **§.3.14 The results after a program evaluation shall be presented to the class**  
505 **which is affected by the result.**





## Chapter 4 – Work Environment

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### 506 **Work Environment**

507 The campus is in many aspects the students' workplace where they not only choose, but are  
508 expected to spend their time, and therefore the university premises and facilities shall be  
509 adapted according to the needs of the students.

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### 511 **§.1 General**

512

513 The opinion of JSU is that:

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515 **§.1.1 JU is responsible for the work environment for students.**

516

517 **§.1.2 Work environment issues shall not hinder anyone to attend an education.**

518

519 **§.1.3 Student shall have the same possibilities for a good work environment as**  
520 **employees.**

521

522 **§.1.4 JU shall only have one campus with all the faculties gathered on the same**  
523 **location.**

524

525 **§.1.5 The campus shall remain centrally located, despite the future plans of**  
526 **university.**

527

528 **§.1.6 JU:s facilities shall fulfil the recruitments for good ergonomics, climate,**  
529 **ventilation, lightning, acoustics, security and hygiene.**

530

531 **§.1.7 All service personnel at JU shall be able to make themselves fully-**  
532 **understood in English.**

533

534 **§.1.8 There shall be a sufficient number of computer halls.**

535

536 **§.1.9 There shall be a sufficient number of study locations both for individual and**  
537 **group use, and they should be accessible at all time for students.**

538

539 **§.1.10 All students shall have access to all study locations.**

540

541 **§.1.11 There shall be sufficient number of lunch locations.**

542

543 **§.1.12 JU and JSU shall consider what psychosocial factors that can and are**  
544 **affecting students work environment.**

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## Chapter 4 – Work Environment

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546 **§.1.13 There should be facilities on campus for recreational activities.**

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548 **§.1.14 JU shall consider the needs of the students when developing digital**  
549 **systems.**



## Chapter 5 – Students Safety and Health

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### 550 **Student Safety and Health**

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#### 552 **§.1 Social and health insurance system**

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554 The opinion of JSU is that:

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556 **§.1.1 Students right to shall have the same right to access the Swedish security**  
557 **system as other groups in the Swedish society.**

558

559 **§.1.2 A functioning and full-covering security system is crucial to students'**  
560 **ability to take on, undergo and complete their studies.**

561

562 **§.1.3 Student qualifying period, for applications from the Swedish system, shall**  
563 **be shortened from 30 to 14 days.**

564

565 **§.1.4 Students shall have the right to part-time sick leave.**

566

567 **§.1.5 Health insurance shall be linked to the studies, rather than the student**  
568 **aid.**

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570 **§.1.6 If a student is on sick leave the students shall have the right to keep the**  
571 **student aid and have the loan part written off during the whole period the**  
572 **student are on sick leave.**

573

#### 574 **§.2 Health on campus**

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576 The opinion of JSU is that:

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578 **§.2.1 JU and JSU shall work actively to ensure that students at JU are aware of**  
579 **where to turn to with questions about healthcare and well-being.**

580

581 **§.2.2 JSU and Student Health care should continuously collaborate with each**  
582 **other.**

583

584 **§.2.3 Student Health Care are to work preventatively.**

585

586 **§.2.4 Student Health Care shall work targeted in order to reduce health hazards**  
587 **during the students' period of studies.**

588

589 **§.2.5 The Student Health Care shall be visible, easy and equally accessible for**  
590 **students on campus.**



## Chapter 5 - Students Safety and Health

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592 **§.2.6 Student Health Care should offer care in the form of:**

- 593 • Counselling care
  - 594 • Advisory nurse
  - 595 • Guidance and support in the search of care
  - 596 • Health preventing education or classes to reduce the risk of stress
- 597 related illness.

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599 **§.2.7 JU shall provide Student Health Care with the resources necessary to**  
600 **ensure good capacity to provide the full requirement of student health**  
601 **care.**

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603 **§.2.8 JU shall include the Student Health Care shall in their development**  
604 **strategies.**

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606 **§.2.9 There should be “resting rooms” available and clear information on how**  
607 **to access these.**

608

609 **§.2.10 Facilities should be accessible on campus for students to pursue physical**  
610 **activities.**

611

612 **§.2.11 JU and JSU shall consider what psychosocial factors can and are affecting**  
613 **student’s health.**

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615 **§.2.12 There shall be possible to receive counselling for questions regarding**  
616 **religion and life philosophies.**



## Chapter 6 – Equal opportunities and harassment

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### 617 **Equal opportunities and harassment**

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#### 619 **§.1 General**

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621 The opinion of JSU is that:

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623 **§.1.1 Diversity enriches education and shall therefore be actively sought after.**

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625 **§.1.2 JU has the utmost responsibility to work for equal opportunities for all**  
626 **students at the university.**

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628 **§.1.3 JSU has a responsibility to work for equal opportunities within our own**  
629 **organisation.**

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631 **§.1.4 All staff and student shall be aware of questions regarding equal**  
632 **opportunities and should reflect over their own attitude.**

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634 **§.1.5 Teachers shall be aware and respect of intercultural differences.**

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636 **§.1.6 The campus area shall be to the largest extent possible be accessible for**  
637 **students with disabilities.**

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639 **§.1.7 All students with a temporary or permanent disability, visible or not, shall**  
640 **have access to clear information about their rights and shall receive**  
641 **relevant assistance.**

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643 **§.1.8 There shall be designated person(s) who handles student cases within**  
644 **discrimination.**

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646 **§.1.9 All students shall be treated equally regardless of how their studies are**  
647 **financed.**

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649 **§.1.10 There shall be a clear process on how discrimination or harassment cases**  
650 **are handled at JU.**

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652 **§.1.11 There shall be clear and easily accessible information on how you file a**  
653 **report regardless if you have been discriminated or harassed.**

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655 **§.1.12 Students reporting a case of discrimination or harassment should be**  
656 **prioritized to receive a time with student health care counselling.**



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657 **§.1.13 All cases of discrimination or harassment shall be taken seriously and be**  
658 **investigated regardless of who has been violated or by who.**



## Chapter 7 – Accommodation

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### 659 **Accommodation**

660 To a majority of students, the place where they live is not only their home and safe point,  
661 but also their main place for academic work. Therefore, good housing conditions is a  
662 prerequisite for succeeding in their studies and must be viewed as an integral part of the  
663 academic environment.  
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#### 665 **§.1 General**

666 The opinion of JSU is that:

667 **§.1.1 No students shall have to decline a place at JU due to the lack of**  
668 **acco05odation.**

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670 **§.1.2 Students shall only spend maximum 35% of the student aid (CSN) on**  
671 **student acco05odation.**

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674 **§.1.3 Temporary building permits are not an accepted long-term solution to**  
675 **solve the lack of student acco05odations.**

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677 **§.1.4 Students with different kinds of disabilities shall be guaranteed student**  
678 **acco05odation adapted to their needs. This shall not to cause any extra**  
679 **expense for the student.**

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681 **§.1.5 The amount of student acco05odations must follow the amount of student**  
682 **enrolled at JU.**

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684 **§.1.6 Landlords shall check if tenants are still students.**

685

686 **§.1.7 Remunerated shall be considered as students in regard to student**  
687 **acco05odation and shall be able to keep their acco05odation during their**  
688 **mandate.**

689

690 **§.1.8 Financial support when building student acco05odation shall not be any**  
691 **lower than financial support when building regular acco05odations.**

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693 **§.1.9 JSU shall strive to provide temporary housing options to new students**  
694 **who have not yet found acco05odation before the start of their education**  
695 **in the form of dormitories, couch lists and other temporary solutions.**

696

697 **§.1.10 International students shall be integrated with Swedish students by their**  
698 **acco05odation.**

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700 **§.1.11 In applications for housing allowance (“bostads bidrag”), study aid shall**  
701 **not be considered a source of income.**

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703 **§.1.12 The level of housing allowance shall not to be an aspect when setting**  
704 **rents.**  
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706 **§.1.13 The level of housing allowance shall not vary with the age of the student.**  
707

708 **§.1.14 JU and the municipality together with the Student Union shall adopt a**  
709 **common approach to the current housing situation.**  
710

711 **§.1.15 the housing warranty should cover all students at JU.**  
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### 713 **§.2 Accommodation for international students**

714 International students at JU are offered guaranteed accommodation by the university. The fact  
715 that JU guarantees accommodation to international students is something that JSU looks  
716 positively upon. However, it also leads to the expectation that students shall be aware of which  
717 accommodations they are provided. Furthermore, JSU sees the housing of students as a strong  
718 potential tool for increasing integration of international and domestic students.

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720 The opinion of JSU is that:

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- 722 **1.1 Information about the accommodations shall be accessible for students as**  
723 **early as at the speculative stage of applying.**  
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  - 725 **1.2 JU's housing capacity must correspond to how many students they admit**  
726 **to study here.**  
727
  - 728 **1.3 International students are to be informed before they arrive at JU about**  
729 **the accommodation and rent, they will be staying in.**





## Chapter 8 – The economic conditions for students

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### **The economic conditions for students**

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Education is a personal investment as well as a societal one. Viewed from this perspective, the JSU finds that it is reasonable for the individual and the State to assume shared responsibility for financing the education.

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#### **§.1 General**

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The opinion of JSU is that:

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**§.1.1 Students shall have the same right to basic social security as other citizens do.**

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**§.1.2 The student and the State shall share the economic responsibility for financing the education.**

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**§.1.3 All students shall have the right to discounts, both nationally and locally.**

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**§.1.4 All students, regardless of age and nationality shall have the right to apply for accommodation grant.**

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**§.1.5 There shall be subsidized dental care for students.**

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**§.1.6 The level of the student aid shall be so that a reasonable living standard can be upheld, amount is given by the Swedish Consumer Agency.**

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**§.1.7 The period for processing the application of student aid shall not take more than 2 weeks.**

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**§.1.8 Students shall be able to receive extra student aid if there are special grounds.**

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**§.1.9 Change of educational program shall be considered as a sufficient reason to be able to extend the payment period of student aid.**

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**§.1.10 To promote lifelong learning students shall be able to re-apply for the same amount of student aid that you repaid.**

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**§.1.11 The income earned during the periods between studies, such as the summer break, shall not be counted by CSN.**

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**§.1.12 The income from financial capital or a sale of an accommodation shall not**



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771 **be counted by CSN.**

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773 **§.1.13 Half of the total amount of student aid shall be a loan and half of it a grant.**

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775 **§.2 Repayment of student aid**

776

777 The opinion of JSU is that:

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779 **§.2.1 The start of repayment should not start until 12 months after completed**  
780 **studies or 12 months after the start of study break.**

781

782 **§.2.2 The conditions for loans taken cannot change afterwards.**

783

784 **§.2.3 There shall be a lower income limit for repayment of loans and that**  
785 **repayments shall be connected to the repayment ability of the individual.**

786

787 **§.2.4 The total debt is written of at retirement pension, death or at special**  
788 **grounds.**

789

790 **§.2.5 The interest rate for the student loan shall be fixed and below 0.5%.**



## 791 **Internationalisation and integration**

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### 793 **§.1 General**

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795 The opinion of JSU is that:

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797 **§.1.1 International exchanges, such as exchange students and international**  
798 **teachers, contributes to broadening of knowledge taught.**

799

800 **§.1.2 Integration of international and domestic student are crucial to achieve**  
801 **internationalization on campus.**

802

803 **§.1.3 Teachers and students shall be given the opportunity to study languages.**

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805 **§.1.4 JU shall require of the student that they possess the language skills**  
806 **necessary to complete the education.**

807

808 **§.1.5 International students shall be offered training in Swedish and have equal**  
809 **opportunities to apply to the courses.**

810

811 **§.1.6 Clear information about rights and obligations in regard to education,**  
812 **housing and health care shall be provided to international students by JU,**  
813 **JSU, the municipality and other relevant agencies.**

814

815 **§.1.7 JU shall make sure that internships and placements (VFU/NFK) is offered**  
816 **to international students in Sweden for those courses where it is a**  
817 **mandatory element.**

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819 **§.1.8 JSU shall make sure there are meeting places and activities where**  
820 **international and domestic students may collaborate and exchange**  
821 **experiences.**

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823 **§.1.9 All information from JU to international students shall be in English.**

824

825 **§.1.10 One basic requirement international exchange is that there is an**  
826 **easily comprehensible system for transferring of degrees and individual**  
827 **educational elements.**

828

829 **§.1.11 Each program shall offer opportunities to study abroad.**

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831 **§.1.12 Individuals who on their own accord organizes studies abroad,**  
832 **placements, thesis work, research or similar positions shall be given**  
833 **encouragement, support and guidance.**

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835 **§.1.13 It shall be possible to appeal against a credit transfer decision.**

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837 **§.2 The Bologna Process**

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839 The opinion of JSU is that:

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841 **§.2.1 JSU stands with the Bologna Process.**



## Chapter 10 – Study social

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### 842 **Study social**

843 Extracurricular activities are of great importance for the student’s individual development on  
844 both personal and professional level. Social affiliation is crucial for student’s health and study  
845 social activities can to a great extent offer this.

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### 847 **§.1 General**

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849 The opinion of JSU is that:

850

851 **§.1.1 JU shall have a positive attitude towards and be supportive of study social**  
852 **activities which enhance the experience for each student.**

853

854 **§.1.2 Hälsoparken (Munksjöparken) shall be free of charge to students to**  
855 **arrange extracurricular activities such as the Kick-Off and other social**  
856 **events.**

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858 **§.1.3 Campus Arena shall be free of charge to groups of students to arrange**  
859 **extracurricular activities such as sports and at certain social events.**

860

861 **§.1.4 Engagement in extracurricular activities and involvement in the Union**  
862 **shall be rewarded with “Study abroad points”.**

863

864 **§.1.5 Alcohol should never be the central part of the social context.**

865

866 **§.1.6 JSU should always work to attract those who are not already actively**  
867 **involved, to engage in the student life.**

868

869 **§.1.7 JSU shall always assist associations and project groups under the Union to**  
870 **the largest extent possible, which includes marketing, financial advice and**  
871 **other needs.**

872

### 873 **§.2 Reception of students**

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875 The opinion of JSU is that:

876

877 **§.2.1 The overall responsibility for the reception of new students’ rests with JU.**

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879 **§.2.2 The way in which the student is welcomed during the first few weeks is**  
880 **crucial to the student’s attitude toward their studies at JU.**

881

882 **§.2.3 Students shall be offered an introduction week prior to co05encing their**



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883 studies.

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885 **§.2.4** Consideration shall be given by **JU** to involved students that contributes  
886 with their engagement during introduction weeks by giving them the  
887 opportunity to prepare their studies in advance.  
888

889 **§.2.5** **JSU** shall work to ensure that the range of activities during the kick-off  
890 includes all students and encourages them to participate.  
891

892 **§.2.6** The Kick-off should always be evaluated together with **JU** and there should  
893 always be a will to improve the activities and Kick-off as whole.  
894

895 1.4 The Kick-off activities and the Kick-off as a whole shall adhere to **AAS**  
896 (**Ansvarsfull Alkoholservering**) standards.

897 **§.2.7**

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### 899 **§.3 Interest Associations**

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901 The opinion of JSU is that:

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903 **§.3.1** All interest associations shall be independent in their daily operations.

904

905 **§.3.2** Interest associations shall be included to the largest extent possible in  
906 events and undertakings when there is reasonable interest.  
907

908 **§.3.3** Interest associations should to the largest extent possible have access to a  
909 venue space where they can conduct their activities.



# Chapter 11 – Sustainability

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## 910 **Sustainability**

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### 912 **§.1 General**

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914 The opinion of JSU is that:

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916 **§.1.1 JSU places an equal importance on the three aspects of sustainability.**

917

918 **§.1.2 Sustainability shall be integrated in all educational programs to the largest**  
919 **extent possible and without limiting academic freedom.**

920

921 **§.1.3 JU shall work for a viable resource usage both externally and internally.**

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923 **§.1.4 JU shall keep students informed of progress within sustainability at the**  
924 **university.**

925

926 **§.1.5 JU and JSU shall in their financial placements and investments, to the**  
927 **largest extent possible, take ethics and sustainability into consideration.**

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929 **§.1.6 JSU shall work for a viable resource usage both externally and internally.**



## Chapter 12 – Doctoral students

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### 930 **Doctoral students**

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#### 932 **§.1 General**

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934 The opinion of JSU is that:

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936 **§.1.1 The advertisement of and admission to available doctoral positions shall**  
937 **be done nationally and internationally and in a transparent and legally**  
938 **secure manner.**

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940 **§.1.2 Doctoral students shall be admitted to and employed by JU to ensure**  
941 **secure work conditions and access to the social security system.**

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943 **§.1.3 It shall exist clear regulations on what is expected of a doctoral student**  
944 **both as a student and as an employee.**

945

946 **§.1.4 Mentors for doctoral students shall have gone through a mentor**  
947 **education.**

948

949 **§.1.5 Doctoral students shall have the possibility to pedagogical education**  
950 **before they start to teach.**

951

952 **§.1.6 JSU shall be of help with a doctoral committee for doctoral students who**  
953 **are members of JSU.**





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### 954 **Organisation**

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#### 956 **§.1 Financials**

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958 The opinion of JSU is that:

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960 **§.1.1 The financial status of student unions must remain stable in order to**  
961 **ensure equivalent student influence.**

962

963 **§.1.2 JSU should work for a diverse set of incomes.**

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#### 965 **§.2 Core operations**

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967 The opinion of JSU is that:

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969 **§.2.1 The work of JSU shall be communicated to the members in various ways.**

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971 **§.2.2 All steering documents shall be available for members.**

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973 **§.2.3 All decisions from board meetings shall be published.**

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975 **§.2.4 There shall be handover documents for each position, and they shall be**  
976 **continuously updated.**

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978 **§.2.5 All steering documents and policies shall continuously be reviewed on a**  
979 **yearly basis and updated according to need.**

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#### 981 **§.3 Service Operations**

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983 The opinion of JSU is that:

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985 **§.3.1 The focus of the service operations shall be on the student's activities and**  
986 **initiatives.**

987

988 **§.3.2 The service operations shall provide services with good quality to the**  
989 **members at student-friendly prices.**

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991 **§.3.3 The service operations venues shall be open for engaged students to use**  
992 **for evening activities.**

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994 **§.3.4 All venues shall be welcoming and be an inclusive environment for**  
995 **students as well as personnel.**  
996

997 **§.3.5 Akademien shall be available for the night of celebrating of all graduation**  
998 **ceremonies.**

999 If two or more faculties have their graduation on the same day, all faculties shall be given the  
1000 opportunity to have their night celebrated at Akademien.