

Election Compass Questions

Approved in the meeting of the Central Elections Committee of the Student Union of Tampere University in their meeting on 16 September 2020.

The first 10 questions are national and the following 11 are TREY's own. Candidates have a chance to write short explanations under their answers.

The options for answering follow a "disagree–agree" scale if not otherwise specified.

Election compass questions:

1. Degree studies should be free of charge for all students
2. Students' possibilities to influence the work of universities should be developed primarily through
 - a) Lowering the threshold for students to discuss their studies with the personnel
 - b) Developing the University's feedback systems and reinforcing their influence
 - c) Increasing student associations' chances to influence
 - d) reinforcing students' place in the University's official decision-making bodies
 - e) None of the above
3. My university should shut down some fields or disciplines
4. In the future, more students should begin working with a bachelor's degree
5. The Student Union can also take a stand on other questions than those that relate directly to education, universities, and social matters related to studies (study grant, housing, etc.)
6. Students' housing situation should be primarily improved by

- a) building more student apartments
 - b) increasing students' housing allowance
 - c) promoting the availability of reasonably priced rental apartments in general
 - d) none of the above
7. If you could only choose one way in which to improve the lives of students with families, what would it be?
- a) flexible study methods
 - b) the Student Union's or University's services to students with families, e.g. childcare during lectures
 - c) none of the above
8. The Student Union's development cooperation should include
- a) a voluntary development cooperation payment collected with the membership fee
 - b) an own project / projects
 - c) participating in a common development cooperation week for all student unions
 - d) organising events around the topic
 - e) participating in the universities' cooperation with higher education institutions in developing countries
 - f) the Student Union should not take part in development cooperation
9. My student union provides enough participation options for international students
10. The primary responsibility for integrating international students into the university community is with
- a) the university
 - b) the student union
 - c) subject associations, guilds, etc.
 - d) international students' own associations (e.g. ESN)
 - e) other student associations
 - f) none of the above
11. Student union membership should be voluntary

12. I think the Student Union's primary tasks are
- a) student advocacy
 - b) supporting associations
 - c) events that TREY organises
 - d) urban advocacy
 - e) tutoring
 - f) member services (for example, student card, van, and legal counselling)
 - g) something else
13. The Student Union's membership fee should be smaller even though it would weaken the services the Student Union offers
14. As a result of the merging of universities in Tampere, the Student Union is a home to various traditions and student cultures. The Student Union's activities should focus on
- a) a united TREY culture / common TREY events
 - b) campus / association / field specific student culture and events
15. TREY should not cooperate with parties that do not follow the principles of sustainable development
16. TREY should support international students' integration to the University primarily through
- a) the student union's management level (for example, so that the Council and the Executive Board of the student union would work in English)
 - b) organising more events where Finnish and international students are brought together
 - c) investing in advocating for international students
 - d) current activities are enough
 - e) the Student Union should not support the integration of international students
17. TREY influences the activities of their cooperation partners and sufficiently communicates about it (e.g. the National Union of University Students in Finland, Opiskelijan Tampere, trade unions)

18. The Student Union should improve member services for doctoral students
19. The Student Union communicates enough about different support services related to studying and health
20. Students have enough opportunities to influence at the University
21. TREY does enough to ensure that Tampere is a good student city