**UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX STUDENTS’ UNION**

**COOKIE POLICY**

1. **INTRO**

The University of Essex Students’ Union (SU) uses cookies on our websites. This policy explains how we use cookies, when you visit our website, and online applications (our “sites”). By accessing, browsing and using our sites, you confirm that you accept this cookie policy and that you consent to our use of cookies on your computer or smart device, as set out in this cookie policy.

1. **WHAT ARE COOKIES?**

A cookie is a small file, typically of letters and numbers, downloaded onto a device when the user accesses certain websites. Cookies are then sent back to the originating website on each subsequent visit. Cookies are useful because they allow a website to recognise a user’s device.

1. **HOW WE USE COOKIES**

**Necessary Cookies**

Necessary cookies are required to enable the basic features of this site, such as providing secure log-in or adjusting your consent preferences. These cookies do not store any personally identifiable data.

**ASP.NET\_SessionID**

Stores a temporary unique identifier for your session – no other information is stored. This cookie is removed when you close your browser. Expires on exit of browser.

This cookie is strictly necessary for the functioning of the logged-in site and the user should not disable these if they want a logged-in browsing experience.

**AntiXsrfToken**

This cookie helps prevent Cross-Site Request Forgery attacks. It's a session cookie so is removed from your device once you close the browser. This cookie is strictly necessary.

**ASPXAUTH**

When you are logged in, this cookie stores a value that identifies you to your site. This value is encrypted and can only be read by the server. If you use the Remember Me function this cookie remains on your computer for 3 months, otherwise it is removed when you log out of the site. Expires on exit of browser or 3 months (optional)

This cookie is strictly necessary for the functioning of the logged-in site and the user should not disable these if they want a logged-in browsing experience.

**Functional Cookies**

Functional Cookies help perform certain functionalities like sharing the content of the website on social media platforms, collecting feedback and other third party features.

**elfsight\_viewed\_recently**

This cookie is used by Elfsight, which powers our embedded Instagram and TikTok feed on our homepage. The cookie makes sure that your views of this page are not counted more than once in 15 seconds. Elfsight is a paid subscription, so this make sure we do not pay more than we need to pay. It doesn’t not collect or store any personal information.

**YouTube Cookies - yt-remote-device-id, ytidb::LAST\_RESULT\_ENTRY\_KEY, ytidb::LAST\_RESULT\_ENTRY\_KEY,** **yt-remote-connected-devices, yt-remote-session-app, yt-remote-cast-installed, yt-remote-session-name, yt-remote-cast-available, yt-remote-fast-check-period**

The above are all cookies used by YouTube – a video streaming platform. These cookies customise your experience with YouTube, and tell YouTube.

**Analytical Cookies**

Analytical cookies are used to understand how visitors interact with the website. These cookies help provide information on metrics such as the number of visitors, bounce rate, traffic source etc.

**\_ga**

Google Analytics sets this cookie to calculate visitor, session and campaign data and track site usage for the site's analytics report. The cookie stores information anonymously and assigns a randomly generated number to recognise unique visitors.

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Google Analytics sets this cookie to store and count page views.

**Advertisement Cookies**

**YSC, VISITOR\_INFO1\_LIVE, VISITOR\_PRIVACY\_METADATA, yt.innertube::requests, yt.innertube::nextId**

The above are all cookies used by YouTube – a video streaming platform. YouTube uses these cookies to store consent, decide if the old or new interface should be served to the user, and track videos the user has watched.

1. **DISABLING COOKIES**

Should you choose to, you can disable the cookies at any point when browsing [www.essexstudent.com](http://www.essexstudent.com) . Simply click on the blue cookie icon, bottom left and select which cookies you want to allow. You can choose your consent preferences for Functional Cookies and Analytical Cookies categories.

1. **UPDATING THIS POLICY**

We may update this Cookie Policy from time to time in order to reflect, for example, changes to the cookies we use or for other operational, legal or regulatory reasons. Please therefore re-visit this Cookie Policy regularly to stay informed about our use of cookies and related technologies.

The date at the bottom of this Cookie Policy indicates when it was last updated.

1. **CONTACTING US**

If you have any questions about our use of cookies or other technologies, please email us on sudata@essex.ac.uk

This Cookie Policy was last updated 26 June 2024.