

Room points

Explanatory document based on Standing Order II: Room Allocation Policy for Junior Members of Peterhouse.

Throughout the year, members of the college can earn room points which will then determine their standing within their year in the room ballot (in descending order of points earned).

Ballots take the following order:

- 1) Third Year Ballot
- 2) Fourth Year Ballot
- 3) Second Year Ballot

•A student undertaking a two-year course shall be entered in the Third Year Ballot for their second year.

•In an effort to get an incoming generation of undergraduates more quickly, all Fresher accommodation should be located in SPT and WSB. Consequently, the Hostel will be reserved for second, third and fourth year undergraduate accommodation. The Rooms Coordinator will be required to allocate Fresher rooms almost immediately after conditional offers have been accepted by prospective first year undergraduates. Any rooms left by unsuccessful candidates should be used as a pool from which room complaints might be solved.

The calculation for a room point is as follows:

$$T = R \frac{A}{\sigma_A} + \frac{N}{\sigma_N}$$

T = total room points

A = academic room points

N = non – academic room points

σ_A = academic standard deviation

σ_N = non – academic standard deviation,

R = rate factor decided by Peterhouse, currently set at 1.2

The **academic room** points (*A*) are set as follows:

- A = 7 iff a 1st is obtained*
- A = 6 iff an Exhibition is obtained*
- A = 5 iff a 2.1 is obtained*
- A = 2 iff a 2.2 is obtained*
- A = 1 iff a 3rd is obtained*

The **non-academic room** points (*N*) are set as follows:

Committees & Societies (College + University)

- *Membership of a university club or society, attending meetings, events, or dinners does NOT qualify for room points. To claim Room Points, you must either represent the society (e.g. Varsity match/competition) or hold an elected committee position.*
- *The amount of points awarded for being on the committee of a university or college society is discretionary as the amount of time commitment depends highly upon the particular society.*

JCR Committee	
President	10
Vice-President and External Officer	8
Secretary & Communications Officer	8
Treasurer & Amenities Officer	8
First Year Officer	8
Entertainment Officer	8
Bar and Buttery Officer	8
Charities, Campaigns & Environment Officer	8
Women's Officer	8
Academic Affairs & Welfare Officer - Women's Rep	8
Academic Affairs & Welfare Officer - Men's Rep	8
Access & Equal Opportunities Officer	8
LBGT+ Representative	8
International Representative	8
Webmaster	8

Other	
University Board position	4
Faculty Board position	3
President of University/College Society	6-10
Committee Member of University/College Society	4-8
Major Chapel post	8
Minor Chapel post	2
May Ball Committee President	11
Member of May Ball Committee	9

No cap is currently set on the number of points obtained by Committees & Societies.

College Sport

For all college sports that are not rowing:

- For the first three matches/appearances for a particular college sport, each match earns 1 point, whilst the following four matches each gain 0.5 points. Subsequent appearances for this particular sports team do not gain additional points (eg. two matches gains 2 points, five matches gains 4 points whilst seven or more matches gains 5 points).
- Points for separate sports are cumulative, and there are no limits upon the number of sports that can be claimed for.
- Points for captaining a sports team are additional to those for appearances and are also cumulative for separate sports.

For rowing:

- Rowing earns more Room Points than other sports as it requires a greater time commitment.
- Rowing in the first boat for a term earns an additional point (can only be claimed twice) as it is a greater time commitment.
- Rowing earns 4 Room Points for the first two terms, but only 2 points for the next two terms (so rowing all year earns 8 Room Points)
- All rowers, irrespective of status must compete in one race/regatta/event per term to qualify for Room Points
- Additional races/events (e.g. Queens' Ergs) do not qualify for additional points.
- Boat Club officers may claim additional points for rowing as well.
- Those who have helped the Boat Club by coaching and/or crew organising or by other means but do not hold a position should consider claiming points for this.

College Sport (not including rowing)	
Captain	2-3
Appearance for a team (up to and including the first three appearances)	1
Appearance for a team (subsequent four appearances)	0.5

College Sport (rowing)	
Rowing for one term	4
Rowing for two terms	2
Rowing for three terms	2
First boat (per term)	1
Co-opted position on committee	2
Elected Officer or Lower Boat Officer	3
Boat Club Captain	4

There is a total annual cap of 25 points for college sport.

University Sport

- *Because performing sport at the university level requires a greater time commitment, it shall be dealt with separately to college sport.*
- *Only one points claim can be made per sport (e.g. you cannot claim for playing for a half-blue designated team and also earning a half-blue status)*
- *To earn more than 5 points a student must have played at least two matches or have been selected for a Varsity Team.*
- *Playing for separate sports are cumulative, and there are not limits upon the numbers of sports that can be claimed for*

University Sport	
University team for a year (less than 4 hours of training per week)	5
Playing for a half-blue designated team (4-6 hours of training per week)	7
Playing for a half-blue designated team (more than 6 hours of training per week)	8
Playing for a full-blue designated team	8
Additional points for being on a committee position on any sport (eg secretary/treasurer) or captaining a 2 nd 's or below team	2
Earning second team colours/club colours	7-9
Earning half-blue status	10-13
Earning full-blue status	12-15
Additional points for captaining (this cannot take you over 15 points for that sport)	3

There is a total annual cap of 25 points for university sport.

Drama/Comedy (College + University)

- *University drama receives more points due to the greater time commitment that it requires*
- *Points should be claimed for each production separately*

Drama/Comedy	
Stage Hand	1
Hair/Make-up	1
Extra	1
Sound/lighting/set design/costumes for college production	2
Appearance in smoker	2
Costumes for university production	3
Technical director/lighting designer for university play	4
Minor acting role in college production	3
Major acting role in college production	5
Minor acting role in university production	4
Major acting role in university production	6
Directing/writing production	5-7

Points can be claimed per play and cumulative over productions up to a total annual cap of 25 points for Drama/Comedy (College + University).

Music (College + University)

- *Points are claimed per term for university concerts*

Music	
Choir	7
Performing in a college concert	2
Performing in university concerts for an ensemble for a term	3-5

There is a total annual cap of 25 points for Music (College + University).

Newspapers

- *Each piece produced for a particular paper gains ½ point up to a maximum of 5 points*
- *The editor of a college newspaper can claim points for articles for the college newspaper*

Newspapers	
Each piece produced (up to 5 points)	0.5
Editor of college newspaper (per issue up a maximum of 8)	2
Official editorial position of university newspaper	6
Official editor of university newspaper	10
Official editorial position on college newspaper (per issue up to maximum of 6)	1

There is a total annual cap of 25 points for Newspapers.

Access

Access	
College Tour	0.5
School talk	1
Cambassador	1.5
Helping at an open day for a full day	2
Full involvement in shadowing scheme	3
Access bus	3

There is a total annual cap of 25 points for Access.

Other

• *A senior position in a university military service unit (CUAS, CUOTC, CURNU) is valued at the same number of Room Points as a society committee. Membership of such a unit qualifies for 5 room points.*

• *Debating and mooting are considered as sports for the purpose of points claims*

• *“JCR whole-day event” is to be understood as an event organised and hosted by the JCR Committee (eg, the JCR Garden Party or a scheduled day during Fresher’s Week) “JCR sub-committee” is defined as a committee acting under a JCR Officer and elected by the JCR Committee. It is not possible to claim points for both membership of a JCR sub-committee and a JCR whole-day event if the event claimed for encompasses the duties of the sub-committee claimed for.*

• *Points claimed for “JCR sub-committee” or “JCR whole-day event” must have received prior approval from the JCR Committee. For a “JCR sub-committee” to be capable of garnering points claimed, it must be approved by the Room Points committee*

Other	
UMSU Committee	4-8
UMSU membership	5
Debating (minimum of two competitive dates per term, for a maximum of two terms) per term	5
Volunteering/SCA scheme	1-4
Subject Rep	1-2
RAG rep	2
Recycling Rep	2
Ski-Trip Rep	1

N = total number of non – academic room point

In exceptional circumstances, should an undergraduate feel that the amount of room points awarded for a particular extra-curricular activity does not reflect the time commitment, then they should be free to claim for an amount different to that detailed above. They must make their case upon their application form. The amount of points then awarded is at the Rooms Committee's discretion, but all undergraduates undertaking similar activities must be treated equally.

Should an undergraduate feel that an activity which they have undertaken is not represented in the scheme then they should make representations to the rooms committee. It shall be at the discretion of a majority vote on the rooms committee, with the advice and consent of the Sexcentenary Club committee, whether an activity shall be temporarily included in the points scheme and with what value of points in order that said activity be rewarded. Should anything be added to the scheme then it must be publicised in order that all applicants be made aware of the addition and allowances shall be made in that case for late points submissions with regards to any additional activity deemed points worthy. Any addition to the scheme shall last only for the duration of the ballot and shall hold no precedent on future ballots.

The points scheme must be reviewed once every four years once the rooms ballot has been settled. This will next take place during Lent 2019.

Please note that in the case of discrepancy between this document and the Standing Orders, the Standing Orders should be taken to be correct. The Standing Orders can be found [here](#).