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UNIVERSITY STUDIES

Extra-curricular activities

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- How can extracurricular activities you participate in help you?
- Participation in extra-curricular activities can help you develop social skills, enhance your general well-being, improve your health and fitness and give you valuable experience for future life.

- Yes, there are lots of student societies, hobby-groups and sport clubs.
- What do you go in for?
- I take part in voluntary work and go in for sports.

- Let's join a tennis club. Can you play tennis?
- No, but I'd try. And why would *you* like to join a tennis club?
- I like this sport very much but I can't play tennis well. I'd really like to learn.

Ex. 1 Look through the information about student life at The University of Manchester. Then look at the pictures below and say what extra-curricular activities BSUIR offers to its students?

Student Life



There are lots of societies, clubs and projects to get involved in whilst studying at The University of Manchester. During Freshers' Week (the first week of university for new undergraduates), most students visit the Freshers' Fair, where there are stalls representing all of the 50 or more societies and clubs available here.

Students at the University are diverse and friendly, so you will feel welcome at any activity. Getting involved in a university related activity is a great way to make new friends - and boost your CV. You could:

- Join a student society or club - whether it's sport, music or even chocolate club, you'll learn about teamwork and meet loads of new people.
- Volunteer - join in with student voluntary work and projects.

- Get creative - write for a student magazine or the student radio station at the University.
- Find a relevant work experience or vacation job through the University Careers Service.
- Get involved in running the Students' Union - you could run to become a student representative.
- Broaden your horizons by choosing a course that includes a foreign language or a year abroad.

Students Life at BSUIR

Students Club



Brass Band



Folk Ensemble "Gamanina"



Student Theatre



Dance Group

Sports Club



Ex. 2 Work in pairs. With a partner, make a list of non-academic activities you participate or would like to participate at the University. Then read the article quickly and get new ideas. Are they the same as yours?



Our university has always been famous for its student traditions. One of the main tasks of the university youth policy is education of active, talented young people, future highly skilled specialists with creative abilities.

From the very beginning of studies at the university the students take an active part in various cultural and social events. An academic year traditionally begins with "Initiation into the Student Community", the all-university holiday for freshmen.

During the year the university arranges and holds various festivals, evening parties, discos and social events "Vivat, Alma Mater", International Students Day, Student Debut, Miss BSUIR, photo-exhibitions, exhibitions of BSUIR Paint Shop and BSUIR Flora Studio. The result of the students' creativity is the annual festival "University Spring".



The University is proud of its Brass Band, Student Theatre, Folk Ensemble "Gamanina", Ensemble of Sport Dances "Tango", and Bard Songs Club.

There are many talented students at our University. They can take part in a «KVN» or "What? Where? When?" teams. The students participate in the volunteer movement.



In order to support their health and to be in a good physical form the students go in for sports. They like to take part in sport competitions and to win them. The University has a sports complex with a swimming pool, and gyms.

Regular activities occur on and off campus and are open to all students. Events such as film premieres, concerts, visits to museums, exhibitions and more are organized regularly.

Extracurricular activities offer students the opportunity to develop various talents, help to enhance their physical and mental health.

Ex. 3 Work in pairs. Reproduce the dialogue between Marty and Alice using the words and word-combinations from the box given below.

Marty: Do students (1)... much ... together? I don't mean during (2)....

Alice: Certainly, they do. There's a large number of (3)... and clubs. Some of them have athletics as their purpose, others professional or (4)... such as drama, (5)..., languages, literature or science.

Marty: And who (6)... these clubs and societies?

Alice: Why, students themselves (7)...! In many Universities there is a Students' Council of Union which has the oversight of all these (8)... activities.

Marty: All that is (9)... indeed, thanks a lot.

of course	students' societies	organizes
spend time	very interesting	lecture hours
cultural interests	modern music	extra-curricular

Ex. 4 Work in pairs. Take the parts of Mike and Sam , speak about sports club of the University. Supply the missing questions.

(Mike is standing in front of the bulletin board. He is reading the announcements.)

Mike: "Join our sports club!" There are so many sports societies at the University. I don't know which to choose!

(Sam passes by.)

Mike: (1)...?

Sam: To a talk on sports.

Mike: (2)...? I want to join some sports society of the University, and I don't know which.

Sam: Let's hurry then. We're late.

(The boys come into the room where the lecture is going on.)

Lecturer: Our Sports Club is very popular. Everybody must play games in order to be in good form. There are interesting games. You can play football, basketball, volleyball, hockey...

Mike: (3)...?

Sam: I'm too old for football. I prefer to be a fan rather than a participant. I like to watch a football match on TV.

Lecturer: A lot of people now watch football on TV and don't take part in the sporting events themselves. That is too bad for their health.

Mike: I like to watch too, but not to play myself.

Lecturer: If you don't like football, you can join our Chess Club. Chess is also very popular now.

Mike: (4)...?

Sam: It's never too late to start.

Sam: You see, there are a lot of possibilities for those who want to go in for sports.

Lecturer: Join our sports societies. You must join them today. Don't put off till tomorrow what you can do today. You needn't set or break new records or become champions at once. You must just go in for sports for your own good. Remember, sport makes the man healthy and strong.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) May I go with you?b) Do you think I can still become a good sportsman, a chess-player?c) Let's join the football team, shall we?d) Where are you hurrying, Sam? |
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Ex. 5 Role-play: Student A is a journalist and is interviewing Student B who is a student of the BSUIR. Discuss all kinds of non-academic activities you can participate in.