



SUBU
Students' Union
Bournemouth University

Reach For The Stars

What is Star Grading and how can you get 5 Star Status?

Why take part?

Shows the quality of your activities are of a higher standard

3 Star & 4 Star

Receive a certificate that can be shared via LinkedIn and club social media

5 Star

Certificate, priority placement at Freshers and Refreshers, cash prize, eligible for 5* Club of the Year



How to take part?

Get involved by completing tasks to win points! Each task is worth 25 points.

There are 5 branches, each containing a total of 150 points (plus a New Clubs branch).

You can mix and match tasks from different branches, or complete whole branches if you are passionate about the topic.

If you complete every task in a branch, you earn a badge on your certificate.





Sustainability

The sustainability branch is all about helping your society be low impact on the environment and promote sustainable goals, living, and consumption.

An example task in this branch is "Use an Amazon-alternative when ordering items for your society in line with SUBU's sustainability policies"



Community

Impact

This branch is champions giving back to the local community and supporting good causes.

An example task in this branch is "Organise and deliver a volunteering event independently with support from SUBU"



Club Development

The club development branch helps grow your societies impact by improving your engagement with wider SUBU events, training, democracy, and policy.

An example task in this branch is "Attend a SUBU Summit/ Student Members Meeting"



Trips and Events

This branch supports your society to be the best it can be, by giving you goals for impactful events.

An example task in this branch is "Host a collaboration with one or more society"



Liberation

The liberation branch helps your society be more accessible and inclusive, and to show prospective members that everyone is welcome within your group.

An example task is "Run an event as part of SUBU's History Month/Awareness Week plans throughout the year: for example, organise an event related to a liberation network community, or invite a guest speaker to talk on their lived experiences in the community"



New Clubs

(for those that start after January 2026)

The new club branch is for societies that start after 1st of January. This is to give them the opportunity to catch up on points as well as be recognised for hitting the ground running.

An example task is "Have a stand at Refreshers Fair"



3 Star
100 points



4 Star
200 points



5 Star
300 points

Submitting Evidence

Make sure to store all the completed tasks on a Word Doc/spreadsheet and then email over to the team as and when you complete a Star. Remember to store a copy after submission, so that you can go back and edit the document when you complete tasks throughout the year!



What counts as evidence?

Usually, committees will submit photographs to support as evidence for a completed task. If unsure, feel free to get in touch with the team!

Where do we send evidence?

Please send all Star Grading evidence to:
suclubs@bournemouth.ac.uk

Okay, you got 5 Star – yay and a huge well done!

But... there are still an extra 450 points up for grabs? So, what now?

For the competitive spirits amongst you, we present our Star Grading leaderboard!

If you end up at the top of the board by end of year then you become...

Rank	Society	Points
1st 🏆	Ballroom & Latin Dancing Society	750
2nd	Psychology Society	650
3rd	Dance Society	525
4th	Womxn in STEM Society	500
5th	Pagan and Witchcraft Society	450
5th	Climbing Club	450
7th	Improvisation Society	400
7th	Gaming Society	400
9th	Womxn in Business	350
10th	Benchball Society	325
11th	Film Society	300
12th	Language Learning Society	275
13th	Performing Arts Society	250
14th	Law Society	225
15th	Roleplay Society	200



Five Star Society of the Year!

Ballroom and Latin Dance, 24/25 winners



Any questions?

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Pick a branch

Think about your aims as a club and which branch is most suited to your group!

Pick a task

Out of the 6 tasks on your chosen branch, pick one or two that you want to do first.

Plan your tasks

Use this time to plan how you are going to complete these tasks as a committee.

