



# Albion

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## **STUDY ASSOCIATION**

Almost every degree at Utrecht University has its own study association. For the degree of English Language and Culture this is Albion. It is an organisation that has close contact with the department and connects you with your fellow students of English by means of study / career related activities and social events. Another aspect of a study association is that it provides you with great discounts on your study books. But most important, nothing is mandatory at a study association. Every activity is organised for all of its members and you can simply participate whenever you like. Albion has a large variety of events, so that there is always something going on very soon that will interest you: from career events and symposia to parties and pub quizzes. There are also multiple trips Albion organises throughout the year, with as highlight a week to Ireland, Scotland or England. As a student of English, it is of course very interesting and also great fun to visit one of these locations.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

You can join Albion if you study or have studied English Language and Culture at Utrecht University. Contribution is annually only €10, but for your first year there will also be an additional €20 administration fee. Once you are a member you are more than welcome to join every activity Albion organises and you will receive discounts on your study books if you order them at our website. At the beginning of the year you will also receive your membership card, which also gives you discounts at some of our partners.

To become a member you need to fill in a membership form on our website: [albionutrecht.nl](http://albionutrecht.nl). After that you will receive an email about the contribution. After that you have become a full member of Albion, so there is no difference in first-year members or senior-year members. This means you can participate in one of our committees (a bunch of people that organise a specific event) from day one!

## **BOARD**

In order to make sure you are able to enjoy everything Albion has to offer, there are some people who are in charge of our beloved study association: the board. They are members, just like everybody else, and coordinate the events planned by our committees. They also keep contact with the department, so they always know what is going on within the degree and are more than willing to answer any of your questions, or to give feedback. You can always drop in and say hello to them during their Office Hours at the Albion Shack on regular school days to ask questions and advice, or to simply sit back and eat some cookies with a cup of tea!

## INTRODUCTION

In the weekend just before the beginning of the academic year, Albion organises an introduction camp for all first year students of English. During this weekend there are plenty activities to get to know each other just a little better, without any initiations or whatsoever! It is a great and easy way to make friends just before school has even started! Many people still have good memories of it years later.

However, you get to learn all of your fellow first year students (or some even better after camp) during the introduction days in the first week. Every degree has to organise an introduction day on Monday and Albion always makes it a very entertaining day. You will also get to know all there is to know about university to survive the first few days. During the rest of the week there will also be activities organised for first years, so you can join them if you feel like as well!



## COMMITTEES

Albion would be lost if there were no committees to organise every splendid event. Every member of Albion is allowed to participate in a committee, so as a first year you can also be a part of Albion's organisation. It is even very much encouraged! Committees are besides a very fun preoccupation, also really informative. You get to learn what it takes to organise events like a symposium or a one week trip abroad for a number of people. So, getting involved can also be a boost on your own organising skills. There is a great diversity in committees you might join: varying from the academic committee to the travel committee. You can find more detailed info about them on our website.



## STUDY AND CAREER RELATED EVENTS

As Albion is a study association, study related events and career prospects are a very important part of our organisation. There are plenty activities to help you with your studies or to assist you in selecting courses for your bachelor programme. This is often done on behalf of or in cooperation with the department. Some of these events are included below.

If you are interested in other topics besides your regular lectures, or if you are looking for some more in-depth knowledge the symposia would be great for you. They are organised multiple times throughout the year and consist of various speakers who are experts on the topic.

Every academic block there is a study afternoon just before the exam period. Here you often find both first years and senior years catching up on their studies. It is also an accessible manner to discuss items you do not really understand with other people.

Twice a year Albion also hosts a student assembly. This is a platform where you can discuss certain elements of the degree. The results of this are then reported to the department, who really take the feedback into consideration. However, most often there is also a teacher present on behalf of the staff during these meetings.

Throughout the year there also information markets on various topics. They can consist out of career prospects, which dealing with what you can do after you have finished your studies, but also bachelor and master markets that provide you with information and experiences about the possibilities throughout your study programme.

However, Albion does not only organise informative moments, but also gives you the opportunity to check out some job options for yourself during our field trips. During these visits people who work at a specific organisation can tell you all about their experiences. Some amazing past field trips included visits to a printing company, Meertens Institute (researching organisation) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



## SOCIAL EVENTS

Besides our study related events, there also (if not more) social activities. Most of them are organised by the activities committee and they make sure there is always an activity you will enjoy. Some of the best activities there have been so far include lasergaming, sports, pubquizzes, city quests, a dropping, hide & seek in IKEA, karaoke night, escape room, and much more!

Naturally, there are much more activities than can be listed over here. And Albion has also its own monthly drinks, where you can catch up with fellow Albioneers with a cold beer or nice glass of wine in your hand.

Of course, a student organization cannot roll without a party once in a while. At least once a month Albion hosts a party with fellow study associations and they are always a huge success. Therefore, Albion has its own party committee which helps organising these events. One of the highlights of the year is of course the Christmas Gala in December, but we are also very enthusiastic about the 'Night of the Professors'. This party is famous for that the DJ's are our very own teachers of English!

## TRIPS

Throughout the year, there also some trips organised to travel with your fellow Albioneers. Every year there is a one week trip organised to either Ireland, Scotland or England. Here you get to really feel the culture during the day and have a great time with your friends in the evening. Besides the big trip you can also join our smaller trips, which do not necessarily have anything to do with English. For example, there have been skiing trips, city trips in Europe, or an end-of-the-year camp. These trips always provide you with great memories afterwards of new experiences. You also get to know a whole new lot of people, which is also fun of course.



## FLORIS (21)

*“During my university years so far, Albion has been at the centre of it all. Like any student association in Utrecht, it aims to bring together and connect people that have something in common. Whether you prefer to spend your nights cuddled up in bed reading, dancing away in some cellar along the Oude Gracht, or ice skating, in one way or another we all share an interest in English. Albion provides you with the opportunity to meet people with this interest that might not sit next to you during a lecture or seminar. I’ve been involved in several of Albion’s committees and I’ve been board treasurer - without this involvement with Albion, some of my best friends would have been distant acquaintances at most! There is so much more to this association than a discount on your study books: there is the possibility to join a reading group, or to socialise during drinks, a party, or on a trip abroad to Edinburgh, Newcastle, or Dublin. You can attend special lectures on subjects ranging from Old English to feminist literature, or you can star during one of our performances of Shakespeare’s plays. There are endless possibilities for friendship and even romance. Whoever you are and whatever you are looking for, the Albion family is there to welcome you with open arms.”*



## EXPERIENCES OF TWO ALBIONEERS



## NOA (20)

*“I’m not the most out-going sort of person, I don’t particularly enjoy big parties or beer or flopping into my bed at five in the morning. I do sometimes, though, and when I do I enjoy them a lot. That last bit I learned because of Albion – at first I thought I was a boring old fart ALL of the time. Albion helped me get out of my shell, make some friends and make new memories; I don’t think I ever imagined I’d do ‘monkeycageing’ at age twenty-one, or escape from some scary science lab, or have Harry Potter house-themed shots. Yet, here I am. The friends I made through studying English here and through Albion are for life, as are all of the wacky fun stuff I’ve done because of it. The Monthly Drinks, the Commissions, the activities, the journeys to the UK, all of it is fun and all of it is filled with great people. Also, cider. There’s usually some cider there. And cookies.”*

## PHOENIX

Albion also has its own magazine, which is the only in the department of English. It is stuffed with interviews, reviews, stories and critical essays. Everything is written and edited by its own Editorial Office of Albion. Everyone who can show that s/he really is into writing and editing is more than welcome to join, but everyone can also send their own pieces in, which happens quite regularly. If you would like to see what an actual edition of Phoenix looks like, you can take a look on the website. There you will find all editions published so far!

## SUDS

If you are really into theatre, you can perform your drama skills at the Students of Utrecht Drama Society (SUDS). This is an English speaking sub-organisation of Albion and performs every year a play by the great master: Shakespeare. However, throughout the year they also organise many other drama activities and even a one act festival consisting out of multiple short plays (that are not Shakespearean).



## ALUMNI

The main alumni programme for students of English is run by Albion. It keeps alumni updated with a new letter twice a year, and an event for alumni every five years. Albion also tries to maintain contact with the alumni for current students of English. Namely, our alumni are useful source of information about career prospects and they sometimes assist us at these special events.

## MORE INFORMATION

If you would like to have even more information, you can take a look on our website: [albionutrecht.nl](http://albionutrecht.nl). You might also check out our Facebook (Albion Utrecht), which shows you all current information and events. It is also possible to get in touch with us personally via email ([albionutrecht@gmail.com](mailto:albionutrecht@gmail.com)).

## DISCOUNTS

Where better to get a nice salad or meal than at **Eazie**? It is located very close to the university in the Voorstraat and is a healthy alternative for take-away food! Besides, you will get a **10% discount on all meals** if you flip around with that dashing membership card of yours!



All pieces of clothing and merchandise produced by Albion are produced at **DressMe**. They are located just outside the city centre and offer a **10% discount** if you want to print your own promotional materials!



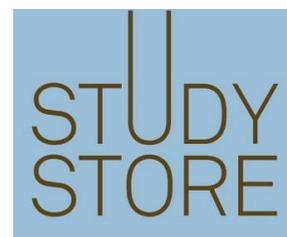
We know that most of our members go from A to B with their bike. Who are we to deny our members that piece of Dutch culture? You get a **10% discount of all bikes and accessories and 15% on all repairs!** So should you be in need of a new bike, a new lock, or need to fix up your old trusted steed, simply drop by at **Celil CityBike** at the Voorstraat and show them your Albion card.



Albioneers love a drink every once in a while and most of the time this takes place at our main pub **De Stadsgenoot**. All monthly drinks and many other events take place over here, which are even better with a **10% discount** on your drinks during these events.



One of the main advantages of being an Albion member is that you enjoy **discounts of at least 10%** on your study books if your order them at our website. Namely, it is linked to **Study Store**, who have all study books you might need! We make sure you will end up the cheapest with our discount!



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