



# 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, the study association is called 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 and career related activities and a ton of fun activities each year. Another aspect of a study association is that it provides you with great discounts on your study books and some (like Albion) even offer discounts on coffee at some places. But most important, at Albion, nothing is mandatory. Every activity is organised for all its members and you can simply participate whenever you like. Albion has a large variety of events that may or may not interest you: from career events and symposia to parties and cocktail workshops. And even if you don't want to join an activity, feel free to hang out at the Shack! There are also multiple trips Albion organises throughout the year, with as highlight a week to an English-speaking country.

## 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 (so €30 in total). 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 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 can 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 in touch 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!



*Board XXIX, by Nina Verlinde and Raymond op ten Berg*



## 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 of activities to get to know each other just a little bit 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 the camp years later.

However, you get to learn all your fellow first-year students during the introduction days in the first week. Every degree has to organise an orientation day on Monday and Albion always makes it very entertaining. 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 be activities organised for first years, so you can join them if you feel like it!



*Phoenix' Fresher's Issue 2019-2020*

## COMMITTEES



*Sports Committee 2018-2019*

Albion would be lost if there were no committees to organise every splendid event. Every full member of Albion is allowed to join a committee, so even as a first year you can be a part of Albion's organisation. It is even very much encouraged! Committees are besides a very fun preoccupation, 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 Big Trip Committee to the Party Committee. You can find more detailed info 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 a lot of 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, then 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. Do you want a more casual setting? Meet us at one of our pub lectures, where the Academic Committee invites someone to talk about a certain topic in one of our favourite pubs in Utrecht.

Every academic block there is a study afternoon just before the exam period hosted by the Activities Committee. Here you often find both first years and senior years catching up on their studies. It is also an accessible manner to discuss difficult subjects with your fellow students.

Twice a year, the Academic Committee 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 are also information markets on various topics. They can consist out of career prospects, which deal 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 field trips in the past included visits to a printing company, Meertens Institute (research organisation) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Another career related Albion thing: we host a LinkedIn page for Albioneers and Albion Alumni, where you can connect with people in your field of interest.

## **SOCIAL EVENTS**

Besides our study related events, there are also plenty of social activities. Hosted by various committees, they will make sure there's always an activity you will enjoy. Some of the best activities there have been so far include lasergaming, a cocktail workshop, an archery workshop, a fall hike, pub lectures, an escape room and many more! Albion also has its own Monthly Drinks, where you can catch up with fellow Albioneers with a cold beer or some Iced Tea in your hand.



*Albioneers at the Cocktail Workshop*

Of course, no student organization can 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!



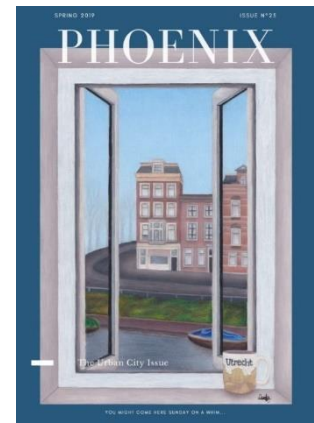
*Big Trip to Dublin, April 2019*

## TRIPS

Throughout the year, two trips are organised to travel with your fellow Albioneers. Every year there is a one-week trip organised to an English-speaking country. Here you get to 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 Small Trip, which does not necessarily have anything to do with English. For example, there has been a trip to Hunsel. 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.

## PHOENIX

Albion has its very own magazine, which is the only one 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 they are into writing and editing is more than welcome to join, but you could also send your own piece in, which happens quite regularly. If you would like to see what an actual edition of Phoenix looks like, you can look on the website. There you will find all editions published so far!



## SUDS



If you are 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 at least twice a year: the One Act Festival and a Big Play. And if you would love to be a part of the theatrical vibe but don't want to act, SUDS is often looking for people behind the scenes.

## ALUMNI

The main alumni programme for students of English is run by Albion. It keeps alumni updated with a newsletter 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 a useful source of information about career prospects and they sometimes assist us at these special events.

As part of our alumni programme is the Buddy Project, a project where bachelor (and master) students get paired with an Albion alumni to request advice, knowledge or any useful information.

## 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 can also check out our Facebook and Instagram (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!



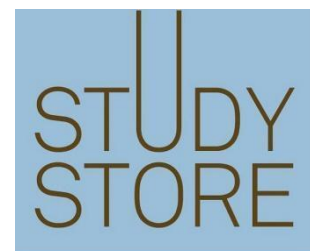
We know that most of our members go from A to B with their bike. Who are we to deny our members that piece of Dutch culture? You get a **10% discount on all bikes and accessories and 15% on all repairs!** So should you be in need of a new bike, a new lock, or need to fix up your old trusted steed, simply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



Looking for your favourite hot beverage? You're in luck, because as an Albioneer, **Pampalini** offers you any hot beverage from their menu (except for Persian teas) for €2,50!



Hosting a party? Looking for some fun? As an Albion member, you'll pay €13,50 each (from 6 people onwards) at the Pool bar **Hart van Utrecht** for 2 hours of pooling with unlimited beer, wine and soft drinks or you'll pay €18,50 for 3 hours of pooling with unlimited beer, wine and soft drinks.



Looking for a new read? Need that classic piece of literature in your bookshelf? As an Albioneer, you'll receive 10% off their English (, French, and German) books at **Bijleveld**, a cosy shop next to the Janskerkhof bus stop!

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