



# NATIONAL STUDENT SURVEY

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# Boycotting the National Student Survey

**What students should know: The National Union of Students (NUS) have called for a boycott of the National Student Survey (NSS). Here are seven reasons why you should consider supporting the boycott.**

- 1** Scores in the NSS will be used to justify future tuition fee increases.
- 2** The NSS treats students like customers rather than learners.
- 3** NSS scores are used by universities to justify cutting courses, shutting departments and sacking staff.
- 4** The distribution, collection and analysis of NSS scores is a waste of time and money that could be better spent on education.
- 5** Both the national organisations representing staff (UCU) and students (NUS) oppose the NSS in its current form.
- 6** 'Satisfaction' is the wrong thing to measure in a university. What counts is whether the student has been intellectually challenged in a supportive environment.
- 7** The NSS is part of the UK government's disastrous new Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) which seeks to create an internal market where universities compete to be gold, silver or bronze.