



Find Your People: A Guide to Finding Your Club

Joining a student club is one of the best ways to make friends, gain new skills, and enhance your student experience at NAIT! With so many different clubs to choose from, finding the right one for you might feel overwhelming—but don't worry, we've got you covered. Whether you're looking for a club to join or thinking about starting your own, this guide will help you discover the best fit for your interests and goals.

Step 1: Reflect on What You Want

Start by asking yourself a few key questions:

Interests & Passions

- What activities do I enjoy in my free time?
- Am I passionate about a specific hobby, sport, or cause?
- Do I want to connect with people who share my cultural or religious background?

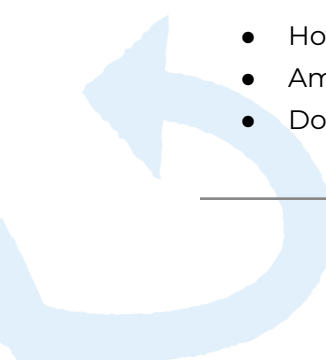
Goals & Growth

- Am I looking to build leadership skills or boost my resume?
- Do I want to expand my academic knowledge beyond the classroom?
- Would I like to be involved in event planning, fundraising, or advocacy?

Networking & Career Development

- Do I want to connect with students and professionals in my field?
- Would joining a club related to my academic program help me gain industry insights?
- Am I interested in mentorship opportunities, guest speakers, or career workshops?

Commitment & Time

- How much time can I realistically dedicate to a club?
 - Am I looking for a casual social group or a more structured organization?
 - Do I prefer a small, close-knit club or a larger, active one?
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Step 2: Explore Your Options

Limited Membership Clubs

Student Councils (Fixed Year)

- Exclusive to students in a specific graduating year within a program.
- Focuses on student experience, networking within the program, and fundraising for graduation.
- Great for building strong connections with your classmates and preparing for career opportunities post-graduation.

Student Councils (Combined Years)

- Open to students from all years within a specific academic program.
- Encourages mentorship between upper-year and first-year students.
- Provides opportunities to organize events, workshops, and initiatives that enhance the program experience.

Open Membership Clubs

Interest Clubs

- These clubs revolve around hobbies, culture, religion, or social causes.
- Examples: Gaming clubs, dance groups, cultural associations, or activity-based organizations.
- Perfect if you want to meet people with similar passions!

Academic Interest Clubs

- Open to all students but require an interest in a particular academic subject.
- A great way to expand your knowledge and connect with like-minded students!

Chapter Organizations

- On-campus club for an established not-for-profit parent organization.
- Ideal if you want to make an impact beyond campus and gain leadership experience!

 **Want to see all the active clubs? Check out [Ookslife.ca](https://www.ookslife.ca) or the Ooks Life App for the full list!**



Step 3: Get Involved!

Once you've found a club that interests you, here's how to take the next step:

✓ **Attend a Club Event or Info Session** – Most clubs host social events, meetings, or open meetings. This is a great way to see if it's the right fit for you!

✓ **Follow Them on Social Media (or the Ooks Life App!)** – Stay updated on events, opportunities, and club news.

✓ **Reach Out to Club Leaders** – Don't be afraid to message club executives and ask questions about what they do.

✓ **Join the Club and Participate** – The more you engage, the more you'll get out of the experience! For steps on how to join a club, visit the [Clubs Handbook!](#)

Did you know? There is no limit to the number of clubs you can join as a regular member! It is completely up to you how many clubs you would like to join!

What If You Can't Find the Right Club? Start Your Own!

Can't find a club that matches your interests? Why not create one? It's easier than you think!

Step 1: Gather Interest

- Talk to friends and classmates to see if others would join your club.
- You'll need a minimum of 3 NAIT students to get started!

Step 2: Register with NAITSA Campus Clubs

- Submit a club application through [Ookslife.ca](https://ookslife.ca).
- Provide details like your club's purpose, executive roles, and planned activities.

Step 3: Make an Impact!

- Organize fun events, workshops, or fundraisers.
 - Collaborate with other clubs or NAIT organizations for bigger opportunities.
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