Cookies Policy

What are Cookies, and How Do We Use Them?

Cookies are small text files that are sent to and stored on your web browser, smartphone or other device, which allow you to store specific information that can be used to improve your user experience on a website. They can remember your preferences by gathering and storing information. Further information about cookies (including how to disable them) can be found at www.allaboutcookies.org.

The University of Northampton Students' Union uses cookies on our site to improve the user experience, and to gather general statistics about the users of our services (not user-specific). Amongst other things, cookies allow you to log on to our service. This Cookie Policy provides a background of what cookies are, how we use them and how they benefit you.

What Types of Cookies are There?

You will encounter the following cookies:

- **First-party cookies**

First-party cookies are set by the website you are visiting, and they can only be read by that site.

- **Third-party cookies**

Third-party cookies are set by a different organisation to the owner of the website you are visiting. For example, the website might use a third-party analytics company who will set their own cookies to perform this service. The website that you are visiting may also contain content embedded from, for example YouTube, and these sites may set their own cookies.

- **Session cookies**

Session cookies are stored only temporarily during a browsing session and are deleted from the user's device when the browser is closed. We use these to allow you to log in to the website.

- **Persistent cookies**

This type of cookie is saved on your computer for a fixed period (usually a year or longer) and is not deleted when the browser is closed. Persistent cookies are used where we need to know who you are for more than one browsing session. For example, we use this to store your preferences, so that they are remembered for the next visit.

Name	Description	Type
__cfduid	This cookie is set by one of our external service providers in order to identify suspicious network traffic.	Third-Party Cookie
_last_visit	This cookie stores the last visit date to the website.	Session Cookie
_last_activity	This cookie stores the last time that users were active on the website.	Session Cookie
_tracker	This cookie stores the previously-accessed page link.	Session Cookie
_sessionid	This cookie stores a randomised identifier that allows you to sign in to the website.	Session Cookie
SUAuthToken	This cookie is part of the mechanism used to sign in to the University system.	Session Cookie

What Cookies Do We Use?

How Can You Manage Your Cookies?

Please visit www.allaboutcookies.org for advice on how to manage cookies on your browser.