

## What is Polyteknisk Forening?

Polyteknisk Forening, usually PF, is the student association at DTU, which represents all 11,500 students at DTU and created by the student, for the students. PF was founded in 1846 and is therefore an association with a long tradition, is strongly anchored in the culture at DTU and has a lot of influence on the university. We are non-partisan. The work and politics of the association is decided by the people active in PF's committees, who are all students. PF has a yearly turnover of 19 mio. Danish kroner.

Polyteknisk Forening is organized around the 21 study councils, made up of 600 students, which are the direct voice of the students at DTU. The study councils represent one or more study lines and send representatives to the highest authority in PF, the Joint Council. The Joint Council elects a board, who are responsible for the daily running of the association. Aside from this, PF consists of a number of councils and committees fulfilling different functions, and who are normally split into social, academic, and political.

PF is the only student association at DTU engaged both academically and politically, and thus has a lot of influence on the organization of DTU. We have 2 representatives in the board of DTU, 3 representatives on the Academic Committee of DTU, as well as 120 spots in the Institute study boards of DTU, where students work to ensure the quality of education at DTU. In this way, PF can pass on the opinions of the students whenever decisions affecting their student lives are made. Nationally, PF works politically to represent the opinions of the DTU students. This is done, among other things, by participating in the People's Political Festival at Bornholm and by being a member organization of the National Union of Students in Denmark. Here PF sets our agenda as engineering students, at the national level.

PF gives the students the opportunity to improve the social life of DTU. PF organizes events such as concerts, skiing trips, study cafés, academic presentations, and a student revue. S-Huset is the student house of PF, consisting of 150 employees. S-Huset runs 3 cafes with student friendly prices on food and drinks, which see around 3500 visitors daily. In S-Huset, you can borrow boardgames, play billiards, table football, and ping pong, or just talk with friends in the many sofa groups. S-Huset organizes concerts and most of the major parties at DTU as well as running the bars Verners Kælder at Ballerup Campus and Kælderbaren at Lyngby Campus. In PF, the students also have the opportunity of joining one of the existing 13 clubs or creating a new one. This can be anything from wood and metalworking in ATM to building rockets in danSTAR.

The study start is the major part of the social life of the 2500 first year students at DTU, and is organized by PF. It consists of 30 coordinators of the bachelor study start (KABS) who hire 250 Vectors (tutors). The study start organizes introduction trips, cabin trips, social and academic study start events, weekly info meetings for the new students, and much more. Similar to KABS, the 7 Master Student Coordinators (PF MSC) coordinate over 80 Buddies (tutors) who introduce both local, national and international students to each other and DTU during the master and exchange study start.

Read more about Polyteknisk Forening on [www.pf.dk](http://www.pf.dk), where you can also find contact information.