



Factions
 The ÖH was founded by a communist, socialist and conservative student organization in 1946 and has been a politically inclusive students' union ever since. The criteria for a faction to candidate has varied but is generally open, making it possible for new political groups to emerge often as a precursor or in unison with national politics. Most of the larger factions have been aligned in some way to a political party but there are and have been significant non aligned fractions.

Election Modus
 From 1945 till 1946 Faction committee
 From 1946 till 1971 HEI delegates
 From 1973 till 2005 direct Elections
 From 2007 till present HEI student representations designate federal representatives

For Comparison: The Austrian Federal Parliament election results
 Election results from 1945 to 2008 with national parties aligned or close to ÖH factions in same or similar colors.

