







# **Institute of Social Sciences**

A guide to our courses, facilities, and opportunities.

At Sheffield Hallam, our Institute for Social Science explores pressing issues from climate and the environment to politics, psychology, and sociology. Based in the new Redmires building, students benefit from career-focused courses and a vibrant research culture that connects theory with real-world impact. Psychology students also access advanced facilities, including speech, eyetracking, and psychophysiology labs. Our expert staff are active researchers improving minds, health, and communities, and are regularly featured on the BBC and other international platforms.

## **Our Course Areas**

- Geography & Environment
- Politics
- Psychology
- Sociology



# Our Outreach Opportunities

Discover the outreach activities we provide, tailored to support students in making informed decisions about university-level study.

Visit Our Outreach Website For More Information



shu.ac.uk/sclo

We offer interactive, hands-on masterclasses for KS5 students, designed to deepen their understanding of the social sciences while providing insight into academic pathways and university life. Options range from broad course talks showcasing opportunities within the social sciences to specialist interactive masterclasses and taster days -available both on and off campus.

Tell us your requirements, and we'll work flexibly around your preferred dates and times. If you're working with KS3 or KS4 students, please get in touch to discuss options further.

Want to stay updated? Sign up for our monthly mailing list and visit our events webpage by scanning the QR code.



## **Masterclass Topics**

- Psychology
- Sociology
- Geography & Environment
- Politics & international relations

# **Geography and Environment**

Explore the relationship between people, places, and the planet. Students investigate global challenges like climate change, sustainability, and social inequality through real-world case studies and applied projects. Taught by experts active in research and public debate, students gain insights into topics ranging from glacial retreat to urban development and social justice.

Bringing your students to a Geography and Environment taster day or masterclass is a great way to broaden their understanding of the world and inspire future study and career choices.

# Politics and International Relations

Explore global issues like climate change, conflict, and social justice, whilst gaining insight into policymaking, diplomacy, and advocacy. The subject develops critical thinking, debate, and communication skills through real-world projects, guest speakers, and international experiences.

Our current students leave Sheffield Hallam University able to form political arguments, debate effectively and influence decision makers. Masterclasses offer students a valuable first glimpse into higher education, helping to broaden their thinking and raise aspirations.

# **Psychology**

Psychology is the scientific study of thoughts, feelings, and behaviour. It explores how the brain works, how the mind processes information, and how these develop and change over time. At Sheffield Hallam University, students engage with topics such as mental health, decision-making, relationships, and human development.

Outreach sessions can give students hands-on experience with psychological concepts and research methods, helping them connect classroom learning to real-world applications and future career pathways.

# Sociology

Human social behaviour and our society is becoming more diverse and intricate. At Sheffield Hallam University we delve into the challenges of privilege and disadvantage, investigate ethnicity, class, sexuality, age, disability, gender, and religion, and explore social movements for equality in a global context.

Taking part in an sociology outreach masterclass helps students make informed decisions about their future study options, career pathways in sociology, and opportunities in higher education.

# **Example Taster Day**

Mix and match to create a taster day bespoke to your student's needs.

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SHUOutreach.com

**Timings** 

**Session** 

09:45

Arrival & Welcome

Institute of Social Science Welcome Talk

> Geography Workshop 1

Campus Or Facilities Tour

Lunch

Geography Workshop 2

Feedback & Close

This is a sample programme for a full on-campus taster day focused on a Social Science subject.

Taster days are scheduled at specific times throughout the year, and details of upcoming dates can be found on the SHUOutreach.com website.

We can also accommodate half-day sessions, later starts for students travelling from further away, or carousel-style activities for larger groups, depending on room availability and academic staffing.

If you're unable to visit us, we're happy to bring our interactive taster sessions to your school or college.

To book, enquire or sign up to our mailing list, please contact the team at sclo@shu.ac.uk

14:15

# Advice & Transition Outreach Activities

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## **Activities**

For Y12, Y13 and mature students, can be delivered on or off campus.

#### **Beyond the Classroom:**

Your journey ahead explore higher education and plan your next steps.

### **Building your Brand:**

Build skills for strong university and degree apprenticeship applications.

### **Own Your Budget:**

A session on student finance, university costs and budgeting.

#### Student Life in Sheffield:

An insight into life at Hallam and student opportunities in Sheffield.



# **Access Hallam**

Helping students progress with confidence.

Our Access team is here to help your students feel excited about the opportunities that Sheffield Hallam can offer them. We'll show them what's possible and what happens next. Because we want to make sure that nothing holds them back from succeeding.

All our support is delivered through a range of programmes. Based on evidence and input from our students and their supporters, we design the programmes to address the diverse challenges people can face and give the support that individuals need.

### **Hallam Progress**

Hallam Progress provides support for applicants whose personal circumstances might mean that there are barriers to going to university. By joining Hallam Progress, students will have help to guide them through the application process and get them ready to start learning at university. More information can be found at <a href="mailto:shu.ac.uk/progress">shu.ac.uk/progress</a>

### **Black British Pathway Programme**

This specialist programme has been designed by current Black British students studying at Hallam alongside Access team staff to ensure that future students and applicants feel welcome here and have the best possible start. With bespoke visits and tailored support we aim for participants to feel part of the community before even enrolling.

For more information, contact us at access@shu.ac.uk or 0114 225 4777.

