

# ***Transition to University and Student Life***

Useful information to help you with your  
transition to Sheffield Hallam University for  
September 2020

**\* Correct as of April 2020**



# UCAS Timeline Reminder

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**September 2019**

UCAS applications open



**15<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

Deadline for Oxbridge, Dentistry, Medicine, Veterinary Science

**15<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

UCAS Deadline

**31<sup>st</sup> March 2020**

Deadline to receive ALL offers from universities

**18<sup>th</sup> June 2020 \***

Deadline to reply to offers. Confirm firm and insurance choices

\* New date extension to  
reply to offers received  
from Universities due to  
COVID-19

**July 2020**

BTEC Results / Early Clearing

**August 2020**

A Level Results / Clearing

# Checklist so far:

## UCAS

- Remember login details
- Checked for UCAS latest updates
- Submit your decisions for Firm and Insurance by 18<sup>th</sup> June 2020

## Student Finance

- Completed the online [application](#)
- Submitted relevant paperwork and evidence
- Received, signed and returned declaration form

## Accommodation

- Researched SHU [accommodation](#) options
- Apply as soon as you have received an offer
- Create account using your SHU assigned student number (on SHU e-mails you have received)
- Select up to four halls and submit application

# Preparation for

# your arrival



Preparation

**NEED TO KNOW**

## Transport

Do you know your way around Sheffield?

- Commuting by train? 16 - 25 Railcard (1/3 off train travel)
- Student bus fares £1 one way
- Do you need a car? Walk between campuses and into the city easily

## Money

Open or upgrade to a student bank account.

- Bring money with you to Uni. Student finance is released **after** you enrol
- Have you made a budget to help with your weekly outgoings?

## Skills

Practice some skills to living independently:

- Cleaning around the house
- Cooking different meals
- Laundry
- Food Shopping – what do you need for a weekly shop?

## Health

If you are moving away from home, register with a local Doctor & dentist:

- SHU has approved GP and dental practices to register with
- Ensure your vaccines are up to date



# Study Environment & Facilities



## How will you be studying?

- Lectures up to 300 students (depending on course)
- Seminars of 20-30 students
- Tutorials with academic tutors
- Independent Study
- Work Placements – 6 weeks to 1 year
- Study Abroad for a semester or full year

## What facilities are available?

- Two campuses – City and Collegiate campus
- 24hour Library / learning centre on both sites
- Hallam Active Gym at both campuses
- Careers & employability centre - City campus
- Plenty of catering outlets across both sites
- Flexible study and breakout spaces in all buildings



# Welcome Week 20<sup>th</sup> September – 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020



A full week packed with student focused activities and social events for you to get involved with

Based across campuses and at The Hubs (SHU Students Union), all the latest information will be sent in your welcome pack.

The week includes:

- Freebie Fair
- Sports Fair
- Societies Fair
- Volunteering fair
- Student Jobs fair
- Plenty of social activities and student discounted club events



# Enrolment Week 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020



## What to expect on week 1

- If you haven't moved to Sheffield already, move into your accommodation
- Attend your course induction – **DO NOT MISS THIS!**
- Go to your allocated enrolment\* slot
- Collect your SHU card
- Find out about Team Hallam and Hallam Active gym options
- Find out about SHU support and find the Students Union

Pre enrol online  
We will email you  
approximately **3**  
**weeks** before you  
start



\* 'Enrolment' is where you formally register as a Sheffield Hallam student. We'll tell you when and where to enrol at your course induction.

# ***Inside SHU Students Union:***



Click to watch video on [YouTube](#)



# Clubs and Societies at University



When starting University, a lot of students are in the same boat, looking to meet new people and socialise through different activities. Societies are a great option:

- ✓ Socialising and meeting new people
- ✓ Try something new – push your boundaries and be brave
- ✓ Develop your skills – become part of the committee, help arrange events, send out comms to all members.
- ✓ Add these skills to your CV

SHU has over 120 societies to choose from covering lots of different topics.  
Check out our [societies](#) before you arrive



# Choosing a Society



Welcome  
Week

- Plenty of activities to get involved with
- Socialise with flat mates / course mates
- Support with volunteering and part time work

Activities or  
Societies Fair

- Free taster sessions – try as many as possible
- Meet the committee members
- Register your interest

Create your  
own society

- Can't find a society you like?
- Create your own through the students union

**\*\* Sports Clubs have a separate Sports Fair for students to attend to play competitive sports for their university  
You can join as many as you want!**

# SHU Semester Dates 2020/21



- Semester 1 teaching weeks  
– 28/9/2020 – 18/12/2020
- Semester 2 teaching weeks  
– 18/1/2021 – 23/4/2021

**Note:** Dates are subject to change, depending on COVID-19 situation. Please keep checking e-mails from SHU for updates.

All courses are different so it's important to check when your teaching dates run - **some specific courses run for the whole year.**

There is also scheduled **exam time** at the end of each semester so please bear this in mind if making plans or other commitments.

# Considering Part-time work?



Lots of our students work part time which can fit around their studies.

At SHU we help promote both on and off campus jobs for students to apply for.

## On Campus Jobs

- Open days and Course Open Days
- Student Ambassador schemes
- Deliver campus tours
- Select the shifts you are available for to fit your timetable

## Off Campus Jobs

- Clothes shops
- Food supermarkets
- Restaurants
- May have to complete set number of hours per week – does this fit around your studies?

Need help with finding work, writing a CV or preparing for interviews?

**Careers**  
**Connect** at  
SHU can help!

**Helpful hint:** we recommend to work between 10-12 hours per week. This will allow you time to complete relevant university work and manage your personal and social time as well.



# ***What next...?***

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**Already applied? Wondering what happens next?**

**Attend any required Interviews and Selection Events**

**Course Open Days, Pre-Course Days & Virtual Open Days**

**Campus Tour**

**Accommodation Tour**

# Questions?

## Open days 2020:

Check Sheffield Hallam's [website](#) for our latest open day and virtual open day dates



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THE SUNDAY TIMES

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