

Transition to University



So you've taken the plunge and decided to go to University... Well done! It's probably going to be one of the best decisions you ever made. There are lots of things to consider when you are moving from School/College to University, so hopefully this information will help you on your way...

Where will I live?

If you choose to go to university nearby you may wish to stay at home and save money. If you are coming from further a field it is most likely that you will stay in student accommodation.

At SHU we have 23 different residences we allocate to, when you receive a conditional or unconditional offer you should apply for accommodation as soon as possible, you can choose your top 3 choices! All 1st year students are guaranteed a place so no need to worry, just apply quickly if you have your heart set on a particular place. Almost everyone will get a place in 1 of their 3 choices.



How do I choose where to live?

How much?

There are so many to choose from and everyone's requirements are different. Make sure you consider your **budget**, the **location**, and your own **specific requirements**. Our website has a description, key to facilities and clear pricing for each residence to help you.

Example prices:

Residence	Per Year	Per Week
Cavendish House (non en-suite)	£3872	£88
Liberty Hall (en-suite)	£4,488 - £4818	£106 - £114 (dependent on bed size)

Apply online:
shu.ac.uk/accommodation

Money management

First thing... make sure you have submitted your Student Finance by the **31st May** to ensure you receive your loan in time! When you've done this you will receive your loan in **3 instalments each year: Sept, Jan and April**. Try and set a budget for each term so you don't blow it all on shopping in the first week!

There will be student discounts everywhere tempting you to do this, but be strong!

If things don't go to plan...

If you change your mind about the courses you have applied for or if you have a conditional offer and don't make the grades there are processes in place to help you stay on the path to university.

Clearing - Allows students who have not received a place at university to view courses with vacancies.

Defer Entry - If your circumstances change you can start the following academic year instead. (Not available for all courses, please check first.)

Example weekly budget:

Accommodation	£95
Other Bills (mobile, internet, insurance etc.)	£20
Food, Drink & Toiletries	£50
Books and stationery	£ 8
Travel and Transport	£10
Social life/Entertainment	£30
Emergencies	£10
Weekly total:	£223

The above budget would cost **£9,812** a year (44 wks).

Once you've worked out your budget, compare it to how much money you will have (from loans, savings etc.) to see if it's affordable. You could get a part time job while you study, and/or full time work in the holidays to save up more funds.

UCAS Extra - For students that have used all five choices and have not received an offer or declined all offers made.

A whole new world of learning...

School VS University

- Daily structure (9am - 3.30pm)
- **10+ subjects**
- Homework

- Classroom learning

- Varied structure (approx. 14 hours a week)
- **1 subject**
- Set assignments (Deadlines to meet)

- Variety of learning styles: lectures, seminars, practicals, independent study.

What do I do when I get there?

Arriving at your new university can be pretty daunting - we know this so we put on lots of things for you to get involved in straight away! In 'Welcome Week' you will meet loads of new people and be shown endless opportunities that you can get involved in whilst studying. There will be fairs where you can meet/join Sports Teams, Societies, volunteering projects and also find employment.



A lot of the above information is specific to Sheffield Hallam University, details around accommodation and 'Welcome Week' will differ at other institutions so please make sure you research your choices individually.