Study in one of the UK’s best student cities

A guide to Sheffield Hallam University for exchange and study abroad students
Welcome to Sheffield

One of the UK's largest shopping centres - Meadowhall, has nearly 300 stores.

Home to major music and film festivals attracting over 100,000 people.

A thriving independent shopping scene.

Five multiscreen cinemas and nine art galleries.

The largest UK theatre complex outside of London.

Spectacular historic buildings including Chatsworth House and Bolsover Castle.

Among the greenest cities in Europe.

World-class climbing, hiking and cycling.
Enhance your studies and experience life in the UK as an exchange or study abroad student at Sheffield Hallam University. Meet new people and expand your horizons as you study with us for one semester or a full year.

As a university we are home to more than 31,000 students from over 113 countries, so as an exchange or study abroad student you’ll benefit from being immersed in a diverse range of cultures and the opportunity to improve your language skills.

Why do an exchange or study abroad?
Studying overseas is a unique and hugely beneficial experience that will stay with you for the rest of your life. You’ll:

- Gain an in-depth understanding of life in the UK
- Improve your language skills
- See your subject from a different perspective
- Benefit from exposure to different cultures
- Enhance your resume – and your career prospects
- Increase your confidence, independence and life skills
- Make new friends
- Gain transferable credits

What are my options?

**Exchange**
Sheffield Hallam is a great place to come if you want to do an exchange. We have been welcoming exchange students for many years and have both Erasmus+ and international exchange agreements with over 100 institutions worldwide in a variety of subject areas.

If you are interested in studying with us on an exchange programme you will need to check that we have an exchange agreement with your university in the subject area you are studying and whether there are places available.

You will need to discuss any possible exchange with your exchange co-ordinator and/or staff in your international office before you complete an application.

Visit shu.ac.uk/exchanges for more information on our exchange programme.

**Study Abroad programme**
This is the ideal option for students studying at a university that does not have an exchange agreement in place with Sheffield Hallam University.

With our study abroad programme, you can study in Sheffield for one semester or a full year, and there is a huge range of routes available to suit your current studies. For a full list of subjects and routes please visit shu.ac.uk/studyabroad.

If you plan to study for one semester, you can choose from a September or January intake and on successful completion you’ll be awarded an International Certificate in your chosen subject.

If you’d like to come to Sheffield for a full year, you’ll have a September start date and on successful completion you’ll be awarded an International Diploma in your chosen subject.

What are the entry requirements?
To apply to the study abroad programme, you’ll need to be studying towards a degree at a recognised university, and have completed at least one year of your course. This means you will join us during or at the start of your second year of study. You will also need to provide evidence of your existing credits and proficiency in English.

Can I take the credits back home?
You are able to gain transferable credits plus a Sheffield Hallam University Award for your time in Sheffield. However, you will need to check that your home institution will accept these as credits towards your degree.

Visa requirements
You will need to check if you require a visa to study in the UK: www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa

You must hold a valid UK visa that entitles you to study at Sheffield Hallam University before you can begin your course with us.

Visas can take several weeks to come through once you’ve completed your application, so make sure you leave yourself plenty of time.

If you need support with your visa application, our student experience advisers can offer help via Skype and email. All information can be found in our welcome guide.

Important dates
Submit your application by:

- 1 December for the January intake
- 31 July for the September intake

Applications are accepted after this date, but will be processed on a case by case basis.

Apply for accommodation at Devonshire Courtyard by:

- 1 August for the September intake
- 1 December for the January intake
What will it cost?

If you’re an Erasmus or exchange student, you won’t need to pay any additional tuition fees during your time in Sheffield. However, you will need to cover your own accommodation and living costs.

If you are a study abroad student, you’ll need to pay tuition fees. More information on fees can be found online at shu.ac.uk/studyabroad.

Living costs

Sheffield has a low cost of living compared to other major UK cities, meaning your money will go further. Living costs here are significantly lower than in London.

Your new home

Don’t worry about finding somewhere to stay during your time in Sheffield – we’ve already done it for you! We reserve places for those studying on an exchange or study abroad programme within our popular Devonshire Courtyard complex.

Devonshire Courtyard is located right in the city centre, so everything Sheffield has to offer will be right on your doorstep and you’ll never be short of things to see and do. With great access to public transport, you’ll easily be able to explore Sheffield and the surrounding area such as the Peak District.

Your place at Devonshire Courtyard is guaranteed if you apply for your accommodation through our accommodation services by 1 August for the September intake and 1 December for the January intake.

Details on the cost of staying at Devonshire Courtyard can be found at shu.ac.uk/studyabroad or email accommodation@shu.ac.uk

We do offer a range of alternative accommodation should this not suit your needs. For more information visit shu.ac.uk/accommodation

Affordable accommodation

Living at Devonshire Courtyard is affordable – it costs less than half the price of renting a similar place in London. You’ll also save on travel costs as the complex is centrally located, just a short walk from both City and Collegiate Campus.

Safe and secure

You’ll always feel secure at Devonshire Courtyard, thanks to CCTV and 24-hour security. All our properties are inspected to ensure they comply with our strict standards.

Make friends for life

Many of our exchange students build life-long friendships in our residences. From cups of tea with friends to late night movies, it’s where some of the best university moments happen.

“Staying in halls for short-term students was so exciting. I met some best friends there, living together. I enjoyed how Sheffield was so easy to get around – I basically walked everywhere and where I was living was in the centre of town.”

Alice Thacker

Fine art student from Australia

Find out more

shu.ac.uk/accommodation
Where is Sheffield?

Sheffield is the UK’s fifth largest city. It’s home to around 500,000 people and 60,000 students.

We’re right in the middle of the country, with excellent transport links to other UK cities. We are just two hours from London and one hour from Manchester by train. Our City Campus is a few minutes’ walk from the city’s main bus and train stations. There are student discounts on bus, train and coach travel.

Sheffield is also close to major airports such as Doncaster Sheffield and Manchester, allowing easy connections to European cities and further afield.

We’ve got everything you need — from one of Europe’s biggest shopping centres to theatres, art galleries, music venues and museums. As a multicultural city, you’ll find shops, restaurants and speciality supermarkets that sell products and food from all over the world.

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Hallam in numbers

**60,000**
Students living in Sheffield

**£100 m**
Invested in facilities over the last five years

**65%**
Research ranked internationally excellent or world-leading, putting us in the top five modern universities*

**94%**
Hallam students in work or further study within six months of graduating***

**24/7**
Our libraries are open every day, 365 days a year

**113**
Countries we welcome students from

**140**
Institutions across the world where we have exchange agreements

**23,000**
Student placements offered every year

**47th**
Guardian University Guide ranking**

**5★★★★★**
QS Stars international rating****

* Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014
** Guardian University Guide 2021
*** Destination of Leavers of Higher Education (DLHE) Survey 2016/17
**** QS Stars international rating system 2019
Find out why we’re one of the UK’s most popular universities

Award winning teaching
The Sunday Times Good University Guide named us University of the Year for Teaching Quality 2020. The award recognises our consistently high student satisfaction scores, as measured by independent student experience surveys.

Research that changes lives
We are one of the leading modern universities in the UK for research. We have 16 research centres and institutes, with a reputation for world-class research.

Our International Experience Team
We have a dedicated team who can support you from now to when you arrive in Sheffield. We can help you with your visa application and offer a free pick-up service from Manchester Airport.

Sheffield Hallam Students’ Union
The vibrant hub of student life with a bar, café, shop and advice centre and the contact point for more than 60 student-run societies and clubs.

Adsetts Library
One of our two libraries which are open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year so you can study at the time which suits you. You can book one of 2,000 study spaces and 1,000 computers.

“It was truly amazing to engage with non-native English speakers and learn more about their culture. I can’t wait to travel back one day and see all my friends.”
Lexi, business student from the USA

“I enjoyed being able to practise my English, spend time with my course mates and learn more about the culture in England. I’ve gained new knowledge, technical skills and professional contacts, as well as an international point of view.”
Camilo, international tourism and hospitality management student from Colombia

“What I enjoyed most about Sheffield and the UK was that it has a very multicultural society, so you meet people from all over the world. Sheffield is the perfect size and is full of students, so there are a lot of things to do and places to go.”
Cristina, film and media production student from Spain
Supporting your career ambitions

Our network is your network
You benefit from our network of 3,500 businesses including Adidas, Disney, Sony, SAP and the BBC. We regularly invite employers to come to careers fairs on campus so you can talk to them direct about career opportunities.

Highest rated careers service in the UK
We have a dedicated team of careers advisers at our Careers and Employability Centre. We received a 95% student satisfaction rating for careers support*

Professionally accredited courses
Most of our courses are accredited by professional bodies so we know you’re developing the skills in demand in your sector.

Learn from the experts
Our teaching and research staff are industry and academic experts. They bring an in-depth understanding of their industry or sector to their teaching.

Putting your knowledge into practice
Whatever you study, you’ll have the opportunity to practise applying your knowledge to real projects. Many of our students complete placements, internships or consultancy projects alongside their studies.

Find out more
If you’d like to study in Sheffield as part of an exchange or study abroad programme, here’s your step-by-step guide.

1. Visit our website to find out what modules and routes are available. Exchange students can visit shu.ac.uk/exchanges and study abroad students visit shu.ac.uk/studyabroad

2. Check that you meet the entry requirements

3. Speak to your university’s exchange coordinator or study abroad adviser and get their approval for your application

4. Find out whether you’ll need a student visa, and if so, apply as early as possible

5. Submit your application to study with us, in plenty of time. For exchange, apply by:
   - 31 October for the January intake
   - 31 May for the September intake

   For study abroad, apply by:
   - 1 December for the January intake
   - 31 July for the September intake

6. Apply for your accommodation before 1 August or 1 December to be guaranteed a place at Devonshire Courtyard

*Life@Sheffield
Halifax Survey 2017

Remember, we are on hand to answer your questions and provide support throughout the application process. You can contact us at admissions@shu.ac.uk

For further information on
• how to apply
• what you can study
• visa support

Visit shu.ac.uk/exchanges for exchanges and shu.ac.uk/studyabroad for our study abroad programme
If you’re studying at an institution in Europe, you may be able to apply for an Erasmus+ grant*, co-funded by the European Union, which contributes to the extra costs of living overseas. Contact your institution’s Erasmus co-ordinator for more information about Erasmus+ funding.

*subject to the UK’s continued participation in the programme

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