

Sheffield Hallam International Summer School  
***Introduction to UK Academic Study and British Culture***

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What does the summer school schedule look like?**

The summer school starts on Monday 31 July. The first week is based in Sheffield and consists of classroom activities, city based tours and a study trip.

Students have the option to take part in another study trip over the weekend and they have a free day on Sunday.

The second week of the summer school starts with the three-day trip to London which takes place 7-9 August 2017. Students return on Wednesday evening and spend the last two days in Sheffield.

A more detailed schedule will be published on 20 June 2017.

### **Who can apply to take part?**

We accept individual as well as group applications. Partner institutions will get a free place for every 10 participants they bring to the summer school.

We recommend that applicants should have a minimum IELTS 5.0 or equivalent to fully benefit from the summer school.

Please note that we are not able to consider applications from anyone under the age of 18 years at the start of the programme.

### **What is included in the London trip?**

The London trip is still being planned, but we are likely to cover the following sites/museums (This is a sample itinerary and may be subject to change):

#### *Monday*

- Arrive in London and check into hotel, followed by a visit to the British Museum.
- Late afternoon and evening – visit Piccadilly Circus and Leicester Square OR shopping time.

#### *Tuesday*

- Visit to a museum (students to choose from V&A, Science Museum, or the Natural History Museum).
- Walking tour of central London – Harrods, Hyde Park, Buckingham Palace, Houses of Parliament, the South Bank. Participants will be given free time to go on the London Eye if they wish.
- Late afternoon and evening – visit to Soho and the West End OR shopping time.

#### *Wednesday*

- Check out of hotel by 10am.
- Visit to St Paul's Cathedral, Museum of London and Tate Modern.
- Leave London at about 3pm to arrive in Sheffield about 6pm in the evening.

It is important to remember that:

1. We cover the cost of the train to London and back, the two-night stay in a hotel in multi-occupancy rooms and the cost of a three-day pass for zones 1-4 of the London Underground. All other costs (lunches, dinners) are covered by the participants.
2. We do not cover any entrance fees for London attractions. Our trip is about sightseeing and visiting museums which are linked to the programme of the summer school. The participants pay the entrance fees to any attractions they want to visit (e.g. the London Eye).
3. It is an independent trip – participants may choose to do something different – e.g. spend more time shopping – provided that they tell the tour leader in advance.

*Please note that the places on the London trip are limited so apply early.*

### **Can we spend more time in London?**

Participants may choose to travel to London the weekend before the planned trip. They will be responsible for their own travel and hotel arrangements during this time.

If you choose to do this, you will be expected to meet the rest of the group on Monday for the group hotel check-in. You will be expected to travel back to Sheffield with the rest of the group.

Please note that August is the main tourist month in London and all hotels are booked up months in advance. That means that hotel stays for any extra nights will be expensive and difficult to find.

### **What is the application deadline?**

The application deadline is **14 June 2017**. The deadline for payment is **20 June 2017**.

We encourage everyone to apply as soon as possible, because the places on the London trip are limited. The trip places will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis to the participants who have applied by **14 June** and paid by **20 June**.

If you apply on time but all the places on the London trip have been allocated, we will offer you a place on the summer school without the trip to London. In that case you will pay a reduced fee of £1,100 or £1,250 if you choose to do the subject-specific option (Business, Tourism and Hospitality; Health Science or Sport Science). We will offer you an alternative programme of visits during the three days.

### **What happens if I apply after the deadline?**

We can't guarantee you a place on the London trip if you apply after the deadline. We may still offer you a place on the summer school without the trip to London. In that case you will pay a reduced fee of £1,100 or £1,250 if you choose to do the subject-specific option (Business, Tourism and Hospitality; Health Science or Sport Science). We will offer you an alternative programme of visits during the three days.

### **Do I need a visa to attend the summer school?**

You can check if you will need a visa using this link <https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa>. Please select 'study' as your reason to travel to the UK, and '6 months or less' as duration. Some participants may not need a visa for the UK. Please note that you need to carry the invitation letter you received from Sheffield Hallam University to show at the border.

**What if my visa is refused?**

If your visa is refused, you will receive a full refund after you send us the visa refusal notice from the UK Visa and Immigration. Please note that we are unable to refund you if you don't provide the visa refusal notice.

**Can I get a discount?**

We are unable to offer discounts from the price of the summer school for individual participants.

Partner institutions which bring a group of 10 participants to the summer school receive one free place. We encourage partner institutions to submit group applications early because places are limited.

If you return to Sheffield Hallam to study an undergraduate or postgraduate course, you could be eligible for at least a £1,000 discount.

**Who should I contact to find out more?**

Please email the International Experience Team on [internationalexperience@shu.ac.uk](mailto:internationalexperience@shu.ac.uk)

Applicants can also contact one of Sheffield Hallam's [overseas offices](#) for more information.