

Study in one of the UK's best student cities

A guide to
Sheffield Hallam University
for exchange students



Study abroad at Sheffield Hallam

Enhance your studies and experience life in the UK as an exchange 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 32,000 students from over 100 countries, so as an exchange student you'll benefit from being immersed in a diverse range of cultures and have the opportunity to improve your language skills.



Hallam in numbers

60,000

Students living in Sheffield

£100 million

The amount we've invested in
new facilities

78%

Research impact ranked world-
leading or internationally
excellent*

95%

Our graduates are in work or
further study 15 months after
graduating**

24/7

Our libraries are open 24 hours
a day, year round

100+

Countries we welcome
students from

100+

Institutions across the world
where we have exchange
agreements

1,000+

Organisations we work with to
give you work experience
opportunities

80+

Student-run societies
through Sheffield Hallam
Students' Union

5 star

QS Stars international
rating***

* Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2021

** 2020/21 HESA Graduate Outcomes Survey

*** QS Stars international rating system 2025

Why we're one of the UK's most popular universities

An award-winning university

In 2023, the University was awarded Gold in the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) and the Institutional Award for Outstanding Student Support in 2023 (UKAT) for its outstanding support for students. We were named Educate North University of the Year in 2022, and received 5 stars in the QS Stars excellence rating (2025).



Teaching
Excellence
Framework

Research that changes lives

72% of our research and 78% of our research impact is world leading or internationally excellent in the 2021 Research Excellence Framework (REF).

Our International Experience Team

We have a dedicated team who can support you from now to when you arrive in Sheffield. If you're flying into Manchester when our pick-up service is operating, we'll pick you up from the airport.



Sheffield Hallam Students' Union

The Students' Union is home to over 80 student-run societies, from societies dedicated to interests like theatre or rambling, to academic societies. Find out more on the SU website: hallamstudentsunion.com.



Adsetts Library

One of our two libraries which are open 24 hours a day, year round so you can study at the time which suits you.



Supporting your career ambitions

Our network is your network

You'll benefit from our network of over 1000 brands and organisations such as Disney, Siemens, Jaguar Land Rover and British Airways.

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. From CV help to interview practice, our team is on hand to provide support.

Professionally accredited courses

Many 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 courses include hands-on sessions in studios, labs or simulated environments to build your skills for your chosen industry.



Where is Sheffield?

Sheffield is England'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.

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.

60% of Sheffield is made up of green spaces like parks, gardens and countryside. There are plenty of places to relax or explore in the city or nearby Peak District National Park.

Sheffield was voted one of the UK's top ten student cities (Student Crowd 2024). We were also named the best city break in the UK (Time Out, 2024).



Welcome to Sheffield



Home to major music and film festivals, attracting over 100,00 people



The largest UK theatre complex outside of London



A thriving independent shopping scene



World-class cycling, climbing and hiking



Among the greenest cities in Europe



Multiscreen cinemas, art galleries and museums

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.

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 within one of our halls of residence.

Most halls are located close to 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.



Affordable

Living in Sheffield is affordable – Sheffield is one of the cheapest cities in the country for student accommodation*.



Safe and secure

You'll have access to university support services, and our halls are registered with the Snug Housing Standard.



Make friends for life

Halls of residence are a great place to build life-long friendships.



“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



“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

“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



How to apply

If you'd like to study in Sheffield as part of an exchange, 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/study-here/apply/exchanges.
2. Check that you meet the entry requirements. Speak to your university's exchange coordinator and get their approval for your application. Your home university will need to nominate you officially before you can apply.
3. Find out whether you'll need a student visa, and if so, apply as early as possible.
4. Submit your application to study with us, in plenty of time
 - 31 October for the January intake
 - 31 May for the September intake
5. Apply for your accommodation – details of the halls of residence available and how to apply will be sent with your offer of a place.

Remember, we're on hand to answer your questions and provide support throughout the application process. You can contact us at erasmus-exchange@shu.ac.uk

For further information on

- how to apply
- what you can study
- visa support

Visit shu.ac.uk/study-here/apply/exchanges