The University of Sheffield
Information Sheet for Partner Institutions

The University of Sheffield welcomes Exchange and independent fee-paying Study Abroad students from overseas partner universities for one semester or full year non-degree study during the academic year.

University Information

Located in the fourth largest city in England, and one of the greenest in Europe, The University of Sheffield is a member of the research intensive Russell Group and a world top-100 university, renowned for the excellence, impact and distinctiveness of research-led learning and teaching.

Student population

Student population: 27,900+, including over 6,500 overseas students
Ranking: The University of Sheffield is rated 75th in the world and 13th in the UK in the 2019 QS World University Rankings.

University website: sheffield.ac.uk
Website for incoming Exchange/Study abroad students: sheffield.ac.uk/studyabroad/overseas
Academic calendar: sheffield.ac.uk/about/dates

Autumn (fall) semester: September – February*
Spring semester: February – June

*December finish option is available in most departments.

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Academic Information

- Language of instruction: All courses are offered in English only (except foreign language courses)
- Level of studies: Undergraduate
- Duration of exchange: one or two semesters.
- GPA required: 3.0/4.0 or equivalent
- Normal full-time course load: 60 credits, minimum 40 credits for a single semester; 120 credits, minimum 100 credits for a full academic year

Faculty and Departments

- We are proud to offer over 39 departments to incoming Study Abroad/exchange students. Please see the full list here:
sheffield.ac.uk/studyabroad/overseas/prospective/choosing/departments
- Link to closed departments:
sheffield.ac.uk/studyabroad/overseas/prospective/choosing/closed
- Directory of Modules (with course summaries. Please contact us if the full syllabus is required):
sheffield.ac.uk/ssid/course
Nomination/Application procedure

Please visit our website for application procedures:
sheffield.ac.uk/studyabroad/overseas/prospective/applying#Exchange

Deadlines:
1 May for full year and autumn (Fall) semester students
1 October for spring semester only and reverse full year students

Architecture students application deadlines:
1 April for full year and autumn (Fall) semester students
1 September for spring semester only and reverse full year students

Please note late Architecture applicants will not be offered studio based modules. Architecture students are accepted based on their portfolio, and unsuccessful applicants will be recommended to consider alternative departments (e.g. Civil Engineering, Urban Studies & Planning).

English Language Requirements

Students whose native language is not English must be able show that their English language proficiency is at a level which allows them to successfully complete their chosen course of study at the University of Sheffield.

Our minimum requirements are IELTS 6.0 (no subtest below 5.5), or TOEFL 80 (at least 17 in Listening, 17 in Writing, 18 in Reading and 20 in Speaking), or equivalent.

Each of our academic departments at Sheffield have individual requirements. Students must meet each of the scores for the departments they wish to study in.

Please refer to our English Language Fact Sheet for full information.
sheffield.ac.uk/studyabroad/overseas/prospective/entry

Arrival and Orientation

Meet and Greet Scheme

Arriving in a new country can be a bit overwhelming – our Meet and Greet service, which runs during the main arrivals period in September each year, aims to make students’ arrival and journey to Sheffield as welcoming and relaxed as possible. If students use the service, our ambassadors will meet them at the arrivals gate at Manchester Airport and show them to our coaches, which will take them to Sheffield. For full details see our website: sheffield.ac.uk/ssid/international/before/meet-greet

Orientation

Orientation is optional but highly recommended, as it is a great way for new students to meet other international and home students and learn you’re their way around Sheffield and the University:
sheffield.ac.uk/ssid/newstudents/orientation-week

Accommodation is not provided for Orientation week; however, students can book a place in our halls of residence (information on link above).
Accommodation

All Exchange and Study Abroad students are guaranteed a place in University owned accommodation, provided they meet certain simple conditions. For full details see our website: sheffield.ac.uk/accommodation

There is accommodation for students who have a disability such as wheelchair accessibility. When applying for accommodation, students should indicate any disability-specific requirements they have (e.g. a wheelchair-accessible and/or en-suite room) so that the Accommodation team can ensure that they allocate accommodation which meets their needs.

Disability and Dyslexia Support Service

If any of your students have a disability or learning difficulty, it's important to let us know so we can make sure they get the support they need while at Sheffield. The University of Sheffield is able to offer support to students studying with us who have a disability or learning difficulties. For full details see our website: sheffield.ac.uk/ssid/disability

Health Insurance

The University of Sheffield does not have a mandatory health insurance plan for Exchange/Study Abroad students. However, students should ensure they are covered by a private insurance plan that will cover any travel/medical costs that may be incurred.

Living Costs

Please see our website for information on living costs: sheffield.ac.uk/international/enquiry/money/costs

Questions?

Please consult our webpages or email us: globalopps@sheffield.ac.uk
sheffield.ac.uk/studyabroad/overseas