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# University of Sheffield

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## Brief overview of the university

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### The University

University guides confirm our position as one of the UK's leading universities. The Virgin 2007 Alternative Guide to British Universities, for instance, says that "Sheffield is a top university across the board". UK Government Teaching quality assessments rate our teaching very highly across a wide range of subjects, and official research assessments confirm our reputation as a centre for world-class research in many disciplines.

We have more than 25,000 students, from 116 countries, and almost 6000 staff. The University of Sheffield is a top choice with applicants for university places, and once they arrive our students enjoy the experience so much that many settle in Sheffield after they graduate.

### The Programme

The Study Abroad Programme at Sheffield is a wonderful opportunity for students worldwide to experience life in another culture, and enrich their academic careers in the process.

Courses are available across most disciplines. The courses (we call them 'modules') you will take are part of our regular undergraduate curriculum, so you'll study alongside British and other international students and become fully integrated into British university life

At Sheffield, we work to ensure that you make the most of this opportunity. We provide an experience geared towards the individual, with an emphasis on academic quality.

### The City

Sheffield is in South Yorkshire, in the north of England. It is close to Leeds, Manchester, Nottingham and the Peak District National Park. Sheffield is England's fourth-largest city, with the wealth of facilities you would expect to find in a major city - yet it's compact, friendly and accessible.

Sheffield has excellent rail links to all major cities. You can be in Leeds or Manchester by train in about an hour, and London in under 2.5 hours.

We are a family-friendly city with a prosperous economy and relatively low cost of living. The area is bursting with culture and entertainment, including award-winning theatres, museums and galleries. Our night life is also legendary with a wealth of clubs and live music venues.

Sheffield is the greenest city in England, with 150 woodlands and 50 public parks. And government crime statistics show it is the UK's safest city.

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## Academic issues

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Academic strengths      29 of our departments have been awarded the top rating the UK governments national Teaching Quality Assessments/exercise and we are ranked 70<sup>th</sup> in the world in Newsweek's Global Education Special Report (August 2006).

Our key academic strengths include:-  
(A-Z) Archaeology and Pre History , Biblical studies, Biological Sciences, Chemistry, School of English Literature, Language and Linguistics, Engineering, Politics, Russian and

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	Slavonic studies and Town and Regional Planning
Restricted/closed Departments	<b>Closed:</b> Dentistry, Law, Medicine and Nursing  <b>Restricted:</b> School of Architecture, Department of History, Human Communication Sciences, Journalism, Politics and Psychology have a restricted list of choices See: <a href="http://www.shef.ac.uk/studyabroad/overseas/handbook/restricted.html">www.shef.ac.uk/studyabroad/overseas/handbook/restricted.html</a>
Can I pre-register for classes before arrival?	Yes
If yes, please give details	We will obtain departmental decisions for your major module choices before you arrive. You will then formally register at Sheffield during your first few days with us. Details provided after acceptance.
Link/s to detailed subject or course descriptions:	<a href="http://www.shef.ac.uk/studyabroad/overseas/handbook/index.html">www.shef.ac.uk/studyabroad/overseas/handbook/index.html</a>

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## English Language Requirements

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If English is not your first language you must have the minimum required TOEFL or IELTS scores: TOEFL score of 550 PBT (CBT 213) OR IELTS 6.0.

However, some departments have higher requirements. Please visit our website to check the requirement for the department(s) you wish to study in.

[www.shef.ac.uk/studyabroad/overseas/prospective/entry.html](http://www.shef.ac.uk/studyabroad/overseas/prospective/entry.html)

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## Semester dates

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Full details can be found at:

[www.shef.ac.uk/studyabroad/overseas/prospective/dates.html](http://www.shef.ac.uk/studyabroad/overseas/prospective/dates.html)

Autumn Semester  
29 September 2008 – 7 February 2009

Spring Semester  
9 February 2009– 13 June 2009

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## Housing

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Guaranteed housing? Yes, if you apply by the set deadlines. 11 August (Fall) and 11 December (Spring).

If no, is on campus housing readily available? We have a Private Sector Bureau to assist

When is housing information sent? With your offer package

Link to housing website [www.shef.ac.uk/studyabroad/overseas/prospective/accommodation.html](http://www.shef.ac.uk/studyabroad/overseas/prospective/accommodation.html)

Brief details See above website

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## Application information

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Which month of the year are applications processed? As they are received.

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Which month of the year do you send out offer letters?	Semester 1 & academic year – From March/April Semester 2 – From October/November
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## Pre-arrival information

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Which is your nearest airport?	Doncaster Robin Hood (Regional)    Manchester Airport (International)
Do you offer an airport pick up programme?	Yes, in September only. Meet and Greet is a pre-booked scheme from Manchester airport to welcome and help new international students.. The cost is £25 with a £5 discount for prompt payment.
Do you have an orientation programme?	Yes
Is it mandatory?	No but highly recommended.
How much does it cost?	September - £99 because it is a week long residential programme February – free because it is a 2 day non residential programme
What are the dates?	15 - 19 September 2008 4 – 6 February 2009
Link for a website for further details	<a href="http://www.shef.ac.uk/orientation/">www.shef.ac.uk/orientation/</a>

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## Health Insurance

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You are covered by the NHS (National Health Service), this is free of charge. However, you do have to pay a standard charge of c£6.70 for each prescribed item of medication and any dental work.

The University of Sheffield has a comprehensive University Health Service which you will join on your arrival in Sheffield.

It is highly recommended to take out your own private insurance within your own country to cover your time here in the UK and for any travel you may do during your stay. Plan for emergencies.

More information can be found at: [www.shef.ac.uk/welcome/money/insurance.html](http://www.shef.ac.uk/welcome/money/insurance.html)

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## General Information

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Links to tourist information	<a href="http://www.spinsheffield.com/cat/2/Tourist-Attractions">www.spinsheffield.com/cat/2/Tourist-Attractions</a> <a href="http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/out—about/tourist-information">www.sheffield.gov.uk/out—about/tourist-information</a> <a href="http://www.shef.ac.uk/undergraduate/studentlife/city.html">www.shef.ac.uk/undergraduate/studentlife/city.html</a>
Link to the Study Abroad office pages	<a href="http://www.shef.ac.uk/studyabroad/overseas/prospective">www.shef.ac.uk/studyabroad/overseas/prospective</a>

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