

Fast Facts for American students considering study in Sheffield

An international University

- Sheffield accepts students from all over the world.
- Our student population of 24,900 includes over 4,800 overseas students from 128 different countries.
- We are international leaders in teaching and research¹.

An excellent University

- Sheffield is part of the *Russell Group* of universities, often referred to as the UK's *Ivy League*.
- We are ranked 10th in the UK, 28th in Europe and 88th in the world.²
- Our award winning Students' Union is recognised as the best in the UK.

A welcoming city

- Sheffield is a major city, and yet it is friendly, safe and affordable.
 - We are only 2 hours from London, and also just 20 minutes from a National Park.
 - The cost of living in Sheffield is one the lowest in the UK at around £5,400 (\$9,000) per academic year.
 - Students make life-long friends while living and studying at the University of Sheffield.
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Enrolling for a full degree

We have been welcoming students from the United States since the 1920s. In 2010, 75 American students joined us on undergraduate, postgraduate taught and postgraduate research programmes. Our entry standards are high, and this reflects the quality of our teaching and research.

How to apply

1. Undergraduate

- Holders of an accredited US High School Diploma, with a high overall GPA and high grades in relevant subject areas will be considered for direct admission to the first year of undergraduate programmes. High school graduates must also achieve high SAT scores (minimum 600) or a high composite score in the ACT assessment, and gain a minimum of three Advanced Placement (AP) examinations (preferably with grades of 4 or 5).
- Holders of an undergraduate Associate Degree at a two year community college in the US will be considered for direct admission to the first year of undergraduate programmes.
- Applicants wishing to transfer from a regular undergraduate four year Bachelor's Degree in the US will be considered for the first or second year of undergraduate degree programmes. Applicants will be required to have a high overall current GPA and high grades in relevant individual subject areas.
- Students apply one academic year ahead of their intended year to start study.
- Applicants for Dentistry and Medicine must apply before October 15th in the year before entry.
- All applications are made through [UCAS](#) (the central applications agency for all UK Universities).

2. Postgraduate taught and research

- Holders of a good undergraduate four year Bachelor Degree with high grades in relevant subjects from an accredited university or college in the USA will be considered for direct admission to postgraduate masters or research programmes.
- You can earn a UK masters degree in one year (12 months) or a research degree in three.

Tuition

Regardless of citizenship, American-resident students are classified as *International* students when it comes to tuition and UK government support. Students must have been ordinarily resident in the UK for three years prior to application to a UK University to qualify as a *Home* student. International fees at Sheffield are still very competitive as

¹ In the latest national research exercise, 93% of our submissions were rated internationally recognised, internationally excellent, or world-leading.

² Academic Ranking World Universities 2010 – published by Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

compared to American College tuition. 2012 fees range from around £11,000 to £15,000 (around \$17,000 to \$26,000) dependant on subject (fees are higher for the final clinical years of Medicine).

Federal Loans

The University of Sheffield is an approved school participating in the US Federal Loan Program. We can confirm your student status at Sheffield, your loan period (i.e. duration of studies in any academic year), and the amount of loan required for living costs and tuition.

Scholarships

The University is pleased to offer a range of scholarships to students from the US who show exceptional academic potential and are starting their studies at the University of Sheffield.

Web: www.shef.ac.uk/usa

Contact: Miss Jane Ashcroft Email: jane.ashcroft@sheffield.ac.uk Tel: +44 (0)114 222 1252

Studying Abroad in Sheffield

- Each year around 70 students from the US come to Sheffield on our Study Abroad Programme.
- Students come from all over the world, including the US, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Singapore and Taiwan.
- Study Abroad Programme students live and study alongside their UK and European peers.
- The programme is for undergraduates who have completed at least one year of study at their home university.
- Students choose to spend either a semester or an academic year studying at Sheffield.
- Students can transfer back credits gained at Sheffield to their home institution.
- Each student is allocated an adviser to guide them through their semester/year.

How to apply

We have formal exchange agreements with around 17 partner universities in the USA, each providing places for two to five students a year. We also accept students who are not from one of our partner institutions.

Applications are accepted online, by these deadlines:

- **May 1st** (for full year and fall semester students)
- **October 1st** (for spring semester only students)

Tuition

Students coming under an exchange agreement do not pay any tuition fees to Sheffield. Independent fee-paying students or sponsored students pay tuition fees of around £10,000 (full academic year) or £6,000 (one semester).

Scholarships

Any American resident accepting a place on our Study Abroad Programme can apply for a US Study Abroad Scholarship, worth £1,000 for a full year or £500 for one semester. These awards are provided through the generosity of our American alumni.

Web: www.sheffield.ac.uk/studyabroad/overseas

Contact: Mrs Dörte Stevenson Email: ieu@sheffield.ac.uk Tel: +44 (0)114 222 9871

Accommodation

University accommodation is affordable and good value for money. It's safe, friendly and a great way to meet people when you first arrive. You are guaranteed University-owned accommodation for the duration of your course or study abroad period, if you want it and apply by the deadlines. You can live in the city centre or the nearby student residences. Wherever you choose to live, you will get the same high standards and support.

Read testimonials from American students in Sheffield at: www.shef.ac.uk/usa/profileindex.html