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The School Of
Nursing
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Midwifery.

Bachelor Of Medical Science (BMedSci) Health & Human Sciences.



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I see [the BMedSci] as an access to healthcare in a way, because that's where I'm intending to work. It's enjoyable, the staff are really nice, and in the department of Nursing and Midwifery everyone's always there to help, and we're never shy to ask any questions. Everyone on the course gets on really well.

You cover a wide range of topics, like in the first year you do anatomy and physiology but there's also communication and management modules, so it's quite broad and there's such a wide range of people on the course all going into different professions – people who want to be midwives, nurses, doctors, physios, people who want to go into public health, or managing in the NHS. For any healthcare job, you need the basics of research and management. With this course you get a taster into how to manage or do effective research. It's good!

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BMedSci Health and Human Sciences year 2 student

Health and Human Sciences at the University of Sheffield

Many of the most important challenges of the 21st Century arise from health and social care. These include an aging population, persisting health inequalities, the need for evidence-based interventions, an increasingly consumer-oriented population and economic pressures.

The demand for expertise in health and social care remains crucial to successful service delivery and requires contributions from a range of personnel, including practitioners across variety of disciplines, researchers and managers. Our degree recognises the demand for this expertise and our graduates are well placed to pursue careers in these areas.

Sheffield is a world-leading research university that emphasises the importance of research-led teaching. This approach is at the heart of our teaching in Health and Human Sciences at the School of Nursing and Midwifery. In the most recent 2008 national ranking of research, our School is placed in the top ten and is internationally renowned in many research areas, including children, young people and families, supportive care in later life and workforce and practice development

You will undertake your studies in a stimulating learning environment that will challenge your thinking. We understand that you have individual talents and interests, and we are recognised for providing the high levels of personalised student support and guidance that will address your learning needs and enable you to realise your potential. You will be part of an intake of usually no more than thirty students and this makes it easier for us to provide you with the right level of individual support.

We offer you excellent teaching on a wide range of modules. Our academic team comprises experts in the fields of health and social care, leadership, management and organisational development, psychology, sociology, social policy and public health. Our students rate the quality of teaching and their learning experience highly, grading their satisfaction as over 90% in the areas of overall satisfaction, the enthusiasm of teaching staff, the appropriateness of teaching methods, the ability of teachers to explain things and the quality of feedback given to students (Oxford Student Satisfaction Survey 2010).

The BMedSci is a three year full-time course with an elective placement in the final year and opportunities for postgraduate study. The degree will equip you with the necessary knowledge, skills and experience that will enable you to progress to a career in health services, whether you are interested in health care practice, management or research.

When you graduate on completion of your degree in Health and Human Sciences you will confidently:

- argue clearly and effectively on the basis of empirical evidence
- analyse and evaluate research data
- write clear and concise reports
- access and retrieve information from a wide variety of sources
- present your thoughts in an organised and articulate way.

There are numerous opportunities to make the most of your time here at Sheffield – from getting involved in our student society (NH Soc) or volunteering in the local community, to undertaking paid or charitable work. You could also take advantage of our study abroad programme via our links with Maastricht University. We will make sure you are aware of all the options available to you.

Our aim is to actively engage you in the study of health and human sciences, including biomedicine, healthcare ethics, research, health psychology, health care management and policy so that you will graduate with a broad understanding of healthcare provision and fully prepared for a range of possible career options including:

- Postgraduate study for future professional roles including nursing, physiotherapy, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy.
- Public Health
- Research and evaluation of health therapies and interventions
- Health care management

Full details of the range of career options in the NHS can be found on the designated “NHS Careers” website:

www.nhscareers.nhs.uk

Entry Requirements



Who are our Students?

Many of our students come straight from school and have done traditional 'A' levels but we also attract students of different ages, backgrounds and experience. With this in mind our entry criteria include a range of qualifications and we welcome applications from students who have or are undertaking qualifications other than A levels including *Access to HE* courses. Some are returning to education from established careers looking for a change of direction. Others are looking for new opportunities having raised a family. Most of our students come from around the British Isles, others from mainland Europe and beyond. When you come to Sheffield, we want your time to be challenging and rewarding.

Our entry criteria are as follows:

- GCE A Levels - BCC
- Scottish Highers - BBBB
- Scottish Advanced Highers - BCC
- Irish Leaving Certificate - BBBB
- BTEC - DMM-MMM in a relevant subject area
- International Baccalaureate - 29 points
- Cambridge Pre-U - M2 M3 M3 in three Principal Subjects
- Advanced Diploma - Society, Health & Development, grade B/C. Plus A Level or equivalent in an acceptable subject, grade B/C.
- Core Requirements - English grade C or above
- International students will require IELTS 6.5 with no less than 6 in each component, or an equivalent English language qualification
- Access to HE- 60 credits (with at least 45 credits at Level 3)

Widening Participation

Students at the School of Nursing and Midwifery are from diverse backgrounds and bring an impressive range of experience and life skills to their studies. We welcome applicants with non-standard qualifications and provide opportunities for prior learning to be assessed and accredited against academic awards. We have a number of progression agreements in place with Colleges of Further Education and the Sheffield International College. This means that students undertaking courses other than A levels and applying from one of our partner colleges will be guaranteed an interview. Please speak to a member of the course team or contact your college tutor to find out if you are likely to benefit from this arrangement.

Open Days

These provide you with the opportunity to come and have a look round, talk to staff and students. They are the best way to really get a feel for the place. You can take a tour of the campus, the Students' Union, and the accommodation. There are talks about accommodation, studying abroad, student finance, and other things that matter to you.

For more information about our undergraduate open days please visit www.sheffield.ac.uk/opendays

If you can't attend any of the scheduled dates, don't worry - we are more than happy to arrange ad hoc visits. If you would like to arrange an ad hoc visit or would like to know open day dates for 2012 please contact us (details are listed on the back cover of this brochure).

Course structure

Our course is designed to enable students to broaden and deepen their knowledge and understanding over three years of study and is based on a set of core modules. These combine with a wide range of optional modules delivered by the School or other departments across the University. Our modules are popular with students undertaking other degrees, giving you the opportunity to study with students from other disciplines.

Shape of the year

The academic year at Sheffield is divided into two 15 week semesters. Your first year begins with an 'Intro Week' when you register, settle into your accommodation, choose your modules and attend our welcome events. You will usually take half your modules in semester one, between October and December, and the remaining half in semester two, between February and May. Coursework submission and exams take place in January and February for semester one and in May and June for semester two.

Progression

When you graduate with an Honours Degree you will have taken modules to the value of 360 credits over three years. Modules are worth 10 or 20 credits and you will take modules to the total value of 120 credits each year. You must pass Level One to progress into Level Two, but your Level One marks will not influence your final degree. Your final degree classification is determined by marks gained at Levels Two and Three during your second and third years of study. All Honours students, as part of the dissertation module, undertake a substantial research project on a topic of their choice.

Expectations

You will attend a combination of lectures, seminars, and tutorials. Modules are assessed by a mix of essay, unseen examination, presentations and project work. You will be expected to attend all timetabled teaching and to read around topics in advance to enable you to participate in discussion and group projects.

We recognise the importance of providing academic support with your studies and will give you detailed feedback on your course work.

Getting involved in how your course is run

We believe that student participation in the governance of our programmes is essential in ensuring that high standards of learning and teaching are maintained and developed.

There are a number of governance structures in which students are represented including Staff Student Committee, Board of Studies and the Learning and Teaching Committee. Every cohort elects one or two representatives onto each of these committees and their role is to ensure the student voice is heard in relation to learning and teaching issues. Feedback is an essential part of this process and we ensure that you are kept informed on issues affecting the quality of your learning experience.

Undergraduate Level One

You will undertake a first year consisting of core modules worth 80 credits and a choice of optional modules from within or outside the School worth 40 credits.

Core Modules (80 credits)	Optional Modules (40 credits)
The Body in Health	User Expectations of Health and Social Care
Ethical Dilemmas in Modern Healthcare	Mental Health: Madness and Meaning
Organisation of Modern Healthcare	Unrestricted modules delivered by other University departments of your choice.
Studying in Higher Education	
The Body in Illness	
Health Psychology	
Social Patterns of Health and Illness	
Communication Skills	

Undergraduate Level Two

Level Two will broaden your subject knowledge and understanding as well as developing your appreciation of healthcare research.

Core Modules (60 credits)	Optional Modules (60 credits)
Health Care Management	Molecular Roots of Disease
Research Skills: Qualitative	Care and Communication
Critical Practice in Health and Social Care	Ageing, Health and Wellbeing
Introduction to Quantitative Research Skills	Inequalities in Health
Representations of Health Illness and Disease	Understanding Family in Health & Social Care
	The Sociology of Mens' Health
	Unrestricted modules delivered by other University departments of your choice.

Undergraduate Level Three

In the third year formal teaching will focus on an advanced understanding of health, illness and disease using a variety of analytic and theoretical frameworks. Level Three will also emphasise experiential and practical learning through the research-related project or placement experience.

In semester 2 of year three you will undertake a research-related project or placement. Your placement may involve experience in a variety of health and social care (and related) settings. Your research project will involve you undertaking detailed analysis of the evidence supporting a topic of your choice.

In the final semester on completion of the research-related project or placement, you will submit a dissertation, review, report/portfolio of reflective practice, depending on the particular form of the research project/placement.

Core Modules (60 credits)	Optional Modules (60 credits)
Advanced Research Methods	Health & Social Care Placement (60)
Current Issues in Health and Social Care	Health Related Research Project and optional 20 credit module (60)
Ethics in Theory and Practice (or) Service Delivery and Service Improvement	Dissertation and 2 x 20 credit modules (60)

Adding value – the Health and Human Sciences Graduate



What is a Sheffield Health and Human Sciences graduate?

We believe that a university degree is more than just studying your chosen subject, we also want you to be able to develop as a person acquiring a range of skills that are valued by employers and transferable to any career you choose. Combined with a wide range of extra-curricula activities we are sure you will find the course both personally fulfilling and attractive to potential employers.

When you graduate you'll have:

- a wide range of transferable skills and be able to apply them to your chosen path
- undertaken a placement in a health or social care workplace setting – giving you insight into how a health care team operates and increasing your future employability through undertaking a work related experience
- had the opportunity to get involved in a wide variety of voluntary activities.

Your future career

You might have only thought of the NHS as being about nursing and medicine but the NHS employs graduates in a many different careers.

Our graduates are highly sought after by employers, and have excellent track records in their subsequent careers. The team work, project planning, presentation techniques and communications that you undertake during your studies will be invaluable whatever you choose to do.

Some of our recent graduates are now working as healthcare managers, researchers and clinicians. Others are undertaking postgraduate study, including postgraduate diplomas in nursing, midwifery and physiotherapy.

The University provides a first class careers service to help you move onto the right course or career.

Sheffield Graduate Award

The Sheffield Graduate Award enhances opportunities available in the School, such as becoming a student ambassador and gives you the opportunity to bring together the valuable skills and experience gained at university but outside your degree course. This prestigious award is open to all students, bringing an extra dimension to your qualifications when you graduate, enriching your personal development and substantially boosting your career prospects. For further details see www.sheffield.ac.uk/thesheffieldgraduateaward/index

Spend a Semester Abroad

You may want to consider spending some of your time studying at Maastricht University under our Erasmus student exchange agreement.

Volunteering and Getting Involved

There are lots of opportunities to do this in the School, from becoming a student ambassador to being a representative on various school committees.

Nursing and Health Society

Sheffield Nursing and Health Society (NH Soc) is one of the University's student societies. The society aims to entertain, invigorate and support every student that studies at the School of Nursing and Midwifery. NH Soc organises a wide spectrum of activities and events.

Supporting You

Academic Support

We offer a personal tutor system for all our undergraduate students. You will see your personal tutor at least once every semester, but more frequently if you wish, to discuss your progress, review your marks and to explore your future options. Your tutor is also your first point of call if you are having problems which are interfering with your work, in times of crisis or ill health, or if you need support in dealing with problems. The University and Students' Union also offer a range of excellent welfare and counselling services to support undergraduate students.

Financial Support

The University offers cash bursaries. As an undergraduate on our programme you could be eligible so don't miss out. This money does not have to be paid back. The amount you may be entitled to depends on personal circumstances. To find out more, try our online bursary calculator: www.sheffield.ac.uk/bursaries

Students with Special Requirements

We are committed to responding effectively to the needs of disabled and dyslexic students. Let us know what your requirements are and we'll do everything we can to support you.

Where will you be based?

We're based at Samuel Fox House at the Northern General Hospital, where all our staff have their offices. Teaching takes place at Samuel Fox House (with a free 20 minute bus link from the main campus) and on main campus itself.

The Information Commons

Our Information Commons is a brand new building born out of fresh thinking about learning resources for the 21st-Century student. It is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The latest IT resources are combined with library facilities and a range of study spaces.

Student Services

The Student Services Information Desk (SSiD) is an important point of contact for you throughout your time at the University. Staff are trained to deal with a wide range of enquiries and the office is a key central point for general information on many University services. See: www.sheffield.ac.uk/ssid

Mentoring

The School is a keen participant in the University Mentoring Scheme. This provides extra support to new students. It is entirely voluntary and involves students from Level Two and Three who meet with new students and stay in contact with them during their first year, and sometimes longer.

Accommodation

There's a great choice of accommodation so you can live the way that suits you best: catered or self-catering, city centre or leafy suburb. All our student housing is within easy walking distance of campus and close to a frequent bus service. As a first-year, you're guaranteed a place in University accommodation, provided you meet a few simple conditions. For details see: www.sheffield.ac.uk/accommodation

After the first year, most students prefer to rent houses to share with friends. There is plenty of good quality accommodation in Sheffield, and by national comparison, the cost is relatively low.



Our Students' Union

It's the best! Winner of countless awards, our Union has live music, club nights, a 400-seat cinema, shops, an advice centre, travel agent, banks and much more. There are 250 different clubs and societies to get involved in – of which the Nursing and Health Society is just one - so you'll never be short of something to do or someone to do it with. More information at www.sheffield.ac.uk/union

Sports

The University's sport facilities include a 33m swimming pool with sauna and steam room, bouldering wall, synthetic pitches, squash and tennis courts. Join a team, start your own, or just play for fun – whatever your level, there's something for you. You won't have to look off-campus for a high-tech gym either – we've got one of our own. More information at www.sheffield.ac.uk/usport

Our City

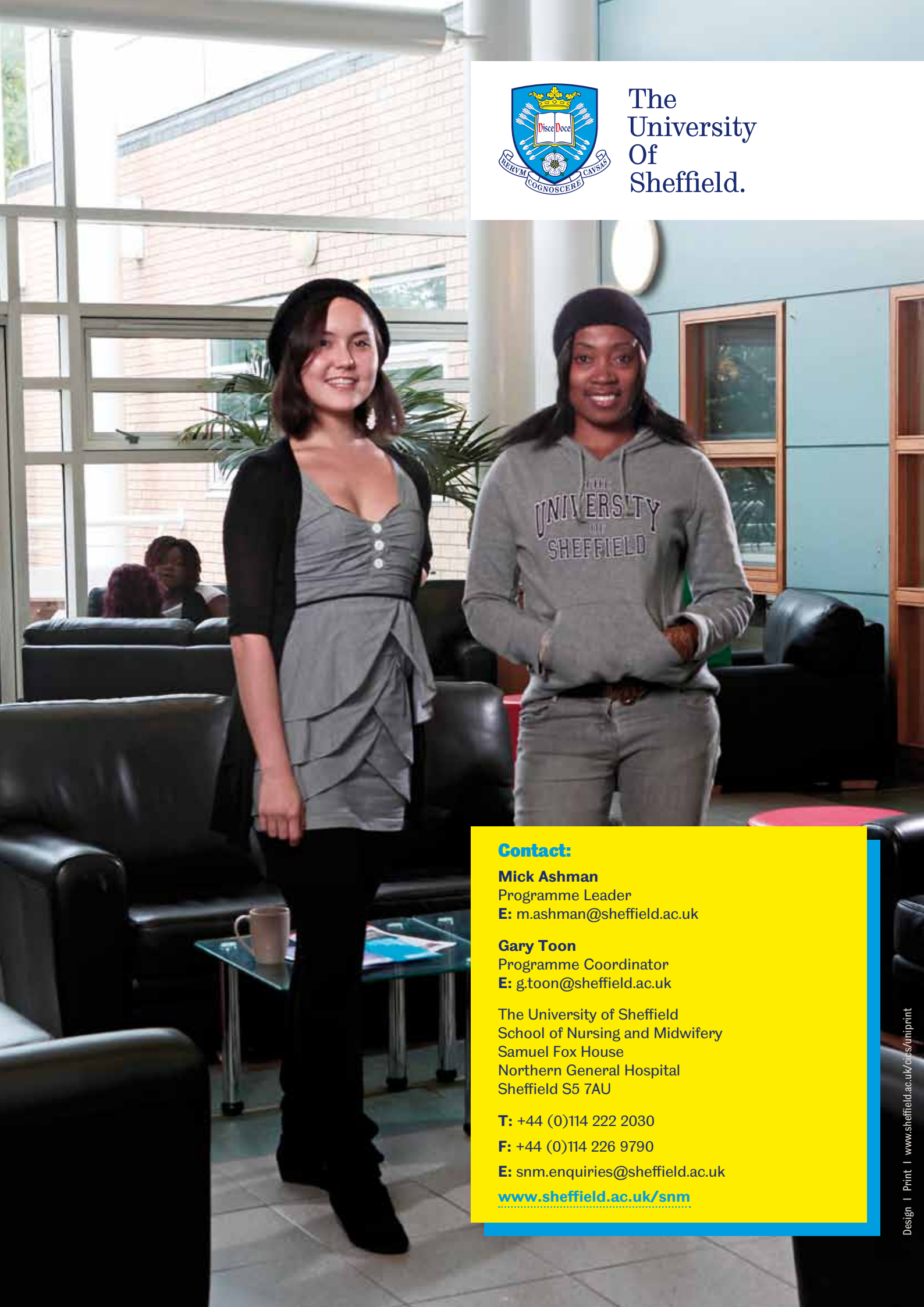
As the fourth largest city in England, Sheffield has all the facilities of a major city, but is small enough to be compact and friendly.

- City Centre within easy walking distance of University campus and accommodation.
- Good public transport, including a tram link from the University.
- Convenient centre of England location, close to motorways and about an hour's travel by road or rail from Manchester, Nottingham and Leeds.
- An affordably low cost of living helps your money go further.
- Room to breathe – Sheffield is England's greenest city, with 150 woodlands and 50 public parks, and the Peak District National Park is only fifteen minutes away.
- Sheffield people have a well deserved reputation for friendliness and hospitality, so it's easy to feel at home here.
- Recent crime statistics name Sheffield as 'the UK's safest city'.

The Sheffield Scene – the Virgin 2008 Alternative Guide to British Universities gives Sheffield the maximum five stars and describes the scene as 'seriously good'.



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