

# **The University of Sheffield**

## **England**

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University guides confirm its 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".

The University is located on the west side of the city, just 15 minutes walk to the city center. The campus comprises a mixture of turn of the century red brick buildings and modern architecture. The area extends over a mile, with the majority of student housing located within short distances from the classrooms.

The University has more than 24,000 students from 118 countries, and almost 6000 staff. The University of Sheffield is a popular choice with applicants for university places, and once they arrive students enjoy the experience so much that many settle in Sheffield after they graduate.

### **The City**

Built on seven hills, Britain's fourth largest city is located in the heart of England. The history of modern Sheffield is inseparable from steel, in particular stainless steel, where it was first manufactured. In the 1980's and into the 1990's, Sheffield is known as a city of dynamism and expansion on commercial and cultural fronts. Contemporary changes in business and demographics have not erased Sheffield's traditions, or its unique contrasts of industry and natural beauty. With over 50 parks, more woodland than any other city and over one third of its area lying within the Peak District National Park, Sheffield is well-suited for outdoor admirers and enthusiasts.

### **About the Program**

Students can attend for one semester or full academic year. However, since the Fall semester in Sheffield ends in February, it is best for OU students to study abroad at Sheffield for either full academic year or Spring semester only.

To learn more about the program, please go to:

<http://www.shef.ac.uk/studyabroad/overseas/prospective>

### **Academic Calendar**

<http://www.shef.ac.uk/about/dates/index.html>

Fall 2008 / Spring 2009

Provisional Dates for Residential Orientation and Induction Program

15 - 19 September 2008

Intro Week

22 – 28 September 2008

Autumn Semester

29 September 2008 – 7 February 2009

Christmas Vacation

20 December 2008 – 19 January 2009

Examination Period

19 January 2009 – 7 February 2009

Provisional dates for Spring semester Orientation Program (for semester two arrivals only)

4 - 6 February 2009

Spring Semester

9 February 2009 – 13 June 2009

Easter Vacation

6 April 2009 - 24 April 2009

Examination Period

23 May 2009 – 13 June 2009

### **Am I eligible for this program?**

The Sheffield exchange requires a minimum 3.00 GPA for entry into the university.

### **What could I study?**

For detailed information about the University of Sheffield Module System, please visit

<http://www.shef.ac.uk/studyabroad/overseas/prospective/choosing>

The study Abroad Academic Handbook will give you information on what courses are open to exchange students.

<http://www.shef.ac.uk/studyabroad/overseas/handbook/index.html>

In general, exchange students are allowed to take courses in the following areas: Architecture, Engineering, Languages, Arts and Sciences,

Closed courses:

<http://www.shef.ac.uk/studyabroad/overseas/handbook/closed.html>

Restricted courses:

<http://www.shef.ac.uk/studyabroad/overseas/handbook/restricted.html>

### **What about academic credit?**

Grades received on reciprocal exchange study abroad programs through the University of Oklahoma are posted by the Office of Admissions as Satisfactory (S) or Unsatisfactory (U) on the OU permanent record. These grades are not factored into the participant's Grade Point Average. Because each student is enrolled in 12 credits per semester while abroad, participants are expected to enroll in an equivalent number of credits at the host university. Academic systems around the world vary in what equals 12 OU credits. The decision about awarding credits is made in the Office of Admissions at OU.

### **Where would I live?**

Students are guaranteed University accommodation as long as they apply by the deadline.

<http://www.shef.ac.uk/studyabroad/overseas/prospective/accommodation.html>

Most of the halls are in the leafy suburbs around a mile from the main campus. Halls are within easy walking distance of each other, and connected by frequent regular bus services. Rooms

are single with either a private bathroom or access to shared facilities. All halls have a set meal plan of 16 meals per week. The cost is included in the fees. All halls have a social committee (Junior Common Room) which organizes a variety of activities throughout the year such as dances, video nights, quizzes, and sporting events. Facilities include computer labs, bars, communal lounges, and laundry facilities. Most rooms have data connections (internet).

### **How much does it cost?**

Costs at OU: All students participating on semester or academic year reciprocal exchange programs are enrolled at OU for 12 credits each semester abroad. Tuition and fees are billed through and paid directly to OU at the appropriate resident or non-resident rate. Fees are charged at the Arts and Sciences College rate, even if the student's major is in a different college. All participants pay a \$10/credit hour study abroad fee.

There is a \$35 non-refundable application fee for study abroad.

### Costs at Sheffield:

Accommodation (academic year): £3000-£5300. Students should also factor in expenses like travel, entertainment, books, and clothing. Students should also keep in mind the fluctuating exchange rate.

### **How do I apply?**

Instructions for applying to any semester or academic year exchange program may be found in the "how to apply" section of our website.

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