Study in one of the UK's best student cities

A guide to Sheffield Hallam University for exchange students
Welcome to Sheffield

Named the friendliest city in the UK in 2017

A thriving independent shopping scene

One of the UK’s largest shopping centres, Meadowhall has nearly 200 stores

Five multiscreen cinemas and nine major art galleries

Home to major music and film festivals attracting over 100,000 people

The largest UK theatre complex outside of London

Spectacular historic buildings including Chatsworth House and Bolsover Castle

World-class climbing, hiking and cycling

Among the greenest cities in Europe
Where is Sheffield?

We’re right in the middle of the UK with excellent transport links to other UK cities and Europe. We are just two hours from London and one hour from Manchester by train.

Our City Campus is just a few minutes’ walk from the city’s main bus and train stations. There are student discounts available for bus, train and coach travel.

Europe is on our doorstep

Lucas Leung came from Brazil to Sheffield Hallam for 12 months to study engineering. He took every opportunity to make the most of his time in Sheffield and Europe – here he is in some of his favourite European travel destinations.

Hallam in numbers

- **60,000** Students living in Sheffield
- **£100m** Invested in facilities over the past five years
- **65%** Research ranked internationally excellent or world-leading, putting us in the top five modern universities
- **93%** Hallam students in work or further study within six months of graduating
- **24/7** Our libraries are open every day, 365 days per year
- **120** Countries we welcome students from
- **130** Institutions across the world where we have exchange agreements
- **19,000** Student placements offered every year
Why choose Sheffield Hallam for your exchange?

Words and photographs by Chloe Ranford
Journalism student from Queensland University of Technology, Australia. She spent a semester at Sheffield Hallam.

You’ve dreamt about studying journalism abroad for years, and now the time has come to choose the university you want to study at in the UK. There’s just one catch: you need to sort through all the UK universities with a journalism degree to find the one that’s right for you. It sounds like a lot, but don’t stress! Whatever you want from an overseas university – whether it be an ease-of-travel location or accredited journalism experience – be sure to list Sheffield Hallam University as one of your top three.

It’s situated in a charming, student-friendly city
Sheffield Hallam University is based in Sheffield, a city in which one in every ten residents is a student. With such a large number of students, Sheffield has developed with them in mind – it’s safe, green, cheap, independent and lively!

It has a dedicated international experience team
Sheffield Hallam’s International Experience Team rolls out the red carpet service before you even set foot in England. They offer a 24-hour turnover time for emails, advice on how to prepare for your semester abroad and they’ll even help you with your visa application.

A vibrant student-friendly nightlife
To cater to such a large student population, Sheffield has established a diverse and student-safe nightlife. Pubs, clubs, restaurants and cinemas offer discounts to anyone with a student card and student nights are held during the week, to avoid the weekend rush.

It prepares you for your career
All of Sheffield Hallam’s courses are designed to maximize your job prospects. Their BA (Hons) Journalism degree helped me get industry-ready with practical experience, such as creating a live online newspaper. I also had the option to undertake work experience at a media organisation for credit points – a great way to spice up your resume while overseas!

It features most forms of national and international travel
Sheffield boasts several major railway routes via Sheffield Railway Station – perfect for those fleeting weekend getaways. To top it off, Sheffield also neighbours Leeds Bradford Airport, which flies to over 75 European destinations. Talk about it being too easy to travel abroad!

It’s a world-renowned university
Sheffield Hallam University has a great reputation internationally, thanks to its success as one of Britain’s most progressive and innovative universities. Studying at a university with such a solid international reputation looks great on paper, and can even open the door to enriching connections, internships or jobs in the future!
Find out why we're one of the UK's most popular universities

Research that changes lives
We are one of the leading modern universities in the UK for research. We have 16 research centres and institutes, with a reputation for world-class research.

Our International Experience Team
We have a dedicated team who can support you from now to when you arrive in Sheffield. We can help you with your visa application and offer a free pick-up service from Manchester Airport.

Sheffield Hallam Students’ Union
The vibrant hub of student life with a bar, café, shop and advice centre and the contact point for more than 60 student-run societies and clubs.

Adsetts Library
One of our two libraries which are open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year so you can study at the time which suits you. You can book one of 2,000 study spaces and 1,000 computers.

“I began to see the world through the eyes of the numerous friends that I met there because in one year I made friends from so many countries, continents, and cultures.”
Nathan, business student from France

“The fact that my course was accredited by the Chartered Institute of Public Relations shows the high quality of teaching. I know this will make me a strong competitor in the job market.”
Emma, public relations and media student from Sweden

“I come from a small town in Northern Arizona and, while Sheffield is nearly 10 times the size, I find it has the same comforts of small town living with the added benefits of being a modern city.”
Zoe, biosciences student from the USA

“I enjoyed the way the University never made me feel like I’m just a number. They were always ready to help as well as provide facilities to students, such as loan schemes for cameras and laptops.”
Gabriella, tourism student from Malta

“There are always opportunities for discussion in class which has given me the knowledge, skills and confidence I need to be a teacher.”
Melissa, teacher education student from Italy
Your new home

We have an Accommodation Team on campus, who’ll support you to find somewhere which suits your tastes, needs and budget. Once we’ve offered you a place as an exchange student, we’ll be in touch about how and when to apply for your accommodation.

Affordable accommodation

Accommodation in Sheffield costs less than half the price of renting a place in London. You’ll also save on transport costs because all of our residences are within easy walking distance of our two campuses – most will be less than a 10-minute walk from your lectures.

Safe and secure

All of our residences and our trusted private sector properties are safe and secure. They are all inspected to ensure they comply with our strict standards.

Make friends for life

Many of our exchange students build lifelong friendships in our residences. From cups of tea with friends to late night movies, it’s where some of the best university moments happen.

Supporting your career ambitions

Our teaching and research staff are industry and academic experts. They bring an in-depth understanding of their industry or sector to their teaching.

Our network is your network

You benefit from our network of 3,500 businesses including Adidas, Disney, Sony, SAP and the BBC. We regularly invite employers to come to careers fairs on campus so you can talk to them direct about career opportunities.

Highest rated careers service in the UK

We have a dedicated team of careers advisers at our Careers and Employability Centre. We received a 96% student satisfaction rating for careers advice, making us the highest rated service in the UK.

Professionally accredited courses

Most of our courses are accredited by professional bodies so we know you’re developing the skills in demand in your sector.

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Putting your knowledge into practice

Whatever you study, you’ll have the opportunity to practice applying your knowledge to real projects. Many of our students complete placements, internships or consultancy projects alongside their studies.

"The university arranged for me to see more than 10 houses – all in one day! I found one that I really love and I’m so happy there. My landlord is helpful and my housemates are all at Sheffield Hallam too."

Nazli Mayuk
Film and screen studies student from Turkey

"We offer many opportunities which make you stand out to future employers. Whether you complete a work placement, learn a new language or become a student representative for your course."

Dr Rondy de Silva
Senior lecturer in international business

"All of our biosciences courses focus on the application of your learning. We give you the opportunity to share your ideas in a supportive environment."

Dr David Smith
Senior lecturer in biochemistry
Find out more

If you'd like to come to Sheffield Hallam on an exchange, contact your university's international office or faculty exchange co-ordinator to request our information pack for exchange students.

For more information on
• how to apply
• assessment credits
• what modules you can study
• visa support

Visit www.shu.ac.uk/exchanges or contact us on erasmus-exchange@shu.ac.uk

Co-funded by the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union

If you're studying at an institution in Europe, you may be able to apply for an Erasmus+ grant*, co-funded by the European Union, which contributes to the extra costs of living overseas. Contact your institution's Erasmus co-ordinator for more information about Erasmus+ funding.

*subject to the UK's continued participation in the programme

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Check out #WeAreHallam on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to find out more about why Sheffield is such a great student city.