



The
University
Of
Sheffield.

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MEng Chemical Engineering
and Chemistry

Chemical & Process Engineering.

Why did you choose Sheffield?

Among the relatively small number of universities that offered chemical engineering, Sheffield seemed to have the best reputation. Also, I liked the idea of graduating with a dual honours degree.

What do you like about:

Sheffield?

The northern way of life is more relaxed and friendlier than in the capital. I also like the way most places are usually within walking distance of the university and Meadowhall shopping centre is only a tram ride away.

The Department?

Staff in the departmental office are very helpful in answering queries or pointing you to someone who can deal with your query. I also really like having our own computer room and common room within the department.

The University?

The university seems to be investing more into both its infrastructure like the (new information commons building) and the quality of our degrees with the skills for work certificate and Sheffield Graduate award.

What has challenged you so far?

The most challenging aspect of being at university and studying my course is balancing my study commitments with my social life. My course is quite demanding, in terms of the amount of work that is required outside of lectures and finding that balance is still something I find quite challenging.

Has your course lived up to your expectations?

My course has definitely surpassed my expectations. Quite a few topics are not taught in isolation, but different aspects will be covered in a number of modules. This really helped me in grasping certain difficult concepts much better.

What has surprised you about your course?

The number of weekly scheduled lectures and tutorials is quite high. This really surprised me because I had heard the myth about having 5/6 lectures per week before coming to university. It was a real shock seeing how full my first semester timetable was.

What have you learned about yourself?

Being at Sheffield has developed a lot of skills other than just technical knowledge that I really never thought of before coming to university. I discovered quite recently, after giving a PowerPoint presentation about a lab experiment, that I have got quite good communication skills.

What advice would you give to a new student?

The two most important pieces of advice I could share: Firstly, a tin of sharp mints will keep you awake and alert through even the most boring lectures. And secondly, the workload in the first semester is much less than in semester 2. If you form an effective studying rounding in semester 1, the second semester should be a breeze.

How did you find Intro Week?

Intro week in Sheffield is pretty much a blur to me. However, I do remember getting lost quite a few times wondering round the campus, even though I had map with me.