



Careers Service

How a degree with Employment Experience is structured

- A degree with Employment Experience enables undergraduate students to take a one year work placement as a recognised part of their degree programme
- Placements are typically taken between the penultimate and final year
- Placements on average last 48 weeks, students must spend a minimum of 38 weeks on placement, alternatively students can choose to undertake two six month placements
- Placements must be taken in a career/occupational setting, a student could spend their placement working :
 - For a large national/multinational organization with an established placement scheme
 - For a charity or voluntary organization
 - For a small or medium sized business
 - In a research role within a laboratory or research facility
 - Overseas
- Students elect to do a placement when they are in their 2nd year
- Departmental approval and support must be given
- Students are responsible for finding their own placement (with support from the University)
- Salaries vary but on average are between £14 -16K per year
- Students will pay the University a reduced fee for the year they spend on placement, for academic year 07/08:
 - £1000 for home students
 - £610 for pre 2006 entrants
 - 21% of full fee for overseas students
- The placement year is assessed on a pass/fail basis
- Students graduate with an amended degree title to reflect their placement experience e.g. ' BA(Hons) Economics with Employment Experience'

Further details of how the placement year is structured can be found in the Supplement to programme specification for degrees with Employment Experience.

<http://www.shef.ac.uk/content/1/c6/07/59/09/specification.pdf>