Living in Sheffield.

All you need to know about our city and accommodation.
A world-class university
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In a unique city
You already know about our reputation for academic excellence. When you choose the University of Sheffield, you’re not just coming to one of the UK’s finest universities. You’re choosing a place to live that’s the best in the UK for student life, in a city like no other.
Our City

Sheffield is the best place for students to live in the UK. It offers all the advantages of living in a large and vibrant city that is both safe and affordable.

Home to over half a million people, including more than 60,000 students, Sheffield is situated centrally in the UK and is England’s 4th largest city. Bordering the beautiful Peak District National Park, it is a city of stunning landscapes; the greenest in Europe. There are seven hills, five rivers, two and a half million trees and more parks and woodland than any other UK city.

It’s not surprising that after graduating, many of our students decide to stay on and live here. It’s a rich, diverse, multicultural city that is proud of its reputation for being one of the friendliest and safest major cities in the UK.

When you become a Sheffield student it’s the start of your relationship with a special city.

By train

- **Birmingham**: 1 hour 7 mins
- **Bristol**: 2 hours 47 mins
- **Cardiff**: 3 hours 22 mins
- **Edinburgh**: 3 hours 20 mins
- **Leeds**: 40 mins
- **Leicester**: 56 mins
- **Liverpool**: 1 hour 42 mins
- **London**: 2 hours 5 mins
- **Manchester**: 48 mins
- **Nottingham**: 51 mins
The University is an open campus and located within the city. The centre is compact and easy to walk around, with good pedestrian areas and plenty of public spaces. Our accommodation and the local residential suburbs are nearby and well served by frequent public transport.

The hub of student life in the city is only five minutes’ walk away from central campus. West Street and the Devonshire Quarter is where you’ll find all the bars, cafés, shops, boutiques, music venues and restaurants that are always popular with our students.

Another five minutes’ walk and you’re in the heart of the city, where pedestrian shopping areas lead to public gardens and squares. Museums, galleries and theatres share these spaces alongside a great selection of bars and cafés, making this a great place to meet up and relax.

A tram ride away from the University is Meadowhall; one of the UK’s largest indoor shopping centres. Over 280 high street stores line the long boulevards and it’s easy to spend the whole day here. There are loads of fast food outlets, restaurants and cafés, as well as a multi-screen cinema complex.
62% of Sheffield is green space and a third of the city is inside the Peak District National Park. We have around 50 public parks, gardens and specially designed public areas.

Weston Park is next door to campus; its grounds overlooked by one of our libraries. It’s a very popular place with students and the general public when the weather is good, and a great place to relax. The park is home to a free family museum and there are concerts and festivals held throughout the summer.

Close to our student accommodation is the Botanical Gardens. The gardens were first opened in 1836 and are a great place for a walk at any time of year. Made up of 15 different garden areas, they are home to a large collection and variety of plants, and some of the earliest glass pavilions constructed.

Endcliffe Park is five minutes’ walk away from our accommodation and its popular café is a good place to meet up with friends. Woodland walks and cycle paths take you through the park and into the local countryside of the beautiful Porter Valley.

There are around 50 public parks, gardens and specially designed public areas, many of which are close to campus and the city centre.
The Peak District National Park is dramatic countryside and a great place for cycling, hiking and climbing. Covering an area of 555 square miles it attracts an estimated 22 million visitors every year. Chatsworth House is one of the UK’s most popular stately homes and is definitely worth a visit.

In the city centre, the Winter Garden is the largest temperate glasshouse in Europe and is home to more than 2,000 plants. The building itself is an architectural spectacle and is located next to the Millennium Gallery, the Peace Gardens and Tudor Square.
Culture

**Cinemas and theatres**

Three distinctive venues welcome over 400,000 people each year and form the largest producing theatre complex outside London. The Crucible, Studio and Lyceum overlook Tudor Square in the city centre and present a lively mixture of the classics and contemporary drama. The Crucible is a world famous venue; well known for hosting the annual World Snooker Championships every year.

The City Hall is a major Sheffield landmark and another famous venue for holding concerts, comedy nights and theatrical productions. The 2,000 seat main hall is complemented by the more intimate 500-seat Memorial Hall and a ballroom which holds a variety of themed club nights.

As you would expect in a major UK city, Sheffield has a number of cinemas to choose from. The Showroom is the largest independent cinema outside London and its restaurant bar is a popular meeting place. Mainstream movies are catered for by the Odeon in the city centre, and two multiscreen cinema complexes; one at Meadowhall and the other close by at Valley Centertainment.

**Galleries and museums**

Sheffield is home to several important galleries and museums. The Millennium Gallery has close links with the Tate and the V&A in London. The Graves Gallery has a permanent collection of modern art, including works by Picasso, Lautrec and Hockney amongst others.

The Site Gallery is a beacon of everything digital and one of the country’s leading lights in the contemporary arts. The S1 Artspace is a young, artist led organisation and has the most artists’ studios outside of London. They have an annual artist in residence and a varied programme of exhibitions and screenings.
Sport

Sheffield was the UK’s first National City of Sport and has a long sporting heritage. It was back in 1857 and 1860 that the world’s first-ever official football clubs, Sheffield F.C. and Hallam F.C. were formed. Hallam F.C. still plays at their original ground, making it the oldest in the world.

We are well represented with sporting teams. Sheffield United and Sheffield Wednesday in the professional football league, the Steelers for ice hockey, Sharks for basketball, Eagles for rugby league and the Tigers for both rugby union and speedway.

Sheffield is home to the English Institute of Sport, where British athletes trained for the 2012 Olympics. First opened in December 2003, it has an indoor running track, several sporting arenas and a large gym.

The 50 metre pool at the Ponds Forge International Sports Centre is one of nine in the UK built to current World and Olympic standards, and seats 2,600 spectators. This leisure complex has one of the best diving facilities in the country, family pools, water slides and other sports facilities.

**Sport Sheffield** offers a wide range of fantastic opportunities for having fun and keeping healthy. There is everything you would expect from a high quality fitness centre as well as a wide range of other facilities that include floodlit synthetic pitches, a bouldering wall and 45 acres of grass playing fields. If you live in our accommodation you are entitled to a range of sporting activities free of charge through Residence Life.  
www.residencelife.co.uk
Sheffield is one of the leading cultural centres in the UK and is the home of many influential bands and artists. Famous for its venues and nightlife, Sheffield has a continual calendar of events, concerts, festivals and fairs throughout the year.

Loaded with traditional pubs, clubs and cocktail bars, Sheffield’s nightlife is unbeatable. Clubs such as Plug, Corporation and the O2 Academy have student-friendly nights throughout the week, and DJs play regularly in various bars in and around the Devonshire Quarter.

Firmly established as Sheffield’s premier live music venue, The Leadmill brought the Human League and Caberet Voltaire to the city, when it opened as an artist-run space in 1980. Regularly voted as one of the best live venues, it’s now seen as a pilgrimage for top bands and, alongside local talent such as Pulp and Arctic Monkeys, has seen the likes of Paul Weller, Oasis, Primal Scream, The Strokes, Kings of Leon and The White Stripes grace its stage.

Along with our larger venues, the City Hall, and Motorpoint Arena, Sheffield is firmly on the map for attracting major artists.
Festivals and events

As expected from such a significant cultural city, Sheffield has a number of regular festivals and events throughout the year. Here are just a few:

**Tramlines** turns Sheffield’s parks, pubs, clubs and public spaces into one big music venue for a whole weekend, and it attracts hundreds of artists. The popularity of this festival is growing every year, and headliners The Charlatans, Basement Jaxx, De La Soul and the Buzzcocks made sure summer 2015 had its biggest attendance to date.

**The Last Laugh Comedy Festival** is one of the UK’s best comedy festivals with more than 90 shows over 30 days. As well as promoting local talent it’s had its fair share of comedy genius over the years. Amongst others, Eddie Izzard, Jo Brand, Michael McIntyre, Al Murray, Ross Noble and Rich Hall have all guested.

**Festival of the Mind** is a unique collaboration between the University of Sheffield and the city’s creative community. This biyearly festival is a chance to see your lecturers hosting events with local artists, poets, musicians and magicians.

Now in its 24th year, the **Off the Shelf Festival of Words** has grown into one of the UK’s most popular and exciting events, attracting some of the best known names in literature and the media. The festival is for audiences of all ages and includes author events, workshops, debate, exhibitions, talks, poetry, competitions and more.

**The Sensoria Music and Film Festival** presents a unique and eclectic mix of live performance, film screenings, exhibitions and music industry activity. The festival is renowned for its use of unusual venues, for finding new ways of presenting, and for celebrating the mavericks and pioneers in the industry.
Sheffield districts

The city centre is compact, but Sheffield extends out over a very large area. The suburbs local to the University are very individual, each with their own unique character.

Hunter’s Bar and Ecclesall
Close to our student accommodation is this thriving and fashionable residential area, with its fantastic mix of independent and high street stores.

Ecclesall Road stretches for nearly three miles and is well known for its vast range of restaurants, bars, cafés and shops, including many one-off boutiques. Sharrowvale Road is quieter, with more of a village atmosphere, where good local shops, delis and traditional pubs share the tree lined residential streets.

Ecclesall has some of Sheffield’s very best green spaces with the Botanical Gardens and Endcliffe Park nearby. The parks regularly host a great range of special events including circuses, fairs and open-air concerts throughout the summer.

Broomhill
Popular with both students and locals, Broomhill has an interesting mix of shops, cafés, and bars and is only a short walk away from our accommodation and the Botanical Gardens. This area is well served by frequent buses to the University and city centre and has plenty of private rental accommodation.
Ranmoor
Ranmoor is one of the most affluent and desirable suburbs in the UK. It’s close to the city centre but has its own peaceful and tranquil setting, with tree lined streets, large gardens and grand properties. Many students live close by in our accommodation and it’s conveniently placed for public transport, walking to campus and the local shops in Broomhill.

Crookes and Walkley
These are popular areas for students and for private rental accommodation. They are well known in Sheffield for the traditional strong communities formed between the local residents and their students. Victorian and Edwardian properties line the narrow, hilly streets and give this area its own unique character.

The main shopping streets are home to a good selection of food shops and supermarkets, fast food outlets and general stores. There are plenty of cafes and pubs and it is only short walk away from two public parks and the main University campus. Walkley is quieter than Broomhill and Crookes and is closer to the countryside, with good walks in the Rivelin Valley.
The best Students’ Union


Voted the best in the UK for the fourth year running in the National Student Survey (NSS) 2015.
When you become a student at the University you automatically become a member of the Students’ Union. The organisation is run by students for students and it offers the opportunity for you to get involved and make your issues and suggestions heard – a collective voice of 24,000 people.

The entertainment and the social life are great, but there’s much more to a successful Students’ Union than cafés, bars and live music. The awards also reflect how effective our Students’ Union is at representing you and delivering the services you ask for. With a £20-million refurbishment in 2013 we’ve invested in a state of the art new building for you to enjoy.

The Activities and Sports Zone is your gateway to a good time. With over 300 clubs and societies our Give It a Go activities scheme lets you take advantage of the huge range of activities, sports and volunteering opportunities on offer.

The Student Advice Centre is a free and confidential service that is run independently from the University and is available to all students. Trained advisers can offer help and support with managing money, housing, academic matters, employment, and welfare.

propertywithUS, is part of the Accommodation Office, and maintains a private sector registration scheme of flats and houses to rent. All properties registered with the scheme must comply with the University’s standards before being allowed to advertise with us (see page 30).

Whether you are looking for a part-time job to earn some extra cash or you want to gain some additional skills and experience whilst you study, the Student Jobshop team can help. They search the shops, bars and businesses of Sheffield, as well as our University departments, to find part-time jobs that will fit around your studies. You can also use them to find out about vacation work, summer internships or year out placements.

The Student Services Information Desk (SSiD) is your one stop shop for information, help, support and guidance. They have a wide range of specialist support services available to help with your personal development and well-being.
Getting around

Everything’s within walking distance and buses run every 8–10 minutes between University accommodation and the main campus or city centre throughout the day.
University accommodation

There are three locations to choose from: Endcliffe, Ranmoor and City. Wherever you live you’ll be part of a supportive community and there’s always something happening. Being involved in every aspect of University life and making friends with students from all over the world, will provide you with an experience you won’t find anywhere else.

**Residence Life** offers you a huge range of events, trips and sports opportunities. If you want to enhance your CV there are plenty of volunteering or paid jobs in and around the residences. You can also attend guest lectures and workshops on essay writing, healthy cooking and many other topics through **Living & Learning**.

There are security measures and CCTV across all accommodation sites and welfare support from our Residence Mentors. Our Mentors are current students who live in University accommodation and are there throughout the year to offer help if you need it.

**Included in your rent are:**

- All your gas, water, electricity and internet bills
- Room contents insurance
- Residence Life events and sports activities
- Customer services and welfare support
Our accommodation was rated number one in the Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey 2014-15.
Our friendly, green city is full of life. West Street, Division Street and the heart of the city centre are right on your doorstep, and you’ll be close to many departments such as Engineering, Computer Science and Economics.

All city based accommodation is self-catered. There are Residence Life events, sport activities and support available across various city locations. The accommodation is located in the area between the city centre and University campus, so you can walk to either in only a few minutes. You’ll also have all the city’s shops, cafés and restaurants close by.

City
Self-catered accommodation:
- 1032 en-suite rooms
- 133 deluxe rooms
- 253 rooms with shared bathrooms
- 42-week contracts

The best thing about Allen Court is its great location. It is very near to the city centre and University facilities such as the Information Commons, and the Students’ Union. It only takes 5 minutes to walk to my department (Jessop West, School of English). There’s a tram stop right behind where I live and it makes trips to Meadowhall and the train station very convenient. At Allen Court we also have staff at the reception desk 24/7, so you can get help at any time of day.

First year student
Endcliffe is home to around 3,500 students living together in modern apartment blocks, flats and houses. There are a range of catered and self-catered room types including en-suite, deluxe or rooms with a shared bathroom.

At the heart of Endcliffe is The Edge, where many Residence Life events take place. The dining room, café and bar are here and it’s a great place to meet up with friends and relax after a day of lectures. We even have our own grocery store located in the centre of the complex.

Endcliffe is only a short distance from the main campus, city centre and our accommodation at Ranmoor, where you will have access to the events and activities taking place at The Ridge. You will also be very close to the popular student areas of Broomhill and Hunter’s Bar where there is a diverse range of food outlets and entertainment.

**Endcliffe**

Catered and self-catered:

- **2,886 self-catered rooms**
- **480 catered rooms**
- **2,555 en-suite rooms**
- **82 deluxe rooms**
- **811 rooms with shared bathrooms**
- **42-week contracts**
Ranmoor

Ranmoor is only a short walk from Endcliffe and you’ll be with over 1,000 other students in en-suite self-catered apartments. There are also some studios suitable for couples, and larger apartments for families.

The Ridge is the centre of student social life at Ranmoor, where there’s always something to do. There is a café-bar where you can relax, meet up with friends and join in the social events and activities. You also have access to all events taking place at The Edge.

It’s only a short distance to the University and you will be close to the lively student areas of Broomhill and Ecclesall Road.

If this is your first year in Sheffield, my advice would be to stay in University accommodation. It saves you the hassle of monthly bills, which you’re probably not used to, and it’s a secure environment where you can make new friends...and study as well! My studio flat has all the facilities I need including a shower and washer/dryer. For entertainment I enjoy the movie nights at The Ridge. It’s also a really cool place to hang out with friends.

First year student

Ranmoor
Self-catered accommodation:

- 1,167 en-suite rooms
- 72 studios
- 42-week contracts
Your new home

All rooms in our accommodation are fully furnished and are fitted with a bed, wardrobe, desk and chair (see page 28 for more details). Depending on which building you live in, the rooms will differ slightly in size, decoration and furnishings.

Catered accommodation
Catered accommodation is available at Endcliffe. Your main meals are covered as part of your rent. You’ll get a GeniUS card which is automatically topped up with money each week. You can use this at various outlets across the University. There will be a kettle, toaster, microwave and fridge in the kitchenette for you and your flatmates to use.

Self-catered accommodation
All other University accommodation is self-catered. You’ll have access to a communal kitchen where you are able to cook your own food when you want.

Laundry
There are plenty of self-service launderettes onsite with washing and drying facilities.

Your arrival
Intro weekend is when most of our students move into student accommodation. Before you arrive you’ll be provided with information on when, where and how you can collect your keys.

Contract length
Our standard contract length is for 42-weeks. This means you can go home for the summer vacation without having to pay for your student accommodation over these weeks.

Facilities for families
There are a number of apartments and houses suitable for couples and families. All properties are close to the University, shops and local schools. Each property is fully furnished, has central heating and a washing machine or access to a launderette.

Facilities for disabled students
We are committed to providing equal opportunities by giving the best possible support to disabled students. Once you have decided to study at Sheffield and are planning to live in University accommodation, please inform the Accommodation Office if you require any specific facilities: accommodationoffice@sheffield.ac.uk
Types of room

**Room with a shared bathroom**
Your room comes with a single bed, wash basin, wardrobe, desk and chair. You have access to shared bathroom facilities and a toilet. There’s also a kitchen or kitchenette to share with your flatmates.

**En-suite**
En-suite rooms come with their own shower room and toilet so you have more privacy. You share a kitchen or kitchenette and/or a living area with your flatmates.

**Deluxe**
Deluxe rooms have their own shower room and toilet, extra space and a larger bed. You share a kitchen and living area with your flatmates.

**Studio**
 Studios are self-contained. They have their own kitchen facilities, living area, double bed, two desks, wardrobes and an en-suite shower room and toilet. Ideal if you’re a student couple, or if you just want more space to yourself.
Time to apply

Visit our website and take a look at the accommodation available. When you have selected your preferences enter your application online. We'll then confirm your application and you should keep this safe, as you’ll need it later on. Applications are open from March 2016. Rents are available on our website:
www.sheffield.ac.uk/accommodation

Codes of practice

All University-owned accommodation complies with the Universities UK Code of Practice for the Management of Student Housing. Allen Court is a managed partnership property and complies with the ANUK code for large private landlords. That means we have very clear policies and procedures relating to health and safety, maintenance, student welfare and other issues.

Contact us

For more information, see our website: www.sheffield.ac.uk/accommodation

If you’d rather talk to someone, give us a call: +44(0) 114 222 4488, or email: accommodationoffice@sheffield.ac.uk
In addition to University accommodation, Sheffield has a good supply of privately rented properties available. The University service **propertywithUS** offers advice and information about private student housing in Sheffield.

There are a large range of flats, houses and studios available. Whether you are on your own, with a group of friends or with your family, you can always find accommodation to suit your needs.

Unlike University accommodation your gas, electricity, internet and insurance bills may not be included in your rent so you may have to arrange this yourself. Most private landlords also require a deposit and one month’s rent to be paid in advance.

For more information see: [www.sheffield.ac.uk/propertywithus](http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/propertywithus)

There are many private landlords in the city that can provide you with accommodation. The University doesn’t check private landlords used outside the propertywithUS service, so no guarantee of the landlord’s credibility can be given.

If you choose to find your own accommodation in the private sector without using propertywithUS, you can go to the **Student Advice Centre** in the Students’ Union and speak to a housing adviser.

Popular places for students to rent private accommodation are Broomhill, Crookes, Walkley, Hunter’s Bar and the city centre.
"I’m right in the city centre, just off West Street, which is one of the main streets that we use. It has restaurants, supermarkets, bars, stationary shops and much more. I walk almost everywhere – it takes me five minutes to the Information Commons and Students’ Union. My furthest lecture is only a 15 minute walk away.”

Final year student
Now you’ve been offered a place, come to a department open day and experience the city, University and our accommodation for yourself.

This is your chance to get to know your department and learn more about your course. You’ll get to experience the buzz of campus life during term-time, and there will be lots of students and staff to answer your questions. Your department will get in touch to invite you to an open day.
What happens next?

If you apply to The University of Sheffield and are made an offer, you’ll receive four Essential Guides before you start your course.

Each guide gives you specific information you’ll need to know before you start your studies.

The Essential Guides to Living in Sheffield and Fees and Funding will be automatically sent, once you’ve been given an offer of a study place.

The Essential Guides to Registration and University Life will be sent from August, when you have accepted and met any outstanding conditions of your offer.

Make sure the email address that you provide is one you check regularly, as most communications from the University are by email.

Useful websites
www.sheffield.ac.uk/undergraduate
www.sheffield.ac.uk/accommodation
www.sheffield.ac.uk/union
www.sheffield.ac.uk/funding

Get connected
www.sheffield.ac.uk/contact/social-media