Living in Sheffield.
All you need to know about our city and accommodation.
A world-class university
A WORLD-CLASS UNIVERSITY

TOP 100 MOST INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

TOP 10 FOR RESEARCH OUTPUT IN RUSSELL GROUP

99% OF RESEARCH INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED OR BETTER

OVER £4.5 MILLION AWARDED IN SCHOLARSHIPS

A WORLD-CLASS UNIVERSITY
In a unique city

Our international reputation for academic excellence attracts students and staff from all over the world. You’ll meet people who will welcome you into our community and make your Sheffield experience unforgettable.
Our city

Sheffield is a great 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 fourth largest city. Sheffield’s location means travelling to other major cities is easy, with London being just over two hours away by train. There are also five airports close by, including Manchester International, East Midlands and Birmingham.

Bordering the beautiful Peak District National Park, it’s a city of stunning landscapes; the greenest in Europe, and people from all over the world have made Sheffield their home.

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.

Sheffield is always developing but has retained its sense of community and is well known for its easy-going and tolerant outlook. Our students live fully as part of the community and are entirely immersed in the day-to-day life of this fine city. We’re proud that our city recognises its students as a real asset and offers them such a warm welcome.

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 home to over 7000 international students from more than 140 countries.
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 centre 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.
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 diverse 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.

**London Road**

A short walk from Ecclesall Road is London Road and its great range of international shops and restaurants. This area is well known for the variety of ethnic supermarkets, shops and cuisine on offer and is a popular place to go shopping, and for eating out.

**Broomhill**

Popular with students and locals alike, 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 cafés and pubs and it’s only a 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 majority of our students choose to walk when going to and from campus or travelling short distances. This is the best way to become familiar with the local area and find the nearest shops, supermarkets and cafés to your home. Cycles are also very popular and all University accommodation has secure cycle stores. Free cycle parking facilities are available close to all academic buildings and several cycle routes serve the central campus and main residential areas.

**Public transport**
Sheffield and the surrounding districts are well served by an extensive network of bus and tram services. These are frequent and the most popular choice of transport in the city. Stops are at fixed points and you pay on board. Unirider is a heavily discounted, term time travel ticket that gives unlimited travel on any Stagecoach tram or bus in Sheffield.

Tickets are only available for sale online at: www.supertram.com/unirider.html

Information for trams can be found at: www.supertram.com

Timetables for buses can be found at: www.travelsouthyorkshire.com/timetablefinder.aspx

**Cars**
We strongly recommend that you do not bring a car with you to Sheffield.

Car parking at the University is by permit only. Availability is limited and a fee will apply. Further information can be found at: www.sheffield.ac.uk/parkingservices

Parking your car on the street can be expensive. Spaces close to campus, on main roads or in the city centre charge per hour. In some residential areas you will need a permit to park on the street where you live. You will need to pay for the permit and apply to the Sheffield City Council.

**Personal safety**
As Sheffield is one of the safest major cities in the UK, it’s safe to walk around and to and from University accommodation.

Our Safe Taxi Scheme is for everyone and aims to ensure that students, who run out of money, can still get home safely after a night out. By contacting our Safe Taxi Scheme partner 'City Taxis', you hand over your UCard as payment. The driver will give you a receipt and the next day you go to the Students' Union to pay your taxi fare and collect your UCard.

www.sheffield.ac.uk/accommodation/current/safety

We care about the safety of all our students but women's safety needs are different to men's. The Students' Union therefore has a variety of support services for women students. This includes a women's minibus that takes you directly to your door, anywhere within a two mile radius of the Students' Union. For just £1.50 it helps you get home safely in the evenings. This is the same price as the tram and much cheaper than a taxi. All University accommodation and popular student areas are within this two mile distance.

www.sheffield.ac.uk/ssid/safety/womens-safety

More information regarding student safety can be found at: www.sheffield.ac.uk/ssid/sos/safety
Getting around

Everything’s within walking distance and buses run every 8-10 minutes between our accommodation, the main campus and the city centre.
Second-hand clothes shops and charity shops such as Oxfam, Help the Aged and Save the Children are close by and can be useful, and there are often second-hand clothes and shoes on sale during the Students' Union market days.

We advise you not to purchase any books or stationery until you arrive. All stationery is available cheaply in the Students' Union shop. Sheffield has many good bookshops and it is possible to buy standard texts and other teaching material second-hand, either from charity shops, online or from other students; look out for advertisements on your departmental noticeboard.

Food
Supermarkets are everywhere, in and around the city, close to campus and our accommodation. Some of these are open 24 hours. There is also a good range of halal, kosher and international food providers. The Moor Market opened in 2013 and with over 90 independent traders, there’s plenty of choice. It has newsagents and shoe repair shops; sells fresh fruit and vegetables, meat and fish, clothes and jewellery, at prices that are usually lower than high street shops or supermarkets.

Shopping on a budget
The city centre shopping area is good for buying food, clothes and household goods and there are many discount department stores. These are very useful for buying bedding and other household items if you are on a budget.
There’s something for every taste here in Sheffield, from Michelin star award-winning restaurants, to cafés ideal for the student budget.

As you would expect from such a large, multicultural city there’s a wide range of international cuisine on offer. Only minutes from campus you’ll find food from all over the world. Vegetarians are always well catered for and halal food is widely available.

The University offers plenty of choice on campus and in our accommodation. There will be lots of opportunities to sample traditional British food as well as the many international options on offer. We cater for different religious and ethical needs, provide halal and vegetarian options, and support students during Ramadan. We use fresh, local produce and are recognised as a Fairtrade University.

Catered accommodation is a great way to budget and ideal if you don’t like to cook. You can find more information about this type of accommodation on page 33. If you have any specific dietary requirements, speak to a member of the University’s catering team who’ll be able to provide assistance both on campus and in our accommodation.
There are many cafés in and around the city, with plenty of choice near campus and the student residential areas. The University has a good range open throughout the day on campus and in our accommodation, and these are very popular with both students and staff.

Bars and pubs are an important part of British culture, particularly with younger people and students. Sheffield has a large variety that caters for all tastes, many of which serve relatively inexpensive food as well as hot drinks. There are several bars on campus that are always busy, and these also provide a range of activities, concerts and events throughout the year.

In the UK it is quite acceptable for women to use bars, pubs and restaurants without male companions, and there is no pressure on anyone to drink alcohol. Soft drinks are always available for you to order.
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 play 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.

At the University, 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 (see page 30).
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.

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.
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.

With plenty of 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 was opened in 1980 and is regularly voted as one of the best in the UK, and a pilgrimage for top bands. Along with our larger venues, the City Hall, and Sheffield Arena, Sheffield is firmly on the map for attracting major artists.
Festivals and events

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 summer 2016 saw its biggest capacity 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.

**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 25th 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.
There are around 50 public parks, gardens and specially designed public areas, many of which are close to campus and the city centre.

Parks and peaks

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.
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.
The best Students’ Union

Consistently voted the best in the UK by the Times Higher Education Survey (2009-2016).

Voted the best in the UK for the fifth year running in the National Student Survey (NSS) 2016.
Every university in the UK has a Students’ Union. The role of the Students’ Union is to provide you with independent support and representation, activities, services and entertainment during your time at university.

With our recent £20m refurbishment, we’ve invested in a contemporary new building filled with places to eat, drink, shop, meet friends, and to house our support services.

When you become a student at the University you automatically become a member of our Students’ Union. Your University of Sheffield identification card acts as your membership card. You’ll be joining a Students’ Union that’s been awarded ‘best in the UK’ for the past eight years running.

What the awards mean
The entertainment and social life are first rate, but there’s 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. A team of elected students (sabbatical officers), work full time to represent your interests. This includes a dedicated International Students’ Officer who works to support the integration of international and UK students. sheffieldsu.com/officers
What does the Students’ Union do?

Located in the heart of the campus, the Students’ Union is the centre of student life, with over 400 societies and sports clubs. There’s regular entertainment, and the bars, cafes and shops are open into the evening, seven days a week. Many events are specifically organised by and for our international students.

With hundreds of activities and sports on offer, there’s something for everyone. In the Activities and Sports Zone you can find out how to get involved with sports clubs, societies, media, volunteering and fundraising opportunities. sheffieldsu.com/get-involved

‘Give it a Go’ is an award-winning programme full of one-off introductory activities and events, where you can try new things, learn new skills, make new friends and visit different attractions in the UK. You don’t need any experience to take part and you get the chance to try out as many activities, sports and courses as you like. sheffieldsu.com/give-it-a-go

Also in the Students’ Union building you will find the Student Advice Centre. This is a free and confidential service. Trained advisers can offer help with managing money, housing, academic matters, employment, immigration and welfare. sheffieldsu.com/studentadvicecentre
The University and Students’ Union are proud of their global community of students, and have won an award for their joint ‘We Are International’ campaign, which showcases diversity.

Through the One World initiative, the Students’ Union organise a variety of activities and events that help international students settle into university life, celebrate their own culture and meet students from different countries. Here are just some of the activities you can look forward to:

The weekly One World Café brings together students from all over the world to meet each other and take part in cultural games. Everyone is welcome to come along, either on your own or with friends, for free hot drinks, games, and good conversation.

Organised by our own students, World Week is a celebration of cultures and diversity across our campus. Each day there are fun activities and events, including the International Languages Festival, band competition, and fashion show. Students walk through the city of Sheffield with their national costumes and flags as part of the World Week international parade.

The International Cultural Evening attracts audiences of over 2,000, including distinguished members of the local community such as the Lord Mayor of Sheffield. Our students from around the world put on music and dance performances with a unique international flavour.

The World Food Festival is one of the most popular events of the year. National societies prepare traditional dishes from their home countries and compete to impress a panel of judges.
University accommodation

Voted number 1 for accommodation: Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey (2014-16).
High quality, award winning accommodation

If you choose University accommodation there are different locations to choose from: Ranmoor/Endcliffe 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, sports activities and support. 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.

www.residencelife.co.uk

There’s security and CCTV across all student accommodation and support from our Residence Mentors. Our Mentors are current students and are there throughout the year to offer advice and help, should 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
Ranmoor/Endcliffe is home to around 4,500 students living together in modern apartment blocks, flats and houses. There are a range of catered and self-catered room types available including deluxe, en-suite and studio.

Many Residence Life events take place in The Edge and The Ridge; the centres of student life in our accommodation. Students have access to all events taking place at either location. The dining room, café and bars are here and we even have our own convenience store located in the centre of the complex.

Ranmoor/Endcliffe is only a short distance from the main campus and city centre. You’ll 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.

- 4,091 self-catered rooms
- 367 catered rooms
- 3,448 en-suite rooms
- 838 rooms with shared bathrooms
- 82 deluxe en-suite self-catered rooms
- 90 Studios
- 42 & 51 week contracts
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 have all the city’s shops, cafés and restaurants on your doorstep, and be close to many departments such as Engineering, Computer Science and Economics.

- 900 en-suite self-catered rooms
- 133 deluxe en-suite self-catered rooms
- 253 self-catered rooms with shared bathrooms
- 42 & 51 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
Your new home

Our standard contract length for undergraduates is 42 weeks. There are also 42 week and 51 week contracts available for postgraduate students.

All rooms in our accommodation are fully furnished and are fitted with a bed, wardrobe, desk and chair. Depending on which building you live in, the rooms will differ slightly in size, decoration and furnishings.

Catered accommodation is available at Ranmoor/Endcliffe. Your main meals are covered as part of your rent. You’ll receive a GeniUS card which is automatically credited 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.

All other University accommodation is self-catered. You’ll have access to a communal kitchen which comes with a hob & oven, microwave, toaster & kettle where you are able to cook your own food when you want. There is also a convenience store, bar & café at Ranmoor/Endcliffe. We have plenty of self-service launderettes available with washing and drying facilities.

Facilities for families
There are a number of apartments and houses suitable for couples and families. Properties are close to the University, shops and local schools*. Each property is fully furnished.

Facilities for disabled students
We are committed to providing equal opportunities and positively welcome applications from 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

Welfare support
When living in University accommodation you’ll receive welfare support from your Residence Life Mentor who will always be around to offer help and advice when you need it. Our Mentors are students who live in University accommodation and they are there to help you settle in, support you if you’re feeling homesick and help you with any accommodation, academic or personal issues you may have. They are there to help you from the moment you arrive, and because many of them are existing international students, they understand what it’s like to move to a new country.

Your arrival
Intro Weekend is when the majority of our students move into student accommodation. Intro Weekend gives all our students the opportunity to settle into their new home before the start of their course. Before you arrive you’ll be provided with information on when, where and how you can collect your keys.

*Please see your Before You Leave Home guide for more information on schools.
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 360 degree tours that are available for each type of room.

360degreevirtualtours.group.shef.ac.uk/

Once you have accepted your place, you can apply for accommodation online and you’ll be guided through the process. Please ensure you read our accommodation guarantee before you apply.

You’ll only be offered accommodation once you’ve met the conditions of your offer, and details of your room type and location will be confirmed then.

Rents
Below are example starting prices for a 42-week, self-catered contract in our accommodation. These are a guide only and relate to 2016 entry. The 2017 entry prices will be listed on our website from April 2017.

Ranmoor/Endcliffe
From £5,415.48 with en-suite
From £8,181.88 for a studio
(51 week contracts)
From £4,310.04 with a shared bathroom

City
From £4,277.70 with a shared bathroom
From £5,415.48 with en-suite

Contact us
For more information including pictures, a full table of room types and rents, as well as our terms and conditions 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

Codes of practice
All University-owned accommodation complies with the Universities UK Code of Practice for the Management of Student Housing. This provides we have very clear policies and procedures relating to health and safety, maintenance and student welfare.
In addition to University accommodation, Sheffield has a good supply of privately rented properties available. The University service propertywithUS offers advice and information on finding private 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.

Under the Immigration Act 2014, private landlords need to ensure you have the right to rent a property in the UK. They will need to meet you before you move in and you will need to provide the landlord with details of your right to rent. For further information go to: su.sheffield.ac.uk/student-advice-centre/housing/right-to-rent

Private landlords will also require you to pay a deposit. This can vary between landlords and could be anywhere between 1 to 4 month’s rent paid in advance. Private accommodation can be arranged very quickly, but you should budget for spending at least several nights in a hotel when you arrive in Sheffield.

For more information see: www.propertywithus.sheffield.ac.uk/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 the propertywithUS service you can go to the Students’ Union Student Advice Centre and speak to a housing advisor.

Popular places for students to rent private accommodation are Broomhill, Crookes, Walkley, Hunter’s Bar and the city centre.
I live with one of my friends, who is also a student from Jordan – we met in Allen Court in our first year. 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, stationery shops, pubs and much more necessary places. There are plenty of restaurants in the complex where we live plus a new Chinese market that has the best fresh fruits. I walk almost everywhere – it takes me five minutes to get to the Information Commons and the Students’ Union. My furthest lecture is only a 15 minute walk away.

Private accommodation (City centre)
Ghazal Etoum from Jordan
Life in Sheffield

Health
Students must register with a doctor when they arrive in the UK. The University Health Service (UHS) runs an award winning health centre on campus. Our team of doctors and nurses offer a full range of general medical services, without charge. Registering with the UHS is easy; it’s part of our University registration process.

Weather
The British weather can be unpredictable. Summers can be hot and winters very cold with occasional snowfall, and you can expect frequent and sometimes heavy rain throughout the year. You will need to be prepared for these changes in climate and have suitable footwear for the wet and icy roads in winter.

Clothing
The average British student tends to dress casually at home, while at the University and when out socialising. There will be times when smarter clothing is needed, so bring a choice. Traditional dress and clothing for religious or cultural reasons are always welcome.

Smoking
Smoking is prohibited in all enclosed public spaces, places of work and University accommodation. It is usual to ask “Do you mind if I smoke?” if you are socialising with other people, but do not be offended if you are asked not to.

Television
Televisions are not provided in University accommodation. If you use a television in the UK, regardless of whether you brought it with you or purchased it in this country, you will be required by law to purchase a television licence to be able to watch it.

The same law applies if you watch television programmes on your computer. More information can be found at: www.tvlicensing.co.uk/student-tv-licence

Religion
Exploring life in Sheffield does not mean having to give up your own culture or religion. Sheffield has a large ethnic population and there are many people practicing various faiths. The number of people from different cultures has grown alongside the facilities that allow them to lead a life according to their religious beliefs.

Places of worship in Sheffield include local churches and chapels, mosques, Hindu and Buddhist temples and a synagogue.

You can get in touch with people from all faith groups through our Multi-Faith Chaplaincy Service: www.sheffield.ac.uk/ssid/chaplaincy

Language and communication
Each region of the UK has its own accent and dialect and Sheffield is no exception. This may be quite different from the English you have learnt in your own country. Don’t be afraid to ask people to repeat or speak more slowly and don’t be offended if British people ask the same of you.
What happens next?

This is one of four Essential Guides we send to you before you start your course at Sheffield.

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

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

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.

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