



University of
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GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES

Study Abroad & Exchange

Student Factsheet

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Academic Contact	Each subject area has a study abroad tutor for academic advice: sheffield.ac.uk/globalopps/departmental-contacts
Nomination dates deadlines	Full Year and Autumn semester entry Opens: 3 March 2025 Deadline: 1 May 2025 <i>From 17 March, students will be contacted within 2 weeks of receiving their nomination with instructions on how to apply.</i> Spring semester entry: Opens: 1 September 2025 Deadline: 1 October 2025 <i>From 15 September, students will be contacted within 2 weeks of receiving their nomination with instructions on how to apply.</i>
Student application dates deadlines	Full Year and Autumn semester entry: 31 May 2025 Spring semester entry: 31 October 2025
Semester dates (dd/mm/yyyy)	Autumn: 22/09/2025 - 07/02/2026 (inclusive of Welcome Week, Christmas vacation and exam period) Spring: 09/02/2026 - 13/06/2026 (inclusive of Easter vacation and exam period) Students arriving in the autumn semester must arrive for Intro Week, when most registration tasks take place. Students arriving in the spring semester must arrive for the beginning of teaching. sheffield.ac.uk/about/dates/current-and-future-semester December finish: Where the second semester at the sending institution starts in January, December finish may be an option. Partner universities must select the December finish option in the nomination form. All other students are required



	<p>to stay until the end of the semester in early February. Not all subject areas offer a December finish.</p> <p>sheffield.ac.uk/globalopps/inbound/apply/year-structure</p>
<p>Directory of Modules</p>	<p>A list of modules which may be available to select from can be found in the Directory of Modules.</p> <p>Please ensure that students are aware that not all modules are open to exchange students, and some may have prerequisites for students to join. Nominated students will be provided with a module catalogue when they apply.</p> <p>Directory of Modules: https://apex-live.shef.ac.uk/cies/web_cal.cal3_dept_form?p_year=25</p>
<p>Module restrictions and selection</p>	<p>Students coming to Sheffield via a University-wide exchange agreement may choose modules across as many subject areas as they like, subject to pre-requisites and timetabling, as long as the subject areas are open to exchange students. Students coming to Sheffield via a subject-level agreement may choose modules within the subject area(s) with which there is an agreement.</p> <p>Students are expected to select 120 Sheffield credits (60 ECTS) for a full academic year or 60 Sheffield credits (30 ECTS) for one semester. Students can take no more than 60 credits per semester or 120 credits for the full academic year. Students can take fewer than 60 credits or 120 credits but must take a minimum of 40 credits for one semester or 100 credits for the academic year. They must provide confirmation from their home universities that they can take fewer credits.</p> <p>Students will be able to select provisional modules as part of their online application, which will be reviewed by academic schools. Modules will be confirmed at registration at the start of the semester and may not be available due to time table clashes, modules no longer running or any other reason.</p> <p>Please note that some subject areas do have restrictions on what students can study and at which level. For example, Level 3 modules are not available to study abroad/exchange students in the School of Sociological Studies, Politics and International Relations. Information about what students can study can be found here:</p> <p>sheffield.ac.uk/globalopps/inbound/apply/what</p> <p>At the beginning of both semesters there is a period of 'Add/Drop' where students can make changes to their modules. These modules must still be ones that are available to exchange students and that the students meet the requirements for. This is also an opportunity to change modules if there is a timetable clash or a module is no longer running.</p>



<p>Academic requirements and transcript information</p>	<p>Students are required to have a minimum of an equivalent to a UK 2.2 (50%) in order to study with us.</p> <p>If you are planning to nominate students who have a lower overall average grade please get in touch with us in advance - exceptions will be considered on a case by case basis where the student has a mitigating circumstance for not meeting the academic requirements. We will then need to liaise with academics in the subject area(s) regarding acceptance and module suitability.</p> <p>Students must provide an up to date and official transcript in English as part of their application. If the transcript does not state 'official' we may ask partners to confirm this via email. Please remind your students to provide a transcript during the application process.</p>
<p>Grading system</p>	<p>sheffield.ac.uk/post-study-support/certificates-verification/transcripts/definitions</p>
<p>Orientation and events</p>	<p>Orientation is an optional additional period before the start of term, but highly recommended for students who want more time to settle into Sheffield and life in the UK. Events are run by Global Campus to introduce students to Sheffield, offer advice on living in the UK, and introduce students to other international students.</p> <p>sheffield.ac.uk/new-students/orientation</p> <p>Intro week is the first week of the autumn semester during which Global Opportunities will hold a Welcome and Induction event for study abroad and exchange students. This is a chance to meet other exchange students, learn important information and also to get documents signed (arrival forms, learning agreements).</p> <p>In spring semester there is no 'intro week' but Global Opportunities do hold a Welcome and Induction event for students.</p> <p>Global Opportunities also run a drop in and other events throughout the semesters open to inbound students:</p> <p>sheffield.ac.uk/globalopps/events</p>
<p>English Language courses</p>	<p>Our English Language Teaching Centre (ELTC) offers modules to help students improve their English language skills whilst in Sheffield. Selected modules are credit bearing, designed for exchange students.</p> <p>sheffield.ac.uk/eltc/modules/european-exchanges-and-study-abroad</p>
<p>English Language requirements</p>	<p>The minimum requirement to be admitted to a programme at Sheffield is IELTS 6.0 (with a minimum 5.5 in each component) or equivalent, however most</p>



subject areas have higher requirements. Students must meet the requirements of all the subject areas you wish to study in.

Single semester students:

Students who are applying for a single semester only and are not entering on a Student Visa **do not** need to provide a formal English language qualification document. Instead, during application the sending institution can confirm that they have at least B2 level English language proficiency and will be able to succeed on their programme.

Note on single semester students:

If English is not your student's first language, please make sure they meet, or will meet in time, the English language requirements of all the subject areas they wish to study in. Some subject areas have higher English language requirements. Although we only need confirmation that they have B2 proficiency if they are here for a semester only, please ensure that students wanting to take modules in subject areas with higher requirements have sufficient proficiency to succeed.

Full year students:

Students coming for a full academic year (September to June or February to February) **will need** to provide an English language qualification in line with UKVI and University of Sheffield requirements. Students coming for a full year who are nationals of, and studying in, a majority English speaking country will **not** need to provide an English language qualification. Please note that students attending a university in a majority English speaking country whose first language is not English will need to provide evidence of your English language proficiency.

A list of accepted English language proficiency qualifications is available on our website and includes European and international qualifications.

Students coming for a full academic year will need to meet the subject area English language requirements. If students are studying within multiple subject areas, they will need to meet the English language requirements of all the subject areas they wish to study in.

A list of requirements by subject area, and links to lists of accepted qualifications can be found on our webpages.

English Requirements By Subject:

<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/globalopps/inbound/apply/entry-requirements/english-language>

Accepted English Language Tests:

<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/undergraduate/apply/english-language>



<p>Extending stay</p>	<p>If a student wishes to extend their autumn semester to the full academic year, they must apply to Global Opportunities by email by 1 November 2025, with permission from their home university.</p> <p>We will assess the current exchange balance and advise them if the extension has been approved. Extensions cannot be granted by the host department.</p> <p>Students will be required to apply for a Student Visa if they wish to extend to a full academic year, and must ensure they understand the requirements for a new visa before applying to extend their stay. Students will also need to provide a valid and official English language qualification as part of this process. Please refer to the Accepted English Language Test information above.</p>
<p>Nomination process</p>	<p>Students must be nominated using Mobility Online. The link to make nominations will be emailed to you ahead of the nomination opening on 3 March 2025.</p> <p>You will need to provide the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student's full name as it appears in their passport ● Student's date of birth ● Student's major area of study and their degree title as it appears on their transcript ● Confirmation of their credit load requirements ● Confirmation of their English language proficiency (to be used as a waiver for single semester students only) <p>Nominations will be reviewed on a rolling basis and once nominated students will be contacted within two weeks with application instructions.</p>
<p>Application process</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students receive the online application link, an application guide and student handbook, and an additional module selection form, as well as details on the deadlines and requirements of the application. 2. Students complete their application, providing an up to date and official copy of their transcript, translated into English, their English language qualification (if required) and their additional module selection form. Architecture students must also submit a portfolio. Personal statements and academic references are not required. 3. Applications are reviewed by the Admissions team to confirm students meet academic and English language requirements. Global Opportunities then liaise with subject areas to get modules provisionally approved. 4. Students will be issued with an offer. Conditional offers can be issued if a student has not fulfilled all of the requirements. Once they have met the conditions they will be issued with an Unconditional offer. 5. Students must log into the application portal to accept their offer. Once accepted, they will receive an email with information on pre-registration tasks and information on applying for accommodation.
<p>Housing information</p>	<p>Students can apply online for University owned accommodation once they have accepted their conditional or unconditional offer and created a university</p>



	<p>IT account, Students can only accept their accommodation offer once they have accepted an unconditional offer. University housing is only guaranteed for students studying in Sheffield for the full academic year but applications are encouraged from students staying for one semester only.</p> <p>sheffield.ac.uk/accommodation/prospective/study-abroad-exchange-students</p> <p>Email: accommodationoffice@sheffield.ac.uk</p> <p>Tel: +44 114 222 4488</p> <p>Students can also apply for private sector housing if they prefer.</p> <p>Smartmove Sheffield can also provide university approved housing options.</p> <p>smartmovesheffield.com/Accommodation</p>
<p>Visas</p>	<p>Students who require a visa to enter the UK can be supported by the International Student Support team. There is information about visas and requirements on our webpages:</p> <p>sheffield.ac.uk/new-students/immigration</p> <p>sheffield.ac.uk/new-students/immigration/student-visa-application/visitor-short-term-student-visas</p>
<p>Insurance</p>	<p>Students are required to obtain their own comprehensive insurance policy during their study in Sheffield. They may also need to arrange their own medical insurance, if they do not pay the NHS surcharge for their visa.</p> <p>sheffield.ac.uk/new-students/immigration/student-visa-application/immigration-health-surcharge</p>
<p>Students with disabilities</p>	<p>If a student has any specific additional learning needs we request that they self-identify their support requirements in their application so adjustments can be made as soon as possible for them.</p> <p>Our Disability & Dyslexia Support Service (DDSS) is a supportive service for all disabled students:</p> <p>sheffield.ac.uk/new-students/disability</p> <p>Students can also find academic skill support through 301: Academic Skills Centre:</p> <p>sheffield.ac.uk/ssid/301</p>