



University of
Sheffield

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/departamental-contacts
Nomination dates & deadlines	Full Year and Autumn semester entry: Opens: 7 March 2025 Deadline: 1 May 2025 Spring semester entry: Opens: 1 September 2025 Deadline: 1 October 2025
Student application dates & deadlines	Full Year and Autumn semester entry: Opens: 1 May Deadline: 31 May 2025 Spring semester entry: Opens: 1 October 2025 Deadline: 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



	to stay until the end of the semester in early February. Not all subject areas offer a December finish: sheffield.ac.uk/globalopp/inbound/apply/year-structure
Directory of Modules	A list of modules which may be available to select from can be found in the Directory of Modules: https://apex-live.shef.ac.uk/cies/web_cal.cal3_dept_form?p_year=25 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 and instructions when they apply. NB: The directory of modules lists all of the modules available at Sheffield across 2025/26 and therefore includes subjects not available to exchange students. For more detailed information, such as assessment methods and module content, please refer to the directory and also the programme regulations finder in the first instance: https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/programmeregulationsfinder/
Module restrictions and selection	Students joining 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 joining via a subject-level agreement may choose modules within the subject area(s) with which there is an agreement. 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. Please indicate via the nomination form whether or not your student has permission to study a reduced credit load. 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 are subject to change. E.g. They may not be available due to time table clashes or a module being cancelled at the start of term. NB: Some subject areas 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: sheffield.ac.uk/globalopp/inbound/apply/what At the beginning of both semesters, there is a period of 'Add/Drop' where students can request changes to their modules (e.g. If there is a timetable clash or a module is no longer running). Students will be provided with full



	instructions and they must request modules that are; available to exchange students, and the correct study and subject level.
Academic requirements and transcript information	Students are required to have a minimum of an equivalent to a UK 2.2 to study with us. You can find requirements for exchange students with equivalent grades on our country pages. 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. 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.
Grading system	sheffield.ac.uk/post-study-support/certificates-verification/transcripts
Orientation and events	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. Information about each orientation programme will be released close to the start of each term here: sheffield.ac.uk/new-students/orientation 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). In spring semester there is no 'intro week' but Global Opportunities do hold a Welcome and Induction event for students. Global Opportunities also runs drop-ins, socials and other events throughout the semesters open to inbound students: sheffield.ac.uk/globalopps/events
English Language courses	Our English Language Teaching Centre (ELTC) offers modules to help students improve their English language skills whilst in Sheffield. Selected modules are credit-bearing, and designed for exchange students: sheffield.ac.uk/eltc/modules/european-exchanges-and-study-abroad
English Language requirements	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 subject areas have higher requirements. Students must meet the requirements of all the subject areas they 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, at nomination the sending institution can confirm that they have at least a B2 level English language proficiency ([CEFR](#) or equivalent) and will be able to succeed on the exchange programme.

If the sending institution is unable to provide confirmation of English, the students should provide an English Language qualification (see full year information below).

Note on single-semester students:

If English is not your student's first language, please make sure they meet 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 single semester, please ensure that students who wish to take modules in subject areas with higher requirements have sufficient proficiency to succeed.

If a single-semester student wishes to apply for a Study Visa, they will need to meet the same requirements as a full-year student and notify us early of this intention. This information will be provided as part of the application instructions.

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.

NB: Students attending a university in a majority English-speaking country whose first language is not English will need to provide evidence of 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:

sheffield.ac.uk/globalopps/inbound/apply/entry-requirements/english-language



	Accepted English Language Tests: www.sheffield.ac.uk/undergraduate/apply/english-language
Extending the programme duration of stay	If a student wishes to extend their autumn semester to the full academic year, they must notify Global Opportunities by email by 1 November 2025, with permission from their home university. We will assess the current exchange balance and advise them if the extension has been approved. Extensions cannot be granted by the host department. 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.
Nomination process	Students must be nominated using our nomination form. The link to make nominations will be emailed to you ahead of the nomination opening on 7 March 2025. You will need to provide the following information: • Student's full name as it appears in their passport • Details of the student's major area of study, academic level and degree title as it appears on their transcript • Student's email address • Confirmation of their credit load requirements • Confirmation of their English language proficiency (to be used as a waiver for single-semester students only)
Application process	1. Students receive an email with the online application link and instructions. The nominator is copied into the email. 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 back-up module choices. Personal statements and academic references are not required. NB: Architecture students must also submit a portfolio. 3. Applications are reviewed by the Admissions team to confirm students meet academic and English language requirements. Global Opportunities then liaises with schools regarding provisional module approval. 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 applying for accommodation.



Housing information	Students can apply online for University-owned accommodation once they have accepted their conditional or unconditional offer and created a university IT account. Students can only accept their accommodation offer once they have accepted an unconditional offer via the application portal. University housing is only guaranteed for students studying in Sheffield for the full academic year who apply by the accommodation deadline, but applications are encouraged from students staying for one semester only: sheffield.ac.uk/accommodation/prospective/study-abroad-exchange Email: accommodationoffice@sheffield.ac.uk Tel: +44 114 222 4488 Students can also apply for private-sector housing if they prefer. Smartmove Sheffield can also provide university-approved housing options. smartmovesheffield.com/Accommodation
Visas	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 web pages: sheffield.ac.uk/new-students/immigration sheffield.ac.uk/new-students/immigration/student-visa-application/visitor-short-term-student-visas
Insurance	Students are advised to obtain their own comprehensive insurance policy during their studies in Sheffield. They may also need to arrange their own medical insurance, if they do not pay the NHS surcharge for their visa. sheffield.ac.uk/new-students/immigration/student-visa-application/immigration-health-surcharge
Students with disabilities	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. Our Disability & Dyslexia Support Service (DDSS) is a supportive service for all disabled students: sheffield.ac.uk/new-students/disability Students can also find academic skills support through 301: Academic Skills Centre: sheffield.ac.uk/ssid/30