

## **The University of Sheffield – Institutional Profile**

Founded in 1905, the University of Sheffield has grown in reputation and size to become one of the UK's leading universities with a global reputation for teaching and research. As part of the UK Russell Group, we are a premier-league, research-led institution with nearly 25,000 students including over 4,800 international students from 128 countries and 5,500 staff.

The University of Sheffield grew out of the Sheffield Medical School (founded in 1828), Firth College (1879) and the Sheffield Technical School (1884). These three institutions came together in 1897 to form the University College of Sheffield. Our University Charter was granted in 1905.

Teaching quality assessments rate our teaching very highly across a wide range of subjects, and official research assessments confirm our reputation as a centre for world-class research in many disciplines. Our work has been further recognised through four Queens Anniversary Prize awards over the past ten years. These awards recognise the outstanding contribution that universities and colleges in the United Kingdom make to the intellectual, economic, cultural and social life of the nation.

The University of Sheffield is a popular choice with applicants for university places. It's renowned for its friendliness and sense of community; an experience is which students enjoy so much that many settle in Sheffield after they graduate.

Our research partners and clients include Boeing, Rolls Royce, Unilever, Boots, AstraZeneca, GSK, ICI, Slazenger, and many more household names, as well as UK and overseas government agencies and charitable foundations.

Our academic partners include leading universities around the world. International partnerships include Worldwide Universities Network (USA, Europe and China) and our partnership with Leeds and York Universities (the White Rose Consortium) creates a combined research power greater than that of either Oxford or Cambridge.

We've produced a number of leading figures in the area of research including five Nobel Prize winners, 12 fellows of the Royal Academy of Engineering and 18 fellows of the Royal Society, and many of our alumni have gone on to hold positions of great responsibility and influence around the world.

The University of Sheffield is also a founding member of the Worldwide Universities Network (WUN) which is now widely recognized as one of the foremost international alliances of research-led universities. Through WUN we are able to build on our commitment to excellence, supporting innovation in research and education on a global scale, through interdisciplinary collaboration, faculty and graduate student exchange and eLearning. The WUN membership includes the following five leading US partner institutions: Pennsylvania State University, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, University of Washington, Seattle, University of Wisconsin, Madison and University of California, San Diego.

In addition to exchanging graduate research students with these partner institutions, our undergraduate Study Abroad Programme enables US students to enjoy a period of study abroad at the University of Sheffield as part of their undergraduate degree studies. Our current bilateral and unilateral partnerships include:

Case Western Reserve University, Ohio	University of New Mexico, Albuquerque
DePaul University, Chicago	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Georgia Institute of Technology	University of Oklahoma, Norman
Montana State University, Bozeman	University of Pittsburgh
Oregon State University, Corvallis	University of St Thomas, Minnesota
St Olaf College, Minnesota	University of Texas, Austin
University at Buffalo (SUNY)	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
University of California	University of Wisconsin-Madison
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
University of Maryland, College Park	

Support for all students is available from the full-time International Students' Officer in the Students' Union and from dedicated staff in the Department of Student Services. Numerous national, sporting and social societies all contribute to the Students' Union consistently being voted one of the best in the UK.

Subject areas in which we are considered to be a UK and international leader in terms of both research and teaching include:

### **Politics**

Our Department of Politics has a distinguished history in graduate teaching and an international reputation for research excellence, and is one of the most vibrant and successful centres for teaching and research in Politics in the UK. The results of the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) confirm the Department's status as a world class centre for the study of politics. The detailed assessment of the quality of published outputs and research environment ranked the Department first equal amongst all politics departments in the UK with 75% of research graded in the top 4\* (world leading) and 3\* (internationally excellent) categories. Key courses include MA in Politics, MA in Political Theory, MA in International Studies, MA in International Political Economy and MA in Governance and Public Policy .

### **Law**

Research is at the heart of the School of Law's mission and takes in all areas of legal, socio-legal and criminological scholarship. The academic staff in the School of Law are known internationally for their research and are currently involved in a variety of research projects in the UK, across Europe and globally. Key courses include LLM in Commercial Law/International and European Law/International Legal Studies, MA in International Criminology and MA in Biotechnological Laws and Ethics.

### **English Literature, Language and Linguistics**

The School of English has a national and international reputation and offers research expertise in all of the major areas of English Literary study, in a stimulating and supportive

environment. Key courses include MA in Applied Linguistics, MA in English Language and Literature, MA in American Literature and MA in International Cinema.

## **History**

The Department of History is one of the most active centres for teaching and historical research in the UK, offering expert teaching and supervision in a wide range of areas stretching from late antiquity to the late twentieth century. Key courses include MA in Historical Research, MA in Twentieth-Century History, MA in American History and MA in International History.

## **Geography**

Founded in 1908, our Department of Geography is one of the oldest departments of its kind in the country. It enjoys a long-standing international reputation for academic research by staff in a wide range of areas within human and physical geography and this has been recognised by the award of several major competitive research grant. Key courses include MA in Human Geography Research and MA in Social and Cultural Geographies.

## **Archaeology**

The Department of Archaeology one of the largest Archaeology Departments in the country and aims to develop archaeological research by drawing upon the integrated strengths of the humanities, and the natural and physical sciences. Key courses include MA in Archaeology, MA in Material Culture Studies, MSc in Environmental Archaeology and Palaeoeconomy, MSc in Human Osteology and Funerary Archaeology and MSc in Palaeoanthropology, which is unique to the UK.

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