



The University Of Sheffield.

Self Guided Campus Tour

Welcome to the University of Sheffield

Explore the campus at your own pace with our self-guided tour.

We've highlighted key points of interest – depending on your schedule today you can opt to visit them all or simply choose to visit the places that interest you most.

If you would like to see specific departments and speak to their staff, please contact them directly prior to your visit or ask how to do this at the Student Services Information Desk in the Students' Union. To cover all of the stops on the tour, we recommend that you allow one hour.

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Sheffield gained its Royal Charter to open as a University in 1905. When it first opened, the University had only 363 students and 71 members of staff. We now have almost 28,000 students and over 8,000 staff based in buildings on over a mile long stretch of campus.

The University of Sheffield is recognised as being one of the original 'redbrick' institutions. It is a member of the prestigious Russell Group, which is comprised of 24 major research-led UK universities. The University is made up of 54 academic departments which are grouped into five faculties: Arts & Humanities; Engineering; Medicine, Dentistry and Health; Science; and Social Sciences.

The University is ranked 13th in the UK and 82nd in the world according to the 2018 QS World University Rankings. It was voted number one in the Russell Group for overall student experience for the fourth year running in the Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey.

1. The Students' Union

Sheffield Students' Union plays a key role in the lives of our students providing support, representation, activities and entertainment for all. That's why it has been recognised as the best in the UK for the past nine years. The fantastic, modern building features cafes, shops, bars, an advice centre and an activities & sports zone where students can join over 400 sports clubs and societies. There's something different happening in the SU every day; from club nights to film screenings, live music, theatrical performances and fascinating talks.

2. The Octagon Centre

This multi-purpose venue is an internationally-recognised conference centre and music venue, as well as being used for lectures and graduation ceremonies.

3. Firth Court

Firth Court was opened in 1905 by King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra. It is currently home to the Department of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology. Visitors are welcome to look around the foyer, quad and first floor at some of the historic features, but please be aware that access to some areas may be restricted. For further information, please call in at the Porter's Lodge located on the left as you enter the building.

4. Alfred Denny Building

The Alfred Denny Building is home to the Departments of Animal & Plant Sciences and Biology. It's also home to the Alfred Denny Museum, which contains specimens of animals from across the globe and letters from Charles Darwin written to Henry Denny (Alfred Denny's father). The museum is open on the first Saturday of each month for guided tours.

5. Western Bank Library

Western Bank Library is a Grade II listed building. It contains 1.2 million texts and has 730 study spaces. The library backs onto Weston Park providing great views, making it a relaxed and tranquil place to study. It is also home to our special collections and the national fairground archive.

6. The Arts Tower

Opened in 1966 by the Queen Mother, this Grade II listed building is the tallest University building in the country at 78m tall. It is mainly an administration block although the School of Architecture still occupies the top floors. The Arts Tower houses the extremely rare paternoster lift system. There are only a dozen of these known to still be in function. With 38 cars, it is the largest working paternoster in the UK.

7. Dainton and Richard Roberts Buildings

The Dainton and Richard Roberts Building is home to the Faculty of Sciences. The East Wing was renamed Richard Roberts after our Nobel Prize winning Alumnus.

8. University Arms

A real ale pub for University staff, students and visitors alike. It serves hearty meals and has a great beer garden.

9. Information Commons

The Information Commons is the University's state of the art learning centre. It was opened in 2007 and was the first of its kind in the UK. It is a fully integrated learning environment combining both library and IT services, with approximately 120,000 in-demand texts, around 1,300 study spaces and over 500 PCs. There is wireless networking throughout. The building is swipe access only to ensure it is reserved solely for the use of current students.

10. Jessop West

Designed by well-known Berlin architect Sauerbauch Hutton this building provides office, meeting and seminar space for History, English and Modern Languages, as well as exhibition spaces for more general use. It has been designed with features to minimise environmental impact such as green roof spaces and air movement via specially designed windows. You can also find our University Bookshop Blackwells housed in this building.

11. Jessop Building

Previously the Victoria Wing of Sheffield's Jessop Maternity Hospital, the University has been careful to retain the look and feel of this building which is intrinsically linked with the city. It now houses offices and practise/teaching rooms for the Department of Music.

12. The Diamond

This £81 million building – our largest ever investment in teaching and learning – has created a fantastic place for modern interdisciplinary teaching. As well as containing specialist Engineering facilities the building houses a range of lecture theatres, seminar rooms, open-plan learning spaces, library services and social spaces available to all students.

13. St Georges Church

St George's was built in 1821. It was purchased and converted into a lecture theatre by the University in 1994, following its closure several years earlier. It also provides accommodation for some postgraduate students on the upper level.

14. Sir Frederick Mappin

This grade II listed building is named after Sir Frederick Mappin, who was one of the key instigators in the creation of the University. Originally the home of the Technical School, it now houses the Faculty of Engineering along with the Sir Henry Stephenson and Sir Robert Hadfield Buildings.

15. Regent Court

Regent Court is home to the Departments of Computer Science and Information Studies. The Departments of Economics and Journalism are located next door. Archaeology is just round the corner on West Street.

16. The Soundhouse

This innovative black rubber box building replicates the look of a sound speaker. It is a new development with state of the art practice rooms and recording studios for Music students.

17. Hicks Building

The Hicks Building is home to the Departments of Physics and Astronomy and the School of Mathematics and Statistics. The building is named after mathematician and physicist William Hicks – the first Vice Chancellor of the University.

See overleaf for map





Students' Union



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Further Information

SSiD

SSiD is a "one-stop shop" for student related enquiries. If you have any general questions about the University following your tour you can visit our Student Services Information Desk (SSiD) during University working hours. It is located in the Students' Union building on level 3. www.ask.sheffield.ac.uk

301: Student Skills and Development Centre

Academic skills workshops, study skills tutorials and SURE (Sheffield Undergraduate Research Experience) are just some of the services and activities provided by 301 to help students develop into well-rounded graduates. www.sheffield.ac.uk/ssid/301

Accommodation

Visit our website to take a virtual tour of our accommodation, view the price of rent, and find out how to apply. www.sheffield.ac.uk/undergraduate/accommodation

Health Services

The University offers a full NHS GP service to all University of Sheffield students. www.sheffield.ac.uk/health

Careers Service

The Careers service supports current students and recent graduates with CVs, job applications, interview preparation and development of skills for the work place. They also run the Jobshop, which helps students find part-time work whilst they're studying. www.sheffield.ac.uk/careers/prospective

Disability and Dyslexia Support Service

Our helpful team provide support to students who have an impairment or condition that can make it difficult to undertake study-related tasks. www.sheffield.ac.uk/ssid/disability

Global Opportunities

If you would like to spend time studying in Europe or overseas as part of your degree or during a summer vacation, the global opportunities team are the first port of call. www.sheffield.ac.uk/globalopps

Sport Sheffield

Visit our website for full details of sport at Sheffield, including an A-Z of sports clubs and the latest membership promotions. www.sport-sheffield.com

Transport Links

Direct trams run regularly from the University to the Railway Station, Meadowhall Shopping Centre and various park and ride facilities. Excellent bus services also link student accommodation with the University campus and city centre, although many students choose to walk.

Thank you

We hope you've enjoyed your self-guided tour around the University.

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