



Planning and Urban Studies at the University of Sheffield

The Department of Town and Regional Planning is a long-established and internationally renowned centre of excellence for the teaching and research of urban issues and town planning. The excellence of our teaching and research has been independently recognised. We offer a choice of varied and flexible courses that will give you the knowledge and skills to build a successful career in planning and other professions.

When you choose to study planning and urban studies at the University of Sheffield you are joining an internationally renowned centre of excellence in the teaching and research of planning and urban studies. In the most recent Research Assessment Exercise undertaken by the Higher Education Funding Council we were judged as having the highest proportion of world-class research of any planning school in the country.

The most recent Teaching Quality Assessment for Higher Education awarded us 23 out of a maximum 24. We've achieved this excellence in teaching with the help of our students. Our courses are shaped by students' feedback, and you will have the opportunity of becoming involved in the design and development of courses.

All the staff in the department are active in research on behalf of government, research councils, business and the voluntary sector. This link with cutting edge thinking ensures the up-to-the-minute relevance of our courses. Our research excellence is rewarded by government funding, which allows the University to invest in facilities for our students.

We have strong links with practising planners and other professions, to ensure our graduates have the knowledge and skills for careers at the forefront of planning and other urban professions. You'll find out more about them and their careers on the following pages.

We have undergraduate degrees for students with a wide range of interests and our **MPlan Urban Studies and Planning** course is fully accredited by the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI). Completion of the MPlan achieves a professionally recognised town planning qualification and leads on to membership of the RTPI and chartered town planner status.

How our courses can help you to change the world

Careers in planning and urban policy and practice are both exciting and challenging. As one of our graduates, you will be equipped for a career at the forefront of your chosen field.

Most of the world's population lives in cities and towns. At their best, cities present tremendous opportunities. Urban living can offer access to many things: goods and services which can raise our standard of living; architecture and art which stimulates our intellect and spirit; science and technology which can deepen our knowledge of the world; and the society of our fellow citizens which can enrich our lives.

Urban life, though, can also bring problems. There may be inadequate housing for some people. Transport systems may be inefficient. Pollution and waste may damage the environment. Relationships between individuals and groups may be strained, and resources may not be efficiently used or fairly distributed.

And it is not only urban areas that deserve our attention. Rural environments are also of vital concern to society. Preserving and protecting the countryside, creating 'green belts' around urban areas, tackling rural poverty, transport and housing problems, or dealing with the effects of tourism, are all issues which call upon the same analytical and practical skills as those needed for urban environments.

An important step towards improving human welfare, therefore, is to understand the processes at work in city and country, and the good and the bad effects they produce. But it is not enough simply to understand urban and rural environments. The point is to change them by devising opportunities to produce more benefits, while reducing problems to a minimum.

The career outlook is excellent for specialists who can understand these challenges and work on effective solutions. Our courses aim to qualify you for this rewarding career by giving you an understanding of cities and rural areas and how to improve policy-making and foster good urban and rural development.



As a student in the Department of Town and Regional Planning you will develop your knowledge of the world of planning professionals. You will study and evaluate concepts and ideas about urban and rural communities. You will examine what shapes people's actions. And you will bring together theory and practice to enhance urban and rural living and to create new solutions for the problems facing city and country.

Choosing the right course and career for you

Graduating with a degree from the University of Sheffield puts you on an excellent footing for establishing your career. We are the top planning school in the UK, known nationally and internationally, and so a University of Sheffield degree is highly valued by employers.

Our courses are tailored to meet the requirements of students who wish to pursue a variety of careers relating to planning, urban management, regeneration, development and research. They also provide a good foundation for a wide range of other careers.

We offer a choice of undergraduate courses to suit your specific interests and career aspirations.

If a career as a chartered town planner is your aim, our MPlan Urban Studies and Planning course offers a professionally accredited route which guarantees exemption from the RTPI's professional entrance examinations. This course also equips you to enter a wide range of other careers, including those related to urban development more generally.

If you are interested in town planning but don't intend to make it your career, then our three-year BA Urban Studies course gives you substantial knowledge of planning with the freedom to study a wider range of academic topics, provided in a variety of departments, in your third year.

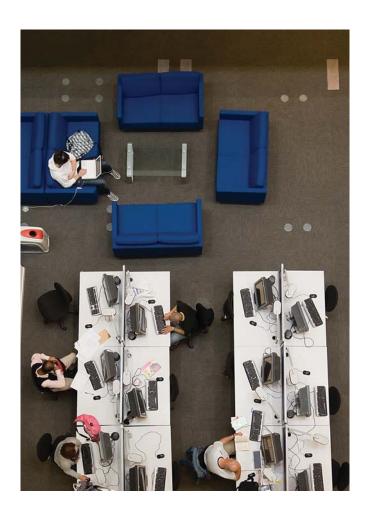
Our BA Geography and Planning course is designed for those who have a particular interest in studying human geography combined with knowledge of the planning system and its influence on urban experiences and outcomes. Graduates have a wide range of career options.

There is some flexibility to move between our courses. For example, you may transfer between the Urban Studies course and the MPlan Urban Studies and Planning course up to the end of the second year; and between the Geography and Planning and MPlan Urban Studies and **Planning** course up to the end of the first year.

Our courses have an excellent record of graduate employment and there is careers advice and other support in place to help you to plan and achieve your career goals. Career development is built into the courses from the beginning and work placements during the MPlan degree course will give you a taste of professional practice.

Our courses all bestow excellent career prospects: most of our graduates go on to work as planners or in related careers such as in property development, consultancy and local government.

Around a quarter of our graduates choose not to enter the planning or other urban professions and begin a very wide range of other careers, including retailing, financial services, teaching and personnel. Some go on to further academic study in fields such as urban design, transport and geography.



Our undergraduate courses

Each of our courses has a distinctive structure and content, with options that allow you to shape your own programme of study.

The following pages describe each course and show the individual modules. These include optional or unrestricted modules through which you can design a degree tailored to your interests and career plans.

In all of our courses, the aim of the first year is to develop introductory knowledge about urban areas and processes. You must pass all the modules in the first year to be able to progress to the second year, but the results do not contribute towards your final degree classification. The second and third years develop your general and specialist knowledge and add to your skills, including independent research skills. Your second and third year results determine your final degree class, the two years being equally weighted.

Skills development is an important part of the courses. This includes practical skills, such as information handling and computing or social survey methods, and intellectual skills, such as critical analysis or creative thinking.

The MPlan Urban Studies and Planning course includes two work placements with either a local authority planning department or a private planning consultancy. We assist our students in setting up appropriate placements.

All courses offer the chance to study abroad. The University's Study Abroad Programme offers the opportunity to study for an academic year at one of seventeen partner institutions in Australia, Canada and the USA. The department has special links with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA and the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia. For students taking the four year MPlan there are also exchange arrangements with Denmark (Aalborg), France (Lyon) and Italy (Milan) in the spring semester of the 4th year.

MPlan Urban Studies and Planning UCAS code K400

Our MPlan Urban Studies and Planning course is accredited by the Royal Town Planning Institute and provides a route to a professionally recognised town planning qualification. The course allows you to develop your knowledge of planning and urban issues, your practical planning and generic skills, and specialised knowledge of particular areas of planning, leading up to the Independent Specialised Study in your third year and the Local Action Planning Project in your fourth year.

In your **first year**, you will be introduced to some of the core ideas influencing planning and you will look at how urban living and planning have developed up to the present day. You will also be introduced to some of the skills that planners need, such as working in teams, computing and graphic design. You have a free choice of one full module in the first year. Assessment for the modules in this year is by means of unseen examinations and by coursework.

In your **second year** the aim is to develop an understanding of key ideas and practices underpinning town planning and the environment within which planners operate. You will learn further skills including information management and research methods, and you will be able to choose a specialised area of study in anticipation of your Independent Specialised Study. Assessment is almost entirely by means of coursework. There is also a four-day residential study visit. Recent destinations include Copenhagen and Lille. You may apply to spend your second year at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA, where you will take equivalent modules to those offered at Sheffield.

The theme of the **third year** is how planning ideas and planning practice interface with each other in the urban and rural environment. In this year you will develop further specialised knowledge and you will write a major Independent Specialised Study drawing upon your specialised study to date. Assessment of these modules is again almost entirely through coursework.

In the summer before you begin your third year you will be expected to take part in a period of work experience in a planning office. You will also have a second period of work experience when you will spend a minimum of two weeks in a local planning office during the Easter vacation, looking at development control practice. The department will arrange these placements in consultation with you.

Level one

Autumn semester

The Making of Urban Places (20 credits) Planning Project (20) Information and Communication Skills (10) Unrestricted Module (20) or (10 + 10)

Spring semester

Development, Planning and the State (20) The Environmental Challenge (10) Economics for Spatial Planning (10) Data Analysis and Presentation (10)

Level two

Autumn semester

Spatial Analysis (20) Urban Theory and Politics (20) Urban Design and Place-Making (20)

Spring semester

European Urban Field Class (20) Profit, Planning and Context (20) The Development Process (20)

Level three

Autumn semester

Development Planning (20) Environmental Policy and Nature Conservation (20)

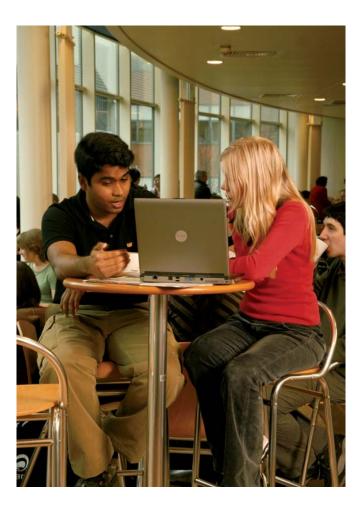
Spring semester

Values, Theory and Ethics in Spatial Planning (20) Planning Law and Development Control (20) Independent Specialised Study in Planning (40) across both semesters

Level four

The fourth year aims to prepare you for professional practice as a planner, and to complete your in-depth study of a specialist aspect or aspects of planning. Throughout the year you will complete a major project in which you will identify a specific planning problem, analyse the nature of the problem, assess the policy framework and recommend solutions.

In the spring semester you have a choice of specialised study option modules based on the research expertise of the academic staff in the department. Alternatively you may, if you wish, spend the spring semester studying town planning at one of our partner departments at the University of Aalborg in Denmark, the Politecnico di Milano in Italy, or the University of Lyon II in France. This period counts as equivalent to the specialised study options.



Autumn semester

Critical Perspectives on Planning Practices (30) Local Action Planning Project (30)

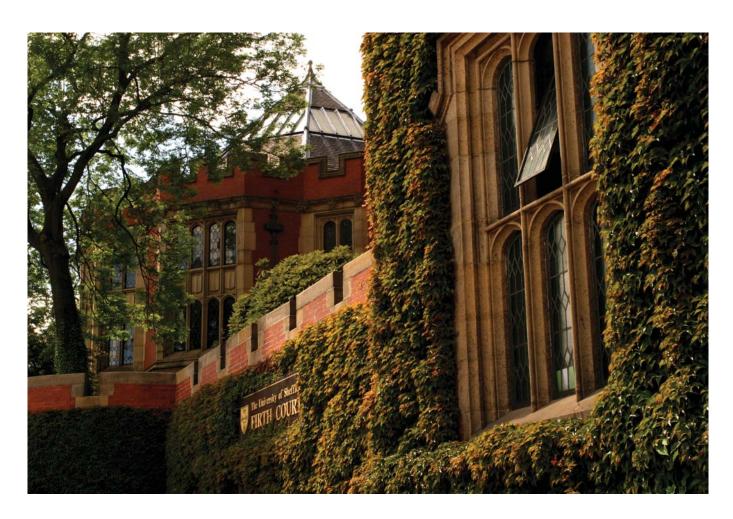
Spring semester

Four Specialised Study Options (60)

Planning in Europe (Aalborg, Milan, or Lyon) (60)

Specialised Study Options

- · Cities of the South: Planning for Informality
- Cities of Diversity
- · Issues in Housing
- Public Participation
- Local and Regional Development
- Regional Constructs, Actors and Policies
- Property Market Analysis
- · Justice, Judgement and Planning



BA (Honours) Urban Studies UGAS code L722

The Urban Studies degree course has been structured to allow maximum compatibility with the MPlan Urban Studies and Planning course, but with greater choice in the final year.

This allows you, subject to agreement, to transfer to MPlan Urban Studies and Planning at the end of your second year if you wish. Assessment for the first two years is the same as for the MPlan Urban Studies and Planning course.

In your third year, however, there is more opportunity for you to select your modules from a wide variety on offer in the Faculty of Social Sciences (of which the Town and Regional Planning Department is a part) which includes departments such as Geography, Politics and Sociology. This allows you to broaden your knowledge and gain access to new insights into urban issues. Assessment for this year will be largely by coursework.

You may apply to spend the second year of your degree at the University of Urbana-Champaign in the USA or the University of Queensland in Australia (as with the MPlan Urban Studies and Planning course), or at one of the University's other 17 partner universities.

Level one

Autumn semester

The Making of Urban Places (20 credits)
Planning Project (20)
Information and Communication Skills (10)
Unrestricted Module (20) or (10 + 10)

Spring semester

Development, Planning and the State (20) The Environmental Challenge (10) Economics for Spatial Planning (10) Data Analysis and Presentation (10)

Level two

Autumn semester

Spatial Analysis (20) Urban Theory and Politics (20) Urban Design and Place-Making (20)

Spring semester

European Urban Field Class (20) Profit, Planning and Context (20) The Development Process (20)

Level three

Autumn semester

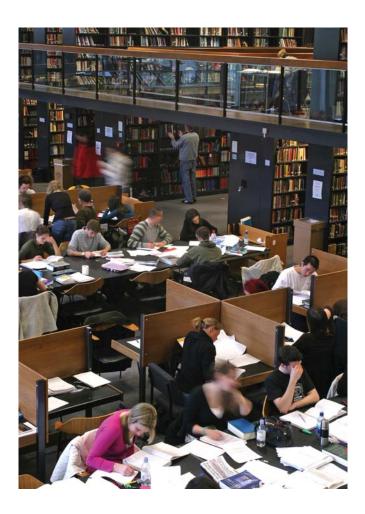
Unrestricted modules (60)

Spring semester

Unrestricted modules (60)

Your unrestricted modules can be chosen from those available in Town and Regional Planning listed for MPlan Urban Studies and Planning, and approved modules in other departments including Architecture, Landscape, Geography, Politics, and Sociology.







BA (Honours) Geography and Planning UCAS code LK74

Our Geography and Planning course offers you the opportunity to study human geography and the planning system that shapes so much of the geography of urban and rural areas. It is taught jointly with the Department of Geography which also has excellent official ratings for its teaching and research. Both departments share a purpose built building on the edge of Weston Park.

The degree has a flexible structure and the modules offered are a carefully selected combination of geography and town planning topics, which offer complementary insights into the processes, policies and practices operating within urban and rural areas. Within the flexible structure of the course you are offered considerable scope to select the modules of your choice and to specialise in particular areas. Over one third of the modules for the course are chosen by you from the list on offer.

In the first year you will establish the foundations of your knowledge of geography and planning. You may also take a third of your modules in subjects taught by other departments in the university. In the second year you will develop a sound understanding of economic, social and political geography along with the planning policies and market processes that shape change in our towns and countryside. You will also begin to specialise in specific areas. Credits in the third year are almost entirely open to choice and you will develop your own research project or Independent Specialised Study.

The extensive range of lecture courses are supported by a strong commitment to quality teaching in small groups, with tutorials and seminars. The dual degree is a logical development of the common teaching and research interests of staff in the two departments, and builds on the considerable experience and reputation of the University of Sheffield for geography and urban studies.

The first year of this course is accredited by the Royal Town Planning Institute. This allows you, subject to agreement, to transfer to the MPlan course at the end of your first year if you wish.

Level one

Autumn semester

The Making of Urban Places (20 credits)
Region, Nation and World (10)
Information & Communication Skills for Geographers (10)
across both semesters
Statistical Data Analysis in Geography (10)

Spring semester

Development Planning and the State (20) Social and Natural Environments (10) Unrestricted Modules (40) or (20+20) across both semesters





Level two

Autumn and Spring Semesters

At least 40 credits from two of the following groups:

- Geographies of Social Identities AND Social Geographies of Life Chances
- Cultural Geographies AND Cities and Modernities
- Globalisation and State Power AND Geographies of Governance
- Geographies of Development AND Environment, Society and Policy

At least 40 credits from the following Town and Regional Planning modules:

- Urban Design and Place-Making (20)
- European Urban Field Class (20)
- Spatial Analysis (20)
- Profit, Planning and Context (20)
- Urban Theory and Politics (20)
- The Development Process (20) (this must be taken with The Urban Design and Place Making module)

A further 40 credits from Geography or Town and Regional Planning modules.

Level three

Independent Specialised Study in Geography and Planning (40) across both semesters

Option Modules (80):

- Social Geography of Europe (20)
- Geography of Elections (20)
- Geographical Research Project (40)
- Development Geographies Field Class (20)
- Geographies of Consumption (20)
- GIS and the Social Sciences (20)
- GIS and the Environment (20)
- Urban Theory and Politics (20)
- Development Planning (20)
- Environmental Policy and Planning (20)
- Planning Law and Development Control (20)
- $\bullet\,$ Values, Theory and Ethics in Spatial Planning (20)
- Geography of Europe Field Class (20)
- Urban Field Class (20)

Recent field class destinations have included New York, Kenya and Barcelona.

10 Social and Natural Environments

Total: 120 credits

+ 40 credits unrestricted modules

Course structure

Level 1 Level 2 Level 3 20 The Making of Urban Places 20 Spatial Analysis 20 Development Planning 20 Urban Theory & Politics 20 Planning Project 20 Environmental Policy and **Nature Conservation** 10 Information & 20 Urban Design & Place-making 20 Values, Theory & Ethics in Communication Skills 20 European Urban Field Class Spatial Planning 20 Development Planning & 20 Profit, Planning & Context 20 Planning Law & Development the State 20 The Development Process Control 10 The Environmental Challenge 40 Independent Specialised 10 Economics for Spatial Study in Planning **Planning** 10 Data Analysis & Presentation + Summer placement or Study Abroad option in Illinois (USA) or Queensland (Australia) + Easter placement + 20 credits unrestricted modules Total: 120 credits Total: 120 credits Total: 120 credits Level 1 Level 2 Level 3 20 The Making of Urban Places 20 Spatial Analysis Choice of modules in: 20 Urban Theory & Politics 20 Planning Project Town & Regional Planning 10 Information & 20 Urban Design & Place-making **Architecture** Communication Skills 20 European Urban Field Class Landscape 20 Development Planning & 20 Profit, Planning & Context Geography the State 20 The Development Process Politics and other subjects 10 The Environmental Challenge or Study Abroad option 10 Economics for Spatial **Planning** 10 Data Analysis & Presentation + 20 credits unrestricted modules Total: 120 credits Total: 120 credits Total: 120 credits Level 1 Level 2 Level 3 20 The Making of Urban Places 40 credits from a choice of 40 Independent Specialised Study in Geography and Human Geography modules 10 Region, Nation & World Planning 40 credits from a choice of Town 10 Information & Communication Planning modules 80 credits from a choice of Skills for Geographers Geography & Town Planning 40 credits from a mix of 10 Statistical Data Analysis in modules Geography & Town Planning Geography modules 20 Development Planning and the State

Total: 120 credits Total: 120 credits

Level 4

- 30 Critical Perspectives on Planning Practices
- 30 Local Action Planning Project
- 60 Specialised study options:

Cities of the South Cities of Diversity

Issues in Housing

Public Participation

Local & Regional Development

Regional Constructs, **Actors & Policies**

Property Market Analysis

Justice, Judgment &

Planning

Planning in Europe (Study Abroad option)

Total: 120 credits

MPlan

Urban Studies and Planning

(RTPI accredited)

K400

Total: 480 credits

BA

Urban Studies

L722

Total: 360 credits

BA

Geography and Planning

LK74

Total: 360 credits



Opportunities for further study

During your time as an undergraduate you will learn about the research being carried out by staff, since it provides an important input to our teaching. This is part of our aim of helping you gain the knowledge and confidence you need to think independently and develop your own original solutions to urban and rural problems. As a result, some students go on to further study with us and this section tells you about the options for this, and outlines the sort of research that we do in the department.

Graduate Programme in Town and Regional Planning

If you have graduated from one of our unaccredited degrees (Geography and Planning, or Urban Studies) you may decide that you would like to obtain a qualification accredited by the Royal Town Planning Institute. You can do this by following our Graduate Programme in Town and Regional Planning. This involves taking the 12-month MA in Town and Regional Planning.

Research training

Whichever of our undergraduate degrees you have taken, our MA in Planning Research and PhD programmes are excellent routes into a career in research, whether working for a private company, public body or university. The MA is a 12-month fulltime course which has Economic and Social Research Council Research Training recognition, and funded studentships may be available. It provides an opportunity to develop advanced knowledge in one of the Department's specialist fields, which are organised within two research clusters. These are:

Planning, Theory and Practice

The principal fields of research associated with the cluster centre on the critical development of analytical and normative understandings of planning through the study of the interaction between theoretical concepts and policy and practice. The three main themes are:

- Values in planning and different ways of theorising planning;
- Ideas, planning and policy frameworks, critically analysing and re-conceptualising the ways in which theories and ideas become mobilised in policy and planning practices and outcomes; and
- · Analyses of government practices, broadly conceived, critically re-conceptualising the relations between and within the state and society.

Spatial Theories and Processes

The Spatial Theories and Processes Cluster is concerned with theoretical and empirical research into the institutions, processes, policies and practices that construct space and place. We focus on the local and the regional in the context of the national and the global. Our main areas of interest include:

- · economies, markets and employment;
- · social life, community and culture;
- the (re)production of the built environment;
- · the interaction of society and the natural environment;
- · transport and mobilities; and
- the construction and use of spatial knowledge.



Teaching, assessment and support

The department provides a supportive learning environment that will challenge you to reflect and think critically, and to use this as a basis for practical action. Your learning experience will be designed and managed to ensure you get the most out of your course and have every opportunity to deepen your intellectual and practical skills. The form of your teaching, the learning strategy and methods of assessment will develop as you progress through the course.

In the **first year**, you will increase your knowledge about urban areas and the policies and processes which affect them. You will be taught largely through lectures and seminars and you will be assessed mostly by individual examination, with some introductory group work and project work.

In the **second year,** you will engage with key conceptual and theoretical ideas about how cities and societies work and will undertake more project work in groups. There will be fewer lectures and more small-group teaching, and assessment will be largely by coursework. You will also start to develop some specialisation through the choice of options.

In the **third year**, you will study the interplay of ideas, policies and practices and their outcomes in cities, with more specialisation, culminating in an individual specialised project at the end of the year. Teaching again will be in small groups, and assessment by coursework.

For those taking the MPlan, the **fourth year** will further develop specialist knowledge of professional planning practice, creative thinking and the application of problemsolving skills. Throughout your time in the department, you will be supported in your studies. Your Year Tutor will act as your academic and personal advisor, meeting with you personally throughout the course. The Course Director is also available to discuss any issues with you. Detailed feedback comments are given on assessed coursework and all marked work is returned within four weeks of submission, so that you know exactly how you are progressing.

Our department is based in a purpose-built building in the central campus of the University, on the edge of the attractive Weston Park. We have on-site computing facilities and dedicated workspace for students. Only a few minutes walk away are the Students' Union, the campus libraries, including the state-of-the-art Information Commons, and all the other facilities of the main university campus. The shopping, services and entertainment of the city centre are a short walk, tram or bus ride away. The University is renowned for its wider student support services, including disability and counselling services, and the Union of Students also runs its own welfare and advice service. The TRP Students' Society is run by planning students and organises a range of meetings and social events.



Study Abroad - the University of Illinois

Students may apply to spend their second year at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, one of the USA's top state universities. Our well-established exchange programme with the Department of Urban and Regional Planning provides an insight into the cultural and academic differences between America and Britain – and their planning systems.

The campus is centrally located in America, allowing for fairly easy travel across the US. There are strong connections with Chicago (about 2 hours north) and both Indianapolis and St. Louis are similarly close. In addition, the holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas, as well as Spring Break allows for the opportunity to travel further afield. For more information on the University of Illinois please visit the university website: www.uiuc.edu

We also have a link with the University of Queensland in Australia.

Students at Level 4 of our MPlan programme can arrange to spend a semester at a European university under the European Union's ERASMUS scheme. We currently have links with Aalborg University (Denmark), Université Lumière Lyon 2 (France) and Politecnico di Milano (Italy).

International students

We welcome applications from outside the UK. Information on fees for overseas students is given at <a href="www.sheffield.ac.uk/"www.sheffield.ac.uk/"www.sheffield.ac.uk/"www.sheffield.ac.uk/"international/enquiry/money/tuitionfees.html. The International Office home page contains a great deal of information for international students interested in studying at Sheffield, including contact details for staff specialising in different areas of the world, at www.sheffield.ac.uk/international/

Mature students

We welcome applications from mature students, and particularly value the work experience that mature students often bring to their studies and to the department.

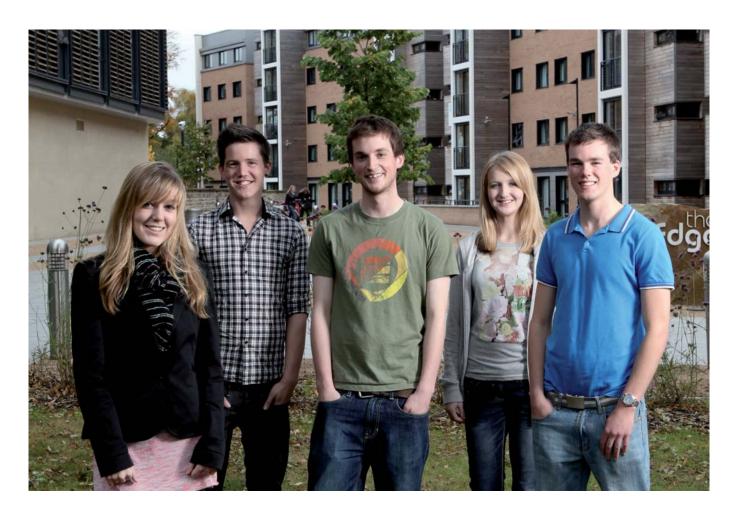
Students with disabilities

We are committed to responding to any additional support our applicants may require. If you would like further information about our facilities, please contact the Disability and Dyslexia Support Service.

Telephone: 0114 222 1303 (voice and text phone)

Email: disability.info@sheffield.ac.uk

You can find further information for prospective students on the University's website at www.sheffield.ac.uk/prospective/



Accommodation

The University's Accommodation Services office deals with all applications for accommodation from new students. Once you have accepted an offer of a place, you will be sent information about available accommodation. You should apply for accommodation using the forms provided, as soon as possible. All new overseas students are advised to arrive well in advance of the beginning of the academic year unless they have already made definite arrangements for accommodation. Accommodation for married students is in very short supply and married students are advised to come on their own in the first place and then arrange for their family to join them when accommodation has been found.

The city

Sheffield is England's fourth largest city and home to over 45,000 students at its two universities. It is conveniently located in the 'heart of England' and has excellent connections to other parts of the country.

With so many students, there is a vast range of social and leisure facilities aimed at the student population. The Virgin Guide to UK Universities consistently rates Sheffield as 'a top university across the board,' partly as a result of the quality of life for students in the city.

Attractions include many bars, clubs and cinemas, and outstanding sports facilities such as indoor rock climbing walls and artificial ski slopes. The Magna Centre in neighbouring Rotherham won the RIBA prize for building of the year in 2002, and the Showroom cinema was voted best independent cinema in the UK in a poll by the Guardian newspaper.

Sheffield also has two top class theatres, the Crucible and the Lyceum.

The city centre has undergone extensive improvement as part of the 'Heart of the City' project. New developments which have opened in the last few years include the Millennium Galleries, the Winter Garden, Leopold Square and the awardwinning Peace Gardens. The Devonshire Quarter, ten minutes' walk from the University, houses some of the city's most interesting independent shops, and major new housing, shopping and leisure projects have recently opened there.

South Yorkshire was designated as a European Union 'Objective 1' area between 2000 and 2008, stimulating huge investment in the city and surrounding areas. All this activity, both in Sheffield and in the surrounding area of South Yorkshire and North Derbyshire, makes the region a fascinating location for studying cities and urban issues.

Sheffield lies next to the Peak District National Park, one of the UK's most scenic areas. Rock climbing, hang gliding, walking, cycling, and many other activities take place here. There are frequent bus and rail services direct from the city centre to the heart of the Peak Park.



Travel to Sheffield

Sheffield is well served by the national road and rail networks, and the city has excellent local transport.

The University campus, situated on the western edge of the city centre, is easy to get to by car, bus and tram.

You can find maps and travel information, including personalised directions for drivers, at www.sheffield.ac.uk/visitors

How to apply

You must apply through UCAS. All applications are dealt with promptly when we receive them from UCAS. We treat each application on its own merits and do not set blanket qualifications thresholds, rather we look at a range of factors when deciding on an offer of a place on one of our courses.

Many groups are under-represented in the planning profession, and we welcome applications from students of all backgrounds.

If we make you an offer we will invite you to visit the department for an Open Day. Our Open Days are held throughout the winter and spring, from December to March. They give you a chance to find out more about our courses, meet some of our current students, look at some of their work, visit some student housing, and experience a bit of what it is like to study at Sheffield. It also gives you a chance to discuss your interest in planning or urban issues with us.

If you cannot attend any of our Open Day dates then we can arrange for you to visit us on another day, although the programme for individual visits is obviously more restricted.

Entry requirements

Most offers of a place on a course are conditional upon gaining specified qualifications. As stated above, we treat applications individually on their own merits so if the qualifications you achieve fall slightly short of what we have asked for it may still be possible for your place on the course to be confirmed.

Our course codes and usual entry requirements are:

Master of Planning (MPlan)

Urban Studies and Planning (K400)

BA Honours

Urban Studies (L722)

GCE/VCE A Levels: BBB

Two GCE A Levels plus two GCE AS Levels BB+BB

Scottish Highers ABBB

Irish Leaving Certificate ABBBB

BTEC Level N 2 Distinctions, 1 Merit International Baccalaureate 32 points

Subject Requirements

Grade C in GCSE Maths

K3K4: Art GCSE or other indication of creative design potential.

Other courses: useful subjects are Economics, Geography, History, Sociology, Law, Art, Design and Technology.

BA Honours

Geography and Planning (LK74)

GCE/VCE A Levels ABB

Two GCE A Levels plus two GCE AS Levels AB+BB

Scottish Highers ABBB

Irish Leaving Certificate AABBB

BTEC Level N 2 Distinctions, 1 Merit

International Baccalaureate 33 points

Subject Requirements

Grade C in GCSE Maths

GCE A Level Geography or a relevant social science. Other courses: useful subjects are Economics, Geography, History, Sociology, Law, Art, Design and Technology.

On the whole we do not specify that your qualifications must be in particular subjects for entry to our courses. What is more important is that you show a genuine interest in planning in your application. We accept a wide range of qualifications for entry, including overseas qualifications. If you have any questions about your qualifications or about any other aspect of the admissions process, please contact our Admissions Tutor.

Contact information

To find out more about our undergraduate courses, please contact Melanie Holdsworth or Dr Ed Ferrari.

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www.sheffield.ac.uk/trp

This brochure should be read in conjunction with the University's Undergraduate Prospectus for 2011 entry.

