

Department of Law Sheffield Hallam Exchange Information

What is an Exchange?

The academic exchange allows students in a Carleton University law program to study at Sheffield Hallam University in the United Kingdom for one year. Approved courses that students complete successfully at Sheffield Hallam count toward their degree from Carleton. The Exchange is a reciprocal arrangement in which students from Sheffield Hallam come to Canada and study at Carleton for one year.

Why Participate in the Exchange at Sheffield Hallam?

Individual students are likely to have different reasons for participating, but here are some of the most common:

All approved Sheffield Hallam University credits that are successfully completed count toward the Bachelor of Arts degree at Carleton.

Study abroad at Sheffield Hallam University while paying regular tuition fees to Carleton.

Strengthen academic and research skills in the excellent facilities at Sheffield Hallam University, which include a modern library, numerous computer labs, and a fine Athletics Centre.

Strengthen personal skills through involvement in student activities and participation in a wide selection of student clubs, societies and athletic teams.

Form friendships with a new cohort of English and international students.

Experience the cultural and social life of an English city. Recognized as a National City of Sport, Sheffield is a friendly city with a large student population and offers a diverse array of pubs, clubs, theatres, shops and other entertainment venues to sample.

Delve into the rich historical heritage of the area - castles, cathedrals, abbeys and other local landmarks - or explore the picturesque moors of the Peak District National Park.

Enrich one's curriculum vitae by demonstrating international academic experience.

What Will I Study?

Courses at Sheffield Hallam are firmly rooted in the social scientific study of law, and are taught in a professional law school.

Students select 6 modules to study during the year - this is the equivalent of 5.0 full credits at Carleton on a pass/fail basis.

Select approved courses from the LL.B. (Hons.) Law syllabus of the Division of Applied Social Science, Faculty of Development and Society. Course choices may include administrative law, law of financial services, welfare law, comparative law, employment law, law and medicine, law and social theory, the state and civil liberties, family law and policy and legal perspectives on criminal justice.

Studying in a professional law school is exciting and can be academically challenging. Students should expect that courses require extensive reading and independent study.

Is the Exchange for You?

For some students, the idea of studying abroad may seem daunting at first. However, returning students tell us that participating in the international exchange provided them with a unique learning experience that extended well beyond the academic arena. All students interested in the academic exchange should give careful thought to the following considerations before applying to ensure a smooth and successful transition abroad.

Will I Qualify for OSAP?

Students on the Exchange pay regular tuition fees to Carleton. This means that students who qualify for OSAP are eligible to receive OSAP during their year overseas.

<http://www2.carleton.ca/awards/exchange/osap/>. There is a special application deadline. See <http://www2.carleton.ca/awards/exchange/osap/>

Will I Qualify for an Ontario International Education Opportunity Scholarship?

Exchange students may be eligible for an Ontario International Education Opportunity Scholarship, which provides financial support for qualified students completing part of their 2011-2012 academic program abroad: see.

<http://www2.carleton.ca/awards/exchange/oieos/>

Will I Qualify for Other Bursaries or Awards

Most other bursaries and awards, including Carleton University continuing scholarships, are also available for qualified Exchange students. Special deadlines and other requirements may apply: see <http://www2.carleton.ca/awards/exchange/scholarships/>.

How Much Will it Cost?

The cost of living in Europe is considerably higher than in Canada and it is more expensive for students to live and study abroad than at home. Students should budget about £6000 to cover basic living expenses in Sheffield for a nine-month academic year (www.shu.ac.uk/international/living.html), and <http://www.shu.ac.uk/international>) and should factor in the cost of a student visa. Students may be able to work while in Britain: <http://www.shu.ac.uk/international/sheffield.html>. The Sheffield Hallam accommodations website is www.shu.ac.uk/accommodation.

As well, there may be opportunities during the academic year for travel to various European destinations from Sheffield.

Where Would I Live?

Another related consideration is the cost and type of accommodation that is available. The university residences at Sheffield Hallam University can be quite expensive, but there are various private sector alternatives that are less costly and just as nice. For example, Sheffield Hallam has agreements with private landlords in Sheffield, in which the university ensures that the accommodations are up to standard and then assigns students to the houses or flats, similar to assigning a room in residence. The difference is that the student then signs a housing contract with the independent landlord and pays the landlord directly. Another alternative is that the University organizes house hunts for the week before classes. At this event, students needing flatmates have an opportunity to meet with students needing accommodation. Both of these alternatives provide the opportunity for students to save money while meeting fellow students and making new friends.

Are there any Disadvantages?

Students should not underestimate the distance factor of studying abroad. For most students, it is the emotional rather than the physical transition to living and studying overseas that causes difficulties.. Exchange students should take steps to stay in close contact with other international students studying at Sheffield, and find ways to enjoy the new experience.

Do I Qualify for the Exchange?

The minimum requirement for the Sheffield Hallam University Exchange is completion of LAWS 1000 and two credits from, LAWS 2003, LAWS 2004, LAWS 2005, (1.0 credit each) LAWS 2105, LAWS 2201, LAWS 2202, LAWS 2301, LAWS 2302, LAWS 2501, LAWS 2502, and LAWS 2601 (0.5 credit each) with high academic standing (minimum requirement of 7.0 CGPA overall) and third-year standing in Law before a student goes on the Exchange. As well, all international exchange applicants at Carleton must have a CGPA of at least 7.0: see <http://www2.carleton.ca/isso/exchange/outgoing-students/#eligibility-criteria>

When and How do I Apply?

Normally, the application process is during the student's second year at Carleton and the Exchange takes place during the student's third year of study. Alternatively, it may be possible in some cases to take part in the Exchange during the fourth year of study.

The application deadline is February 1st of each year for the following September.

Application forms are available from the Department of Law Main Office in room C473 Loeb Building or from our website at <http://www2.carleton.ca/law/undergraduate-programs/sheffield-hallam-exchange/>. If you decide to apply, you are strongly advised to assemble and submit a complete application as soon as possible before the February 1st deadline. Selection decisions are made in February and applicants are informed as soon as possible.

What are the Selection Criteria?

The Department of Law normally sends up to four students to Sheffield Hallam University each year, depending on merit and availability of space.

Students are selected on the basis of the CGPA, for LAWS 1000 and two credits from LAWS 2003, LAWS 2004, LAWS 2005, LAWS 2105, LAWS 2201, LAWS 2202, LAWS 2301, LAWS 2302, LAWS 2501, LAWS 2502, and LAWS 2601 requirement (above), overall program performance, letters of reference and potential for success in the Exchange.

The CGPA is calculated using final grades of the above law courses.

Preference is given to qualified applicants in the Honours and Combined Honours Law programs with second year standing in Law at the time of their application, although qualified students with third year standing in these programs are not discouraged from applying. Students outside these programs may encounter difficulties in planning courses with acceptable Carleton course equivalents.

Where can I Find Further Information?

An information session about the Sheffield Hallam Exchange is held in late fall of each year.

You can find general information about international exchanges at the website of the Exchange Student Services at the International Student Services Office (ISSO) at <http://www2.carleton.ca/isso/exchange/>. The Sheffield Hallam University website is at <http://www.shu.ac.uk/university/>, and their Law Programme website is at <http://www.shu.ac.uk/law/>

For more information about life in Sheffield, see the Sheffield Hallam video tours at <http://www.shu.ac.uk/video/>.

For questions about matters such as recording of course credits and grades for international exchanges, see International Exchange FAQs at <http://www2.carleton.ca/registrar/exchanges/international-exchange/international-exchange-faqs/>.

For Sheffield Hallam University courses approved for students on the Sheffield Hallam Exchange, see <http://www2.carleton.ca/registrar/exchanges/international-exchange/disclaimers-for-outgoing-international-exchanges/>. Inclusion on this list does not guarantee that an individual course will be offered in a particular year; students must consult with a Department of Law Sheffield Hallam Exchange advisor for further details.

If you have other questions, or want to discuss the Sheffield Hallam Exchange, call the Department of Law at 613-520-3690 to speak with a Sheffield Hallam Exchange advisor.