



University of Sheffield



UNIVERSITY OF THE YEAR



INTRO TO HE

MADE FROM EVERY EXPERIENCE

**A WORLD
TOP-100
UNIVERSITY**

QS World University Rankings 2026

**NUMBER 1
UNIVERSITY
IN THE
RUSSELL GROUP**

National Student Survey 2025



**NUMBER 1
STUDENTS'
UNION**

National Student Survey 2025



**TOP 10
FOR CAREERS
SUPPORT**

StudentCrowd Awards 2025



**UNIVERSITY
OF THE YEAR
FOR STUDENT
EXPERIENCE**

The Times and Sunday Times
Good University Guide 2026

**92% OF RESEARCH
WORLD-LEADING OR
INTERNATIONALLY
EXCELLENT**

Research Excellence Framework 2021

OVERVIEW

- What is Higher Education?
- Application and Selection Process
- Student Life
- Mythbusting
- Any questions?



WHAT IS HIGHER EDUCATION?

A place to study

A qualification

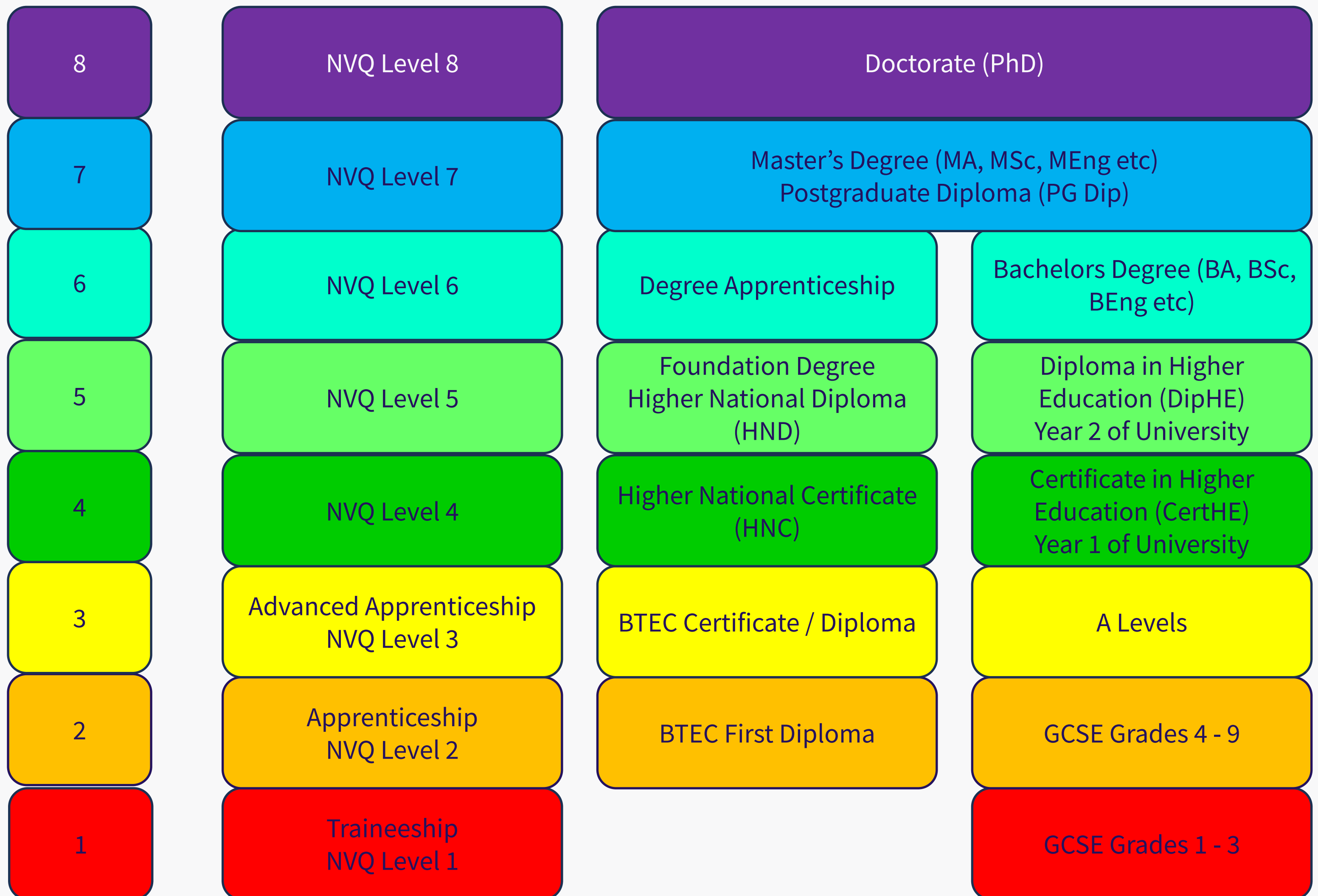
Choice

**WHAT IS HIGHER
EDUCATION?**

Different to
school!

Necessary for
some jobs

Open to
everyone



WHAT CHOICES DO I NEED TO MAKE?

- Why do I want to go to University?
- What do I want to study?

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF HE?

- Study something you enjoy
- Increase your knowledge
- Gain invaluable transferable skills
- Meet new people
- Gain experience
- Become independent
- Have a higher level of employability
- Have a wider choice of possible careers
- Further your personal development
- Have a higher earning potential



HOW DO I GET TO UNIVERSITY?

HIGHER EDUCATION APPLICATIONS

Administered in the UK by the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS)

Entry requirements – can vary between providers

- A-Levels
- BTECs
- International Baccalaureate
- GCSE grades
- EPQ
- Interviews, admissions tests or portfolio submissions

SELECTING YOUR CHOICES

LONG LIST

Pick 8-10 different options
– visit as many as possible

Campus or City?

SHORT LIST

You're allowed 5 choices
on UCAS

You should be happy to go
to any of them

FINAL CHOICE

Firm is your ideal scenario

Insurance **MUST** have
lower entry requirements

CHOICES

You can apply for up to **5 courses**

These are not in any preference order

All your choices should be **similar courses**

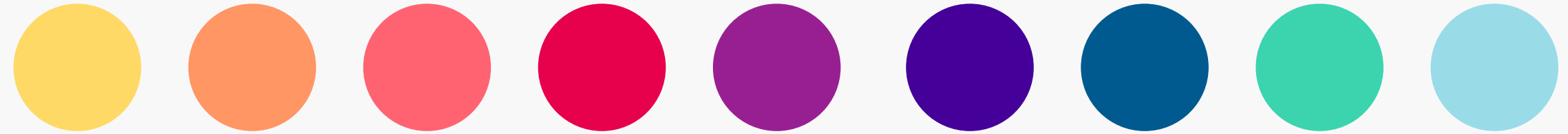
Choose a range of entry requirements (based on your predicted grades)

Some choices will require an **interview, portfolio, submission, or a UCAS test**

You need to select deferred entry on **each** choice separately

CHOICES

Create a long list



Apply for 5 Courses on UCAS



Receive your offers



Choose your firm and insurance



Results day





Where should I go?





STUDENT LIFE

LEARNING & TEACHING

- Lectures
- Seminars
- Tutorials
- Laboratory / Studio
- Work
- Fieldwork
- Placements

STUDENTS UNION

The University of Sheffield Students Union has won
No.1 Students Union for 7 years in a row.

High Student
Involvement

9 foot outlets, 4
study zones, 3
shops, 2 bars, 1
inbuilt nightclub

Club nights,
bands, events

CAN I GO TO UNIVERSITY?

- “Nobody in my family has ever been to university”
- “I don’t want to move away from home”
- “I’m not clever enough”

ACCESS+

As an **Access+** student, you'll have access to support such as:

- a contextual offer up to two grades below the standard A Level entry requirements for your course.
- our [**Access+ Travel Bursary**](#)
- a dedicated team on hand to answer your questions
- expert online help and guidance sessions to support you in your journey to higher education

You'll need to have made Sheffield your firm choice with UCAS for the opportunity to apply for:

- an [**Access+ Transition Mentor**](#)
- our [**Access+ IT & Equipment Bursary**](#)

If you miss the conditions of your offer we'll still give your application additional consideration on Results Day.

If you have any **questions**, please contact us at: [**access@sheffield.ac.uk**](mailto:access@sheffield.ac.uk)

For **details** go to: [**https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/access-sheffield/plus**](https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/access-sheffield/plus)

ACCESS+

You may be eligible for additional support through Access+ if:

- You live in an area of disadvantage (2026 entry and beyond)
- You were entitled to free school meals

Your personal circumstances mean that:

- You're care experienced
- You're a care leaver
- You're a carer
- You're estranged from family
- You have parenting responsibilities
- You're a forced migrant
- To check eligibility criteria visit:

<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/access-sheffield/plus>

“I can't afford to go to university, the tuition fees are too high”

- UK citizens and those with settled status are entitled to a government student loan
 - Tuition Fee Loan
 - Maintenance Loan
- Repayment is based on an income threshold
 - Don't pay anything if below this
 - Balance wiped after 40 years

Bursaries and Scholarships also available

GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

Tuition fee loan

- £9,790 per year

Maintenance loan

Amount depends on household income & where the student lives whilst at University.

Maintenance costs:

- Accommodation
- Study materials
- Food and drink
- Social activities

MAINTENANCE LOAN AMOUNTS 26/27*

Household income (HI)	Living at home <i>HI threshold for minimum loan amount= £58,348</i>	Living away from home <i>HI threshold for minimum loan amount = £62,358</i>	Living away from home (in London) <i>Threshold for min loan= £70,106</i>
£25,000 or less	£9,118	£10,830	£14,135
£35,000	£7,589	£9,285	£12,563
£45,000	£6,060	£7,739	£10,991
£58,348	£4,019 (minimum loan)	£5,676	£8,892
£62,358	£4,019	£5,056 (minimum loan)	£8,262
£70,106+	£4,019	£5,056	£7,043 (minimum loan)

*Based on 2026 entry, 2027 entry figures tbc

www.gov.uk/student-finance-calculator

HEALTH CARE COURSES

NHS Learning support fund*:

- Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy
 - Nursing
 - Orthoptics
 - Speech and Language Therapy
 - All eligible students will receive at least £5,000.
- Medicine & Dentistry supported via NHS Bursary

**Sheffield courses, additional courses are included elsewhere*

NHS Bursary (Dentistry & Medicine)

- SFE loans for years 1-4
- Year 5 onwards: Funding shifts to the NHS Bursary Scheme

SCHOLARSHIPS

**PART TIME
WORK**



**STUDENT
AMBASSADOR
FOR
UNIVERSITY**



BURSARIES





A DAY IN THE LIFE

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF...

Jordan

- First year English Literature student, living in halls



Jordan

Yasmine

- Second year Chemical Engineering student, living in Crookes



Yasmine

Jordan

EARLY MORNING

Independent Study

MID MORNING

Seminar

EARLY AFTERNOON

Hosting Forge
Radio

LATE AFTERNOON & EVENING

Dinner with flat and
quiz night

Yasmine

MORNING

Maths lecture and
practical in pilot
plant

EARLY AFTERNOON

Pilot Plant
Practical

LATE AFTERNOON

Campus Tour

EVENING

Hockey training

JORDAN

YASMINE

Independent Study

- Self-motivation
- Time Management
- Organisation
- Academic Writing

Maths Lecture

- Note-taking
- Problem solving
- Active listening
- Time management

JORDAN

YASMINE

Seminar

- Teamwork
- Communication
- Critical thinking
- Confidence

Pilot Plant Practical

- Technical competence
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Problem solving

JORDAN

YASMINE

Forge Radio

- Communication
- Technical skills
- Organisation
- Initiative

Campus Tour

- Communication
- Technical skills
- Organisation
- Initiative

JORDAN

YASMINE

Dinner with flat

- Communication
- Independence
- Cooking skills
- Interpersonal skills

Hockey Training

- Teamwork
- Communication
- Leadership
- Hockey skills

NEXT STEPS

- Think about what you want to do
- Do you want to study a degree?
- What do you want to study?
- Entry requirements and predicted grades

THE AMBASSADOR PLATFORM



- **What is it?**

Chat with students to learn about courses, campus life, and university experiences.

- **Why use it?**

- Get honest answers about student life.
- Watch videos and read articles from real students.
- Ask your own questions directly.

- **How to access it?**

Visit the University of Sheffield's "Chat to Us" page

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QR CODE



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SHEFFIELD LIVE

[sheffield.ac.uk/study/
online-events](https://sheffield.ac.uk/study/online-events)

TASTER SESSIONS

[sheffield.ac.uk/
undergraduate/visit/
subject-tasters](https://sheffield.ac.uk/undergraduate/visit/subject-tasters)

CHAT TO CURRENT STUDENTS

[sheffield.ac.uk/study/
chat](https://sheffield.ac.uk/study/chat)

DON'T FORGET TO...

Ask questions
Do your research
Find what's right for YOU