

My Erasmus experiences in Sheffield

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I've always been fascinated by England, its people and the countryside. When I realised it was possible to spend an exchange semester there, I took the chance to go and I don't regret it!

Sheffield is a student city with around 25'000 students. From the start the organisation was very good. I was welcomed at the airport in Manchester, as I participated in a welcoming week for international students. This was a very good occasion for meeting people from all over the world and to get to know the campus. I lived at the 'Endcliffe Village', which is one of three student villages. I liked living with my flatmates, because we got on really well.



As an Erasmus student, I could take modules from different courses and levels. The system in England is very different from the one in Switzerland, which means I only had around 8 hours of class attendance per week. Most of the work had to be done individually at home.

There were so many things to do! Students can choose from around 300 different societies. The student's union of the University was voted best in UK 2008. They have an own building with lots of cafes, restaurants and bars which turns into a place to be at night. However, there is also a lot going on in the city itself.

Sheffield is one of the biggest cities in England and yet it has a lot of green space. Its location is very good for travelling all around Great Britain. Right next to it is the Peak District which is famous for its beautiful landscape. I also took the possibility to travel to cities nearby

as well as London and Edinburgh. Sheffield was famous for its steel industry, but there have been a lot of refurbishments to make the city more enjoyable. It has many nice places now.

I loved my semester in Sheffield. The most important thing for me is the friendships I made during my stay. I got to know wonderful people from so many different countries and their culture. In my opinion, the experience made me growing personally and I became more independent. I could improve my language skills and had an insight in another education system.

I can only recommend an exchange semester; it was one of the best experiences in my life.

