

Fees and Bursaries in South Yorkshire

University Campus Barnsley

Full time fees for 2009/10 are £3225. The University offers a £500 per annum bursary to all students in receipt of the full Maintenance Grant. For further information, visit www.barnsley.hud.ac.uk/finance/fees.html

General course information www.barnsley.hud.ac.uk

Dearne Valley College

The College offers a number of HE courses. Full time fees for 2009/10 are £2,052. The College offers a £300 HE bursary for each year of full time study for all full time HE students who have progressed from Dearne Valley Educational Partnership institutions, or, all full time HE students who have progressed from a South Yorkshire college or sixth form institution.

General course information www.dearne-coll.ac.uk

University Centre Doncaster (Doncaster College)

Full-time fees for 2009/10 are £2770. The College offers two bursaries - the Doncaster College Bursary and the Doncaster Education City Bursary.

The Doncaster College Bursary of £400 is paid to all full time students who qualify for the Maintenance Grant. The Doncaster Education City Bursary, also of £400 is for all students enrolling on a full time degree programme who have completed their level 3 study (A levels, EdExcel ND or Access Programme) at school or college in the Doncaster Metropolitan Borough in the

preceding two years. For further information visit www.don.ac.uk/courses/undergraduate/fees_and_finance.aspx

General course information www.don.ac.uk

Northern College

The College offers a part-time In-Service (whilst teaching) post-compulsory teacher training course leading to a professional qualification in further, higher, and adult education and training. Fees for the PGCE/CertEd for 2009/10 will be £840. No bursaries are offered.

General course information www.northern.ac.uk

The Open University

All Open University (OU) students are charged part-time tuition fee rates. Students can study full time with the University if they choose. Fees for 2009/10 are yet to be set but full time equivalent fees for 2008/9 averaged between £1260 and £1440 for most courses (excepting in Business and Law which are more expensive).

You apply direct to the OU rather than through UCAS and pay your fees up front, in instalments, or apply for financial assistance. You cannot apply for Tuition Fee Loans or Maintenance Grants and the University does not offer any bursaries.

However, if you are on a low income (£16,510 per annum or less) you can apply for a fee grant of up to £1210 and a course grant of up to £260. If household income is as high as £24,915 you may be entitled to a reduced fee. Parental income is not included in this assessment. For further information on financial assistance visit www3.open.ac.uk/studyatou/apply/eng-and-ni.shtml

General course information www.open.ac.uk

Rotherham College (of Arts and Technology)

The College offers a number of Foundation Degrees and HNDs, fees for 2009/10 are £1285. No bursaries are offered.

General course information www.rotherham.ac.uk

Sheffield College

The College offers a number of Foundation Degrees and HNDs. Full time fees for 2009/10 are £1285. The College offers no bursaries.

General course information www.sheffcol.ac.uk

Sheffield Hallam University

Fees for full time undergraduate students are £3225. Sheffield Hallam University offers two bursaries:

Sheffield Hallam Grant Bursary - £700 per year for students who receive the full Maintenance Grant.

Sheffield Hallam Partnership Bursary - £300 per year for students who have come from partner schools and colleges.

For further information see tuition fees and bursaries www.shu.ac.uk/study/ug/money.html

General course information www.shu.ac.uk

The University of Sheffield

Fees for full time undergraduate students are £3225.

Income-related bursaries - £700 for those with household incomes of less than £17,220.

This information can be made available in other formats. Please contact us for details.

£430 for those with household incomes between £17,221 and £35,515.

Prior academic achievements/graduate priority subject bursaries - ranging from £115 to £1,665 depending upon household income.

Outreach scheme bursaries - a maximum of £860 (depending upon income) if linked to the University's outreach schemes such as Compact, Sheffield's Outreach and Access to Medicine Scheme (SOAMS), the Professions Progression Partnerships Scheme (PPP) or if students have gained an Access to HE qualification in order to come to university.

For further information on funding visit www.sheffield.ac.uk/bursaries

General course information www.sheffield.ac.uk

Useful Websites

www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance
www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/Students.aspx
www.ucas.com
www.aimhigher.ac.uk/syorks

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Student Finance in South Yorkshire: key facts 2009-10

If you want to know

- How much higher education costs?
- What financial help is available?
- What local higher educational institutions are offering?

This leaflet is for you

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South Yorkshire

Higher Education - How much will it cost?

This will depend upon a number of factors, the most important being whether you study full or part-time. If you study full-time you will need to pay for annual tuition fees and for general living costs such as accommodation, food and any other day to day living expenses. Full-time fees can currently be up to £3,225 whereas part time fees are considerably lower.

In South Yorkshire, tuition fees for full-time HE courses in 2009/10 are:

University Centre Barnsley £3225

Dearne Valley College £2052

University Centre Doncaster (Doncaster College) £2770

Northern College £840

Rotherham College (of Arts and Technology) £1285

Sheffield College £1285

Sheffield Hallam University £3225

The University of Sheffield £3225

What financial support is available?

If you are a full-time student studying towards a Higher Education qualification you can apply for the following from Student Finance England:

- Tuition Fee Loan
- Maintenance (living costs) Loan
- Maintenance Grant
- Additional grants may be available for students with children and disabled students

You may also be eligible for additional support from the Higher Education Institution (HEI) that you apply to:

- University Bursaries
- Access to Learning funds

How do I apply for funding?

If you are a 'new' student, starting a Higher Education course in 2009-10 you will apply to Student Finance England for your funding.

Student Finance England is a newly formed government department which will be responsible for assessing your application, paying you your funding and collecting your student loan repayments once you finish your course.

Student Finance England has lots of useful information and resources to support your application for funding. This includes:

- An Online Support Calculator
- Student Finance England Helpline

For more information or to apply online for your funding visit www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance

Returning students going into their second or third year in 2009 will continue to be assessed by their Local Authority (LA).

NHS funded students apply to the NHS Student Grants Unit for their funding.

For more information visit www.nhsstudentgrants.co.uk

Tuition Fee Loan and Maintenance Loan

There are two student loans available to full time students - a Tuition Fee Loan and a Maintenance (living costs) Loan.

Your Tuition Fee Loan covers the cost of your tuition fees each year. It is paid directly to your Higher Education Institution by

Student Finance England and is not means tested.

Your Maintenance Loan is to help with living and study related expenses. 72% of this loan is not means tested. The remaining 28% is dependant on household income.

You repay your loan(s) once you have finished your course and are earning over £15,000 per year. Student Loan repayments are deducted from your wages through PAYE. If you have not repaid your Student Loan(s) within 25 years then the outstanding balance will be written off by Student Finance England.

Maintenance Grant

The Maintenance Grant is means tested. Students with a household income of £25,000 or under will receive the maximum amount of £2,906 per year. This grant is then reduced on a sliding scale if household income is between £25,001 and £50,020 per year. This grant is not repayable.

The following tables illustrate how much Maintenance Loan and Maintenance Grant you may receive depending on your household income.

Additional Support from Student Finance England

- Adult Dependants Grant
- Parent Learning Allowance
- Childcare Grant
- Disabled Students Allowance

Disabled Students Allowance

Students with disabilities may be eligible for the Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA). Such disabilities can include chronic health conditions, learning differences or mental health conditions.

Living Outside London (if living away from parental home)			
Income (£)	Maintenance Loan (£)	Maintenance Grant (£)	Total (£)
25000	3497	2906	6403
27500	3747	2406	6153
30000	3997	1906	5903
32500	4247	1406	5653
34000	4397	1106	5503
35000	4430	1040	5470
40000	4595	710	5305
45000	4760	380	5140
50020	4950	50	5000
55000	4106	0	4106
60000	3564	0	3564

Living Outside London (if living at parental home)			
Income (£)	Maintenance Loan (£)	Maintenance Grant (£)	Total (£)
25000	2385	2906	5291
27500	2635	2406	5041
30000	2885	1906	4791
32500	3135	1406	4541
34000	3285	1106	4391
35000	3318	1040	4358
40000	3483	710	4193
45000	3648	380	4028
50020	3838	50	3888
55000	2994	0	2994
60000	2763	0	2763

DSA's help with costs associated with attending a course, as a direct result of disability. For example, it may pay for specialist equipment, or a non-medical helper such as a note-taker. This assistance does not need to be repaid.

HEI Bursaries

Institutions which charge the full amount of tuition fees (£3225 in 2009/10) will offer their own bursaries. Your eligibility for these bursaries will be assessed by the institution that you are applying to, so it is well worth checking to see if you might be eligible for additional funding.

<http://bursarymap.direct.gov.uk>

Funding for NHS and Social Work Courses

NHS students are funded by the Department of Health rather than Student Finance England. NHS Degree and Diploma students have their fees paid by the Department of Health automatically as an incentive to train. They then apply for an NHS bursary to cover their living expenses. For further information on funding rates and eligibility visit www.nhsstudentgrants.co.uk

Social Work students are eligible for a non means tested Social Work Bursary of £4575 in addition to funding from Student Finance England (Student Loans, Grants, and Bursaries etc). For more information visit www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/Students.aspx

Part-time Students

The tuition fee and funding system for part-time students is different to that for full-time students. Financial help for part time students is for course related expenses and NOT for living expenses - this is because it is anticipated that part time students will cover their living expenses through employment or the benefits system.

Part time students cannot apply for student loans but can apply for a Tuition Fee Grant and Course Costs Grant. These grants are non repayable and are dependant upon

household income and the intensity of study (see chart).

Intensity of study	Max fee grant	Max course grant	Total support
50-59% of full-time equivalent	£805	£260	£1065
60-74% of full-time equivalent	£970	£260	£1230
75%+ of full-time equivalent	£1210	£260	£1470

Students and benefits

Most full-time students are not eligible to claim benefits such as Income Support, Jobseekers Allowance and Housing Benefit. There are however some exceptions to this rule such as:

- Disabled students (who meet certain criteria)
- Single parents
- Couples who are both full time students and are responsible for a child (under 12).

Even if you are eligible to claim these benefits your benefit may be reduced as your student funding will be taken into account as income.

Full time students can still apply for Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit as long as they fit the normal criteria.

The rules regarding students and benefits are complicated, so if you think you may be entitled, seek advice.