



University of
Huddersfield

Coming to **Huddersfield**

The essential guide for your first steps
into university life.

Welcome

Frequently Asked Questions
about the application process.

“I have received a Conditional Offer, what do I do now?”

If you are holding a Conditional Offer from the University of Huddersfield, all of your offer conditions must be fulfilled before we can issue you with a CAS number. Initial details of your offer conditions are included in your Conditional Offer letter. You can keep updated on the offer conditions you have left to fulfil by logging onto the Applicant Portal:

<http://applicant.hud.ac.uk>

You should let us know when you meet all or some of your offer conditions. For example, if the offer made to you is subject to IELTS 6.0, please send us a copy of your IELTS certificate for our records.

In addition to the standard offer conditions set out by the University, some courses also require a student to have ATAS clearance. This will be specified in your offer documentation but as a general rule, ATAS clearance is only required for a small number of postgraduate programmes in Engineering subjects. Details of how to apply for ATAS clearance can be found on the Foreign and Commonwealth Office website:

www.fco.gov.uk/en/about-us/what-we-do/services-we-deliver/atas/atas-complete-form

Please note that if ATAS clearance is required for your course, you will not be able to apply for a Tier 4 visa until you have received an ATAS certificate.

“I would like to change my choice of course, can I do this?”

If you wish to be considered for another programme, please contact the International Office informing us of your decision and your reason(s) for requesting this change. A request for a course change is treated as a new application and will be assessed as normal. If a new course application is unsuccessful, your previous course offer(s) will still stand.

“I am unable to join the next intake, can you defer my offer?”

If you are unable to join your course at the next available intake, it is possible for you to defer your offer to a later intake. If you would like to defer, please contact the International Office as soon as possible so we can alter your conditional offer to the next available intake. Please note that an applicant is only able to defer an offer twice and in the case of two or more academic years having passed since the original offer we will ask you to submit a new application.

Note: Offer conditions may change between intakes. Any money that has been paid to the University towards tuition fees or a deposit for one intake will be ‘carried over’ to the next intake in the case of a deferral. If tuition fees have increased, the offer will be subject to the new rates.

Student Accommodation

All you need to know about living arrangements.

Once you have accepted a place to study at the University you need to book accommodation as soon as possible to ensure you have somewhere to stay during your time in Huddersfield.

Please be advised that you will be required to pay for your accommodation fees in full, prior to your arrival (unless you are an EU student). You can pay over the phone, by bank transfer or by cheque.

The price includes your room, utility bills, broadband and contents insurance.

For more information on DIGS accommodation in Huddersfield, please contact :

The Accommodation Office:

T: +44(0)1484 473104/472738
www.digstudent.co.uk

You can also contact the accommodation directly;

Ashenhurst Houses:

T: +44 (0) 1484 451388
E: mail@digashenhurst.co.uk

Storthes Hall Park:

T:+44 (0) 1484 488816
E: mail@digstortheshall.co.uk

Ashenhurst Houses

Each house has either six or eight rooms with shared facilities.

	Weekly Rent	Yearly Rent
Standard	£70	£3,010
Deluxe	£80	£3,440

Storthes Hall Park

6, 7 and 8 bed apartments are available with a shared kitchen and dining area.

	Weekly Rent	Yearly Rent
Standard En Suite	£89	£3,827
Deluxe En Suite	£95	£4,085
Double Room (sharing)	£70	£3,010
Premium En Suite (Double room single occupant)	£99	£4,257

Each room includes:

A bed, bedside table, wardrobe, shelves, notice board and desk.

The kitchen includes:

A fridge, freezer and microwave.

Please be aware that you will need to provide your own:

Bed linen, towels, kitchen utensils, crockery and cutlery.

These items can be bought cheaply in Huddersfield once you have arrived. It can also be cheaper to buy kitchen items together with people in your flat in order to share the cost.

Students with families

If you are in Huddersfield with your family, you will find it an inexpensive town to either rent or buy a house or larger apartment. You can rent a larger property for about £500 per month. DIGS does not provide accommodation for students with families, but the Student Advice and Information Centre in the Students' Union will be happy to provide guidance on finding somewhere to live during your time in Huddersfield.

Tips for arranging privately-rented accommodation:

- Do not sign a contract without being certain about what you are agreeing to. An adviser from the Student Advice and Information Centre in the Students' Union can go through the contract with you to ensure you are fully aware of what you are signing.
- Make sure you have enough money available to pay the deposit and first month's rent. The deposit is normally 4-6 weeks rent and will be refunded when you leave the property, as long as you have not caused any damage and do not have any outstanding bills.
- Ensure the amount you need to pay each month is clearly stated on the contract and you get a receipt for any money you pay the landlord or letting agency.
- Make sure the landlord has up-to-date gas and electricity safety certificates and fire safety devices for the property. This is a legal requirement for landlords renting accommodation.

Further information

For further information, prices and to apply for your accommodation, visit:

www.digstudent.co.uk
T: +44 (0)1484 473104/472780

Or contact the advice centre in the Students' Union:

E: advice-centre@hud.ac.uk
T: +44 (0)1484 473446
www.huddersfieldstudent.com/advice

Remember to bring bed linen, towels, kitchen utensils, crockery & cutlery.

Arriving in Huddersfield

What you need to know for when you first arrive.

Meet and Greet

We offer a free Meet and Greet service for students arriving at Manchester International Airport 12 – 19 September. This ensures that whenever you arrive there will someone at the airport to meet you and take you to your accommodation in Huddersfield.

This must be booked in advance by completing the Meet and Greet form:

www.hud.ac.uk/international/september2011

Once completed, please email it to international.office@hud.ac.uk with your arrival details and accommodation details in Huddersfield.

(Please note that we cannot pick you up without this information). We will email you to confirm that the taxi has been booked for you.

Representatives from the University of Huddersfield will meet you at the airport between 9am – 5pm and show you to your taxi. Look out for the University of Huddersfield banner.

If you do not wish to use our meet and greet service and prefer to travel to the University yourself, Huddersfield is easily accessible by train from Manchester International Airport. There are frequent train services from the airport station to Huddersfield.

Manchester Airport

A standard class single ticket costs around £18.40. The train journey from Manchester International Airport to Huddersfield takes around one hour.

You can download and print a timetable for this journey from the West Yorkshire Metro website:

www.wymetro.com/NR/rdonlyres/B8F83361-0EBB-40E1-A16E-CED7B2E22AC2/0/Huddersfield_Dec2010traintimetable.pdf

Once you arrive at Huddersfield train station, you then need to make your way to your accommodation. There is a taxi rank outside the front of the station. Use the first taxi at the front of the line of taxis. Make sure you have money to pay for the journey. Cash machines are available at the station.

What if I am arriving at a different airport?

If you arrive at another UK airport you will need to travel to Huddersfield yourself. If the airport you are arriving at is not listed, the International Office can provide advice on the best, and cheapest, form of travel.

Leeds Bradford Airport

You will need to take the 757 Airport Direct Bus to Leeds station, which should cost around £2.50. The 757 runs every 30 minutes during the day, and hourly in the evenings and on Sundays.

See the 757 timetable for more information:

www.wymetro.com/NR/rdonlyres/6ED2EDDE-CB92-435E-8BF2-D4E696E36FE2/0/757bustimetable.pdf

There are frequent train services to Huddersfield from Leeds, with a standard single ticket currently costing £4.50. The journey from Leeds takes around 20 minutes.

For more information on travelling from Leeds Bradford International Airport, see the West Yorkshire Metro website:

<http://www.wymetro.com/howtogetto/airports/leedsbradfordinternationalairport.htm>

Liverpool John Lennon Airport

Take the Airlink 501 bus from the front of the terminal building to Liverpool South Parkway. From Liverpool South Parkway station, you then need to take a train to Huddersfield. A standard single combined rail and bus ticket for this journey will cost around £25.40.

For more information on travelling to Huddersfield from Liverpool John Lennon Airport, please see:

<http://www.tpexpress.co.uk/train-destinations/huddersfield/overview.htm>

East Midlands Airport

East Midlands Airport runs a Skylink bus service from the airport to Derby, from where you can get a train to Huddersfield. The Skylink service runs every 30 minutes during the day and hourly overnight, seven days a week. Skylink costs £3.20 currently, and the journey takes around half an hour to Derby station.

From Derby station, you need to take a train to Leeds. Change at Leeds for a train to Huddersfield. The journey from Derby to Huddersfield takes about two hours and a standard single ticket will cost around £33.

For more options on travelling from East Midlands Airport, please visit the airport's website:

<http://www.eastmidlandsairport.com/emaweb.nsf/Content/ToAndFromAirport>

Remember to check the necessary travel info before you set off.

Student Visa Information

All you need to know about the application process.

If you are from outside the EEA or Switzerland you will need to apply to the United Kingdom Border Agency (UKBA) for a Tier 4 General Student Visa through a UK Embassy, High Commission or Consulate in your country.

To find out where you can apply for a UK visa in your home country visit:

www.ukvisas.gov.uk/en/howtoapply/wheretapply

How to Apply

You can apply for your visa up to three months before you intend to travel and can either make your application online:

www.ukvisas.gov.uk/en/applyonline or fill in a VAF9 application form and a PBS appendix 8.

For guidance on making an application for a Tier 4 General Student Visa please see:

www.ukvisas.gov.uk/resources/en/docs/1903073/supportdocstier4genstudent



Assesment

You will be assessed under the UKBA's Points Based System where you will have to score 40 points to be awarded a visa. You will get:

- 30 points for a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) number from the University of Huddersfield.
- 10 points for showing that you have enough money for your course fees and your monthly living expenses and that you have held the required money for a consecutive 28-day period (finishing on the date of the closing balance) ending no more than one month before your application.

The University of Huddersfield is a licensed Tier 4 Highly Trusted Sponsor under the scheme. We will ensure that you receive the necessary documentation relating to your admission in good time to apply for a visa.

What you will need to submit

- A completed VAF9 application form and a PBS appendix 8.
- Evidence of your offer letter.
- A Certificate of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) from the University of Huddersfield.
- Your passport or travel document.
- A recent passport-sized photograph of yourself.
- The visa application fee. The fee is currently £255, but will payable in the local currency of the country where you are applying. Please be aware that this fee cannot be refunded.
- Original supporting documents relevant to your application. These will normally include your academic certificates and transcripts and confirmation of your place on the course.
- Evidence that you have enough money to pay the tuition fees and support yourself. The University will provide a form of receipt for any advance payment you may have made, and this will be taken into account in your application.

For more information on what supporting documentation you will need please see the UKBA Document Checklist:

www.ukvisas.gov.uk/en/howtoapply/vafs/vafsdocschecklist

This checklist includes information on providing supporting documents for both Non Points Based System and Points Based System applications. Make sure you refer to the information on applying under the Points Based System.

Please be aware that you will be required to undergo routine biometric and health screening as part of the visa application process. You will have to visit your nearest visa application centre to provide your biometrics. More information is available from the UKBA:

www.ukvisas.gov.uk/en/howtoapply/biometricvisa

An Entry Clearance Officer (ECO), who works at the Embassy or High Commission, will make a decision regarding your application. Basically, they will want to ensure that you are a genuine student who is sponsored by an approved institution with enough funds to cover your course fees and support yourself throughout your studies. The result of your application should normally be notified within 28 days but if you are having problems obtaining a visa, please let us know and we may be able to help.

You are strongly encouraged to familiarise yourself with the UKBA website:

www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/studyingintheuk/adult-students

This explains the requirements for students applying for Tier 4 visas, as well as providing up to date information on any changes to the immigration process. Financial and other requirements may change from time to time and you must ensure that you are aware of these changes. If you are applying through one of our official agents you will receive support and up-to-date advice to help you through the visa process.

For more information and frequently asked questions regarding visa and immigration issues for international students please see the UKCISA website:

www.ukcisa.org.uk/student/immigration.php

Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) Clearance

If you are coming to study a Science or Engineering subject you may need to apply for ATAS clearance, and we will confirm this in your offer letter. ATAS applications are free of cost and may be submitted online. You will only be able to submit your visa application after you have obtained ATAS clearance. For further information please see:

www.fco.gov.uk/atas

Already living in the UK?

If you are already living in the UK you may be required to change your current visa to a Tier 4 visa for the University of Huddersfield to reflect your new status as a student. The UKBA provides comprehensive guidance on applying for a Tier 4 visa from inside the UK.

If you are a student who has a visa for a different university or college and you now wish to come to the University of Huddersfield, you will need to make a new visa application before you can enrol upon your new course. You will need a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) number from the University of Huddersfield which you must use to apply for your new visa and you must have sufficient funds in your bank account for the correct length of time in order to pass the Maintenance Test for the UK Border Agency.

For more information please see the 'Applying from Inside the UK' section of the UKBA website:

www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/studyingintheuk/adult-students/applying-inside-uk

Financial Information

All you need to know about banking and budgeting.

Sponsored students

If you are a sponsored student you will be asked to provide an official Sponsorship Certificate or Financial Guarantee before we issue you a CAS Statement for your visa application. When you enrol we will invoice your sponsor directly for your tuition fees.

Paying your own fees

If you or your family are paying your own fees you will be asked to pay a £4,000 tuition fee deposit before we issue you a CAS Statement for your visa application. If your visa is refused for any reason, we will refund your deposit payment. You will then have to pay the remainder of your fees when you enrol.



How to pay

Our payment methods for deposits and tuition fees are as follows:

- **Online:** The most convenient way to pay your tuition fee deposit is to make a payment online with a credit card using our secure website. This can be found at:

www.hud.ac.uk/international/apply/paymentoptions/

- **By credit card:** Please call us on: +441484473618.

- **By Direct Credit/Bank Transfer from your bank:** The following details will be required for processing your transfer:

Bank	LLOYDS TSB BANK PLC
Branch	1 WESTGATE, HUDDERSFIELD, HD1 2DN
Sort Code	30-94-43
Account Name	THE UNIVERSITY OF HUDDERSFIELD HEC
Account Number	01482770
Swift Code	LOYD GB 21026
Iban Code	GB 46 LOYD 30944 301 482 770

Please include your applicant number with any payment so that we know it is you.

- **By Cheque:** Cheques, either drawn on a personal account or sent via overseas bank transfer, should be made payable to:

"THE UNIVERSITY OF HUDDERSFIELD HEC"

Please forward cheques directly to the International Office and include your applicant number on the back of the cheque.

Fees can be paid via one of the following options:

1. In full* before or at enrolment.
2. In two instalments made through a UK clearing bank or building society directly into the bank account held by the University. The first instalment should be made at the time of enrolment, and the remaining payment by the 31 January.

Please note that if payments to the University are made by a cheque drawn on an overseas bank, bank charges will be incurred and charged to you. You should also note that failure to meet payment deadlines may result in your enrolment at the University being cancelled. This will affect your visa status in the UK.

You will be able to express your choice of payment method at the time of enrolment.

*** Fee discount: A 5% discount on tuition fees will be allowed in the case of international students who pay their full fees by a designated date in advance of enrolment, with the amount cleared in the University bank account.**

Deadline dates are:

For students enrolling in September:
31 August 2011

For students enrolling in January:
30 December 2011

Please note that the fee discount will be applied after any Scholarship has been deducted. These fee discounts do not extend to 'Additional Programme Costs' for research programmes, which are fixed.

It is a student's responsibility to instruct their bank in sufficient time to ensure any bank transfer is done in time to arrive in the University's bank account in cleared funds by the due date. The University cannot be held responsible for any delays. If the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or bank holiday in England the payment must reach the University's bank account by the previous working day. Failure to achieve this will result in the discount being disallowed.

If there is any doubt regarding the amount you need to pay, please contact Student Finance on +44 (0) 1484 472210 or e-mail: income.section@hud.ac.uk

Opening a UK bank account

Opening a new bank account in the UK may take some time so it is important to bring enough money with you to cover the first few weeks, in case of any delay. It is advisable to bring a small amount of cash and any other funding in travellers' cheques which you can change when you arrive in the UK. We recommend you bring around £300 in a mixture of travellers' cheques and cash. For security reasons do not carry a large amount of cash with you (maximum £50). Once you arrive in Huddersfield you can easily change your travellers' cheques at a bank or the Post Office.

Before you arrive in the UK, you could set up a preliminary account over the Internet with one of the main banks (Barclays, HSBC, Halifax, Lloyds, National Westminster, Royal Bank of Scotland). This should cut down on the time required to open a bank account when you arrive in the UK.

How much will it cost for me to live in Huddersfield?

You'll find that living in Huddersfield is relatively inexpensive compared with other parts of the UK; the town is ranked seventh in the Royal Bank of Scotland's "affordable affluence" league table. It is worth devising a budget so you can keep track of how much you are spending.

Most students will find that the recommended amount of £5,600 per annum is sufficient for their needs. Student accommodation in Huddersfield is competitively priced, as is food, clothing and other necessities.

A typical international student's weekly budget is detailed here:

Accommodation	£45 - £100
Utilities	£10 - £15
Food	£20 - £30
Local Travel	£5 - £10
Miscellaneous	£20
Books & Materials	£50 per year (on average)

Costs may vary depending upon the individual student's requirements. The above is intended only for general guidance.

Practical advice

- Be careful how you spend your money. Draw up a chart of your income and necessary expenditure. This will show you how much money you have and how much you really need to spend. The International Student Calculator is useful for this purpose:

www.studentcalculator.org.uk/international

- Try to save up to buy what you want. Shops and banks may offer you credit but you will usually find that you have paid much more for your purchase than the advertised cash price (because of interest rates).
- It is safer not to borrow or lend money to others.
- Do not buy your books too soon. Wait until you arrive in the UK. You may be able to obtain books through second hand bookshops, other students who no longer need them or off Ebay.
- Finally, if you find yourself in any financial difficulty, please contact the Student Support Wellbeing Team or the Students' Union Welfare and Information Service for confidential advice and guidance.

Your Checklist

A summary of things you'll need to do before departing.

Moving to a new country to study can seem daunting, but if you make arrangements well in advance, you will be fully prepared when you arrive in Huddersfield.

Please be aware that if you are coming to Huddersfield with your family you may need to make additional arrangements, such as childcare or visas for dependants. More information and guidance for students with children can be found on the Student Services website:

www2.hud.ac.uk/student_services/children/index.php

Remember that the earlier you book your accommodation and flights, the cheaper they may be! Similarly, it may take a long time to process your visa so make sure you apply for it as soon as possible to ensure you have it in plenty of time before coming to Huddersfield.

What do I need to do before arriving in the UK?

Here is a checklist of what you need to do before leaving your home country:

1	Visa Apply for your visa to study at Huddersfield when you receive your CAS. Please be aware that you can only apply for your visa up to three months before you intend to travel. Please ensure you allow plenty of time to receive your visa.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Accommodation Book your accommodation as soon as possible to ensure you have some where to stay whilst studying.	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Flights Arrange flights to the UK (the closest airport to Huddersfield is Manchester International Airport).	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Arrival Book a meet and greet service for when you arrive in the UK. This must be booked in advance by completing the Meet and Greet form: www2.hud.ac.uk/shared/shared_io/international_docs/hoa.doc and emailing it to international.office@hud.ac.uk with your arrival details and accommodation details in Huddersfield.	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Health Make sure you are up to date with any vaccinations required for travelling to the UK and have all the necessary medical certificates.	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Money Arrange currency (mixture of pound sterling cash and travellers' cheques; around £300 to cover the first few weeks).	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Insurance Arrange insurance: health (see UKCISA guidance for more information www.ukcisa.org.uk/student/info_sheets/keeping_healthy.php), contents and travel .	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Documentation Photocopy your passport, visa, medical certificates and other important documents. Leave one set of photocopies in a safe place at home, and bring one set of photocopies with you to the UK, along with the originals. It is important to keep copies of these documents in case the originals are lost or damaged.	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Health Records Bring a list of all vaccinations you have had, this will mean that you do have extra vaccinations that you don't need when you arrive.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Remember the earlier you book things, the cheaper they may be.

Arrival Questions

Here are some common queries that we get asked.

“What do I need to bring?”

- Your passport.
- Visa for studying at the University of Huddersfield.
- Copy of your offer letter.
- Accommodation details (booking confirmation, Huddersfield address).
- Statement of financial support, if you are a sponsored student.
- Insurance details (health, contents and travel).
- Vaccination and any other medical certificates.
- A set of photocopies of all these documents, for security reasons.
- Enough money for the first two weeks (approximately £300 in a mixture of cash and travellers' cheques).
- Clothes, books and other personal items.

For more guidance on preparing to travel to the UK please visit:

www.educationuk.org/UK/Article/plan-your-travel-to-the-uk

Check with your airline for your luggage weight allowance. Remember that you can buy warm clothing, kitchen equipment and ingredients from around the world once you have arrived in Huddersfield.

“When should I arrive?”

You should arrive in time for the Welcome Week Programme, which will be taking place from **14–19 September 2011**.

We would recommend that you arrive between 14–16 September 2011, so that you have enough time to settle in and familiarise yourself with the campus and town.

“Where should I go when I first arrive?”

When you arrive in Huddersfield you should go directly to your accommodation, which you must have booked in advance. Please see the Accommodation section of this guide for more information on arranging somewhere to stay in Huddersfield.

If you book the Meet and Greet service with the International Office, the taxi will take you straight to your accommodation.

If you are not using the Meet and Greet service and are travelling to Huddersfield yourself, you will need to take a taxi to your accommodation from the station. Make sure you have the address of where you are staying to show the driver, and money to pay for the journey.

“What will I need to do in the first 2 weeks?”

- Arrive in Huddersfield and go to your accommodation.
- Attend the International Office Welcome Week.
- Enrol with the Admissions and Records Office and pay your tuition fees.
- Register with the police (if required).
- Register with the University Health Centre.
- Visit your department so you know where to go for course induction events and lectures.
- Log onto the University IT network to access your student email account and Blackboard.
- Open a bank account.
- Familiarise yourself with the campus and town and find your local supermarket.
- Buy any additional items you may need for your accommodation (e.g. kitchen utensils, bed linen, towels etc).
- Buy any additional items you may need for your course (materials, books etc).

“When does University begin?”

Course based sessions begin on the **19 September 2011**.

“When do lectures begin?”

Teaching begins the week commencing **26 September 2011**.

“What are the term dates for 2011/2012?”

Term One: 19 September - 16 December 2011.
Christmas vacation: 3 weeks.
Term Two: 9 January - 30 March 2012.
Easter vacation: 3 weeks.
Term Three: 22 April - 29 June 2012.

More information and guidance on your first two weeks at the University, including where you need to go and when, will be available in a Welcome Guide which you will receive upon your arrival in Huddersfield.

Welcome Week

Helping you get settled into life at university.

We know it can take time to settle down to life in a country where the culture, customs and laws may be very different from those in your own part of the world. Our Welcome Programme Week is designed to help you to settle in and feel at home.

What the week involves

These include social and cultural events as well as practical sessions on issues such as:

- Opening a bank account.
- Registering with the UK police.
- Registration for library and computer services.
- Passport and visa queries.

The Welcome Programme Week gives international and EU students an opportunity to get to know each other, and to meet members of staff and representatives from the Students' Union. It will also help you become familiar with the University and settle into your studies.



Remember to ask questions if you are unsure about anything, we're here to help.

Guidance for Parents

Some information about Huddersfield and the University.

About the Town

Huddersfield is a great Yorkshire town, well-known for the friendliness of its people, exciting festivals and impressive architecture, with the University of Huddersfield at the heart of the town centre. Huddersfield's greatest asset is our local people. Huddersfield is a friendly and student focussed town (10% of the local population are students) and you will quickly feel at home here.

Huddersfield is home to a cosmopolitan multicultural and multi-faith community and it is easy to find food from your own country in affordable restaurants and shops. Historical and beautiful, Huddersfield has ancient roots that can be traced back to the 11th Century. Attractive contemporary buildings blend with stunning Victorian architecture, many green parks and beautiful canals with traditional narrow boats. The town is small enough to be safe, convenient and welcoming but as one of the UK's largest towns, it is big enough to offer diverse and vibrant cultural and social entertainment where you can relax and make more friends in your spare time.

Huddersfield is located in the heart of Yorkshire and with the convenient and affordable public transport it is straightforward to travel from the buzz of Huddersfield to some of England's most beautiful countryside. In an area of such outstanding natural beauty you can enjoy

hiking, cycling, water sports, horse riding and wildlife watching. Our location and great transport links make it quick and easy to get to know Leeds, Manchester, York and Sheffield, which are renowned for their live music scenes and streets lined with the latest fashion. Huddersfield is also a convenient base to explore the rest of the UK and Europe – London is only three hours away and we are less than an hour from Manchester International Airport.

The University

Every year we are proud to welcome students from over 130 countries to Huddersfield, who are attracted by our academic reputation, high quality courses and innovative research opportunities, all with strong links to international commerce and industry. They become part of our diverse population of 24,000 students, studying for more than 400 undergraduate and postgraduate degrees. We are a friendly and student-centred university with a strong professional orientation and a focus on employability. The University of Huddersfield is an exciting, stimulating place to learn. As a growing centre of research and academic excellence, which can trace its roots back over 180 years, the University is always pushing the boundaries of knowledge.

Huddersfield is one of the top ten UK universities for integrating paid work placements (internships) into

its courses. Every year hundreds of students enjoy work placements throughout the UK, Europe and the rest of the world, at companies including Microsoft, Panasonic, Ferrari, BMW, Bosch, Intel, Motorola, Rolls Royce, BBC, Unilever, PriceWaterhouseCoopers, HSBC and many more.

This theme of commercial relevance runs through all our courses with guest lectures and industry-sponsored projects. Our courses have been specifically developed in close collaboration with industry, commerce and practising professionals to provide you with the right knowledge and skills for the professions of today's international economy. This means that you can be confident that the investment you make in your education at Huddersfield will help you to secure a bright future and that's one of the reasons why we've got an impressive record for graduate employment; 92% of our graduates are in work or further study.

We have a strong research profile, excellent grades for teaching quality and an impressive record for graduate employment. We're an outward-looking institution and our research programmes are developing our reputation at home and abroad. Many of our academic staff are leaders in their fields. Their expertise filters into our courses which are challenging and thought-provoking.

Development

Over the last 10 years nearly £80 million has been spent on the campus and its facilities, with a further substantial investment planned. We have also spent over £3 million every year on computing resources over a three year period.

The University of Huddersfield is a successful, innovative and modern University with excellent facilities and support for students, top class teaching and many outstanding research teams. Our students consistently tell us that Huddersfield is a great place to live and learn and our graduates are bright, confident, successful people. Choose to study at the University of Huddersfield and you'll also benefit from our commitment to develop the outstanding professionals of the future.



Guidance for Parents

Some information about the services available to students.

Student Support

The University of Huddersfield considers the welfare of your son or daughter of paramount importance at all times. The aim of the University is to provide a safe and welcoming environment in which your son/daughter can reach their potential and enjoy themselves.

We understand that living and studying in a new country may seem daunting at first, so the University provides a wide range of services to ensure students settle in quickly and are well supported throughout their time at Huddersfield.

The Student Support Wellbeing Team offers support and advice to students regarding any questions or concerns they may have. They act as a point of contact on a whole variety of issues, and can also offer advice to staff, enabling them to continue supporting students within the academic department.

The University Faith Centre

This operates an 'all welcome' policy, and is open all week for students of all faiths or none to drop in and chat, to meet and make friends, drink coffee, eat lunch or just sit quietly. There are opportunities each week for worship, both ecumenically and within particular denominational or faith traditions. The Faith Centre has a community room with sofas, hot drink facilities and a wireless network, a quiet room which is used for worship services, and there are 24 hour male and female prayer rooms with washing facilities. The Faith Centre has links with all the main churches, mosques, temples and other faith groups in the town.

The Counselling Service

This exists to help students who would like to discuss any issues, offering confidential support on a one-to-one or group basis.

The JobShop

This offers current students access to local part-time work during term-time, and full-time work during the vacations. During term-time, full-time students are advised to work for no more than 15 hours per week, and almost all vacancies advertised fall within this recommendation.

The Careers and Employability Service

This service is available to all students and graduates at the University of Huddersfield up to three years after graduation. Staff offer information, advice and guidance on a wide range of career areas as well as appointments with professional careers advisers.

Academic support

Each student at the University has a Personal Tutor within their department. The purpose is to ensure that all students have a tutor with whom they can stay in regular touch, who will monitor their progress and discuss their academic development. Academic Skills Tutors are also available to provide advice and guidance on study skills, how to approach assignments and preparation for exams.

Healthcare

The University has a Health Centre adjacent to its main site. Students moving to Huddersfield are recommended to register here to enable them to receive medical care close to home. There are six doctors at this practice and students can choose whether to see a male or female doctor. This service is free, covered under the National Health Service and a number of clinics are available.

Students' Union

The Student Advice and Information Centre (SAIC) in the Students' Union is staffed by specialist trained advisers with support from trained student volunteers. It offers free, confidential and impartial advice on any query with a wide range of expertise on areas such as housing, finance and employment.

Disclaimer

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www.hud.ac.uk/international

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Remember to get as much info as you can, you never know when you'll need it.

Welcome Programmes

International welcome programme

Day/ Time	10.00	11.00	12.00	13.00	14.00	15.00	16.00	17.00 - 19.00 (Break)	19.00 - Late	19.00 - Late (SU)		
Tue 13th	Free tea/coffee, games, literature and banking advice available in the Welcome Room (BS3/06)											
Wed 14th	Campus tour ✨ Meeting in Welcome Room (BS3/06)		Welcome talk ✨		Town centre treasure hunt ✨		Shopping trip to Primark, Wilkinson's and Tesco ✨		Free time	Wii tournament ● (Faith Centre)	Bar	
			Q & A nurse (BS3/06) ✨		Free time		Coffee and cake (Faith Centre) ●					
Thu 15th	British comedy TV (Blackadder) with discussion about culture ✨ (BS3/06)		Family picnic at Greenhead Park ✨ (meet in BS3/06)			IKEA trip with drop off at uni, Storthes and Ashenhurst £5 ✨ Book in the Welcome Room (BS3/06)			Free time	Film - Hot Fuzz ● (Faith Centre)	Bar	
			Computer games tournament (upstairs in Students' Union)			Free pool table (downstairs in Students' Union)		Town centre treasure hunt ✨				
Fri 16th	Welcome talk ✨ (BS3/06)	Badminton tournament (Sports Centre)		Lunch in Students' Union ✨ (Cream tea)		Jummah (Faith Centre) ●		5 a side football (Sports Centre)		Free time	Film - Kings Speech (Buckley Lecture Theatre, Estates Building, CSL G/01)	Bar
		Campus tour (BS3/06) ✨				Free time		University challenge quiz (BS3/06) ✨				
		Q & A nurse (BS3/06) ✨				Free time		Register at Health Centre (in Health Centre)				
Sat 17th	York trip £10 ✨ Book at the Welcome Room (BS3/06)								Free time		Bar	
Sun 18th	Coach trip to Blackpool including illuminations at 19.45 - £10 ✨ Book at the Welcome Room (BS3/06)											
Thu 22nd										Students' Union International Welcome Event: (In the Fresher's marquee outside the Students' Union)		
Sat 24th	York trip - £10 ✨ (Book at the Welcome Room BS3/06)								Free time			
	Free time				Football (Huddersfield Town FC) 2pm ✨ (Book at the Welcome Room BS3/06)							
Sun 25th	9am start Liverpool trip - £10 ✨ (Book at the Welcome Room BS3/06)								Free time			

Key to symbols:

✨ If a student attends and registers at 4 different events marked with a star, they will get an **"Introduction to Life in the UK"** certificate.

● This is an event organised by the **Faith Centre**.

Unless stated otherwise sessions will take place in the Welcome Room BS3/06 in the Business School.

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