

## Choosing

### a university.

There's no right or wrong order to choose your degree and your university. It's a big decision so it's important to consider what your personal priorities are.

### League tables

- The Times HE and Guardian League tables are useful as they allow you to compare universities using league tables.
- Don't forget to check subject rankings as well as overall university rankings.
- Check out the graduate employability data which can demonstrate how employable graduates from different universities and courses are.
- Student satisfaction rates are a measure from the first hand perspective of current students.

### Location

- There are benefits to both moving away from home to go to university or staying close by, think about which you'd prefer.
- If you'll be moving away from home, research university accommodation including cost, facilities and whether you're guaranteed a place in university halls.
- You are guaranteed accommodation if you choose The University of Sheffield as your firm choice through UCAS, or you chose to join The University through Insurance, Clearing or Adjustment.
- City or Campus? A City university has all its facilities around the city. A Campus university has all its facilities based closely together.
- The University of Sheffield has the

# benefit of being a campus university based very close to the city centre.

#### **Student experience**

- University is more than just gaining a degree.
- Research the student support available, universities offer a wide range of support from study skills, to wellbeing, to mentoring.
- If you have a keen interest in a sport or hobby or want to find a new interest check out the clubs and societies offered by university students' unions.
- Find out what's on offer in the city or surrounding area in which the university is based.

### **Adding value**

- You can help to boost your employability after graduating by taking advantage of opportunities offered as part of your degree such as studying abroad or an industrial placement.
- At the University of Sheffield it's possible to study abroad or undertake an industrial placement on 95% of our courses.

### **Open days**

- All universities hold open days and campus tours throughout the year, these are great opportunities to see and experience campus for yourself.
- Virtual open days and tours can still give you an insight into how universities differ from one another and what you can expect on campus.