Exchange and study abroad at Nottingham
Why choose Nottingham?

At the University of Nottingham we are proud of our long-standing reputation as a world-class university. Thanks to our first-rate academic and support facilities, we attract students from all over the world. Many thousands of study abroad and exchange students have had an unforgettable experience at the University of Nottingham and we hope that you will join them.

In 2019, the University of Nottingham was the most international university and the best in the UK for sports, according to The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide.

A global university with over 9,000 international students

Nottingham has the buzz of the big city with a strong sense of community

nottingham.ac.uk/nottinghamlife

Less than 2 hours travel
from London and excellent transport links

Inspiring award-winning campuses

Home of Nobel prize winners in Economics and Physics

A broad range of subjects from agriculture to business

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Teaching and learning

- Wide range of modules to choose from
- Semester or year-long options
- Independent study option
- Academic support
- Student Services support
- September to June academic year

**Academic support**
There is a well-established support structure in place to assist study abroad and exchange students as they adapt to studying at the University of Nottingham.

**Student Service Centres**
The Student Service Centres provide a personal and practical approach to academic study and offer opportunities for you to develop your study skills. They also provide specialist academic support for students with dyslexia, dyspraxia and other specific learning difficulties, as well as disabled students and those with long term medical conditions. For more information, please see: nottingham.ac.uk/ssc

**Academic calendar**
The academic year in the UK runs from September to June. We work on a semester system so the autumn semester (semester one) runs from September to January and the spring semester (semester two) runs from January to June. We have two vacation periods: one at Christmas (December/January) and one at Easter (March/April). For more information, please see: nottingham.ac.uk/about/keydates

**Examinations**
Autumn semester examinations take place in mid-January and spring semester examinations take place in late May. You will be expected to be in Nottingham for the examination periods. Dates are available online: nottingham.ac.uk/academicservices/currentstudents/examinations

**Studying at Nottingham**
A student studying for one semester can take between 50 and 70 Nottingham credits per semester, or between 100 and 120 credits for the academic year. The online module catalogue offers students detailed information about each module, including the number of credits, the method of assessment and the weighting, a summary of content, the name of the module convenor and the school that is offering it. For more information, please see: nottingham.ac.uk/go/curriculumcatalogue

**Academic culture in the UK**
You may have fewer contact hours than in your home institution and find you spend about a third of your time in taught lectures and seminars and two-thirds carrying out unsupervised study and research.

**Clubs and societies**
Our Students’ Union is one of the most active in the UK:
- offers over 200 societies to choose from, all run by students for students
- over 100 volunteering opportunities
- award-winning student-run groups, including the Nottingham New Theatre, Impact magazine, URN (University Radio Nottingham) and NSTV (Nottingham Student Television Station)
- find support on financial or academic issues with Students’ Union Advice

su.nottingham.ac.uk

**Sport**
- New sports village opened in 2016
- 200-station fitness suite
- Swimming pool
- Climbing wall
- Over 70 sports clubs to choose from
- Extensive health and fitness programmes

nottingham.ac.uk/sport

**Ranked as a world top 100 university***

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*QS World University Rankings 2020
Accommodation

Guaranteed accommodation
As a study abroad or exchange student, you will be guaranteed a room in university-arranged accommodation if you firmly accept your offer and apply by the deadline specified on the website.

There are three main accommodation options at Nottingham:
- catered halls of residence
- self-catered student villages
- private rented accommodation

What you would usually get:
- your own bedroom and study area
- furniture such as a bed, desk, chairs, wardrobe and bookshelves. Many halls on campus also provide a small fridge
- a communal bathroom (shared with a few other students) or an en-suite bathroom in your room for some sites and room options
- a shared kitchen in self-catered accommodation or a shared pantry (with a kettle, toaster and microwave) in catered halls
- internet access and Wi-Fi

For details of all accommodation, please visit: nottingham.ac.uk/accommodation/prospectivestudents/exchangestudents

Accessible living
If you have a disability and need accessible accommodation, you’ll be guaranteed a suitable room in university-arranged accommodation for the duration of your studies. If you have any medical requirements, we’ll do all that we can to provide the access and facilities you need. You will need to inform us as early as possible, as students with specific requirements must be considered according to priority and availability. For more information, please see: nottingham.ac.uk/accommodation/prospectivestudents/exchangestudents/individualrequirements.aspx

Living costs
We estimate that you would need to budget for approximately £1,015 per month to cover living costs at Nottingham such as accommodation, food, books, equipment, clothes, laundry and pocket money. This does not include travel between your home country and the UK. It also depends on the type of accommodation you choose.

General requirements
To apply to the University of Nottingham you must be currently studying at an overseas university or college of higher education and have completed one year of study at your home university at point of entry. The minimum academic requirement is a GPA of at least 3.0 (or equivalent) on a 4.0 scale. You can upload an electronic copy of your official transcript as part of your online application.

English language requirements
If you are applying from a country where English is not the official/majority language, you must submit evidence of English language proficiency at the time of application. We accept IELTS Academic and Pearson PTE Academic tests of English language proficiency.

For courses within the faculties of Arts and Social Sciences and the schools of Mathematical Sciences, Pharmacy and Psychology, there is a minimum of IELTS 6.5 (no less than 6.0 in any element). In the faculties of Engineering and Science there is a minimum requirement of IELTS 6.0 (no less than 5.5 in any element).

Making an application
Once you have been nominated by your home university, you will receive guidance on how to make your application online.

We have a range of options for you to choose from, depending on the type of agreement your home university has with us and the length of your visit. It is worth bearing in mind, some options may only offer year-long modules, so wouldn’t be suitable for a semester visit.

Most modules within the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences are only available through specific agreements, so check with your study abroad advisor at your home university which schools/departments you can apply to. Further information can be found on our website here: nottingham.ac.uk/go/visitingstudents

Before you start the application form, make sure you have the following ready:
- an electronic copy of your most recent transcript
- an electronic copy of your English language certificate/test results if English is not your first language
- confirmation of nomination from your home university

Fees
As an exchange student, you still pay your tuition fees to your home university, with no tuition fees payable to us at Nottingham. If you visit outside of an exchange agreement as a Study Abroad student, you will need to pay tuition fees to Nottingham, more information can be found at: nottingham.ac.uk/go/visitingstudents