The University of Nottingham
Ningbo China (UNNC)
Ningbo, Zhejiang Province, China
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Facts
- Language of instruction: English
- Number of students enrolled: 6,431
- Number of campuses: 1
- Academic year: September-June
- Faculties: Arts & Education, Science & Engineering, Social Sciences

Location
Located in Zhejiang Province on the eastern coast of China, about 200km south of Shanghai, Ningbo is a modern city with around 7 million inhabitants. Ningbo (meaning literally ‘tranquil waves’) is a port city with a rich cultural heritage, and one of the greenest and least polluted cities in China.

Ningbo Lishe International Airport, 30 minutes drive from campus, connects Ningbo by air to the rest of China, with regularly scheduled flights.

Travel opportunities
China is a huge country with diverse geography, climate, cultures and traditions. There are a number of places worth visiting close to Ningbo. Shanghai is 30 minutes by plane or 2 hours by bus via the 88km Hangzhou Bay Bridge. Shanghai is a must-see: the largest city in China is a multicultural metropolis with an amazing mix of ancient and hi-tech Western civilisation.

China’s capital city Beijing is only a two hour flight from Ningbo. Beijing has many places of historic interest and architectural beauty including the Forbidden City, the Temple of Heaven and the world renowned Great Wall. In addition you can visit the super-modern Olympic Village, with the Bird’s Nest Stadium and Water Cube.

Hangzhou, capital of Zhejiang Province, is one of the more modern and prosperous cities in China. It sits at the southern end of the Grand Canal and is one of China’s seven ancient national capitals. Suzhou, renowned for its beautiful gardens and traditional walled architecture, is also a very popular destination among domestic and international tourists alike.

Venture out to the stunningly idyllic Mount Huangshan for a hike of a lifetime atop the 36 separate granite peaks, many rising above 1,800m (not for the faint-hearted)! Frequently shrouded in mist, the many peaks appear to float on clouds, and the scenery is typical to that of Chinese paintings.

Other areas worth visiting within China include Guangzhou, Xian, Nanjing, Tibet, Xinjiang, and Inner Mongolia. Further afield, you can travel to Hong Kong by flight from Ningbo in 2.5 hours, Seoul in 7 hours, and Tokyo in 8 hours with transit.

Climate
Ningbo is subject to a subtropical monsoon climate, with four clear seasons. The summer is warm and wet, with temperatures up to 28°C. Rainfall is highest during the monsoon season June-September. In winter temperatures drop to an average of 4°C. In September, typhoons are frequent.

Campus facilities
The campus is well-equipped with a shopping street (supermarket, coffee shop, Post Office and bank); a purpose-built sports centre (table-tennis room, gymnastics hall, eight basketball courts, an athletics field, football pitch); and a wide range of clubs and societies available on campus, including Ultimate Frisbee, Football, IT, Dance and Debating.

Finance 2017/18
Several bursaries are available for those who are accepted to study abroad at UNNC:
- Vice Chancellor’s Award for International Travel (automatic for all students): £750
- International Office Travel Bursary (mean-tested): £750 dependant on household income for students beginning their studies in 2016. Students who started their studies before 2016 should see the finance webpage, as the award criteria differs (available to students classed as Home Students for fees purposes and accepted to study abroad as part of the University-wide exchange or inter-campus programme)
- International Engineering Study Scholarships: nine scholarships of £1,000 each to students spending a full year or semester at either the China or Malaysia campuses in 2017/18. Scholarships will be awarded for academic merit, with students requiring an average mark of 65% or higher.

Approximate living costs per semester

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Approximate living costs compiled from student surveys and UNNC website.

The cost of living in Ningbo for a single international student is estimated at 2500-4000 RMB (£300-500) per month.

Accommodation
University accommodation on campus is guaranteed to all international students who apply by the accommodation deadline. Students can choose between the international hall with single rooms or four bedroom apartments with single rooms and a common room.

Further information
http://www.nottingham.edu.cn/en/international/exchanges/