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Disability support

Specialist support is also available for students with disabilities, long-term medical problems, visual or hearing impairment, autism spectrum disorder, mental health difficulties or a similar condition. For any of these issues, students can approach Disability Support in confidence.

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Mature students are an important part of our community here at the University of Nottingham.

The skills, motivation and life experience you have as a mature student can give you an advantage at university, but we understand it can still be a big decision to return to study.

A range of support and advice is available for you as a mature undergraduate student at the University of Nottingham.

Our teaching
The University of Nottingham is part of the Russell Group of universities, which sets us apart in the East Midlands for high academic standards and world-class research.

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Every aspect of our teaching addresses the intellectual and personal development of our students. Teaching is an ongoing interaction with students through course design, teaching activities, assessment and feedback.

We will help you develop the ability to ask the right questions, critically evaluate evidence and reflect on your learning. You will benefit from access to our world-class facilities.

All students can access our support network, and we have extra provisions to assist mature students on their learning journey.

Your development

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Come along to one of our activities or events to find out more about studying at the University of Nottingham as a mature student.

Wonder – June
There will be a range of exciting activities to amaze and inspire curious minds at Wonder – the University’s open day for the community. Visit the mature students’ stand in the Portland Building on the day.

nottingham.ac.uk/wonder

Mature Students’ Information Afternoon – June
Admissions staff will be on hand to answer questions which relate specifically to prospective mature students. There will also be a chance to meet current mature students and view the facilities on University Park Campus.

Subject-specific taster days – October-December
These taster days are for mature students or those studying for alternative qualifications – to give an insight into the way teaching is structured on our courses and the level of academic study involved.

Kick Start – September
Join our two-day induction event for mature students who have secured a place at the University of Nottingham before you begin your studies. Learn more about student life, brush up on your study skills and find out how to access key support services. You will also meet new and current mature students, and be able to explore our beautiful campuses.

Undergraduate Open Days and Mini Open Days – various dates
There are two University-wide Undergraduate Open Days in June and September, and Mini Open Days throughout the year. You can speak to academic staff and current students and get answers to any questions you might have.

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Entry requirements

We consider a range of qualifications and work experience when assessing applications from mature students.

The entry requirements for some undergraduate courses can be very specific. You may need to have previously studied certain modules or subjects, and have achieved a specific grade. If you’re currently deciding what to study in order to gain entry to university, you should bear this in mind when choosing your course and modules.

Other considerations
Our admissions tutors look for a combination of:

■ enthusiasm for study
■ commitment to the programme
■ relevant academic preparation – to show that you’re able to meet the demands of the course
■ the specified qualifications

They will also almost certainly require recent relevant academic preparation – to show that you’re able to meet the demands of the course and have the necessary study skills.

Alternative qualifications
Most of our academic schools and faculties accept a range of alternative qualifications, including the Access to Higher Education Diploma in a relevant pathway. Please note that specific grades in particular units may be required. Some schools will ask for additional study (usually at A level) and some do not accept Access courses if no suitable preparatory pathway exists.

Contact the Student Recruitment Enquiries Centre if you have any questions about qualifications and entry requirements.

0115 951 5559
nottingham.ac.uk/enquire

Part-time courses
We offer a small number of part-time undergraduate degree courses. This option is suitable for mature students who need to combine studying with work or family commitments.

For a full list of our part-time undergraduate courses, please see nottingham.ac.uk/pt-undergraduate-courses

For more information on upcoming events, please go to nottingham.ac.uk/mature

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