Welcome to the Department of American and Canadian Studies

We help you to explore and understand North America from multiple perspectives

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As the largest American and Canadian studies department in Europe, we offer a unique interdisciplinary approach that will expose you to a huge range of topics and ideas.

The areas we research and teach are of relevance to anyone studying English literature, history, government and politics, media or philosophy and ethics, as well as anyone interested in the historical and contemporary importance of North America, and its continuing political, cultural and social influence on the global stage.

For example:
- Political history, including the presidency and US foreign policy through to the 21st century
- Historical and contemporary approaches to race, slavery, civil rights, colonialism and immigration
- North American literature, including novels, plays, poetry, testimony and autobiography
- Cultural production ranging from popular music through to film, television and the visual arts

Our teaching expertise is driven by our excellence in research, letting us provide an unparalleled teaching experience informed by new understanding. We also offer additional volunteering and paid work opportunities, as well as the chance to study abroad for a semester in Europe, or for a year in North America as part of a four-year programme.

In this guide, we have tried to answer questions you might have on what and how we teach, what we look for in an applicant and what it is like to be a student here.

We have also included some information on the career opportunities that are open to you when you have graduated. Whatever your ambitions, our aim is to help you achieve them at Nottingham.

We hope to welcome you here soon.

Dr Susan Billingham
Head of the Department of American and Canadian Studies

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Studying American and Canadian Studies at Nottingham

The Department of American and Canadian Studies is a vibrant academic community with a focus on excellence in teaching and research.

A flexible, interdisciplinary course
As an independent and dedicated department, we have specialists in North American literature, history, film and television, cultural studies, visual art, music and politics.

You can concentrate on American studies as a single honours course or you can combine it with English, history, politics, Latin American studies or film and television studies in a joint honours course. There’s also the option to take modules in Canadian studies (see page 6), with Nottingham being one of the few universities in the UK to offer this as a named minor option.

A vibrant academic community
We are a research-active department at the forefront of our field, and have developed a long-standing commitment to integrated work. This is reflected in our research-led teaching and extensive choice of modules.

Beyond the curriculum
We host and organise regular and varied events, from large academic conferences to film festivals. We also work with other institutions, organisations and the local community on numerous collaborative projects and with schools and colleges in the local area.

At a glance
- Be part of the largest American and Canadian studies department in Europe, ranked in the top 5 in the UK*
- The department achieved a 100% overall satisfaction rating in the 2016 National Student Survey
- Spend a year studying at an American or Canadian university as part of your degree

Our courses

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Developing your academic English and study skills
The Centre for English Language Education (CELE) offers you the opportunity to develop your English language skills at one of the world’s top universities. Accredited by the British Council for the teaching of English, CELE provides high-quality teaching, facilities and support. Our presessional courses take your English language and academic skills to the level you need to progress to undergraduate study without taking IELTS again. Find out more at nottingham.ac.uk/cele

English language requirements
IELTS 7.0 (no less than 6.0 in any element). For more information and a list of the alternative English language requirements we accept, please see nottingham.ac.uk/go/alternativeredrequirements

Find out where a degree in American and Canadian studies could take you at nottingham.ac.uk/american
BA American and Canadian Literature, History and Culture | with International Study
(Three or four-year course)

These courses provide you with the opportunity to study the literature, history, politics, music, visual arts and popular culture of the United States of America and Canada.

The analytical and research skills you develop will help you gain in-depth knowledge of major literary theories, political ideas and historical debates as they relate to the North American context.

Among the major intellectual benefits of this degree will be your ability to interpret, analyse and evaluate evidence across a range of different materials. You will also gain additional research, written and oral communication and presentation skills.

If your degree includes a year abroad (T704), this will give you greater insights into North American society and culture, and you will also prove you are resourceful, independent and can adapt to new situations.

Year one
Year one introduces you to the basic themes and events of American history and culture, the key authors and texts of American literature, as well as Canadian literature, film and culture.

If you are on the three-year course (T700), you will have the opportunity at the end of year one to apply for a transfer onto the four-year course with a year abroad.

Year two
In addition to core modules in North American Regions and Key Texts in American Social and Political Thought, which develop themes covered in year one, you can choose from a range of specialised modules that will allow you to study certain periods, events, authors or texts in more depth.

Year three
In year three, you will continue to extend the process of specialisation you began in year two. You will write a dissertation on a subject of your choice, and select a range of advanced-level modules in North American history, literature, culture and film, led by staff who are active researchers in these areas.

The four-year course (T704)
If you are enrolled on the four-year course, or choose to transfer in year one, you will spend year three in North America and then return to Nottingham for your final year. On the four-year degree you will have a wide choice of modules available at your American or Canadian university, which will complement and extend those subjects studied at Nottingham. On returning to Nottingham, your final year will follow the same structure as year three of T700.

For more detailed course content visit nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/american

Typical modules

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Studying American studies at Nottingham was the best decision I could have made. The range of modules on offer allows you to tailor the degree to your strengths and, more importantly, your interests.

Rebecca Kerrigan, BA American and Canadian Literature, History and Culture with International Study
BA American Studies and English

This wide-ranging and diverse course combines the study of English and American literatures and cultures.

You will take a comparative view of the development of English and American literatures and cultures, studying authors such as Conrad, Joyce and Virginia Woolf in England, and Twain, Faulkner and Toni Morrison in America.

You’ll also be able to choose optional modules in specialist areas, such as African American literature, English language in a global and digital age, ethnic and immigrant writing and American and British theatre. The development of transatlantic and postcolonial literary cultures are also explored on this course.

Year one
In American studies, you will be introduced to key themes and issues in American literature, covering major authors, texts and literary movements from the early 1800s to the present day. You will also take a multidisciplinary module that explores the interaction of literature, media and the broader cultural scene in a Canadian context. In English, you will choose three out of four modules.

Year two
In American studies, you will broaden your knowledge by taking the module North American Regions, which analyses diverse literary and cultural texts. You will also select from a range of specialised modules allowing you to study certain periods, events, authors or texts in more depth. In English, you will choose from a wide range of options to develop a deeper understanding of the issues and critical approaches across at least two areas of the discipline, depending on what areas of literature, language, medieval studies and drama most interest you.

International study year (optional)
If you are registered for the four-year programme, you will attend a major North American university for one year.

Final year
You will specialise further and, by the end of the degree, will be expected to show initiative in your work and have some independence of judgement. In American studies, you will write a dissertation which might compare topics within the fields of British and North American literature and culture. You will also choose from a selection of advanced-level modules in North American history, literature, culture and film. In English, you will choose from a range of advanced-level options enabling you to specialise in key areas.

For more information on the English element of your course see nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/english

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For more detailed course content visit nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/american
BA American Studies and History

On this programme you will study large spans of national and continental histories and contexts.

You will study America within the context of its historical development as a superpower. You will also examine key historical themes and developments across both departments, for example, war, revolution, political protest and international power.

Year one

Your American studies core modules introduce you to the key themes, issues and events in American history from the pre-colonial period to the present day. You will also take a multidisciplinary module which explores cultural forms such as painting, photography, film and music in a historical and social context. The core history module reflects on the nature of history as a discipline and helps you to develop the skills required for the researching, writing and debating of history.

International study year (optional)

If you are registered for the four-year programme, you will attend a major North American university for one year.

Final year

The final year provides the opportunity to extend your analysis of specialist themes and develop your research skills through independent study. In American studies, you will choose from a wide selection of advanced-level modules in North American history, literature, culture and film. You will also write a dissertation on a subject of your choice. The dissertation may be used to compare key historical debates and themes across both departments of your joint honours programme.

In history, you will choose from a range of advanced-level options enabling you to specialise in key areas, further develop your understanding of historiography and refine your source analysis skills.

For more information about the history element of your course see nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/history

The core history module is The Contemporary World since 1945, which deals with global, political and economic, social and cultural, environmental and demographic developments, and key historical debates about the origins of the world in which we live.

In both departments you will be able to select more specific optional modules from an extensive choice, covering a wide chronological and geographical range. These options will allow you to focus on certain periods, events, or texts in more depth.

Year two

You will broaden and deepen your understanding of American and global history while developing your interests through more specialist optional modules.

In American studies, you will take the core module Key Texts in American Social and Political Thought, which explores debates about religion, race, class, capitalism, gender, sexuality and war in different periods.

For more detailed course content visit nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/american

A year spent abroad proved essential in strengthening my understanding of the US. Studying abroad is one of the best ways to gain a greater appreciation of American culture, and also enhance self-confidence and independence.

Ellie Fish, BA American and Canadian Literature, History and Culture with International Study

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BA American Studies and Latin American Studies

This programme provides you with a unique opportunity to study the Americas from a comparative and hemispheric perspective.

Study the Spanish language to degree level and combine your language study with modules on the history, culture, politics, literature and film of the US, Canada and Latin America.

Year one
You will gain the core skills, knowledge, and methods needed to work at degree level by taking introductory modules in the history, literature, culture and languages of the Americas.

In American studies, you will choose between introductory modules on the basic themes and events of US history, or the key authors and texts of American literature, from European settlement to the present. You will also take a multidisciplinary module that explores the interaction of literature, media and the broader cultural scene in a Canadian context.

In Latin American studies, you will begin a structured course in the Spanish language to take you to degree level, and you will be introduced to aspects of Spanish American and Brazilian history, culture and art to complement your study of North America.

Year two
In American studies, you will continue to develop a multidisciplinary approach by taking a survey of North American Regions, which complements the year one surveys of history and literature. You will also select from a range of specialised modules to enable you to study certain periods, events, authors or texts in more depth. In Latin American studies, you will develop your knowledge of Spanish to prepare you for the year abroad and deepen your understanding of more aspects of Spanish American and Brazilian history, culture, cinema and literature.

Year three
This year is usually spent in Spanish America, either studying in a higher education institution, or working as an assistant in a school.

In American studies, you will continue to develop your research skills through independent study. You will select from a wide variety of advanced-level modules in both subject areas, while continuing to develop your Spanish language.

In American studies, you will also write a dissertation on a subject of your choice, providing a valuable opportunity for multidisciplinary and comparative study of the degree’s joint elements. For example, you might examine US-Latin American foreign relations, or patterns of migration, labour and activism across different regions of the Americas.

For more information on the Latin American element of your course see nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/spanish

Year four
Year four provides the opportunity to extend your analysis of specialist themes and develop your research skills through independent study.

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For more detailed course content visit nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/american
BA Film and Television Studies and American Studies

This course combines multidisciplinary American studies with the study of global film, television and other screen media, to which American artists and industries have contributed substantially across media history.

One strand of the course interrogates film and television as art forms and industries, locating them within specific historical and social contexts. The other strand approaches North American literature, history, politics, art and music, situating the US, Canada and ethnic and regional American cultures in transnational and global perspectives.

Year one
In year one, you have the choice of taking core modules in either American history or American literature. You will also take a multidisciplinary module exploring the relationship between film, literature and culture in the Canadian context. In film and television studies you will engage in multidisciplinary activity in addition to core studies in film and television history, production cultures, the analysis of film texts and key critical perspectives, and the contexts of film and television consumption.

Year two
Year two broadens and deepens your understanding of core concepts. In American studies, a survey of North American Regions extends your understanding of American society and cultural forms. You will also select optional modules from a range which covers particular periods, events, themes, genres, authors and texts in greater depth. In film and television studies you will explore how film and television converge in the contemporary media landscape.

Year three
In year three, you will continue and extend the process of specialisation promoted in year two. You will write an original research dissertation and follow a programme of advanced study in a choice of modules in film and television and in North American history, literature and culture.

For more information on the film and television studies element of your course see nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/cfm

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BA Politics and American Studies

This degree combines the study of American history and culture with the study of government and politics in a broader context. It allows you to specialise in the history of political ideas, institutions and international relations. On the American studies side of your degree, you will also have the option to take modules in American literature, popular culture and media if you wish.

Year one
In year one you will typically take modules in international relations, political theory, and comparative politics, as well as American history and culture. You will learn to compare political institutions and behaviour in Western liberal democracies, gaining a thorough understanding of the history of political ideas.

Year two
In year two, you will be able to choose from a range of options in order to start tailoring your degree to your interests and career aspirations. In politics and international relations you will choose one core module and will have free choice of two additional modules from the school. In American studies, you will take the core module, Key Texts in American Social and Political Thought along with other options.

International study year (optional)
If you are registered for the four-year programme, you will attend a major North American university for one year.

Final year
In your final year, you will undertake a dissertation on a topic of your choice in either politics or American studies. You will be allocated a dedicated supervisor and will also take optional modules from a wide selection to make up your remaining credits.

For more information on the politics element of your course see: nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/politics

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I can only describe my experience at University of Nottingham as life-affirming. Through the great selection of modules available, I have gained an excellent insight into what areas of study and practice I would like to pursue in my future career. I’ve also had the amazing opportunity to study abroad for a year.

Zoe Charlery, BA Politics and American Studies with International Study

For more detailed course content visit: nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/american
Study abroad

If you are on a four-year course, you will spend your third year abroad (subject to satisfactory academic performance). If you are on a three-year course, you will complete your degree at Nottingham.

A year’s study at an American or Canadian university is an integral part of the four-year programme. You will be expected to follow an approved course of study at your exchange university, although the grades attained there will not contribute to your overall degree result.

Transfer to the four-year programme

If you follow the single honours BA American and Canadian Literature, History and Culture programme, you will enter either the three-year (T700) or four-year (T704) degree. Once registered, we cannot guarantee that you will be able to transfer between the two programmes, although if academic performance, personal or financial circumstances make the year abroad a problem, we would seek to accommodate a transfer to the three-year course. All joint honours students will initially enter the three-year degree.

Exchange universities

Our exchange partners with whom we currently have links include the following:

**United States of America:**
- University of New Mexico, Albuquerque
- Georgia State University, Atlanta
- Louisiana State University
- Baton Rouge
- Texas A&M University, College Station
- College of New Jersey, Ewing
- University of Florida, Gainesville
- Mercer University, Macon, Georgia
- Butler University, Indianapolis
- SUNY at Albany, New York
- SUNY at Binghamton, New York
- College of Charleston, South Carolina
- Middlebury College, Vermont
- Emory & Henry College, Virginia
- Wisconsin-La Crosse, Wisconsin

**Canada:**
- University of Calgary, Calgary
- Carleton University, Ottawa
- Western University, London, Ontario
- York University, Toronto
- University of British Columbia, Vancouver

It is not always possible to guarantee you a place at a particular exchange institution, but we do our best to cater for individual preferences. Our North American exchange partners may also require that you achieve certain minimum overall grades in year one.

Joint honours degrees

At the end of year one, if you are interested in spending a year at a university in North America, you will be able to apply to transfer to the four-year international study programme. Acceptance will depend on academic performance and the number of places available at our North American university partners.

Funding overseas study

Time spent in a structured way in the USA or Canada is a great addition to the academic study of those countries.

We believe that the year abroad is extremely good value, but it does entail expense. You will pay reduced tuition fees of around £1,385 to Nottingham for the year abroad, and in addition you will pay travel, room and board costs, normally directly to your host university, or find private, off-campus accommodation. Approximate costs range between £6,500 and £12,500 depending on location of institution.

If you are in receipt of loans, grants and/or bursaries, these will continue as normal for the year abroad, and you may qualify for additional financial support for overseas study. However, you need to be fully aware of the financial implications, and it is important that you and your parents, or whoever may be funding you, are aware of the extra costs that are involved.

The Erasmus scheme*

The Erasmus scheme provides funding for students who wish to study in Europe. You’ll attend a European institution where a range of courses in American studies (taught in English) and a variety of other disciplines, including politics, history, literature, sociology and cultural studies, and languages, are available. Participating students will receive a contribution (currently between £300 and £400) on top of their regular sources of income towards travel and living expenses.

Some students on the four-year degree programme elect to spend six months of their year abroad in North America and six months in Europe. Find out more at nottingham.ac.uk/clas/year-abroad

University-wide/Universitas 21 Partners

Due to International Office limitations these partners may only offer one semester, which means you will need to pair this with a semester in Europe to fulfil the year abroad requirements.

- University of Maryland, College Park
- University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- Concordia University, Montreal
- McGill University, Montreal
- University of Connecticut, Storrs
- University of Arizona, Tucson
- University of British Columbia, Vancouver

*Please note that Britain’s exit from the EU if and when executed may affect the Erasmus scheme. For more information see nottingham.ac.uk/clas/about/eu-referendum-2016

My year abroad was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. I had the chance to study on American terms and gain a whole new perspective on topics I had already had exposure to at Nottingham.

Anna Brown, BA American Studies with English
Engaging study, incredible results

Within each degree, there are three types of modules: core, optional and subsidiary. Depending on whether your course is single or joint honours, the proportions of these types of module will vary.

Your week
A typical week for single honours and joint honours students will entail three or four seminars, perhaps a tutorial to plan essay work or discuss how you are doing on a particular course, and around six lectures. The remainder of your working week will be taken up with preparation and essay writing.

Student support
The department and its parent school (The School of Cultures, Languages and Area Studies) offer a very supportive environment for students, with a well-developed personal tutor system, a disability liaison officer and a staff-student committee in which students express their views on school matters.

AmeriCan Society
Our student-run society is open to all American and Canadian Studies students and is a brilliant opportunity to enhance your university experience, both in your academic and social life. As well as organising sports and social activities, AmeriCan Society contributes to the:

- arrangement of discussion forums (for example, on presidential elections or on core issues in social justice and race and rights)
- invitation of visiting lecturers and writers
- organisation of visits to exhibitions and conferences
- planning of popular events, such as the first-year party and the Thanksgiving Dinner

Library and computing services
As an American and Canadian studies student at Nottingham, you will benefit from access to an extensive collection of printed and online library resources. In addition, you will have both on and off-campus access to a very wide range of databases, ejournals and ebooks, relevant both to your subject and any subsidiary modules in other subjects.

How will I be assessed?
Progress is monitored each semester using a variety of methods including exams and assessed coursework. The exam in any module is not normally weighted more than 50% of the full assessment. Although you must pass year one modules to progress to year two, the marks do not count towards the final degree qualification. This is progressively weighted towards work done in the later stages of the degree to allow for your development. In the final year, you will write a dissertation. The final classification of your degree is determined by a combination of your second and final-year grades.

For more information about studying American and Canadian studies visit nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/american
How to apply

All applications for an undergraduate place to study at University of Nottingham, including applications by international students, must be made through UCAS. Applications should be made online at ucas.com and candidates will be notified of decisions through UCAS Track.

Your personal statement
This is the section of your UCAS form that tells us most about you, and you should make the best use of it. Be as specific and detailed as you can – we would like to see that you are a student who can work hard, be self-motivated and make the best possible use of the opportunities that our courses offer you. We would also like to hear about any skills you have gained through extracurricular activities.

Alternative qualifications
In this guide you will find our A level entry requirements but we accept a much broader range of qualifications. These include:
- Access to HE Diploma
- Advanced Diploma
- BTEC HND/HNC
- BTEC Extended Diploma
- Cambridge Pre-U
- International Baccalaureate
- Irish Leaving Certificate
- Scottish Advanced Highers
- Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced Diploma

This list is not exhaustive; we will consider applicants with other qualifications on an individual basis. Please contact us to discuss the suitability of your qualification.

Flexible admissions policy
We recognise that some educational and personal circumstances affect achievement. If we judge that you have experienced circumstances that have adversely affected your achievement, we will consider them when assessing your academic potential. Some courses may vary the offer as a result. For the most up to date information about our offers, please see the entry requirements section of our course pages on our online prospectus. For more information about this policy, please see nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/applying

Mature applicants
We encourage applications from mature applicants who have a significant gap in education. You should apply in the normal way through UCAS. More information for mature students can be found at nottingham.ac.uk/mature

International applicants
The University provides a range of information and advice for international applicants. If you are unable to attend an open day, we can meet you in your country at one of our overseas events or arrange an individual visit to the University. For further information please visit nottingham.ac.uk/go/international-applicants

Deferred entry
Applicants who wish to defer their entry by a year will not be at a disadvantage. Please tell us something about your plans for your gap year in your UCAS personal statement.

Equal opportunities policy
The University aims to create the conditions whereby students and staff are treated solely on the basis of their merits, abilities and potential, regardless of gender, race, colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin, age, socio-economic background, disability, religious or political beliefs, trade union membership, family circumstances, sexual orientation or other irrelevant distinction.

We also offer entry with A levels at BCC through Arts and Humanities BA Courses with a Foundation Year. Find out more at nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/artsfoundation

Over one-third of our UK students receive our means-tested core bursary, worth up to £2,000 a year. For details, see nottingham.ac.uk/financialsupport

For more information about applying visit nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/applying
World class for employability

We like to keep in contact with our former students, tracking their career paths, and our latest figures confirm that the department’s graduates are very employable.

American studies undergraduates learn different skills and are flexible in their outlook because they have not become over-specialised, and have studied, and usually experienced, at least one other culture.

The international reputation of the University is an important factor for employers and the department enjoys an excellent graduate employment record. Students on our three-year courses benefit from taking classes alongside students from our China and Malaysia campuses, gaining exposure to a wide variety of cultural perspectives. Through their year of study abroad, students taking the four-year option will be able to demonstrate adaptability, independence and initiative, among other desirable qualities.

Student Ambassadors module
In your final year, you will be eligible for the Student Ambassadors module, which provides in-school placement for teaching experience in your preferred subject area.

92% of first-degree graduates in the department available for employment secured work or further study within six months of graduation.*

£19,065 was the average starting salary with the highest being £28,600.*

Recent graduate destinations:
- business – advertising, international sales
- education – schools through to universities
- further training – education, postgraduate study in the UK, Europe and America
- government – local government, civil service, social work, armed forces
- media – journalism, radio, television, publishing

Careers and Employability Service
Our Careers and Employability Service has a team dedicated to students within the Faculty of Arts. They will be on hand to offer you specialist support and guidance throughout your degree and for life after you graduate.

Whether you need help writing a CV, preparing for an interview or exploring career ideas, you can book one-to-one appointments or come along to a workshop. Each term there is also an exciting events schedule, bringing you face-to-face with employers offering real-life insight into their professions. For more information see nottingham.ac.uk/careers

The Nottingham Advantage Award
The award-winning Nottingham Advantage Award recognises and rewards your extracurricular activities. With a choice of over 200 modules, you can hone the key skills employers want. From developing your leadership skills and learning a language to public speaking and volunteering, you will leave university with demonstrable experience that sets you apart from other graduates. For further information see nottingham.ac.uk/advantage

Watch The Apprentice star and American and Canadian studies graduate, Rebecca Jeffery, talk about how the skills she acquired from her degree helped her career at nottingham.ac.uk/american/undergraduate

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My time at Nottingham instilled in me a strong sense of self-motivation that I use in my career today. The networking skills I learned at university have proved particularly valuable in the working world.

Anastasia Emmanuel, BA American and Canadian History, Literature and Culture with International Study, now working as a Crowdfunding Consultant and Go-to-Market Specialist

* Known destinations of full-time home first-degree undergraduates 2014/15. Salaries are calculated based on those in full-time paid employment within the UK.
Experience it in a world beyond ordinary

There’s so much for you to get involved in and explore at the University and around the city. Whether you’re interested in sports, learning a language or just having fun with friends alongside studying, you’ll be spoilt for choice.

Getting involved in your Students’ Union
University of Nottingham Students’ Union (UoNSU) is a brilliant, diverse community, and whether you are an undergraduate or postgraduate, first-year or final-year student, you are a part of it. With 300+ student-led groups, clubs and societies, hundreds of volunteering opportunities and support for every stage of your university journey, your Students’ Union offers something for everyone. Find out more: su.nottingham.ac.uk

Your new home from home
At Nottingham we offer a wide range of room types across the campuses in both catered and self-catered accommodation. From standard single rooms with shared bathrooms to large en-suite studios and flats, there’s something to suit every budget and personal choice. For current pricing and to review all accommodation options please visit nottingham.ac.uk/accommodation

Exploring your new city
Nottingham city centre is around a 10-minute bus ride away from University Park Campus, so you’re always close to the action. There are plenty of music venues, from the world-famous Rock City to the Motorpoint Arena or one of the smaller gig venues for a more intimate live show. If you enjoy shopping, there are independent boutiques and vintage shops as well as high street names in our large shopping centres. Nottingham is also a hotspot for dining, with a great choice of cuisines on offer. Find out more: nottingham.ac.uk/nottinghamlife

Sport
The University of Nottingham is one of the UK’s leading universities for sport and is currently ranked 4th in the university sport rankings*. We have one of the biggest portfolios of sports facilities in the country including the brand new £40m David Ross Sports Village. We also have a rich heritage of supporting Olympic medallists and we have more than 70 student sports clubs to choose from.

Find out more: nottingham.ac.uk/sport

*British Universities and Colleges Sport Standings, 2015-16.

Your support network
Throughout your university journey there will be numerous people on hand to support and advise you, including tutors and dedicated staff. We have Student Service Centres on all three of our UK campuses, which provide a range of support, information and specialist services. Find out more: nottingham.ac.uk/studentservices

Take your studies abroad
We have one of the UK’s largest programmes for international study, allowing students to spend time studying at a partner university in another country. Spending a semester abroad is a fantastic opportunity to broaden your understanding of your subject and gain international experience that’s distinct from your year abroad.

Find out more: nottingham.ac.uk/studywithus/studyabroad

Learn a language
The University’s Language Centre gives you the opportunity to study a language alongside your course. All languages are offered from beginners’ level with some going up to near native competency. There are nine languages to choose from: Modern Standard Arabic, Dutch, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Mandarin Chinese, Russian, and Spanish. Find out more: nottingham.ac.uk/language-centre
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