Welcome to the Department of Archaeology

Thank you for your interest in studying archaeology at The University of Nottingham. This brochure is designed to provide you with information on the Department of Archaeology and the courses we offer.

Archaeology, which studies the past through material remains, is the best way to approach the full range of human history from the first hunter-gatherers to the complex societies of the medieval period. Archaeology – whether experienced through field work, in a museum or a lab, or as a student – is an exciting discipline, where new discoveries are constantly being made, and is one of the few where undergraduates are involved in real cutting-edge research. As an interdisciplinary subject that incorporates arts, science and social sciences, it is also great preparation for many careers.

We look forward to welcoming you to The University of Nottingham, one of the world’s leading universities. We have approximately 180 undergraduate students studying for honours degrees in the department, and our students come from all over the world and from all kinds of backgrounds. Wherever you are from, you will find our department a happy, friendly place to study.

In this brochure, 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 completed your degree course.

If we have not answered all your questions, please contact us using the details on page 38 or visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/archaeology

Good luck with your studies and your applications, wherever you choose to study.

Professor Julian Henderson
Head of the Department of Archaeology

Don’t forget to watch our videos and hear from staff and students in the Faculty of Arts: www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/watch-artsfaculty
Why study archaeology at Nottingham?

Through archaeology we learn of our past by studying material remains. Archaeologists study all periods ranging from the earliest origins of humanity to later prehistoric and historically documented societies. For the latter, it can provide information about aspects for which documentary records are sparse or absent. Fresh discoveries and new theories make it a challenging and stimulating discipline.

Academic excellence
The department has an international reputation and has attracted staff from across the world. Teaching is informed by the research interests of staff members. You can find more details about our staff and their research at www.nottingham.ac.uk/archaeology/people

In the latest Research Excellence Framework, 96% of our research was judged as being of international standard.

Student support
Our staff and students form a community, sharing a common enthusiasm for the past. The importance of pastoral care and support is recognised as a key aspect of our responsibility.

You will be assigned a personal tutor who will monitor your academic progress and act as a point of first contact in the event that you encounter any difficulties with your studies.

Our students are encouraged to develop their own specialist interests, to be involved in the research and field projects carried out by staff, and to study in the relaxed and informal atmosphere which is so much a part of the department's character.

Student societies
The Archaeology Society is a student-run body which is closely linked to the department. Activities include field trips, guest speakers, quiz nights and parties. In addition to this, the Students’ Union (SU) has more than 200 societies and 70 sports clubs. The SU runs its own radio and television stations, theatre and magazine, and has one of the largest student-run fundraising groups in Europe.

Facilities and resources
The department has dedicated in-house laboratory facilities for the study of archaeological materials, including the scientific analysis of glass, metals and ceramics and the study of animal and plant remains. There is also a dedicated microscope laboratory and the microanalysis research facility equipped with an electron microprobe for undertaking detailed analysis of materials. Find out more at www.nottingham.ac.uk/archaeology/about

Library and computing services
The main library for archaeology is the Hallward Library located at a central site on University Park Campus. To find out about the wide range of facilities and resources on offer, visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/library/hallward

Manuscripts and Special Collections archive
A place of specific relevance to archaeology students is The University of Nottingham Museum, which houses extensive collections of archaeological material from the East Midlands, including many finds from the nearby Roman town of Margidunum and medieval finds from Nottingham’s famous caves. The museum is open to the public and there are many opportunities for students to get involved behind the scenes and with the museum’s outreach programme. For more information visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/museum

Available equipment includes A3/A4 and slide scanners, a copystand and camera, a video camera, graphics tabs and graphic software including Adobe Photoshop, InDesign and Illustrator, AutoCAD, Final Cut Pro and 3ds MAX. The centre also houses a collection of more than 80,000 humanities slides. For more information, visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/humanities/digital

The University’s museum is based on University Park Campus.
**Degree courses**

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**Modular degrees**

Almost all undergraduate degree programmes at the University are modular, which means you undertake modules of study with assessment at the end of each semester. Under the modular system, you will normally be required to take modules totalling 60 credits in each semester.

To graduate with a degree from The University of Nottingham you must take 360 credits of modules – 120 in each year of study. Each module is usually worth 10 or 20 credits – the higher the number of credits, the greater the amount of work on the module. The first year is a qualifying year, which means your degree classification will be determined by the work completed in your second and final years.

**Single honours degrees**

In your three years at Nottingham you will take a combination of compulsory and optional modules, mainly from those offered by the Department of Archaeology but also with a choice of subsidiary modules from outside the department, particularly in your first and second years. For example, you may choose to take modules in classics, history or philosophy. Alternatively, you might wish to continue studying a language learned at school or college, or begin an entirely new language. A full list of subsidiary modules will be available at registration each year.

**Joint honours degrees**

A joint honours degree is split evenly between your two subjects, so the archaeology half of your degree is normally made up of 60 credits each year (although regulations for some joint honours courses allow a 50/70 split each year to accommodate your module choices). Each year of your course will consist of core and optional modules in both degree subjects.

Please note that this brochure contains information on archaeology and on the archaeology contribution to your course. If you are considering applying for a joint honours course, you should also look for information from the other school or department involved on our online prospectus: www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy

**Field work**

As part of your degree you will participate in field work, either on a departmental research project or a project of your choice outside the University. The minimum requirement is 20 days for single honours students and 10 days for joint honours students. The costs of this are wholly or partly covered by a field work allowance from the University. Precise costs depend on the project, with overseas field work normally requiring you to make some contribution.

**Dissertation**

In your final year you will undertake a dissertation or independent research project on a subject that particularly interests you. Some students carry out further work on a topic introduced in a module they’ve studied previously, others write on a topic agreed after discussion with tutors. If you are doing a joint honours degree, the dissertation can be taken in either discipline. The dissertation is particularly good if you plan to undertake postgraduate study, as it will give you experience of the self-motivation and discipline required to carry out a relatively large project. If there is something you’ve always wanted to write about, it might end up being your dissertation topic!
Single honours

BA Archaeology
This course aims to introduce you to the discipline of archaeology and to explain how archaeologists use evidence to interpret the past. You will progress from the first-year core modules to more in-depth, theme or period-based options in the second and third years. The course is flexible to allow you to choose the modules that interest you the most after gaining a foundation knowledge of the subject during your first year. It is compulsory for you to gain excavation or other relevant professional experience in the UK or overseas.

By the end of your course, you will have an understanding of theory and practice in archaeology, a broad view of human culture from the Palaeolithic to the medieval period, and an in-depth understanding of certain areas and periods. You will also have carried out your own archaeological research.

Year one
In the first year, you will be introduced to the discipline of archaeology, understanding the past through the study of its material remains. This is achieved by studying the general principles and methods of how archaeological sites and remains are recovered and interpreted, and to seeing how our knowledge of Britain’s past, from prehistory until the Middle Ages, is illuminated by archaeology.

Year two
In the second year, more advanced modules continue your progress in understanding the principles and practice of archaeology. You will also be able to explore how different types of archaeological evidence can be studied, ranging from standing buildings to human remains.

In addition you will be able to undertake optional modules on underwater archaeology and the archaeology of Europe and the Mediterranean.

Year three
Your final year gives you the chance to undertake your own research project which you will write up as a dissertation. The rest of the year is taken up with a variety of modules of your own choosing from the wide range offered by the department. The department offers modules covering the full range of archaeology from prehistory to the medieval period.

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BSc Archaeology

Archaeology bridges the sciences and the humanities. During your BSc in Archaeology, you will develop your knowledge of the scientific techniques that archaeologists use to study ancient societies, and learn to integrate scientific approaches with human perspectives on the past.

Year one is the same as the BA Archaeology course. In the second year, specialised elements of the Archaeological Evidence modules allow you to develop your knowledge of scientific archaeology, which is then enhanced by third year core and optional modules. It is compulsory for you to gain excavation or other relevant professional experience in the UK or overseas.

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BA Historical Archaeology

Historical archaeology is the study of the material remains of past societies with written records, from the empires of the ancient world, through the medieval and post-medieval periods, up to the present day. The BA in Historical Archaeology aims to introduce you to the discipline of archaeology and to explain how archaeologists use evidence to interpret the past.

You will study the whole span of human history, with a focus on the material culture, buildings and historic landscapes of Britain, Europe and the Mediterranean from the ancient world to modern times. It is compulsory for you to gain excavation or other relevant professional experience in the UK or overseas. Year one is the same as BA Archaeology with an additional core module, Medieval to Modern: Historical Archaeology, AD 1400-2000. The second year includes further core modules in historical archaeology, while the third year includes a wide range of optional modules on historical periods.

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Joint honours

BA Ancient History and Archaeology
This course emphasises both the common ground between ancient history and archaeology and the different approaches of the two disciplines. It is suited to those who wish to approach an understanding of the ancient world through the material, literary and documentary evidence. Study of Greek or Latin is not required, but may be undertaken as part of the course. It is compulsory for you to gain excavation or other relevant professional experience in the UK or overseas.

In your first year you will receive an introduction to the history and culture of Greece and Rome and their receptions. You will also be introduced to archaeological methodologies and the archaeology of Britain. In year two you will undertake more specialised modules in ancient history and archaeological research, as well as undertaking optional modules on the archaeology of Europe and the Mediterranean.

For more information on the ancient history element of your degree, please see www.nottingham.ac.uk/classics

BA Archaeology and History
This course is aimed at students who want to explore the past from different angles. In archaeology – the study of the past through material remains – you will be able to study the theory and practice of the discipline as well as the archaeology of Europe, the Mediterranean and the wider world. In history, you will begin with a general outline of European world history. The rest of your history course will be made up of modules that cover 500 CE to the present. It is compulsory for you to gain excavation or other relevant professional experience in the UK or overseas.

In your first year you will be introduced to archaeological methods and the archaeology of Britain from prehistory until the early modern period, as well as the study of history as a discipline. In the second year you will undertake more specialised modules on archaeological research methods, as well as optional modules on European and Mediterranean archaeology, while in history you will focus on the post-1945 world as well as undertaking optional modules on the Anglo Saxon and later periods. You will write a dissertation either in archaeology or history in your third year, and take advanced modules looking in detail at specific themes.

For more information on the classical civilisation element of your degree, please see www.nottingham.ac.uk/classics

Typical modules for VVC4, QV84 and VV14

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<td>• Rome to Revolution: Historical Archaeology of Britain</td>
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“I chose my degree because I felt it would be fun and is a subject that I feel passionate about. I enjoy the practical aspects of archaeology at Nottingham – we do a lot of field work and there are options to go abroad as the course progresses.”

Archaeology student
BA Archaeology and History of Art

This course offers the opportunity to explore the ways in which material culture and art are studied. You will explore the theory, methods and practice of archaeology and gain a detailed understanding of the archaeology of Europe and the Mediterranean, while at the same time fully understanding aspects of western art history and theory.

Field work and trips are also part of the course, and as part of your degree you will gain excavation experience in the UK and/or overseas.

For more information on the history of art element of your degree, please see www.nottingham.ac.uk/history-of-art

BA Archaeology and Geography

On this course you will receive a balanced training in relevant aspects of physical, human, regional and technical geography. The archaeology modules provide a core understanding of archaeological method and theory, environmental archaeology, ancient technologies, and the archaeology of Europe, the Mediterranean and the wider world. Your technical training will include cartography, statistical techniques and computing.

As part of your degree you will gain archaeological excavation experience in the UK and/or overseas.

For more information on the geography element of your degree, please see www.nottingham.ac.uk/geography

**Typical modules for LV74**

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- Understanding the Past – Introduction to Archaeology  
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- Bones, Bodies and Burials: The Archaeology of Death  
- Forests to Farmers: Prehistoric Archaeology of Britain  
- Great Discoveries in Archaeology  
- Rome to Revolution: Historical Archaeology of Britain  
Plus between 50 and 60 credits of modules from the School of Geography and up to 10 credits from other schools and departments. | Core module:  
- Archaeological Research: Theory and Practice  
Plus between 30 and 50 more credits of archaeology modules and between 50 and 70 credits of geography modules.  
See page 9 for optional modules in archaeology. | Core modules:  
- Dissertation in archaeology  
Or  
- Dissertation in geography and independent research project in archaeology  
Plus modules from each honours subject, depending on your choice of dissertation subject, to bring your total credits to 120 (a total of 60 credits in each honours subject).  
See page 9 for optional modules in archaeology. |

**Typical modules for VV43**

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- Rome to Revolution: Historical Archaeology of Britain  
- Understanding the Past – Introduction to Archaeology  
Plus 60 credits of modules from the Department of History of Art, including two core introductory history of art modules. | Core module:  
- Archaeological Research: Theory and Practice  
Plus 40 more credits of archaeology modules and 60 credits of history of art modules.  
See page 9 for optional modules in archaeology. | Core modules:  
- Independent research project in archaeology  
Or  
- Dissertation in archaeology  
Plus modules from each honours subject, to bring your total credits to 120 (a total of 60 credits in each honours subject).  
See page 9 for optional modules in archaeology. |

For more detailed module information, please visit the individual course listings at www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy
How will I study?

Our courses are delivered through lectures, seminars, tutorials and one-to-one supervision for the dissertation. The aim is to stimulate your curiosity and provide you with essential information by means of lectures in the first instance, so as to establish a solid grounding in the core of the subject. In addition, all tutors have office hours when you can talk privately with them about your work.

Lectures
Lectures are the most formal type of instruction and are valuable in that they:
• present information which is not readily available in books
• can give you an opportunity to hear a specialist develop a significant (perhaps as yet unpublished) argument
• show visual material – for example, slides, CDs, PowerPoint images and DVDs or video clips

Seminars
In seminars you will be taught with a group of fellow students, with discussion focusing on a text or topic you’ve previously prepared, in an atmosphere that is friendly and informal. The purpose of the seminar is to provide an opportunity to try out new ideas and to think through difficulties with the support of fellow learners. Students often establish friendships through seminar groups, as well as learning more about other people’s ideas.

Most modules combine lecture and seminar instruction, so you will have a chance to discuss and question the material presented in lectures.

Your week
Your typical week’s work will feel strange at first after school or college since there are fewer timetabled teaching hours. Each week in the first year you can expect to attend about 12-14 hours of lectures and seminars.

A typical timetable for a first-year single honours student can be seen on the right.

For the rest of the time you will be working independently, doing the necessary reading in preparation for seminars, writing essays or working on seminar presentations.

Key Information Sets
Key Information Sets (KIS) are comparable sets of information about full or part-time undergraduate courses and are designed to meet the information needs of prospective students. All KIS data is published on the Unistats website: www.unistats.com

For Nottingham’s KIS data, please see individual course entries at www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy
How will I be assessed?

Our degree programmes are modular, which means you undertake modules of study with assessment at the end of each semester.

The teaching year
The teaching year is divided into two semesters. The first semester lasts for 14 weeks, with 12 weeks for teaching and revision and two weeks for assessment. The second semester follows the same pattern, but there are an additional two weeks at the end to complete the assessment process and to enable returning students to discuss their results with tutors and begin to plan the next session’s work.

Although the teaching year is divided into two semesters for organisational purposes, this is fitted into the traditional pattern of three terms: one before Christmas; one between Christmas and Easter; and one after Easter.

Assessment methods
Assessment for your degree is based on a combination of coursework (including essays but also less formal kinds of writing for some modules and other forms of project work), oral presentations and formal examinations – the precise assessment varies from one module to another.

Where a module lasts for one semester, assessment is undertaken at the end of that semester. Where a module fills two semesters, assessment is at the end of the second semester, although your progress will be measured throughout the year.

Your final degree classification
Your second and third-year results respectively count for 40% and 60% of your final, overall grade. The first year is a qualifying year, which means you must pass this year to progress to the second year, but your mark will not contribute to your degree classification.

“Archaeology students are provided with everything they could need to study. The library is always well stocked but it is the tutors who are the course’s main asset as they are at the top of their field and very approachable.”

Archaeology student
As a University of Nottingham student, you will be able to apply for a variety of study abroad options. Whether studying at a partner institution or undertaking a work experience placement, spending time abroad is a fantastic opportunity to broaden your horizons, experience different cultures, meet new people and develop skills that will prove invaluable in the future and also look good on your CV. As well as exchange opportunities at our campuses in China and Malaysia we have developed links with more than 300 partner universities in over 40 countries.

Universitas 21 (University-wide programme)
The Universitas 21 (U21) programme is a competitive scheme that offers full-time undergraduate students the opportunity to study at one of our 34 university-wide partner universities – for one semester or one academic year – as part of their Nottingham degree programme. Applicants are required to have attained a 60% average in their first year in order to be considered.

Below are examples of some of the partner institutions you could apply to under the U21 scheme:
- University of Adelaide, Australia
- University of Sydney, Australia
- University of Western Australia, Perth
- Concordia University, Montreal, Canada
- McGill University, Montreal, Canada
- University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada
- University of Toronto, Canada
- University of Auckland, New Zealand
- University of Canterbury, New Zealand
- Bucknell University, Pennsylvania, USA
- University of Connecticut, Storrs, USA
- University of South Florida, USA
- University of Tennessee, Knoxville, USA
- University of Virginia, Charlottesville, USA

Summer schools
The University also offers the chance to apply to study abroad at overseas summer schools. As these programmes are offered during holiday periods, you can study whatever is of interest to you, but credits and grades cannot be transferred back to Nottingham.

Further information on studying abroad, including fact sheets on the opportunities available for each department, can be found at www.nottingham.ac.uk/internationalstudents/exchanges

Dedicated support
If you do decide to apply to study abroad, the University’s International Office will offer support from the application stage right through to your return to the UK, with advice on everything from immigration to possible sources of financial support. Find out more: www.nottingham.ac.uk/studyabroad

Students carrying out field work on the Greek island of Kythera.
Career and employment prospects

The University of Nottingham is consistently named as one of the most targeted universities by Britain’s leading graduate employers*. Studying archaeology provides you with a firm foundation for your future career and our graduates have previously moved into an extraordinarily wide range of careers.

Graduate career destinations
A recent survey by the Heritage Lottery Fund identified around 393,000 jobs supported by the heritage sector in the UK, which accounts for £14 billion in gross domestic product**. In addition, an estimated 5,940 people are directly employed in the archaeology sector***.

Many archaeological careers are in museums or in field excavation units working alongside the construction industry, while others are involved with management of the country’s heritage assets (for example with English Heritage or with local authorities).

Our graduates have gone on to work with the National Trust, English Heritage and the UK’s leading museums, as well as in the commercial archaeology sector. Archaeology graduates also have the opportunity to develop careers that are not directly related to heritage, with recent graduates also going into careers in marketing, the financial services, teaching and even the armed forces.

Average starting salary
In 2014, 75% of first-degree graduates in the department who were available for employment had secured work or further study within six months of graduation. The average starting salary was £19,650 with the highest being £25,000.*

Recent graduates
Gemma Hudson – Digital Surveyor, AOC Archaeology; Katie Innes – Senior Associate (specialising in heritage buildings), Malcolm Reading Consultants; Neil Mann – Social Media Editor, Wall Street Journal.

The University’s Careers and Employability Service
Our Careers and Employability Service, which is based on University Park Campus, offers an extensive range of careers-oriented services, including CV-writing sessions, interview advice, presentations by major employers and general career advice. As a University of Nottingham graduate, you will receive lifelong support from the service. This means that you can ask a careers adviser to look over your job application in person, by email or Skype, and you can also access a database of graduate vacancies. For more information see www.nottingham.ac.uk/careers

The Nottingham Advantage Award
The University’s Advantage Award is a programme of activities developed to recognise and reward extracurricular responsibilities. It allows you to gain recognition for participating in a wide range of activities accredited by the University and shows employers that you have gained valuable skills. For further information, please visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/careers/advantage

Data sources:
* Known destinations of full-time home and EU first-degree graduates, 2013/14.
After finishing their undergraduate degree course some of our students take their studies further. The Department of Archaeology has excellent resources and expertise to support high-calibre postgraduate study.

**Taught masters**
- MA (by Research) Archaeology
- MSc (by Research) Archaeological Science

Both the MA and MSc by Research in Archaeology provide you with the opportunity to develop advanced knowledge and understanding of specific areas of archaeology by following a personalised, individual study pathway, in close collaboration with our staff. You will further your own intellectual development and enhance your independent research skills by completing a substantial archaeological research project.

**Distance learning masters**
- MA Mediterranean Archaeology

This distance learning MA provides students with a unique insight into the ancient cultures of the Mediterranean world from Minoan Crete to the late Roman and Byzantine Empires.

**Research opportunities**
Nottingham’s PhD students are among the most successful in the country, according to a report that underlines the quality of our postgraduate education and the support available to doctoral students.

We have a lively and successful postgraduate programme, with students working on a range of projects that reflect our areas of expertise. We offer expert supervision for our research degrees in archaeology (MPhil and PhD).

Find out more about postgraduate study at www.nottingham.ac.uk/archaeology/prospective/postgraduate

It is an exciting opportunity to expand your horizons and pursue your passion for archaeology from your own home.

“**We provide a supportive and friendly environment for students, with dedicated working space, teaching opportunities, regular research and postgraduate seminars, conferences and workshops hosted by the department.**”

Department of Archaeology
Student profiles

“I instantly felt a connection with the archaeology department because of the expertise and friendliness of the staff. The opportunities offered at Nottingham are great, I think the course gives you a really good grounding, and the flexibility and choice allowed me to identify my own interests and specialisms. I have enjoyed the course so much that I’m now intending to pursue a career in archaeological research. Nottingham is also just a wonderful university, and a great city in which to be a student.”

Alex Tweedy
BA Archaeology (third year)

“Studying archaeology at The University of Nottingham allows you to look at the world in an entirely new light. The style of teaching at the University is supportive, informative and at times highly humorous with teachers and students making the most of the relaxed atmosphere. Resources at the University are extensive and it is rare that I find myself without access to a computer or scanner or the books I need. The University library is comprehensive and easy to use – on the rare occasion that you are unable to locate a book or journal they can usually be found either online or brought in on an inter-library loan.”

Harry Mansfield
BSc Archaeology (third year)

Graduate profiles

“I switched to archaeology from a course in architecture a few months after starting university, which was one of the best decisions that I have ever made. The fantastic thing about archaeology is that it builds a range of experiences from writing, researching, computer graphics and design to IT skills, marketing and scientific analysis, to prepare you for any career path. During my degree I was able to practise illustration and learn graphic design skills thanks to various modules, the Digital Humanities Centre and the incredible resources available within the department.

The flexible nature of the course enabled me to work as a graphic designer for the Students’ Union, a design editor for two University magazines and also work in the Digital Humanities Centre for two years, allowing me to utilise skills built from my degree. Since finishing university I have been working as a freelance graphic designer, mainly working with US-based clients on mobile applications and web design, and more recently for the National Trust developing their digital media and marketing strategy in the Lake District.”

Luke Taylor
BA Archaeology/MA Roman Archaeology (graduated 2010)

“Some of the key skills required in a large number of graduate positions are prevalent in the work of a student archaeologist. Research and data gathering (whether first-hand on an excavation or through databases, books or artefacts) is an integral part of archaeology, as are making decisions and analysing the information and presenting ideas and findings. These are essentially the same skills that are required in many graduate positions not connected to archaeology.

Of course there is a huge teamwork aspect whilst carrying out field work and other projects, which is relevant to nearly every job imaginable in the real world. This part of archaeology is brilliant as you can put theory into practice and get hands on. There are times when you are required to solve problems and make decisions and there is constant planning involved at every stage of the process, all aspects which will directly affect the direction of the project or site. The practical side of the subject offers brilliant experience to draw upon in interviews, as potential employers are always interested in real life scenarios, rather than simply your ability to write an essay.”

Eloise Herman
BA Archaeology (graduated 2011)
You’ve read lots about the degree programme you’re interested in, now it’s time to explore life outside the lecture theatre. There’s so much for you to get involved in and explore at the University and around the city. We are proud to be one of the leading universities for student experience in the UK*, which will ensure that you have a university experience you’ll never forget.

Your University of Nottingham – at home and around the world

We are proud of our stunning campuses and are continually investing in our grounds, buildings and amenities to ensure that you only have the best surroundings in which to live and study. Our main UK campuses have a mix of state-of-the-art facilities, including sports centres, places to eat and excellent learning facilities on every campus. We’ve made getting from campus to campus as easy as possible and students can benefit from our free inter-campus Hopper Bus, so you’re never far away from the striking architecture and innovative technology of Jubilee Campus, the rolling parkland and period buildings at University Park, or the cutting-edge features of Sutton Bonington.

The University of Nottingham is Britain’s global university with campuses in the UK, China and Malaysia. We also have links with more than 300 universities in over 40 countries, adding a truly global flavour to your degree and giving you the chance to explore the world. Find out more: www.nottingham.ac.uk/about/campuses

Your new home from home

At Nottingham we offer a range of different accommodation options, rooms are available as single or shared, en suite or shared bathroom, all the way through to studio flats, and vary from self-catered to fully catered (19 meals per week). We also offer a guarantee of University accommodation for one year to all new full-time undergraduate students, subject to the following conditions: you firmly accept your course place at Nottingham, accept your offer of accommodation by the deadline given in your offer letter, and have an unconditional status no later than 31 August in the year you intend to begin your studies. If you are a new, full-time undergraduate student who is classified as international for fee purposes, this guarantee applies for three years**. For more information, including a breakdown of pricing, see www.nottingham.ac.uk/accommodation

Your support network

Throughout your university journey there will be numerous people on hand to support you, including tutors and dedicated staff who will be able to advise you on various aspects of life as a student. We have Student Services Centres on all three of our UK campuses, which provide a range of support, information and specialist services to enhance your student experience. This support includes:

• Academic Support – can provide practical advice on areas of academic study; the service also provides specialist academic support for students with dyslexia, dyspraxia and other specific learning difficulties
• Disability Support – coordinates support and access arrangements for students with a disability or long-term medical condition
• Financial Support – provides information on the sources of finance available from government agencies and the University itself, and gives advice about financial matters
• Student Services – also advise on issues ranging from childcare, counselling and health to international student support, chaplaincy and faith support, as well as offering advice on paying your tuition and accommodation fees

Whatever you may need support with, they will either be able to help or point you in the direction of someone who can. Find out more: www.nottingham.ac.uk/studentservices

** Providing you submit your returners’ application in line with the requirements of the accommodation providers.

“Nottingham is traditionally one of the most popular universities for undergraduates.”

The Guardian University Guide 2014

Take a look at our accommodation video for a taster of what to expect at Nottingham: www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/yourhome

Our halls of residence are great places to catch up with friends.
Getting involved in your Students’ Union
As soon as you start at The University of Nottingham, you are automatically enrolled as a member of our Students’ Union, which is considered to be one of the best in the country. There are hundreds of activities that you could be part of, providing you with the perfect opportunity to take up a new hobby or pursue existing interests. Choose from over 200 student-run societies, covering all interests and abilities, as well as local and national volunteering projects, to which you can commit as much or as little time as you wish.

Our Students’ Union is home to a number of award-winning student-run media groups, which give you the chance to gain practical work experience both behind the scenes or centre stage as a presenter, actor or journalist. The Nottingham New Theatre, Impact magazine, Nottingham Student Television (NSTV) and University Radio Nottingham (URN) have all been recognised as the best in their field, winning a clutch of awards for outstanding achievements.

However you decide to become involved in the Union, you can be sure you will make new friends and learn new skills, all while having a lot of fun! Find out more: www.su.nottingham.ac.uk

Sports
We offer sport at all levels and an excellent all-inclusive student membership offer, so whether you enjoy sport as a hobby or are an elite athlete we will have just what you need. We have over 70 sports clubs, which means we have the 2nd highest number of sports clubs of any UK university. If you’re not interested in joining a team but want to stay fit, we have sports centres on all of our main UK campuses. Find out more: www.nottingham.ac.uk/sport

Exploring your new city
With Nottingham city centre just a 10-minute bus ride away from University Park Campus, our students are always close to the action. Buses run through campus regularly and many run late-night services too, which is handy if you’re a night owl.

For music lovers, you can take your pick from the world-famous Rock City, Capital FM Arena or one of the smaller gig venues for a more intimate live show. Nottingham is rich in performance venues, with comedy clubs and theatres catering for lovers of drama, musicals, ballet and panto. We are very proud of our sporting heritage, and with football clubs Nottingham Forest and Notts County in the city, as well as Trent Bridge cricket ground and the National Ice Centre on your doorstep, you might just become a sports fan if you’re not one already.

History and culture can be found in all corners of the city, with Nottingham Castle, Nottingham Contemporary arts centre, the Galleries of Justice Museum, Nottingham Lakeside Arts – the University’s public arts centre located on our University Park Campus – arthouse cinemas and three of the world’s oldest pubs all providing points of interest. If you enjoy shopping, Nottingham is perfect for you; independent boutiques and vintage shops in the bohemian area of Hockley mix with high street names in our large shopping centres to make Nottingham a veritable shopping haven.

Find out more: www.nottingham.ac.uk/nottinghamlife

Download our city guide: www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/cityguide
Applying for a place

We are looking for students who have the ability and motivation to benefit from our courses, and who will make a valued contribution to the department and the University. Candidates for full-time admission are considered on the basis of their Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) form. For more information on how to make your application stand out, have a look at our online prospectus: www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/applying

Application process
All applications for an undergraduate place to study at The University of Nottingham (including applications by overseas students) must be made through UCAS at www.ucas.com. Candidates will be notified of decisions through UCAS Track at track.ucas.com

Students are not required to specify which course they intend to study until they register with the University at the beginning of their course.

Applying with achieved A level grades
If you apply to us having already completed your A levels, your application will be considered in exactly the same way as those from candidates with predicted grades. Please tell us something about your gap-year activities in your UCAS personal statement.

Entry numbers
For information on how many students the department plans to admit on each course, please see the table on page 6.

The selection procedure
We select students based on a number of factors. Predicted grades are important but we are also interested in the reasons that our applicants have for wishing to study archaeology. This is particularly important in the case of mature students who may bring other important experience beyond academic qualifications. We do not require prior experience of archaeology and welcome applications from all those with an interest in the subject.

Your personal statement
This is the section of your UCAS form that tells us the 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-motivating and make the best possible use of the opportunities this course might have to offer you.

Required subjects
All A level subjects in the arts, humanities, sciences and social sciences are regarded as acceptable.

Alternative qualifications
In this brochure 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. The entry requirements for alternative qualifications can be quite specific – for example you may need to take certain modules and achieve a specified grade in those modules. Please contact us to discuss the transferability of your qualification.

Flexible admissions policy
In recognition of our applicants’ varied experience and educational pathways, we employ a flexible admissions policy. If we judge that your situation has adversely affected your achievement, then we will consider this when assessing your academic potential. If you wish to mention information about your experiences in your personal statement, then you should ask the teacher or tutor writing your reference to confirm what you have written. We may ask for further evidence and may consider a range of factors. For more information, please see www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/admissionspolicies

Mature applicants
We encourage applications from mature students (which means all those aged 21 or over when the course begins). You should apply in the normal way through UCAS (unless you want to study part-time, in which case you should apply directly to the department). While we accept a range of qualifications, you should check our specific requirements on UCAS course entry profiles. If in doubt, please contact the admissions tutor, who will be happy to answer any specific queries you have about applying as a mature student. Please email your queries to archaeology-enquiries@nottingham.ac.uk

We normally invite mature applicants in whom we are interested to come for an interview, where we will look for evidence of your ability to study at a high academic level and of commitment to the subject.

For more information about being a mature student, please see www.nottingham.ac.uk/mature

Part-time study
The department offers the opportunity to study part-time. Applicants should note, however, that teaching for the part-time degree takes place during normal hours; there is no provision for teaching in the evening, at weekends or during vacations. Part-time students normally follow exactly half the course of full-time students each year, and therefore complete their degree within six years. Entry requirements are the same as those for full-time students on the relevant degree course (with the same exceptions for mature students). If you’re interested in studying part-time with us, please contact the department using the details on page 38 rather than applying through UCAS.
International applicants

We welcome applications from international students and have students from many parts of the world studying with us at undergraduate and postgraduate level. All international candidates for undergraduate courses should apply through UCAS. The University’s International Office offers guidance and advice on matters such as visa and immigration regulations, working and living in the UK, entry requirements and preparing for coming to Nottingham – and arranges a Welcome Programme for new international students each September. If you would like to visit the University and are unable to attend an open day, the International Office will be happy to arrange an individual visit for you. For further information please visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/studywithus/international-applicants

International Baccalaureate

UK applicants presenting qualifications in the International Baccalaureate must attain a total of at least 32 points (including bonus points). Applicants presenting other qualifications such as the European, French or International Option Baccalaureate and the German Abitur, will be judged on a standard equivalent to the UK A level grades.

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 www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/alternativerequirements

Preparing to study in English – academic English preparation and support

The University of Nottingham Centre for English Language Education (CELE) offers high-quality academic English and study skills (presessional) programmes to prepare you to study your degree in English. Our programmes are designed to give international students excellent preparation for their academic studies and are taught by experienced, professional tutors.

CELE provides a range of programmes throughout the year, including five-week subject-specific courses (in some subjects) and a four-week course in September for students with unconditional offers, with a focus on academic study skills.

You can continue to benefit from academic English support with free classes and one-to-one consultations throughout your study (insessional programmes).

For more information about CELE, please visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/cele

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.

For tips and advice at every step of your application journey, visit our undergraduate applicants’ area: www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugapplicants
A student field trip to Hadrian’s Wall.

How much are the fees?
Like many universities in England, Nottingham charges full-time UK and EU students an annual tuition fee of £9,000. However, you will not have to pay your fees while studying – the government will lend eligible students the money, which you will start to pay back once you have left university and are earning at least £21,000. For more information, please see www.nottingham.ac.uk/fees

Fees for students from outside the EU vary from subject to subject. For more information, please see the ‘New international students’ section on www.nottingham.ac.uk/fees

What bursaries are available?
Although bursary figures for 2016/17 are yet to be finalised, the University will continue to offer a generous package of bursary support to students from lower income households. These are in addition to any support you may receive from the government. For more information please see www.nottingham.ac.uk/financialsupport or take a look at the funding tab on the relevant course entry in our online prospectus: www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy

If you are an international applicant (outside of the EU), please see the ‘New international students’ section on www.nottingham.ac.uk/fees

What support is available for students with children?
There are a range of services provided to support students with children, including a University day nursery, a playscheme and playcentre day care. There is also a scheme to help students fund childcare. For more information, see www.nottingham.ac.uk/child-care

What support do you offer for students with a disability or dyslexia?
The department, like the University, is committed to promoting access for students who have a disability, dyslexia or a long-term medical condition. Services provided by the University aim to enable students to fulfil the inherent requirements of the course as independently as possible. Students who have a disability, specific learning difficulty or long-term medical condition can contact the disability liaison officer in the School of Humanities to ensure that support is available from the start of the degree. The University’s Disability Statement, which lists services, facilities and opportunities available throughout the University can be viewed at www.nottingham.ac.uk/disability

Visit our website for more frequently asked questions: www.nottingham.ac.uk/faqs
Open days
If you’re considering applying to The University of Nottingham we recommend that you try to attend one of the University-wide open days, which are held in June and September each year and attract around 30,000 visitors. Find out more: www.nottingham.ac.uk/opendays

Mini open days
Mini open days are much smaller than the main open days but offer the same opportunities to attend various talks and tours as well as speak to current students and academics. Find out more: www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/miniopendays or call +44 (0)115 951 5559.

Virtual open day
If you can’t attend one of our open days in person, or would like to explore our campuses before visiting, take a look at our virtual open day: www.nottingham.ac.uk/virtualnottingham

UCAS visit days
Once you’ve been offered a place at Nottingham, you may be invited to attend a UCAS visit day, which is an opportunity for you to visit the school and to find out more about your chosen course. You will also be given a short tour of the campus by current students.

This publication is available in alternative formats.

There is no need to contact us if you wish to attend one of our open days or visits. Just turn up on the day!

Other visits
If you wish to make an informal visit to the University prior to applying here, you are welcome to do so, but you should contact us in advance if you wish to visit the school or speak to an admissions tutor, and we will do our best to oblige.

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w: www.nottingham.ac.uk/international

You can also connect with fellow applicants and current students on our applicants’ Facebook and Twitter pages:

UoNApplicants
@UoNApplicants

Your passion can be your success. Study what you love.

Our creative responses help make us unique. Learn about the lives of others, their thought processes and their influences and explore your own reactions. We’ll help you turn an inspiring degree into an inspiring career.

Find out more: www.nottingham.ac.uk/studywhatyoulove