Welcome to the School of Geography

The School of Geography at The University of Nottingham is a leading international centre for geographical scholarship. A recent external review of our activities concluded that "the school has a strong and well-deserved reputation for the strength and breadth of its research and the panel found abundant evidence of the quality of the teaching and learning environment in the school". The most recent assessment of University excellence in the UK (Research Excellence Framework 2014) confirmed the school’s position as a leading centre for geographical study, with 75% of its academic output graded as internationally excellent.

We provide superb academic and personal support for our students as well as opportunities to study abroad through our Universitas 21 and Erasmus schemes. As a Nottingham geography graduate you will have outstanding career prospects based on your specialist knowledge and transferable skills. We have a strong commitment to active learning, with students participating in tutorials, class discussions, group activities and field courses.

The field of geography is very broad and we teach right across this spectrum, with subjects ranging from flooding to financial crises and areas of study from Italy to India. Members of academic staff are leading international researchers in their specialist fields and this research activity underpins our teaching, ensuring that the latest developments are incorporated into our teaching programme.

The school’s dynamic approach to research and teaching will ensure your experience at Nottingham is exciting and challenging. Full details about the school and our staff, students and activities are available on our website: www.nottingham.ac.uk/geography

We look forward to welcoming you to the school.

Professor Andrew Leyshon
Head of the School of Geography

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

Academic excellence
Geography at Nottingham is continually ranked highly in independent league tables. We have grown steadily over recent years and currently have around 550 undergraduates.

Teaching quality
We are committed to excellence in both teaching and research, in an environment where students and staff are valued members of a dynamic academic community. We aim to equip graduates with a broad understanding of the world, strong personal and interpersonal skills, an ability to synthesise both quantitative and qualitative information, and the intellectual capacity to produce original and thoughtful interpretations of our ever-changing world. There are currently 40 members of academic staff who undertake a range of undergraduate and postgraduate teaching, as well as research and administration. We also have a large team of support staff and administrators who ensure the smooth running of the school. Particular strengths of our undergraduate teaching programme include small-group teaching, tutorials and seminars, practical and laboratory classes and field work.

Field course opportunities
The best way to develop your field skills is to immerse yourself in the environment on one of our field trips. We offer numerous opportunities to travel to inspirational destinations in the UK and overseas, through our diverse range of modules. Not only will you have the chance to put your knowledge into practice, you will also enhance the skills and techniques you’ll need for your professional career.

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Graduation statistics 2009-2014

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The structure of our degrees is flexible and there is a wide range of module choices available to our undergraduates, which cater for most interests within geography. We promote an informal, supportive and productive atmosphere within the school, which is renowned for the pastoral care offered to students.

Facilities
The school is located on University Park Campus. Commonly regarded as one of the most attractive university campuses in the UK, University Park offers a wide range of facilities including a swimming pool and sports centre, bars, shops and high-quality halls of residence. We share the large well-equipped Sir Clive Granger Building with the School of Economics and are based close to the libraries, Students’ Union facilities and some halls of residence. In addition to lecture theatres, a state-of-the-art computing laboratory, seminar rooms, a coffee bar and meeting areas, the school provides a range of more specialised facilities which include the following:

The Edwards Resource Centre
This large facility acts as the primary undergraduate resource room. It holds a map collection and a wide range of atlases, gazetteers and almanacs for reference use. There is also a range of teaching support materials which are regularly updated and replaced.

The Swinnerton Undergraduate Laboratory
This is a custom-built facility to support laboratory-based practical and project work for students studying geography.

The Cuchlaine King, Environmental Change and Environmental Geoscience Research Laboratories
These laboratories provide advanced research facilities, focused on the physical and chemical analysis of components of past and present environments.

SPLINT 3D Visualisation Laboratory
The use of three-dimensional visualisation within laboratory and field contexts complements existing research interests and activities within the school. Virtual models of a field site in Cumbria and on University Park Campus are the main test environments being developed.

“I really enjoyed the course. The tutors and lecturers were approachable and got to know the students individually. There was a good choice of modules and you could tailor the course to your interests. The field trips were great and helped us bond and appreciate different styles of work.”

BA Geography student
### Degree courses

#### Modular degrees

Almost all undergraduate degree programmes in 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 – 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; your degree classification will be determined by the work completed in your second year onwards.

#### Single honours degrees

In your time at Nottingham you will take a combination of compulsory and optional modules, mainly from those offered by the School of Geography but also with a choice of optional modules from outside the school, subject to approval, in your first and second years.

A full list of optional modules will be available at registration each year.

#### Major/minor honours degrees

A major/minor honours degree is split two thirds/one third between your two subjects, and the geography (major) part of your degree is normally made up of 80 credits each year. You will take a combination of core modules and choices from a specified range of options in each subject. Overall, your final degree must contain a minimum of 220 credits from geography and a minimum of 90 credits from the minor subject.

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"My aim is to make offers to students who have the academic potential to succeed at Nottingham, who have a passion for geography, and who have demonstrated this by engaging with the subject beyond studying it at school or college."

Professor Mike Heffernan
Director of Undergraduate Recruitment and Admissions, School of Geography

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**Major/minor honours**

| BA Geography with Business            | L7N1      | 3 years  | AAB including geography        | 34 (5 in geography at Higher Level)     | 21     |
| BA Geography with Chinese Studies     | L7T1      | 3 years  | AAB including geography        | 34 (5 in geography at Higher Level)     | 9      |

**Related degree courses**

| BA Archaeology with Geography         | LV74      | 3 years  | ABB-BBB including geography   | 32-30 (5 in geography at Higher Level)  | 6      |
| BSc Natural Sciences                  | FGCO      | 3 years  | AA-AAA including two science subjects | 36 (7/6 in two science subjects at Higher Level) | 75^    |
| MSci Natural Sciences                 | GFC0      | 4 years  | AA-AAA including two science subjects | 36 (7/6 in two science subjects at Higher Level) | 75^    |

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^ Science subjects must be from biology, chemistry, environmental science, environmental studies, geography, geology, maths, physics, psychology or a closely related subject.

^^ 75 places allocated across BSc and MSci Natural Sciences.
Single honours

BA/BSc Geography
UCAS codes: L700/F800
The single honours geography course offers a broad and flexible programme of study, which will equip you with the necessary skills of analysis and synthesis to critically understand information from a wide range of sources.

Year one
The first year is a foundation programme covering human and physical geography and geographical information science. You are encouraged to choose geography options appropriate to your BA/BSc degree or other modules at an appropriate level from across the University. Many students opt to study languages, the social and natural sciences or engineering, in addition to modules offered by the School of Geography.

Year two
In year two you have fewer core modules and more opportunity to choose from a range of modules appropriate to your BA/BSc degree. You also have the opportunity to pursue 20 credits of appropriate modules from outside geography, subject to approval.

Year three
In year three the dissertation is the sole core module. Alongside this you have the opportunity to choose from a range of advanced modules appropriate to your BA/BSc degree and your year two optional choices.

Typical modules for BA/BSc Geography

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BSc Environmental Geoscience  
UCAS code: F630
This course is provided by the School of Geography in conjunction with the British Geological Survey (BGS). Most teaching will take place on University Park Campus with opportunities to spend time at the BGS in nearby Keyworth.

The course equips graduates with a range of skills relevant to the employment market and attuned to the climate, environmental and geological challenges that will face governments and communities during the remainder of the 21st century.

Year one
The first year is largely made up of compulsory modules to ensure students have the key foundation level knowledge that will be built upon in years two and three. This includes introductions to atmospheric, oceanic, geological and biogeographical systems, as well as to environmental change.

Years two and three
In years two and three, as well as core modules in geology and techniques training, you will have the option to choose from a range of physical geography modules. You will submit a 10,000-word dissertation based on a research topic of your choice in the third year.

Typical modules for BSc Environmental Geoscience

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**Optional modules include:**
- Desert Geomorphology
- Digital Explorers
- Environmental Change
- Patterns of Life
- River Processes and Dynamics

**Optional modules include:**
- Advances in Remote Sensing
- Environmental Informatics and Modelling
- Geospatial Technologies: Mobile, Augmented and Virtual
- Global Climate Change
- Quaternary Environments (Mexico Field Course)
- River Management and Restoration
- Scale and Diversity in the Canary Islands

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MSci/MArts Geography
UCAS codes: F801/L701
These courses are designed to cater for both a growing demand for masters-level qualifications by employers and a desire from many students to further engage with the topics they cover during their undergraduate degree. They offer a convenient option to advance to masters-level study (subject to performance) with an automatic continuation in student loan funding, whereas traditional masters courses require separate funding to be secured from elsewhere.

Year one
You will place equal emphasis this year on the fields of physical and human geography, and geographical information science. Introductions are provided to atmospheric, oceanic, geomorphological and bio-geographical systems, and environmental change and cultural, economic, social, rural and urban geography. Technical themes include data evaluation using statistical packages and geographical information systems.

Years two and three
During the middle two years of your degree, you can take a flexible range of optional modules appropriate to your MSci/MArts degree. In the second year you also have the opportunity to pursue 20 credits of appropriate modules from outside geography, subject to approval. This flexible, modular structure allows you to design a degree structure that reflects your own interests and aspirations. You will submit a 10,000-word dissertation based on a research topic of your choice in the third year.

Year four
In your final year you can take a range of optional advanced modules that have been designed to complement and elaborate on the modules on offer in years one to three, including: Approaches to Landscape; Catchment Hydrology; Contaminated Land Management Practice; Critical Human Geography; Freshwater Ecology; Numerical Methods; Professional GIS; and Quaternary Science. A compulsory research project constitutes half of the fourth year, which enables you to conduct independent and extensive research into any geographical topic of your choice.

Typical modules for MSci/MArts Geography

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BA Geography with Business
UCAS code: L7N1
This course is taught jointly by the School of Geography and Nottingham University Business School, which is located on the award-winning Jubilee Campus. It caters for the growing demand from the business sector for graduates with an awareness of the economic, spatial, political, social and environmental issues surrounding business.

Year one
The first year is a foundation programme covering human geography and geographical information sciences and business economics, organisations and marketing.

Year two
In year two you have a combination of core modules in geography and business, including coverage of economic geography, technology and the opportunity to choose from a range of human geography, strategic management and geographical information science modules.

Year three
In year three the dissertation is the sole core module and you are encouraged to select a business-related aspect of geography to study. Alongside this you have the opportunity to choose from a range of advanced modules from geography and business, appropriate to your degree and career aspirations and your year-two optional choices.

Major/minor honours

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- Advances in Remote Sensing
- Environment, Development and Livelihoods
- European Urban Geographies (Berlin Field Course)
- Geographies of Fashion and Food
- Geographies of Money and Finance
- Geographies of Violence

Optional business modules include:
- Consumer Behaviour
- Human Resource Management
- Marketing and Society
- Marketing Services
- Strategic Management

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Head of School

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BA Geography with Chinese Studies
UCAS code: L7T1

Geography with Chinese studies at Nottingham provides you with an exciting opportunity to learn about the rapid transformations currently taking place in China. The course is designed to facilitate progressive learning, with key and transferable skills being important aspects of the training provided. You may opt to learn Mandarin.

Year one
The first year is a foundation programme covering human and physical geography and Chinese studies modules, covering contemporary social and economic issues. Optional choices allow you to study Mandarin or a number of other topics.

Year two
In year two you have a combination of core modules in geography and Chinese studies, including coverage of environmental and urban issues in China, and the opportunity to choose from a range of human and physical geography and Chinese studies modules. This choice allows you to specialise in particular areas of interest.

Year three
In year three the dissertation is the sole core module and you are encouraged to focus on a China-related aspect of geography. Alongside this you have the opportunity to choose from a range of advanced modules from geography and Chinese studies, appropriate to your degree and career aspirations and your year-two optional choices.

Typical modules for BA Geography with Chinese Studies

Year one
- Core geography modules:
  - Careers Skills for Geographers
  - Earth and Environmental Dynamics
  - Exploring Human Geography
  - Interpreting Geographical Data
  - Orientation and Study Skills
  - Tutorial
- Core Chinese studies modules:
  - Introduction to Business and Economy of China
  - Introduction to Contemporary China
- Optional geography modules include:
  - Exploring Place
  - Geography Field Course
  - Introduction to Geographic Information Systems
  - On Earth and Life
  - Physical Landscapes of Britain
  - Tracing Economic Globalisation
- Optional Chinese studies modules include:
  - East Asian Business in the 20th Century
  - Introduction to the Chinese Legal System
  - Mandarin (at appropriate level)

Year two
- Core geography modules:
  - Dissertation Preparation
  - Research Tutorial
  - Techniques in Human or Physical Geography
- Core Chinese studies modules:
  - Cities in China
  - Environment and Development in China
- Optional geography modules include:
  - Cultural and Historical Geography
  - Desert Geomorphology
  - Digital Explorers
  - Economic Geography
  - Environmental Change
  - Medical Geography
  - River Processes and Dynamics
- Optional Chinese studies modules include:
  - China in the International Business Environment
  - Chinese Business Law
  - Chinese Society and Economy
  - Greater China Field School
  - Mandarin (at appropriate level)
  - The Rise of Modern China

Year three
- Core geography module:
  - Dissertation
- Optional geography modules include:
  - Advances in Remote Sensing
  - Environment, Development and Livelihoods
  - Geographies of Fashion and Food
  - Geographies of Money and Finance
  - Global Climate Change
  - River Management and Restoration
- Optional Chinese studies modules include:
  - China from Revolution to Socialism
  - China’s Political Economy
  - Chinese Film and Literature
  - Globalisation and Innovation in China
  - Media and Communications in Globalising China

For more detailed module information, please visit the individual course listings at www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy
Related degree courses

BA Archaeology and Geography
UCAS code: LV74
This course provides a core understanding of archaeological method, environmental archaeology, ancient technologies, and the history of archaeological thought and research methods; integrated with complementary aspects of physical, human, regional and technical geography. As part of your degree you will gain archaeological excavation experience in the UK and/or overseas.

For more details, please see www.nottingham.ac.uk/archaeology

BSc/MSci Natural Sciences
UCAS codes: FGC0/GFCO
Natural sciences are interdisciplinary degrees which allow you to study more than one science subject throughout your course. These courses aim to encourage an open-minded and creative attitude towards science through a structured yet flexible programme of study designed around your individual interests and career aspirations. The subjects involved in natural sciences are archaeology, biological sciences, chemistry, environmental science, geography, maths, physics and psychology.

For more details, please see www.nottingham.ac.uk/naturalsciences

A BSc Geography student investigating scour using the sediment transport demonstration channel.
How will I study?

Teaching

On the undergraduate programme, the emphasis is placed on teaching via a range of methods and approaches. Lectures are the most formal type of instruction and are valuable in that they consolidate information and give you an opportunity to hear a specialist develop a significant, perhaps as yet unpublished, argument.

Small-group teaching is important and includes seminars, tutorials, laboratory, and practical classes. These enable active student learning, for example individuals or small groups conducting experiments in the physical geography laboratories or undertaking exercises in the computer labs.

All single honours and geography with business students attend a residential field course in year one, currently held in the Lake District. This is also available as an option for geography with Chinese studies students. There are a number of field courses throughout years two and three depending on your module choices.

Degree course structures and learning

The hallmarks of the geography degree structures at Nottingham are their breadth and flexibility, although all degree courses have a compulsory core/skills component taken across all the years of study.

Year one is a qualifying year, with marks not counting towards your final degree classification. It acts as a foundation programme and for single honours geography gives equal emphasis to human geography, physical geography and geographical information science, with the environmental geosciences degree giving a balance to geology and physical geography modules. The major/minor honours degrees have similar foundation modules in their associated disciplines.

In years two and three, depending on the particular degree, you will be able to choose to specialise in particular fields or maintain a balance of interests. This flexibility is achieved via a number of optional modules including economic geography, cultural and historical geography, medical geography, desert geomorphology, river channel forms and dynamics, patterns of life, geographies of fashion and food, geographies of money and finance, and global climate change. The environmental geosciences and ‘geography with’ honours degrees are more prescribed with regard to optional pathways than the single honours degrees, to allow for learning in the associated disciplines.

For the MSci and MArts courses you will take a range of optional advanced modules in year four that have been designed to complement and elaborate on the modules on offer in years one to three. You will also engage in an in-depth research project throughout your final year that enables you to conduct independent and extensive geographical research on any topic of your choice.

Since the courses are modular, there is some freedom to select from a wide range of modules both from within geography and more broadly across the entire university. Taking a single honours BA degree, for example, does not preclude you from specialising in the more environmental side of the discipline, nor from opting for some physical geography modules throughout your three years.

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 of the assessment process to enable 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.

Typical timetable

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 15 hours of lectures, practicals and tutorials. For the rest of the time you will be working independently, doing the necessary reading in preparation for tutorials, writing essays or working on seminar presentations.

Library and computing services

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.

Academic and pastoral support

The general ambience in the school is one of informality. This allows our students to study in an enjoyable yet supportive and productive atmosphere. As a new student, you will be assigned a member of staff as a personal tutor. In the qualifying year, your personal tutor also acts as an academic tutor to facilitate small-group discussions, set and mark individual work and advise on any academic issues. You will meet with your personal tutor throughout the three years of study to discuss academic and personal development. This includes individual feedback meetings from examinations and other assessments, and discussions of optional module choices.

Student representatives from each academic year take part in regular meetings of the Undergraduate Learning Community Forum where they are free to discuss modules, courses and all aspects of school life. The quality of modules and teaching is continually monitored through student feedback questionnaires. These activities ensure that undergraduate interests are fully represented.

“We studied exciting topics and it was fantastic to be taught by lecturers who are at the forefront of research in subjects that I had never even realised were part of geography, such as economic geography and environmental change.”

BSc Geography student
Field course opportunities

For 2016/2017 entry, the following modules have a field course element*. All compulsory field courses are free to attend, and have no additional costs.

Geographical Field Course
On this four-day intensive residential field course in the Lake District, teaching concentrates on the rationale and techniques of field study in both human and physical aspects of geography. Particular emphasis is placed on the design, practice and analysis of small research projects based on geographical issues. This field course is compulsory for BSc/MSci Geography, BA/MArts Geography, BSc Environmental Geoscience, BA Geography with Business.

Techniques in Physical Geography
This eight-day residential field course in Malham, Yorkshire provides training in physical geography field and laboratory techniques, and guidance in the planning and execution of individual and group research projects.

River Processes and Dynamics
This three-day residential field course in Porlock, Somerset introduces the fundamentals of fluid flow, sediment transport and bank erosion in rivers, that are essential for understanding contemporary issues in hydrology.

Mineralogy and Petrology
A one-day field trip to the Peak District explores mineral resource use, and a one day trip to Bradgate Park looks at the Precambrian volcanoclastic rocks.

Sedimentology and Palaeontology
These two, one-day field trips provide first-hand experience on how fossils and sedimentary rocks are used as geological proxies for past environmental change, and for exploring future climate change.

Quaternary Environments
This 10-day trip to the Yucatan peninsula, Mexico explores the relationship between climate, environment and society over the last 10,000 years. During the trip students explore a range of data sources for reconstructing past environmental change, while undertaking their own fieldwork projects.

River Management and Restoration
This three-day residential field course in Porlock, Somerset explores a range of river management and restoration issues relevant to rivers in the UK, and develops students’ practical skills in field survey and modelling techniques that are employed in contemporary river management.

The Cultural Geography of English Landscape
A one-day excursion to the Derwent Valley focuses on how the landscape allows key areas of cultural history to be explored.

Landscape History of Liguria
A one-week residential field course to Varese, Italy introduces the principles of landscape history and historical ecology, and draws on a wide range of sources including historical maps and documents, field survey of vegetation and landscape features and oral history.

European Urban Geographies
This residential five-day field course to Berlin provides an understanding of the evolution, socio-economic, political and cultural dynamics of the city.

Geological Mapping
This nine-day trip to Cyprus studies geological mapping field skills in a wide-ranging geological environment.

* The variety of field courses which are offered to students may vary from year to year.

“Fieldwork is an integral part of geographical study, and the opportunities to gain valuable practical experience within the School of Geography at Nottingham were fantastic. While learning from passionate experts about practical field methods enhanced both my knowledge and employability, it also gave me the chance to find that all-important winter sun in exotic locations like Mexico!”

Jack Starbuck
BSc Geography graduate
How will I be assessed?

All undergraduate degree programmes in the University are modular, which means you undertake modules of study with assessment at the end of each module.

Because the material covered in every module is different, we use a variety of assessment methods.

**Assessment methods**

Assessment methods include formal examinations (multiple choice and essay style), essays, project reports, lab reports, field books, posters, oral presentations, video presentations and a 10,000-word dissertation.

Overall, most of our graduates will have experienced about 60% coursework and 40% examination assessments.

Your final degree classification

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.

For all BA/BSc students your final degree classification is based on 33% of your second year, and 67% of your third year marks. For our four-year MSci and MArts degrees, the weightings of your degree are based on:

- Year 1: 0%
- Year 2: 20%
- Year 3: 30%
- Year 4: 50%

Geography students using the sandbox – one student measures the depth of the channel while another measures the width of the floodplain in this miniature rainfall and flume facility.
Study abroad

Erasmus (University-wide programme)
The Erasmus programme is a European-wide initiative where exchange agreements are made between specialist schools at Nottingham and their counterparts at partner institutions. The School of Geography is linked with two European partner institutions: Grenoble and Tübingen.

Universitas 21 (University-wide programme)
The Universitas 21 exchange programme involves more than 20 partner institutions worldwide including Auckland, British Columbia, Hong Kong, Melbourne, New South Wales, Sydney and Tennessee. Participation on these programmes normally takes place in the autumn semester of the second year. Places on the scheme are competitive and students will be selected according to their progress on the course.

Inter-campus exchange
There is also the opportunity for students studying BSc Geography to study for a semester at The University of Nottingham’s Malaysia Campus. This involves modules that are similar to those studied in the UK but with a tropical/Southeast Asian focus. Participation in this normally takes place in the autumn semester of the second year.

Benefits of studying abroad
The benefits of studying abroad are numerous. It’s a chance to see your subject from a new perspective while experiencing a different culture and making friends from all over the world. You’re likely to find that living abroad increases your sense of independence and that you return to Nottingham with broader horizons and a clearer sense of what you’d like to do with your degree. When it comes to applying for jobs, your experience will suggest to employers that you’re capable of taking the initiative and adapting to new situations.

“I spent the first half of my second year studying at the University of Melbourne. It was a unique experience and completely different from travelling because you feel like you’ve really integrated into the country. Every day was exciting and my grades actually went up!”
BA Geography student

Find out more
All geography students who study abroad are mentored by a member of the geography teaching staff, and you will also receive help and guidance from the International Office. For more information, visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/studyabroad

The CN Tower dominates the Toronto skyline.
Career and employment prospects

As a graduate from The University of Nottingham, you will be highly sought after and by studying a degree in the School of Geography, you will acquire a broad skill set that will lay the foundations for your chosen career. Employability is at the heart of our teaching, and we ensure that all of our degrees will equip you with the essential skills and knowledge that employers are looking for. Our comprehensive careers programme includes one-to-one CV workshops and employer talks from school alumni, as well as:

**Careers Skills for Geographers module**
This compulsory module covers:
- Writing a successful CV
- Putting together cover letters
- Searching for jobs
- What to expect at assessment centres
- Advice on job interviews

**Careers networking events**
This programme of events gives you the opportunity to network in an informal environment with our alumni, who are now employed in a variety of organisations including AXA, BP, Deloitte, Goldman Sachs, Tesco and The Woodland Trust. You will gain valuable insights into the opportunities and challenges you may encounter, as well as develop important contacts who can advise on the multitude of career paths available to our graduates.

**Summer Internships scheme**
This scheme provides opportunities exclusively to our students for paid summer placements of eight-12 weeks’ duration, within a number of organisations in sectors directly relevant to the field of geography. All internships are salaried and project-based, meaning that you will gain valuable work experience as well as both workplace and sector-specific skills. Employers are placing more emphasis than ever on this, so an internship can help to maximise your potential in the competitive graduate jobs market.

**Average starting salary**
In 2014, 89% of first-degree graduates in the school who were who were available for employment had secured work or further study within six months of graduation. The average starting salary was £21,810 with the highest being £40,000.

* Known destinations of full-time home and EU graduates, 2013/14.

The University of Nottingham is consistently named as one of the most targeted universities by Britain’s leading graduate employers. *The Graduate Market in 2013, 2014 and 2015, High Fliers Research*
Geographers look at issues from a wide perspective, so you will graduate with a broad range of personal and transferable skills. These include: communications (writing, speaking and presenting); computing, numerical and qualitative analysis; analytical skills in laboratory and field work; problem-solving; independent study and research; team working, leadership and empathy.

Some graduates enter roles that have a direct correlation to their degree, including conservation and heritage protection and land surveying. Other graduates secure positions that utilise their transferable skills such as management consultancy, PR, marketing and financial roles.

Graduate destinations include:

- BBC
- BP
- The British Army
- The British Council
- British Red Cross
- DEFRA
- The Environment Agency
- GlaxoSmithKline
- The Home Office
- IBM
- KPMG
- Northern Petroleum
- PwC
- Shell UK Ltd
- The Woodland Trust

Further study

Your degree will equip you to continue your studies with a postgraduate or research degree. Many of our geographers have pursued postgraduate study in fields directly related to their degree, such as biodiversity and conservation, environmental management and climate change. Others have chosen programmes in order to pursue careers in journalism, law, medicine and teaching.

For more information on the postgraduate taught and research programmes we offer, visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/geography

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 delivered by top graduate employers, professional services and members of staff of the University. It also shows employers that you have gone above and beyond your degree and gained valuable transferable skills. For further information, please visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/careers/advantage

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 by email, Skype or in person, and you can also access a database of graduate vacancies. For more information see www.nottingham.ac.uk/careers

Where will a geography degree take you?

Your degree will give you essential skills and knowledge for your future career.
“Geography comprises lots of different elements – you’re using computers, maths and learning how to interpret maps and most of these skills you can use in the real world. Employers really like geography.”

James Salinger/BA Geography

Find out more about James’ experience at www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/jamessalinger

James is pictured outside the Hugh Stewart Hall of Residence.
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

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

** Providing you submit your returners’ application in line with the requirements of accommodation providers.
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
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. Applications should be made online at www.ucas.com

Candidates will be notified of decisions through UCAS Track at track.ucas.com For information on how many students the school plans to admit on each course, please see table on page 6.

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 what you've been doing since A levels in with predicted grades. Please tell us something exactly the same way as those from candidates.

Entry requirements
In assessing applicants, the school is looking for evidence of enthusiasm for geography coupled with strong academic performance. Our typical offer for single honours geography, geography with business and geography with Chinese studies is AAB at A2 level (with an A/B in geography). For environmental geoscience we offer ABB at A level (in two science subjects from biology, chemistry, environmental science, environmental studies, geography, geology, maths, physics, psychology or closely related subjects). For MSci and MArts Geography we offer AAA at A2 level. For all our degree courses we require GCSE maths, grade C or above.

Admissions procedures
All applications are considered equally on merit; students are usually selected on the basis of academic excellence and personal qualities.

We do not rely on predicted grades alone but take into account the broader context of each applicant’s achievements, primarily as reflected by their engagement with geography beyond studying it as an academic subject – as evidenced in their personal statement and reference.

Applicants are not routinely interviewed. If you are offered a place you will be invited to a UCAS visit day. The aim of the visit is for you to ensure that Nottingham meets your perceived needs and aspirations. In addition to a formal presentation, which provides details of the courses we offer, you will also be able to meet members of the teaching staff and, very importantly, some current undergraduates.

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 these courses have to offer you.

English language requirements
It is essential that our applicants have English language skills that are good enough to undertake a highly intensive and demanding course. The School of Geography normally requires an iELTS score of 7.0 with at least 6.0 in reading, writing, speaking and listening.

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

The school is involved in the University’s Widening Participation scheme. We take a prominent part in the University’s master class and summer school programmes for widening access students, and have an established school partnership programme that enables staff and students to engage directly with a diverse range of A level students. We are particularly keen to encourage applications from students that might qualify under the Widening Participation scheme (for example, you’re the first in your family to attend university, you’re a mature student or you’re from a lower income background). The University offers generous financial assistance to widening participation students to assist with the cost of degree-level study. Details can be found on the widening participation section of the University’s website: www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/applying

Alternatively, you can contact the school’s Widening Participation Officer or write to the Director of Undergraduate Recruitment and Admissions in the School of Geography (see school contact details on page 46).
Support for students with disabilities
We welcome applications from all students and aim to provide a high level of support and guidance from the moment you first enquire through to graduation. We would encourage you to alert us concerning any disability that you may have, and to do so as early as possible so that appropriate arrangements for support can be made. This information can be kept confidential, depending on your wishes. The school has a Disability Liaison Officer who advises students on the support available within the University. For details of the support on offer, please see www.nottingham.ac.uk/disability.

If you think your particular disability means you will have special requirements while studying geography please contact the Undergraduate Admissions Tutor who will be happy to discuss them with you: ugamissions@geography.nottingham.ac.uk.

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 Undergraduate Admissions Tutor, who will be happy to answer any specific queries you have about applying as a mature student. Please email your questions to ugamissions@geography.nottingham.ac.uk.

We may invite mature applicants to visit the school for an interview, at which we will discuss the demands of the course with you and establish your level of commitment and capacity to study geography at an advanced, academic level.

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

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.

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 (preessional) 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.

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.
Frequently asked questions

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.

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 kind of accommodation is available at Nottingham?
There are around 8,000 rooms available in catered and self-catered accommodation. The fees for catered accommodation include 19 meals per week (breakfast, lunch and dinner on weekdays and brunch and dinner on weekends). In self-catered accommodation, you will have access to a shared kitchen where you will be able to cook for yourself. For more information, including photographs and fees, please see: www.nottingham.ac.uk/accommodation.

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 play scheme and playcentre day care. There is also a scheme to help students fund childcare. For more information, see www.nottingham.ac.uk/childcare.

If you have applied to study in the School of Geography. When can I expect to hear from you?
We begin assessing applications in the middle of November. Most applicants will hear from us between the end of November and the end of January. If you haven’t heard from us yet, don’t worry – it means your application is still being considered.

Can I apply for more than one course?
We advise against applying for more than one of our courses. If you apply for more than one course it is possible that we will make you only one offer. You should discuss your choice of course with your teachers and/or careers adviser so that you apply for the one that best suits your interests, expected grades and career aspirations.

What if I get to Nottingham and want to change course. Is that possible?
This is relatively straightforward if the transfer is within geography – eg from BA to BSc – as the request will be dealt with entirely in the school. If more than one school is involved – eg from the School of Geography to the Department of History or vice versa – agreement from both schools is required for a transfer to take place. Transfers are best conducted within the first three weeks of term, otherwise you may be required to delay starting your new course until the following academic year.

If I apply for the MArts/MSci but do not achieve the required grades, can I switch to the BA/BSc?
If an offer is made, MArts/MSci applicants will be made a dual offer; one for the MArts/MSci course and an additional but lower offer for the BA/BSc course. Applicants who do not meet the conditions of the MArts/MSci but meet the conditions for the BA/BSc will then be offered a place on the BA/BSc programme instead.

What is the difference between the BA and BSc Geography degrees?
Geography at Nottingham involves the study of modules rooted in the physical, technical and human aspects of the subject. We encourage students wanting to select a wide selection of modules in their degree course to do this – regardless of whether you are registered for a BA or BSc.

However, the expectation is that those of you registered for a BSc will select your optional modules predominantly from the physical side of the subject and those of you registered for a BA will select optional modules predominantly from the human side.

If you wish to transfer from a BA to a BSc degree or vice versa, you can apply to do so providing you are studying an appropriate selection of modules. You will review your module choices with your personal tutor on an annual basis. You will also be able to discuss your degree registration and module choices with your degree course director at any time.

Will I be more likely to be offered a place if I apply to study for a BSc?
No, the entry requirements are the same for the BA and BSc courses.

Do I need A2 level geography (or equivalent) to study geography at Nottingham?
Our normal requirements are that all students wishing to study geography at The University of Nottingham should have an A or B at A2 level in geography or an equivalent subject. For students applying for environmental geoscience we will accept geology in place of geography. However, we also consider candidates with other qualifications or equivalent experience. If you are unsure whether the courses you are studying or intending to study are suitable, please contact the school.
**In addition to geography what other A2 level subjects do you require?**

We will accept most A2 level subjects. We do regard some subjects as being unsuitable as preparation for a geography degree. Please see the list below for subjects that we do not accept at A2 level for entry to geography:

- Critical thinking
- General studies

Please note: these lists are continuously reviewed by the Undergraduate Admissions Tutor, in conjunction with the University’s Admissions Office. They are accurate at the time of going to print but may be updated at any time.

**What other (non-A level) qualifications do you accept?**

We welcome applications from students holding any recognised qualifications, whether they are UK or non-UK based. Below are typical offer grades for some of the more common non-A level qualifications.

- BTEC Subsidiary Diploma: D plus AB at A2 level including an A or B in geography
- BTEC Extended Diploma: DDD
- BTEC Diploma: DD plus A or B at A2 level in geography
- Scottish Advanced Highers: in the range AAA-AAB with an A or B in geography
- European Baccalaureate: 80% result overall including the geography component
- Welsh Baccalaureate: AB including an A or B in A2 level geography plus passing Welsh Baccalaureate core
- Irish Leaving Certificate: AAABB at Higher Level with an A or B in geography

**Do you recognise prior learning or experience (APL and APEL) qualifications?**

The School of Geography also accepts applications from students on access courses and those with experiential and other qualifications.

If you have any doubts about the acceptability of your qualifications please contact the Undergraduate Admissions Tutor who will be happy to discuss them with you: ugadmissions@geography.nottingham.ac.uk

**How does the school view a gap year?**

Favourably, particularly if the time is spent productively – for example, by gaining relevant work experience, carrying out voluntary work overseas, travelling, learning a foreign language or giving service to the community. If you intend to take a gap year, you should indicate on your UCAS form that you wish to be considered for deferred entry and state why.

If you decide to take a year out after applying and have not applied for deferred entry, you are advised to contact the school’s Undergraduate Admissions Tutor immediately as it may be possible to arrange for your application to be deferred for one year. If you do not contact our Admissions Tutor you will be required to reapply through UCAS and there is no guarantee that you will be made an offer the second time round. In any case, we strongly recommend that you contact the school’s undergraduate Admissions Tutor who will be happy to advise you on your particular circumstances: ugadmissions@geography.nottingham.ac.uk

**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
Visiting and contacting us

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.

UCAS visit days
The School of Geography hosts UCAS visit days for candidates who receive an offer, which are an opportunity for you to see the school and the University for yourself. You will hear about the school and its courses from members of academic staff and they will answer any questions you might have. There will also be a short tour of the school and campus by current students. You will be sent information on UCAS visit days once you have received an offer.

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

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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