Cultural, Media and Visual Studies

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Learn with expert staff
who conduct internationally acclaimed research and curate exhibitions

Apply for our exclusive internships in Hollywood
(at the Walt Disney Company and the Art Directors Guild),
London (at Red Bee Creative) and Nottingham (at Canopy Insight)

Enhance your research and practice through the
Digital Transformations Hub, home to specialist software and equipment for
digital-based project work

Make the most of the exciting exhibitions at our prestigious
Djanogly Art Gallery

Develop visual literacy skills through the study of objects, images and media, and their major influence in today’s society

Explore art and visual culture in one of the most vibrant, creative cities in the UK

Join our Creative Student Network which provides skills and advice to help you find jobs in the creative industries

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Cultural, media and visual studies at Nottingham

The Department of Cultural, Media and Visual Studies offers a rich curriculum, a diverse range of global internship opportunities and strong links with the creative industries.

Innovative range of courses

Our film and television studies courses investigate the role of screen media – both new and traditional – in everyday life, as industries, art forms, and cultural practices. Our international media and communications studies courses examine historical and contemporary approaches to various modes of global communication and discourse in combination with dedicated study of one or more foreign languages. Our history of art courses examine wide-ranging aspects of the visual arts, including painting, sculpture, architecture, film, photography and other visual media, as well as museum history.

Links to creative industries

Hollywood internships

Our department has extensive links to the creative industries. Nottingham is the only UK university to offer multiple internships with Hollywood studios and major international media producers. Our Los Angeles internships include positions at the Walt Disney Company, the United States’ largest media conglomerate and owners of Marvel Studios, Lucasfilm, Pixar, and Twentieth Century Fox.

We also offer an annual internship programme with the Art Directors Guild, the US screen industries’ trade guild for art directors, production designers and graphic artists.

UK internships

We maintain a summer internship programme in London with Red Bee Creative, producer of digital content and applications for clients including the BBC, Sky and Microsoft. We offer volunteering and internship opportunities with Sheffield Doc/Fest, one of the UK’s leading documentary film festivals. We also sponsor a Sheffield- or Nottingham-based internship with Canopy Insight, a cultural insight and innovation consultancy which was established in 2014 by a graduate from our department.

At a glance

- Join a friendly community with approachable staff who are active researchers and curators
- Take advantage of exciting opportunities to study abroad through our links with many international universities
- Apply for internships in Hollywood, London and Nottingham and gain professional experience with student-led curatorial group Crop Up Gallery

Why study with us?

Our courses

Degree title | UCAS code | Duration | A levels | IB
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BA Film and Television Studies | W630 | 3 years | ABB | 32
BA History of Art | V350 | 3 years | ABB | 32
BA International Media and Communications Studies | P900 | 3 years | ABB | 32
BA Liberal Arts* | Y002 | 3 years | AAA | 36
BA Film and Television Studies | W63F | 4 years | BCC | 26
| History of Art | V35F | | | |
| International Media and Communications Studies with a Foundation Year^ | P90F | | | |
BA Archaeology and History of Art | VV43 | 3 years | ABB | 32
BA Film and Television Studies and American Studies | TW76 | 3 years | ABB | 32
BA French | RP19 | 4 years | ABB | 32
| German | RP29 | | | |
| Portuguese | RP5X | | | |
| Spanish and International Media and Communications Studies** | RP4X | | | |
BA History and History of Art | VV31 | 3 years | ABB; including history, preferably at grade A | 32; 6 in history at Higher Level
BA History of Art and English | QV33 | 3 years | ABB; including English† | 32; 6 in English at Higher Level

English language requirements

IELTS 7.0 (no less than 6.0 in any element). For details of other English language tests and qualifications we accept, please see nottingham.ac.uk/go/alternativerequirements

Academic English preparation

If English language requirements are not met, English preparatory courses are available. Find out more at nottingham.ac.uk/cele
BA Film and Television Studies

This course examines cinema and television as art forms and as industries, locating them within specific historical and social contexts. It explores screen media texts, producers and audiences, and also gives you a solid grounding in film and television industries, including production, history, aesthetics and reception.

Year one
You will acquire a broad understanding of film and television as distinct media, and study their production, consumption and textuality. Modules in year one cover the development of cinema from the late 19th century to the present day, encompassing both Hollywood and other international film cultures and industries, as well as the separate development of the television medium. By the end of the year, you will have acquired the analytical skills and frameworks required to start perceiving continuities across screen media.

Year two
Year two develops your understanding of key critical and theoretical paradigms in the study of film and television production, circulation, and reception. You will explore the ways in which film and television converge in the contemporary media landscape and consider the social significance of cultural industries and the processes of cultural production and representation.

Year three
In year three the dissertation project gives you the opportunity to conduct original research around a topic of your choice, with dedicated supervision from a member of staff. In addition, you will take four optional modules within the department in advanced areas of film and television studies, media and visual culture.

The quality of teaching and academic support has been impeccable. Tutors really go the extra mile to give detailed feedback and this approach has helped me progress academically at every stage of my degree. Throughout my time in the department I’ve been able to undertake a ten-week placement at a local radio station, an internship at a PR company, and a media teaching placement in a local school.

Nils Berg,
BA Film and Television Studies

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BA History of Art

This course covers the breadth of the visual arts, including painting, sculpture, architecture, the graphic arts, photography, film and other media. It also engages with museum history and the relationship between fine art and visual culture.

Each semester, you will study a wide range of modules covering topics from the Renaissance to the present day.

Year one
Year one provides a foundation for your studies through a series of core modules examining key developments, methods, and terms in the history of art. You will learn about materials and processes in art making, and develop skills in the first-hand analysis of buildings and artworks in the module Art and Architecture in Nottingham. You will also participate in regular workshops to develop the academic skills required for art historical study at undergraduate level.

Year two
Year two develops your understanding through a range of more specialist optional modules focusing on particular contexts and themes in the histories of art, architecture, and visual culture. You will gain greater independence in your approach to research and analysis through the core International Study module. In this module, you will develop an independent project in response to a study trip abroad to a city such as Berlin or Paris.* You can choose to acquire professional experience as part of your degree through the Cultures, Languages and Area Studies (CLAS) Work Placement module. You may also choose one module from outside of the department.

Year three
Year three focuses on increasing specialisation, theoretical and critical interrogation, and the development of your independent critical voice. You will have the opportunity to write a dissertation under the supervision of a member of academic staff, allowing you to explore a topic of personal interest in depth. You will choose from a wide range of optional modules in history of art, and may also choose one module from outside of the department.

Being a student of the University of Nottingham has enabled me to participate in Crop Up Gallery, a student-led curatorial collective that exhibits art across the city. As the current director, I have built a set of unique skills, perfect for enhancing my career trajectory. I have also cultivated an inspiring community of peers during my time in Nottingham, who have constantly supported me throughout my degree.

Alice Reed,
BA History of Art

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* The department covers the cost of students’ international travel, airport transfers, insurance and accommodation within their destination city. Students should expect to cover the cost of domestic travel and subsistence during their stay.
BA International Media and Communications Studies

This course teaches you to reflect critically on the forms of communication that shape everyday life, from text messages and emails to television programmes, print journalism and film.

You will study the theory and history of communications in a global context, developing a strong sense of the political, economic, social and cultural factors that shape the way we understand, or misunderstand, each other on an international level. This course also provides you with the opportunity to study a modern language, either opting to begin learning a new language or continue studying a language from A level.

Year one
Year one modules lay the foundations for understanding cultural studies approaches to media and communication. This includes the role of mass media in shaping society, the impact of new technologies on communicative practices, and the ways in which these practices are incorporated into our everyday lives. The core modules also support your development of key study and research skills.

Year two
In year two, you will be introduced to political and ethical questions raised by the dominance of the media and communications industries. You will acquire conceptual tools with which to analyse policy, industry, inter-cultural communication and cultural phenomena generally. You also continue the research training begun in year one; a core research module will expose you to the range of research methods and sources needed to produce your dissertation in year three.

Year three
You will choose from a range of modules that reflect the breadth of research expertise within the department, enabling you to explore your own emergent interests in political, institutional and theoretical approaches to media, communications and culture. Finally, the year-long dissertation module enables you to work closely with a supervisor to produce an original piece of research on a topic of your own choosing.

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I would definitely recommend this course to anyone who is interested in media, communication and cultural studies. Everyone in the department is friendly and the teachers are really supportive. The fact that it is a smaller department allows you to get to know your teachers well.

Leonor Moniz,
BA International Media and Communications Studies

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BA Archaeology and History of Art

This course offers the opportunity to examine art and material culture from ancient times to the modern era. You will explore the ways in which human societies throughout history have used objects and spaces to shape identities, politics and culture.

Year one
In year one, you will study core modules in both archaeology and history of art. These will provide you with a firm foundation in the principles and methods of both subjects, including how we discover, excavate and record archaeological sites, and how we study artworks from the Renaissance to the present day. You will also develop skills in the first-hand analysis of buildings and artworks in the module Art and Architecture in Nottingham. In the summer break you will complete part of your required archaeological fieldwork placement. For more information about fieldwork, including funding and costs, see nottingham.ac.uk/go/fieldwork.

Year two
In year two, you will study further core modules in archaeological research, and choose from a wide range of optional modules in both subjects, allowing you to explore particular periods, themes and areas in more depth. You will also have the opportunity to take the Heritage and Professional Skills module in archaeology or the Cultures, Languages and Area Studies (CLAS) Work Placement module in history of art.

Year three
In year three, you will choose to write a dissertation in either archaeology or history of art, allowing you to explore a topic of particular personal interest. You will also choose from a wide range of optional modules, enabling you to develop advanced knowledge and skills across both disciplines.

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

The lecturers are well informed and articulate in their speciality subjects but they also go above and beyond their teaching requirements. Every lecturer knows every student and will make time to meet with them when they need it, which is an incredible luxury.
Beth Stansfield,
BA History of Art

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<td>Two optional modules, such as:</td>
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<td>- The Archaeology of the Medieval City</td>
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<td>Human Osteology</td>
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BA Film and Television Studies and American Studies

This joint honours course combines the study of film and television with the study of North American literature, history and culture.

Year one
In year one, you will select core modules in either American history or American literature. You will also take a multidisciplinary module exploring the relationship between film, literature and culture in the North American context. In film and television studies, you will take modules covering an array of areas, including film and television history, production cultures, the analysis of film texts and key critical perspectives, and the contexts of film and television consumption.

Year two
Year two broadens and deepens your understanding of key concepts in both subjects. In American studies, a core module focusing on thought and culture enhances your understanding of North American society and cultural forms. You will also be able to select an optional module from a range that covers events, themes, genres, authors and texts from throughout American history. In film and television studies, through a combination of core and optional modules, you will have the opportunity to explore how film and television converge in the contemporary international media landscape.

Year three
In year three, you will continue to specialise by selecting from a broad range of modules in both subjects, and writing a dissertation about an area that most interests you.

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

I have met many students who equally enjoy film and television, but with very different career goals – from practical film-making to film critique. Exposure to diverse ideas and opinions is inspiring, and outside of study hours, experiences such as writing for a student magazine have allowed me to explore exciting career options.

Alexandra Lawless, BA Film and Television Studies

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BA French | German | Portuguese | Spanish and International Media and Communications Studies

These courses offer you the opportunity to study the culture, language and literature of a specific region alongside the history and theory of communications in a global context.

The courses are open to beginners as well as students who hold an A level in their chosen language. If you are a beginner in your chosen modern language, you will follow an intensive language programme designed to take you to degree level by the end of the course.

The variety and flexibility of these programmes offer you the chance to tailor your course to your interests and career aspirations.

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Year one

In international media and communications studies, you will be introduced to cultural and communications theories and debates surrounding mass media and new media.

You will also receive a firm grounding in the structures of your chosen language through core language modules, developing skills in reading, listening, speaking and writing. You will choose from a variety of optional modules focusing on the culture, history, media, literature, politics and society of countries where your chosen language is spoken.

Year two

In international media and communications studies, you will explore a range of key issues, including global media, news production, public relations, digital culture, and political communication. Specialised research training will support your final year dissertation.

On the language side of your degree, you will develop your skills to prepare for the year abroad. You will also continue to study, in greater depth, the artistic, historic, literary, political, social and visual culture of the country or countries where your chosen language is spoken.

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Year three – your year abroad

A prized opportunity enjoyed by students of modern languages is a year spent abroad as part of their degree. We offer one of the most flexible and best-supported year abroad schemes in the country, with students on an extremely diverse range of placements around the world.

You will spend your third academic year in a country or countries relevant to your chosen language area, studying or working, either:
- on a relevant programme in a higher education institution
- as an assistant in a school
- on a work placement.

The benefits of immersive language learning of this kind are tremendous. Our students find that the year abroad not only has a transformative impact on their linguistic capabilities, but is also an experience that inspires them culturally, intellectually and personally. For more information about the year abroad, see nottingham.ac.uk/clas/year-abroad

Year four

Advanced modules in international media and communications studies will allow you to gain critical skills relevant to journalism and other creative industries and to explore cultural policy, media coverage of conflict, politics and other specialist areas. You will complete your dissertation on a subject of your choosing, supervised by a staff member with expertise in your chosen area.

Year four language modules allow you to consolidate your language competence obtained during your year abroad, as well as deepening your understanding of the relevant country’s or countries’ culture and history.

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Typical modules

There is a diverse range of modules on offer for each of these courses. For more information, see nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/cmvs

Take a look at what our students are doing on their year abroad using the Instagram hashtag #uongoingplaces

The university is known nationwide for having one of the best student-led multimedia departments in the country. With my work as presenter of my own weekly after-dark show at URN (University Radio Nottingham), as well as gaining a freelance writing position at UK urban music and promotional platform, Link Up TV, I have been able to put my skills to the test, balancing article deadlines with the academic requirements of my course.

Sadiq Issa,
BA International Media and Communications Studies

Sadiq Issa,
BA International Media and Communications Studies
BA History and History of Art

This degree will teach you to think critically about art and the past. In history, you will explore aspects of the past from 500 CE to the present and from countries around the world. In history of art, you will explore how objects and images have shaped cultures and societies from the Renaissance to the present day.

Year one

The core history module Learning History reflects on the nature of history as a discipline and teaches the skills required for the writing, researching and debating of history. In history of art, you will be introduced to key issues and methods relating to the study of art history through core introductory modules. You will also develop skills in the first-hand analysis of buildings and artworks in the module Art and Architecture in Nottingham.

Year two

You will be given the opportunity to choose from a wide range of modules from both history and history of art. The optional modules available cover a large period of human history and focus on key historical debates concerning the origins of the world in which we now live. You can also choose to gain professional experience by taking the Cultures, Languages and Area Studies (CLAS) Work Placement module in history of art.

Year three

In history, you will take the Special Subject module, and one optional module. The Special Subject is a year-long, in-depth and research-based module, undertaken by all history students. In history of art you can choose to write a dissertation, which is an opportunity to explore a topic of particular personal interest in depth. You will also choose from a wide range of optional modules in history of art, allowing you to develop advanced knowledge and skills in the areas that most interest you.

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

Nottingham is a fantastic place to be a History of Art student because there is a really lively local art scene. I’ve been able to work and volunteer for a few galleries in different roles while studying, gaining valuable insight into possible career options. The module choices available have opened up my interest in art world politics, particularly the role of race in art, something I’d never considered writing on before entering the department.

Chloe Austin, BA History of Art

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<td>Making the Middle Ages, 500–1000</td>
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<td>The Contemporary World Since 1945</td>
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<td>The Venetian Republic, 1450–1575</td>
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<td>British Culture in the Age of Mass Production, 1920–1960</td>
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<td>Crisis in Christendom, 1150–1250</td>
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<td>Imperial Eyes: Race, Gender and Empire in Enlightenment Thought, 1730–1830</td>
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BA History of Art and English

This wide-ranging and varied course combines history of art with the opportunity to study English language, literature and drama from Old English to the present day.

You will explore how visual and textual materials interact across a range of historical periods, enriching your understanding of both visual art and literature.

Year one
In year one, you will gain familiarity with the practices of working at degree level in both subjects. In English, you have a choice of three core modules from: Beginnings of English; Drama, Theatre, Performance; Language and Context; and Studying Literature. In history of art, you will be introduced to key issues and methods relating to the study of art history through core introductory modules. You will also develop skills in the first-hand analysis of buildings and artworks in the module Art and Architecture in Nottingham.

Year two
In English, you have a choice of options to develop your interests in at least two areas: English literature since 1500; language and linguistics; medieval languages and literatures; and drama and performance. In history of art you will take three optional modules, choosing from topics covering the early modern, modern, and contemporary periods. You can also choose to gain professional experience by taking the Cultures, Languages and Area Studies (CLAS) Work Placement module in history of art.

Year three
You will have the opportunity to write a dissertation in history of art or in English, allowing you to explore a topic of particular personal interest in depth. You will also choose from a wide range of optional modules, specialising in key areas of each subject.

For more information about the English modules available to joint honours students, see nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/english

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“Being part of such a small department has made all the difference. You have a chance to really get to know your professors one on one, especially thanks to the personal tutoring scheme. My History of Art lecturers have been so supportive of both my academic pursuits and otherwise, allowing me to work to the best of my ability. The opportunity to study such a wide range of modules from various time periods has helped me to further my knowledge in all of the fields I loved!”

Isabella Hill, BA History of Art and English
How will I study?

Engaging study, incredible results

The Department of Cultural, Media and Visual Studies is a fantastic place to be. Our courses equip you with the visual literacy and communication skills vital to engaging with the wide-ranging media of today’s world. You will work with lecturers who are passionate about the subjects they teach, and whose breadth of expertise is reflected in our array of modules.

Your week

Your typical week will involve 12 hours of classroom time. You will be taught through lectures, seminars, film and television screenings, and one-to-one supervision. The rest of your week will be devoted to working independently, doing the necessary reading in preparation for seminars, researching and writing essays or preparing for exams and other assessments (including dissertation research and dedicated supervision in the final year).

Tutorials and support

We are a friendly community with approachable staff who will support you both personally and academically throughout your time at Nottingham. You will have regular meetings with your personal tutor to look at your academic progress and they are available for additional support and guidance.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment is based on a mixture of coursework and exams. As you progress through your course, you will take on more research and project-based assignments. In your final year you may be required to write an original research dissertation with the support of a member of staff.

Dynamic arts community

The city of Nottingham is home to established public museums and galleries, and a host of smaller artist-run studios and exhibition spaces, offering you the chance to engage directly with artworks, gain valuable professional experience, and build your creative network.

The city's dynamic arts community includes:
- Nottingham Contemporary – one of the largest contemporary arts centres in the UK
- New Art Exchange – an exciting visual arts space that explores the region's rich cultural diversity
- Experimental artist-led organisations, Backlit, Primary and One Thoresby Street
- Broadway Cinema – nationally recognised as a leading venue for independent cinema in the midlands
- Nottingham Castle Museum and Art Gallery, which houses the city’s major historical collection of fine and decorative arts
- Nottingham Lakeside Arts – the University’s public arts centre, home to the prestigious Djanogly Art Gallery

Resources

In addition to its extensive collections of books, journals, DVDs and videos, the library holds a large collection of historical cinema pressbooks, and subscribes to major film and entertainment databases that give students access to historical archives of industry trade journals. The specialist Digital Transformations Hub and the Manuscripts and Special Collections archive also contain a wealth of rare primary sources.

Student radio and TV

Get experience as a presenter, producer or reporter with our award-winning student-run broadcast stations, University Radio Nottingham (URN), and NSTV.

Field trips

First-hand study of visual arts will form an important part of your learning experience. We hold classes in the on-campus Djanogly Art Gallery, and we visit a wide range of local museums, galleries, and sites of architectural interest. Field trips are a core element of some modules, including International Study and Art and Architecture in Nottingham (History of Art).

Screenings

The Hallward Library maintains a state-of-the-art cinema room for module screenings, special events and student activities, as well as viewing stations for DVD, video and other screen media.

Enhance your skills

Beyond the classroom, we offer career training, volunteering and paid work opportunities through the Creative Student Network. The CLAS Work Placement and Employability Programme gives students the opportunity to gain professional experience.
Outstanding careers support

With training in primary research, industry history, visual literacy, writing and analysis, graduates in cultural, media and visual studies gain a flexible, interdisciplinary skills profile attractive to a breadth of employers.

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Outstanding careers support

Amplify your potential

Academic excellence and employability go hand in hand at Nottingham. Your course, and the diverse student experiences we offer, will enable you to develop the skills and professional competencies required to thrive in the job market of the future.

The Careers and Employability Service will help you explore your options, so you feel confident making choices about what you want to achieve. Our team will support you as you build your CV, search for jobs, prepare applications, practise your interview technique, and much more.

Get the Advantage

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

Studying abroad

Students on our joint honours BA International Media and Communications Studies and language courses spend their third year in a country where their chosen language is spoken. Students on our other degree programmes can choose to spend a semester or a whole year abroad, studying at either a partner institution or our campuses in China or Malaysia. There is a range of practical and financial support and advice available both before and during your stay. Find out more at nottingham.ac.uk/clas/studyabroad

Optional year in industry

Students who do not have a compulsory placement year or year abroad as part of their degree can spend a year working in industry, exploring an area of career interest and building professional skills. See nottingham.ac.uk/careers/placementyear

Postgraduate study

Some of our students choose to stay on at Nottingham and join our lively postgraduate community, from masters level through to PhD. For more information see nottingham.ac.uk/pgstudy

Our graduates have gone on to pursue many different career sectors, including:

- advertising and branding
- arts and heritage management
- business development
- charity and not-for-profit organisations
- conservation
- curating
- education and teaching
- event planning and management
- film and television industries
- journalism and broadcast media
- marketing and public relations
- politics
- publishing and radio

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All applications for full-time undergraduate study at Nottingham, including applications by international students, must be made through UCAS.

You can apply online at ucas.com and will be notified of decisions through UCAS Track. Applicants for V350 or QV33 who meet the academic criteria for these courses will be invited to interview.

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

Minimum entry requirements
Unless otherwise stated in individual course profiles, all UK applicants should have GCSE English grade 4 (C) as a minimum.

Alternative qualifications
In this brochure you will find our A level and International Baccalaureate entry requirements but we accept a much broader range of qualifications. For more details, visit nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/applying

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. Some courses may make a slightly lower offer. For more information about this policy, see nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/applying

Mature applicants
We encourage applications from mature applicants, who are defined as 21 years or older. You should apply through UCAS. Find out more at nottingham.ac.uk/mature

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

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. If you wish to declare a disability, please ensure that you have ticked the appropriate box on your UCAS application form. Disclosure of this information will not affect your application.

In 2020/21 the University will provide a generous bursary scheme to support lower-income students* For more details see: nottingham.ac.uk/financialsupport

* To eligible home fee status students.
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