Study the world’s philosophies
Question dominant ideologies, analyse social power and injustices, and imagine new and better ways of living together

Learn with inspiring tutors whose teaching draws upon world-leading research

100% of our research is of international quality or above
Research Excellence Framework, 2014

Join a supportive community at the heart of a vibrant university

Develop a global experience of philosophy
Opportunities range from summer schools to a full semester abroad nottingham.ac.uk/studyabroad

95.7% of our students thought that their lecturers were good at explaining things*

* National Student Survey, 2018

Join us on Twitter
@NottsPhilosophy

Our tutors arranged a visit to the Galleries of Justice in the first week of year one. It was not only interesting but also a great opportunity to meet members of the department and others taking the course.

Ellie Townsend-Brown, BA Philosophy

Develop your professional skills and gain industry experience with our Work Placement module

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[Image: Nottingham Galleries of Justice]
Studying philosophy at Nottingham

We offer a broad syllabus, spanning Western and Asian philosophy and traditional and emerging fields, including metaphysics, ethics, social and feminist philosophy, and the philosophies of law and science.

An extraordinary range of choice
We offer teaching in a large and unique array of the world philosophies – from the established and emerging parts of the Western tradition, to the traditions of India and China. We also teach elements of philosophy that might be entirely new to you, such as philosophy of criminal law or Afro-Caribbean philosophy. Since we offer so many options, you get a lot of choice: our single honours course has only two compulsory modules in the first year – after that, you are free to choose all of your modules. Our dissertation is optional, too.

Exceptional facilities and resources
Hallward Library, located on University Park Campus, holds a wealth of diverse materials for philosophy students. All of our philosophy modules use electronic reading lists allowing you to access most of your reading remotely from a computer or your phone. To find out about the wide range of facilities and resources on offer see nottingham.ac.uk/library/hallward

Beyond the curriculum
There are plenty of opportunities for you to take philosophy out into the world. Through the Work Placement module you can secure work experience, including in legal chambers, museums, arts and creative hubs. We also have strong links with local primary schools, giving you the chance to teach philosophy to younger students.

At a glance
- Study in a department ranked in the top 20 in the country by The Complete University Guide, 2019
- Develop your knowledge of global philosophy through our Study Abroad programme
- Get experience of teaching philosophy in schools through the Nottingham Advantage Award scheme

Innovative teaching
We love philosophy – that is why we have an international reputation and attract students and staff from around the world. We think different types of philosophy suit different teaching methods. Aside from lectures and seminars and essays and exams, we use innovative styles of teaching and assessment – from small-group study of texts, to reading summaries, to video pre-lectures. Our fields of expertise include feminist and social philosophy, mind and perception, ethics and applied philosophy, Indian and Chinese philosophy, and the philosophies of law, science, sex and gender.

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Our courses

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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

If these grades are not met, English preparatory courses are available. Find out more at nottingham.ac.uk/cele
# BA Philosophy

On this course we teach important skills in clear thinking, argument and communication. You will have opportunities to develop knowledge across new and historic areas of philosophy.

Throughout your degree, you will take a combination of core and optional modules from the Department of Philosophy. You will have the opportunity to choose from other complementary subject areas in years one and two. We also deliver dedicated specialist skills modules, because teaching you philosophy isn’t the same as teaching you how to philosophise! You have the opportunity to study abroad for one or two semesters of the course.

## Year one
Year one introduces you to the subject through two core modules focusing on mind, knowledge, ethics, reasoning, and logic.

You will also be able to choose optional modules allowing you to customise your degree to your interests. Optional modules include social and political philosophy, cross-cultural philosophy of religion, the history of Western and Asian traditions, and issues in contemporary applied philosophy.

## Year two
There are no compulsory modules in year two – you get a totally free choice. Optional modules can include Chinese and Japanese philosophy, language and meaning, and the philosophies of art, mind, and race. You can choose to build on material studied in year one, or develop and broaden your philosophical skills and knowledge to discover new traditions and disciplines.

## Year three
You will have free choice from a wide variety of modules, including Buddhism, Marxism, and advanced topics in philosophy of mind, science, and social philosophy. You will also have the opportunity to write a dissertation on a topic of your own choosing, supported by a member of staff.

Modules may change, for example due to curriculum developments. The above list is a sample of typical modules that we offer, not a definitive list. The most up-to-date information can be found on our website at [nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/philosophy](nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/philosophy).

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### Typical modules

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<td>- Contemporary Metaethics</td>
<td>- Advanced Topics in Social Philosophy</td>
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<td><strong>Optional</strong></td>
<td>- Continental Philosophy</td>
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<td>- Gender, Justice, and Society</td>
<td>- Freedom of Obligation</td>
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<td>- History of Philosophy: Ancient to Modern</td>
<td>- Knowledge and Justification</td>
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<td>- Metaphysics, Science, and Language</td>
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<td>- Philosophy and the Contemporary World</td>
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<td>- Philosophy of Religions</td>
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I decided that I wanted to study philosophy after developing an interest in the kinds of questions that concern philosophers throughout my time at school. I love studying at Nottingham, the department is amazingly supportive, the course is varied and extremely interesting, and the campus provides a beautiful place to study. I hope that you will love it as much as I do!

Boo Jackson, BA Philosophy

[nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/philosophy](nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/philosophy)
BA Philosophy and Theology

This course offers a comprehensive exploration of the world’s major spiritual and philosophical traditions.

You will explore the contemporary context for theological reflection by studying the biblical writings, key thinkers, ideas, events and movements that shaped the course of Western Christian thought. You will also study the main philosophical traditions – including analytic, continental, Indian and Chinese philosophies – while acquiring important skills in clear thinking, argument and communication.

Year one
In philosophy, you will be introduced to the subject through a series of core modules covering central philosophical problems. You will also be able to choose from a range of optional modules.

In theology, you will study key theological sub-disciplines across a range of modules, including critical study of the Bible, the historical development of Christian thought, modern Christian ideas, Islam and Judaism.

Year two
In philosophy, you will choose from a variety of optional modules that build on material studied in year one, allowing you to develop and broaden your philosophical skills and knowledge. Modules typically cover Asian philosophy, ethics, freedom, meaning, social issues, the mind, the nature of reality, and understanding science.

In theology, you will take the core module The Philosophy of Religion: Atheism, Theism, and Nihilism. Optional theology modules cover areas such as Church history, literature and religion, Islam, Judaism, Paul, the Old Testament, and science and theology.

Year three
Year three philosophy modules reflect the research expertise of our department, including in metaphysics, ethics, logic, philosophy of science, and criminal law. You may also opt to write a dissertation on a subject of your choice, supported by a member of staff.

In theology, you may choose to concentrate on philosophical approaches to religion, as well as taking options in biblical studies, religion and culture, religious studies, and theological ideas.

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

For typical philosophy modules, see page 7.

BA Classical Civilisation and Philosophy

This course offers a diverse and flexible approach to philosophy, and to the literature, history, and culture of Ancient Greece and Rome. You will have the option to study Greek or Latin from beginners’ level, giving you the opportunity to engage with key classical texts in their original form.

Year one
In year one, you will take a combination of core and optional modules from philosophy and classics. Philosophy modules introduce you to philosophical study at university level and guide you through principles of good reasoning, argument and writing. In classics, you will study two core modules which give an integrated introduction to the history and culture of Greece and Rome and their reception. A choice of three further modules offer detailed approaches to historical, literary and artistic sources, and each builds up skills in different types of assessment. You are also encouraged to begin studying either ancient Greek or Latin.

Year two
Classical civilisation combines a wide range of optional modules exploring ancient literature, art and history. If you are planning to write a dissertation in your third year, this will include extended study of a particular ancient source. In philosophy, you will choose from a variety of optional modules, which will build on material studied in year one, allowing you to develop and broaden your knowledge of the areas that most interest you.

Year three
In year three, philosophy modules reflect the research expertise of our department, including in metaphysics, ethics, logic, philosophy of science, and criminal law. You may also opt to write a dissertation on a subject of your choosing supported by a member of staff. In classical civilisation, you will pursue your academic interests through a dissertation or the Special Subject module which involves a detailed study of a particular topic.

For more information on the classical civilisation element of your course see nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/classicsandarchaeology

For typical philosophy modules, see page 7.

The department is a great learning atmosphere full of friendly professionals. The eclectic research of the tutors can bring you into contact with literature, history, archaeology, art history and continental philosophy – something for all students of the programme.

Jack Murphy, BA Philosophy and Theology
This course combines rigorous training in analytic philosophy with the opportunity to study English language, literature and drama from Old English to the present day. You will develop important skills in clear thinking, argument and analysis.

Year one
In English, you have a choice of three core modules from the following areas: drama and performance; English language and applied linguistics; literature, 1500 to the present; and medieval languages and literatures.

In philosophy, you will be introduced to the subject through a series of core and optional modules in central philosophical problems: you’ll study philosophy of mind, ethics, and epistemology (the study of knowledge-practices) as well as reasoning, logic, and argument.

Year two
In English, you will choose core modules to develop your studies in at least two of the four areas mentioned above, spanning a range of historical “epochs”.

In philosophy, you will choose from a variety of optional modules which build on material studied in year one, allowing you to develop and broaden your knowledge of the areas that most interest you.

Year three
In English, you will choose from a range of specialist modules. Philosophy modules in year three reflect the research expertise of our department, including in metaphysics, ethics, logic, philosophy of science, and criminal law. You may also opt to write a dissertation on a subject of your choosing in either English or philosophy.

The School of English at a glance:
- Ranked 6th best university school for creative writing and 7th best for English in the UK according to the The Complete University Guide, 2019
- Opportunities to undertake bespoke work placements in creative industries, marketing, publishing, archives and communications
- Get involved in writing for the award-winning student magazine Impact or publish your work on Words on Words, the School of English blog

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

This course provides you with well-rounded training in the principles of philosophy and psychology, as well as the knowledge and analytical skills needed to assess and conduct research.

Year one
You will be introduced to philosophical study at university level, and guided through principles of good reasoning, argumentation, and writing. You will study philosophy of mind, ethics, and epistemology (the study of knowledge-practices) as well as reasoning, logic, and argument. In psychology, you will be introduced to core areas via modules covering biological, cognitive, developmental and social psychology.

Year two
During year two, you will choose from a variety of optional modules, building on material studied in year one. In philosophy, modules typically cover society, the mind, ethics, freedom, Asian philosophy, the nature of reality, meaning, and understanding science. In psychology, you will study modules focusing on advanced theories and methodologies. Practical classes will allow you to refine your skills in planning, implementing, and reporting psychological research.

Year three
In year three, philosophy modules reflect the research expertise of our staff, including in metaphysics, ethics, logic, philosophy of science, and criminal law. You may opt to write a dissertation on a subject of your choosing with the support of a member of staff. In psychology, you will study modules focusing on advanced theories and methodologies. Practical classes will allow you to refine your skills in planning, implementing, and reporting psychological research.

For more information about the School of Psychology and the psychology element of your course see nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/psychology

Our courses
Studying philosophy here is great. There’s so much freedom to choose particular areas that you are interested in studying in detail. The lecturers are extremely approachable and break down even the most difficult concepts with ease. The workload isn’t terrifying either!

Michaela Lawson, BA Philosophy

For typical philosophy modules, see page 7.
BA Economics and Philosophy

Combining two distinct disciplines, this joint honours course develops your understanding of how societies work in the contexts of economy, ethics, and reason.

Year one
In economics, you will typically study macro- and microeconomics, as well as a study skills module. In philosophy, you will be introduced to central philosophical problems through two core modules: Mind, Knowledge, and Ethics; and Reasoning, Argument, and Logic. You will also be able to choose from a range of optional modules which allow you to tailor your degree to your interests.

Year two
In economics, you will build on your first-year experience with modules on economic theory, as well as specialising through a range of optional modules. In philosophy, optional modules allow you to build on your knowledge of material studied in year one, or explore new areas of study. Options can include Western and Chinese moral philosophy.

Year three
In your final year you will select modules from a variety of specialist subjects offered by the School of Economics and the Department of Philosophy. You may also opt to write a dissertation in philosophy under the supervision of a member of staff.

For more information on the economics element of your course see nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/economics
For more information about the School of Economics, see page 14.

BA Music and Philosophy

This course offers the opportunity to study the theory and practice of music, alongside a diverse and flexible approach to studying philosophy. It is equally weighted between the two subjects.

Year one
In year one, you will take a combination of compulsory and optional modules in music and philosophy. In music, you will deepen and consolidate your knowledge of music theory, history, repertoire, world music and popular music. Philosophy modules introduce you to philosophical study at university level and guide you through principles of good reasoning, argumentation and writing. The remaining credits may be filled with optional music modules in composition, performance and music technology, optional philosophy modules, or modules from another department or from the Language Centre.

Year two
In economics, you will build on your first-year experience with modules on economic theory, as well as specialising through a range of optional modules. In philosophy, optional modules allow you to build on your knowledge of material studied in year one, or explore new areas of study. Options can include Western and Chinese moral philosophy.

Year three
The final year allows you to specialise according to a number of pathways, including, musicology, performance, composition and music technology. Philosophy modules reflect the research expertise of our department, and encompass metaphysics, ethics, logic, philosophy of science and criminal law. You may choose to write a dissertation in either music or philosophy, and you may also select 20 credits of modules from another department.

For typical philosophy modules, see page 7.

The Department of Music at a glance:
- Ranked 10th for music in the UK by The Complete University Guide, 2019
- Join over 20 student ensembles and use our superb performance facilities
- We offer a vast array of placements with orchestras, recording studios, music publishers, gig promoters and other educational institutions

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

I started without any prior knowledge of Philosophy, but I’ve gained so much studying here. I’m volunteering with the department in schools to introduce philosophy to young people, which is a great opportunity to learn new practical skills too!

Gershom Ndosimao, BA Philosophy

nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/philosophy
BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics

Jointly taught by the School of Economics, the School of Politics and International Relations, and the Department of Philosophy, this course offers a holistic and interdisciplinary approach to understanding the modern world.

By applying the complementary analytical frameworks of philosophy, political science and economics, you will gain a rich understanding of the roots of, and solutions to, problems affecting contemporary society.

Year one
You will study a range of complementary modules from each subject. Modules in mathematics and statistics lay the foundations for studying economics modules in your final year.
You will also take year-long modules in study skills and careers/employability, which include guidance on preparing your CV, interview techniques and applying for internships.

Year two
You will have a choice of modules from a large range of options. You can apply to spend a semester of your second year studying abroad, taking similar modules to your counterparts back in Nottingham.

Year three
In the final year of your degree, you can specialise in the areas that most interest you, by taking either 40 credits’ worth of politics, philosophy and economics modules, or 60 credits of modules from any two of these disciplines.

The School of Economics and the School of Politics and International Relations at a glance:
- Nottingham’s School of Economics is rated 9th in the UK in The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide, 2019
- Academics from the School of Politics and International Relations are regularly quoted in the media including The Independent, The LA Times and Le Monde
- Top for student satisfaction among Russell Group economics schools in the National Student Survey, 2018

For more information on the economics and politics elements of your course see nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/economics and nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/politics

For typical philosophy modules, see page 7.

BA Religion, Philosophy and Ethics

Drawing on the combined expertise of our theology and philosophy departments, this course is one of the broadest humanities options and of the utmost relevance to the contemporary world.

The world today faces profound questions of human identity and ethics, which philosophy and theology tackle in diverse ways.

Year one
Core modules in year one will introduce you to a wide range of issues in philosophy, religion and ethics from a variety of philosophical and theological perspectives. Through your selection of optional modules, you may choose to focus either on philosophy or theology and religious studies, or combine the two.

Year two
You will take four core modules, complemented by optional modules on offer in the Department of Philosophy, and the Department of Theology and Religious Studies. You may choose to develop your interests in areas studied in year one or to study something new.

Year three
In year three, you will have the flexibility to focus on either philosophy or theology and religious studies, with a wide range of modules on offer in both departments. Alternatively, you may choose to give equal weighting to both disciplines. You will also have the option of writing a dissertation, which will allow you to develop your interest in a particular subject through independent research.

For more information on the theology and religious studies element of your course see nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/theology

For typical philosophy modules, see page 7.
BSc Physics and Philosophy

This course allows you to study both physics and philosophy to degree level and to focus on the interplay between these closely related subjects.

Throughout the course you will have the opportunity to address some of the deeper philosophical questions raised by modern physics, such as the implications of the probabilistic interpretations of quantum mechanics. Within philosophy, our modules cover ethics, epistemology (the study of knowledge and enquiry), metaphysics, and philosophy of science.

Year one
You will study a selection of core physics modules that connect to philosophy and a complementary selection of philosophy modules. You will also be taught the general mathematics that you will need to take physics to a higher level.

Year two
You will study more advanced areas of physics (such as quantum mechanics), and choose from a selection of philosophy modules including the philosophy of mind, social philosophy, and Asian philosophy.

Year three
In the first semester, you will finish the core syllabus of physics, and in the second semester, you will choose from a wide range of options in advanced physics and related subjects such as astrophysics. Within philosophy, you can study topics in metaphysics, philosophy of language, philosophy of science, among others. You can also complete a dissertation-style project.

The School of Physics and Astronomy at a glance:
- Ranked third in the UK for research according in the most recent Research Excellence Framework, 2014
- Join an internationally-renowned centre for teaching and learning, with 50+ research-active members of academic staff involved in undergraduate teaching
- Benefit from modern lab facilities and support from dedicated teaching technicians

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

BA French and Philosophy

On this course you will combine studies in French language, literature and culture with a wide range of philosophical topics. This is a four-year course with the third year spent abroad.

This course is open to beginners of French and students with an A level in the language. On both routes – beginners’ or post-A level – you will normally divide your time equally between French and philosophy.

Year one
If you are taking French post-A level you will study a core module in the structures of the French language, as well as the core module Introduction to French and Francophone Studies, which will introduce you to the study of French linguistics, literature, politics, society and film. You will also choose from optional modules focusing on French literature, politics and history.

If you are starting French at beginners’ level, you will pursue a structured language course to take you to advanced level in the four years of your degree. You will also take core modules taught in English that introduce you to key areas of interest in the field of French studies.

In philosophy, our compulsory modules cover ethics, epistemology (the study of knowledge), and philosophy of mind and reasoning, argument, and logic. You may also opt to study modules on social and political philosophy, Western and Asian philosophy, and contemporary applied philosophy.

Year two
On both language routes, your French studies will be consolidated to prepare you for the third year spent abroad. If you are on the post-A level route, you will also choose from a range of modules in French and Francophone culture, film, history, linguistics, literature, politics, and society. On the beginners’ route you will continue with the core Introduction to French and Francophone Studies module. Philosophy offers modules in Chinese and Japanese philosophy and the philosophies of art, mind, and race.

Year three
Your third academic year is spent in France or a Francophone country doing one of:
- a programme of studies in a higher education institution
- working as an assistant in a school
- a work placement.

For information about how Britain’s exit from the EU may affect year abroad opportunities see nottingham.ac.uk/clas/year-abroad

Year four
Beginners and post-A level students will take the same core language module and all students will choose from a range of optional modules. You will develop your command of French to a high level and use it in increasingly sophisticated contexts. You will choose from an array of optional modules and will also have the option to write a dissertation related to the French element of your degree.

Philosophy modules in year three reflect the research expertise of our department, including metaphysics, ethics, logic, philosophy of science, and criminal law. You may also opt to write a dissertation in philosophy on a subject of your choosing.

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

For typical philosophy modules, see page 7.
Engaging study, incredible results

You get more out of philosophy the more you put into it. The study of philosophy involves far more than simply sitting and thinking. Our job is to help you choose and master a range of diverse activities by training you to argue, criticise, debate, explain, and understand well.

Your week
Your typical working week is shaped by the modules you choose and how you decide to organise your time. In year one, you will have upwards of 12 hours in lectures and seminars. For the rest of the time, you will be engaged in reading, preparation, and self-directed study. You can arrange one-to-one meetings with your academic tutors, too.

Teaching and learning
Our courses are delivered through lectures, seminars, tutorials, one-to-one supervision, and other innovative formats. Lectures will stimulate your curiosity and provide you with essential information about key ideas, which can then form the basis of discussion in your seminars and tutorials. In addition, all lecturers have two drop-in sessions per week when you can talk privately with them about your work.

How will I be assessed?
Our assessment methods are designed to develop different skills and strengths. These could include essays, in-class tests, group and one-to-one sessions, poster presentations and final exams. We also provide you with timely and constructive feedback to allow you to improve your work.

Go global with philosophy
The University’s Study Abroad programme gives you the chance to travel and experience different cultures while working towards your degree from the University of Nottingham.

There are a range of options available to philosophy students, including summer schools and a semester abroad at one of our partner institutions around the world. For more information about studying abroad, see nottingham.ac.uk/studyabroad

nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/philosophy
Outstanding careers support

Studying philosophy means embracing disciplined approaches to critical thinking and communication – skills crucial to practically every career.

A degree in philosophy will equip you with key professional skills, including:
- analytical reasoning
- articulating complex arguments and lines of reasoning
- constructive criticism and discussion
- developing and presenting complex ideas

**95% of undergraduates from the School of Humanities secured work or further study within six months of graduation***

£20,000 was the average starting salary for recent Humanities graduates with the highest being £32,000***

**Amplify your potential**

Whether you already have a plan or need some inspiration, your Careers and Employability Service is here to help.

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.

We 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.

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Jennifer Moles, BA Philosophy, now a Barrister at Chartland Chambers

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**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

**Work experience module**

We are dedicated to preparing students for life after university, encouraging opportunities to develop real world experience and professional skills.

Our work experience module embeds employability in the curriculum. You have the opportunity to take part in a professional placement within an external organisation, supported by a series of lectures, seminars and workshops in conjunction with the Careers and Employability Service.

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**Recent graduate destinations include:**
- authors and writers
- journalism and broadcast media
- law
- marketing and public relations
- teaching and lecturing

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I was headhunted for a role as a recruitment consultant shortly after graduating and have since trained to be a barrister. I received a full scholarship to study for the Bar and know that this was partly due to the debating and mooting I got involved with at university. Philosophy definitely helped my written and oral advocacy – I am able to argue my point very successfully in mock trials!

Jennifer Moles, BA Philosophy, now a Barrister at Chartland Chambers

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*Known destinations of full-time home undergraduates who were available for work 2016/17. Salaries are calculated based on the median of those in full-time paid employment within the UK.*
How to apply

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.

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 being 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.

Accommodation to suit every budget and personal choice
nottingham.ac.uk/accommodation

Around 15 minutes by tram or bus from the city for music, food and shopping
nottingham.ac.uk/nottinghamlife

Student Service Centres on all UK campuses for support and advice
nottingham.ac.uk/studentservices

Join in with the vibrant musical life on campus and in the city
nottingham.ac.uk/music/performance

Sports University of the Year 2019*
with over 70 student sports clubs
nottingham.ac.uk/sport

Choose from 9 modern languages to study alongside your course
nottingham.ac.uk/language-centre

Live and study abroad as part of your degree
nottingham.ac.uk/studywithus/studyabroad

UoNSU Philosophy Society
organises exciting events throughout the year, including debates and guest lectures.

Experience it
This brochure has been drafted in advance of the academic year to which it applies. Every effort has been made to ensure that the information contained in this brochure is accurate at the time of publishing, but changes (for example to course content) are likely to occur given the interval between publication and commencement of the course. It is therefore very important to check our website for any updates before you apply for the course by following nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy. Where there is a difference between the contents of this brochure and our website, the contents of the website take precedence.