International Office Guide
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Welcome Programme

If you are an starting a course in September or October and you are an international student, you may be able to make use of the Welcome Programme, which runs in the week before the start of term. This residential orientation programme includes academic, practical and social activities to help you settle in. For more information, please visit: www.nottingham.ac.uk/internationalstudents/welcome

Not all students will be able to make the Welcome Programme however, perhaps because they arrive to Nottingham later than they hoped or at a different time of the year. In this case, please refer to our detailed guidance on the first steps to take when you reach Nottingham, just here: www.nottingham.ac.uk/internationalstudents/transition

University coach service

If you are arriving in September or January, the University runs a coach service from Gatwick and Heathrow airports in partnership with National Express, the UK’s national coach service. This allows you to transfer to Nottingham at a discounted rate. Information about this will be sent directly to students at the relevant time of year and can also be found online: www.nottingham.ac.uk/internationalstudents/welcome

Arriving at other times of the year

London airports - Heathrow, Gatwick, Luton and Stansted to Nottingham

There is a direct coach service with National Express which leaves Heathrow, Gatwick, Luton and Stansted airports approximately every two hours to travel directly to the Nottingham Broadmarsh bus station. The journey takes about three hours from Heathrow, five hours from Gatwick, two and half hours from Luton and four hours from Stansted. There are also regular bus and train links from all London airports into central London.

For more information on getting to and from an airport, please see their website:

- Heathrow: www.heathrowairport.com/transport-and-directions
- Gatwick: www.gatwickairport.com/to-and-from
- Luton: www.london-luton.co.uk/en/airport
- Stansted: www.stanstedairport.com/to-and-from-the-airport

From central London, you can also travel by coach to Nottingham from London Victoria Coach station which is a 10 minute walk from London Victoria railway station. Coaches depart at regular intervals throughout the day and the journey takes approximately three hours.

Alternatively, you can to travel to Nottingham by train. The journey takes approximately two hours. There is a frequent service from St Pancras.
Station in central London to Nottingham or Beeston train station. To reach St Pancras from Heathrow Airport you should take an underground train (the tube) on the Piccadilly Line to King’s Cross/St Pancras Station. To reach St Pancras from Gatwick Airport you should take a train to Victoria Station and then an underground train on the Victoria Line north to St Pancras Station. We recommend booking a ticket direct from the airport station through to Nottingham as this is cheaper and saves buying separate tickets for each stage of your journey.

**Manchester Airport to Nottingham**

Manchester Airport is slightly closer to Nottingham than the airports in London. From Manchester Airport there is a rail link to Manchester Piccadilly railway station and an hourly service from the station to Nottingham train station.

There is also a regular National Express coach service from Terminals 1 and 2 at Manchester Airport to Nottingham Broadmarsh bus station. Details of departure times are available at the terminals. The journey takes between four and five hours.

For more information on getting to and from Manchester, please see the airport website. [www.manchesterairport.co.uk/to-and-from-airport](http://www.manchesterairport.co.uk/to-and-from-airport)

**Birmingham Airport to Nottingham**

An increasing number of international flights now arrive at Birmingham Airport, which is about two hours away from Nottingham and is the nearest international airport. There is a railway station at the airport. Change trains at Birmingham New Street station to travel easily to Nottingham station.

Alternatively, National Express coaches travel between Birmingham Airport and Nottingham Broadmarsh bus station. The minimum coach journey time by coach is just over two hours.

For more information on getting to and from Birmingham, please see the airport website. [www.birminghamairport.co.uk/directions-and-transport](http://www.birminghamairport.co.uk/directions-and-transport)

**Nottingham East Midlands Airport to Nottingham**

Nottingham East Midlands Airport is the nearest airport to the University. There are direct flights to Nottingham East Midlands Airport from various European countries, and shuttle flights from the larger UK airports.

A taxi from the airport to the University takes around 20 minutes and costs about £25.

The Skylink bus service operates from the airport to Beeston and Nottingham City Centre every 30 minutes. The journey takes about 55 minutes. This service runs 24 hours a day but operates hourly from 11.00pm to 4.00am. For more details, see [www.skylink.co.uk](http://www.skylink.co.uk)

**From Nottingham city centre (Broadmarsh bus station and Nottingham train station) to the University**

After arriving at the bus or train station in Nottingham, we recommend that you get a taxi to the University/your accommodation or that you take the tram. A taxi to the University Park Campus from Nottingham city centre should cost around £10. There are usually taxis waiting, but if you arrive and can’t see any available, you can call one. Try dialling one of the following companies to book a taxi

- Trent Cars 0115 950 5050
- Cab-Line Taxis 0115 922 5226
- DG Cars 0115 9607 607
- Nottingham Cars 0115 970 0700

For details of the tram which runs from Nottingham train station (close to Broadmarsh bus station) towards the University of Nottingham, you can plan your journey online: [www.thetram.net](http://www.thetram.net)

You may find it helpful to refer to the University’s city centre and campus maps before you leave home to get an idea of the area you will be travelling to. [www.nottingham.ac.uk/map](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/map)
**Travelling to the Sutton Bonington Campus**

If you are arriving at Heathrow or Gatwick airports, a National Express Coach can take you to Nottingham East Midlands Airport. From there, you can take a taxi to the Campus at Sutton Bonington, which is much quicker and more direct than coming into Nottingham city centre or the University Park Campus. The taxi fare should be between £20 and £30.

**Making contact before you travel**

There are many ways to make contact with students and staff at The University of Nottingham before you travel to ease your transition into university life when you get here.

You can investigate the different student (and staff) societies on offer through our Students’ Union. It can be very helpful to ask others from your home country what to expect. Making contact through societies is an ideal way to do this. See: [www.su.nottingham.ac.uk/activities/societies](http://www.su.nottingham.ac.uk/activities/societies)

You can also subscribe to our Facebook and Twitter updates to get the most relevant and up-to-date information from Nottingham:

- [UoN International Office](https://www.facebook.com/UoNInternationalOffice)
- [@UoNIntOffice](https://twitter.com/UoNIntOffice)

**Share your #journeytoUoN photos**

If you’re an international or EU student travelling to Nottingham to start a new course or a study period with us in September 2015, we’d love to see your photos and comments about your journey to study with us.

Share your photos on Twitter, Instagram or on our International Office Facebook page with the hashtag #journeytoUoN and you could win a restaurant voucher for dining out in Nottingham.

Find out more: [www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/journeytoUoN](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/journeytoUoN)
We’re here to help, get in touch:

We offer a professional and confidential advisory service to all international and EU students both before they join the University and once they have arrived.

You can contact us by email, telephone or in person. We run a regular service where you can meet an International Student Advisor, Monday to Friday throughout the academic year. To find out more about our service times and locations, please visit: www.nottingham.ac.uk/internationalstudents/advisors

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We are always looking for ways to develop and improve our support service and welcome feedback from staff and students.

The information in this leaflet is given in good faith and correct at the time of writing. It has been carefully checked in line with UKCISA and Home Office guidance, but The University of Nottingham accepts no responsibility for the accuracy of the information.

If you would like any further information or assistance, please contact us. The advisors, Rosemary Gibson, Melanie Bentham-Hill, Ruth Hudson, Amy Newham, Hong Sun and Deborah Webb are authorised to provide immigration advice and services by an order made under Section 84 (4) (d) of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

If at any time you are not happy with the advice you have been given by the International Office, in the first instance you should raise this with the Head of International Support and Engagement or the Director of the International Office. If the matter is not resolved or you are still unhappy, you can make a complaint to the OISC (Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner) via their website www.oisc.gov.uk

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