

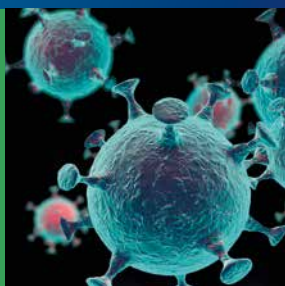


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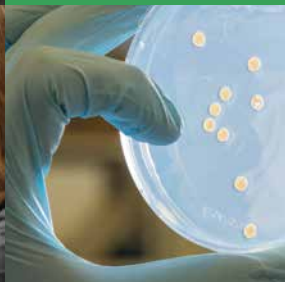
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## Outstanding teaching and learning

Teaching Excellence Framework, 2017

TEF Gold

Study two science subjects to degree level



Choose between different pathways and experience a range of scientific disciplines

Gain practical experience in modern, fully equipped laboratories



“I chose natural sciences because I couldn't decide which science was my favourite! I wasn't sure which to give up so I decided not to. I studied the biology-chemistry-psychology pathway.”

Eva Newman,  
MSci Natural Sciences



Benefit from our friendly and supportive peer mentoring scheme



Opportunities to study abroad including Australia, Canada and the USA



Gain the knowledge, skills and versatility required for a career in modern science

Graduate with the skills to pursue a career

in academic or industrial research, clinical and health science, the pharmaceutical industry, teaching, and more



# Studying natural sciences at Nottingham

Many of the big challenges of the 21st century, such as climate change, energy, security, health and sustainability, require an interdisciplinary approach to find solutions.

At the University of Nottingham we are transforming lives, shaping the future and improving societies across the world. As a natural sciences student you will be taught by scientists across eight schools who are working towards solutions to today's global problems. Be inspired and join our world.

**Natural sciences is the degree for you if:**

- You are enjoying two or more of the subjects you are currently studying and would like to continue them
- You enjoy studying science and would like to explore new areas of science alongside those which are more familiar
- You want to study a combination of subjects which is not widely available such as psychology/biology, chemistry/geography or biology/physics
- You are interested in a specific interdisciplinary area such as climate change, nanotechnology, energy, neuroscience or systems biology where understanding more than one science is advantageous

**8th in the UK for research power\***

\* Research Excellence Framework, 2014

## At a glance

- Tailor your course to your interests and career aspirations by choosing from a diverse mix of subjects and specialisms
- Get experience in research across the boundaries of traditional disciplines in the synoptic module
- Gain a new perspective on your studies by spending a year abroad at one of our international partner institutions
- Keep your career options open while studying a multidisciplinary degree that provides a wide range of skills and knowledge



# Our courses

Degree title	UCAS code	Duration	A levels	IB
<b>Single honours</b>				
BSc Natural Sciences	FGC0	3 years	A*AA^	38
BSc Natural Sciences with International Study	FGY0	4 years	A*AA^	38
MSci Natural Sciences	GFC0	4 years	A*AA^	38
MSci Natural Sciences with International Study	GFY0	5 years	A*AA^	38

^ Including a minimum of A in the required subjects for your pathway. Required subjects vary by pathway.

## Course overview

Our natural sciences degrees are multidisciplinary single honours programmes which allow you to study three sciences in your first year before choosing two to continue. It is a flexible programme with the breadth to study more than one science in a structured framework that allows you to reach an advanced level in your chosen subjects.

The combination of subjects you study is called your pathway. A full list of pathways can be found on page 10.

## The subjects available are:

- archaeology
- biology
- chemistry
- ecosystems and environment
- earth science
- mathematics
- physics
- psychology

## Entry requirements

All pathways require three subjects taken at A level or Higher Level but the specific subjects required depend on the pathway you would like to study. Biology, chemistry, mathematics and physics are required subjects if included in the pathway you want to study. If a pathway has only one specified science required you need to have a second science at A level or Higher Level from biology, geography, geology, mathematics or physics.

If mathematics is not provided at A level or Higher Level you must have GCSE mathematics grade 4 (C) or above. All applicants need a minimum of GCSE English grade 4 (C).

## English language requirements

IELTS 6.5 (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](https://nottingham.ac.uk/go/alternativerequirements)

If these grades are not met, English preparatory courses are available. Find out more at [nottingham.ac.uk/cele](https://nottingham.ac.uk/cele)

## Archaeology

Archaeologists study all periods ranging from the earliest origins of humanity to later prehistoric and historically documented societies, developing their knowledge by studying material remains.

It is a multidisciplinary subject combining the sciences and humanities. Studying archaeology gives you the opportunity to learn about the scientific techniques which are used to reconstruct and understand the human past. You will be able to learn about human evolution, how analytical techniques can be used to reconstruct past environments and the development of human culture, lifestyle and technologies. All students continuing archaeology beyond the first year will undertake a fieldwork placement on an approved excavation in the UK or overseas. Assistance is provided with securing a placement.

**Available with:**  
biology and chemistry

## Biology

Biology is the study of life and living organisms. It is a vast subject which incorporates many different branches and sub-disciplines including molecular biology, physiology, ecology, evolutionary biology and genetics.

There are two distinct specialisms within biology which you choose between within natural sciences. On the molecular biology and genetics specialism you study a range of modules on cell biology, molecular biology and genetics gaining both theoretical and laboratory experience in these fields. On the evolution, ecology and behaviour specialism you study a range of modules on evolutionary biology, animal and plant physiology, ecology and behaviour, gaining theoretical, laboratory and practical experience in these fields. On both specialisms you have the opportunity to explore further areas through options in immunobiology, developmental biology or neuroscience.

**Available with:**  
archaeology, chemistry, earth science, ecosystems and environment, mathematics, physics, psychology

## Chemistry

Chemistry is the study of the composition and properties of matter and the changes it undergoes. It is the key to understanding the natural world, enhancing our quality of life and the environment.

In your first year you will study theory in all three branches of chemistry; inorganic, organic and physical, alongside laboratory experience. From the second-year onwards, you pursue two branches of chemistry either physical/inorganic or inorganic/organic taking a mixture of theoretical and practical modules. Gaining hands-on experience in the laboratory is a critical part of both synthetic and physical branches of chemistry, and you will spend quite a lot of your time in the lab in each year of study. Alongside the core areas of chemistry you study, there is the opportunity to explore some of the research specialisms of the department such as lasers, green chemistry and biological and medicinal chemistry.

**Available with:**  
archaeology, biology, earth science, ecosystems and environment, mathematics, physics, psychology

## Earth Science

Earth Science is the scientific study of the planet, looking at the geomorphology, geology, soil science, hydrology, atmospheric science, and how this information can be gathered, recorded and studied.

Through the core areas of study you will gain a broad understanding of the underlying geology of the Earth's landscapes and how this has developed over time; geological structures and hazards; tectonics; and the role of life in shaping the planet.

As you move through to later years you will have the opportunity to explore specialisms based around your interests, including soil science, how pollution can be monitored, modelled and remediated, river systems, mineralogy and petrology, palaeontology, earth observation and geographic information science. Gaining hands-on experience is an important part of Earth Science and you will be able to gain practical experience in the field and the laboratory during your studies.

Some of the modules with fieldwork may require a contribution towards the cost.

Some modules in later years may be taught at the Sutton Bonington Campus, easily reached via the University's free Hopper Bus.

**Available with:**  
biology, chemistry, ecosystems and environment, mathematics, physics



# Ecosystems and Environment

**This strand of natural sciences focuses on how different ecosystems were formed; how living organisms interact with each other and their ecosystem. It explores the impact of humans on the environment such as climate change, habitat loss and damage to ecosystems, and how these can be managed and modelled.**

In the beginning you develop core understanding of geomorphology and hydrological systems, geochemical cycling, biogeography and environmental change.

You are then able to explore areas in more detail such as climate change science; management of specific ecosystems; distribution of organisms; ecology of natural systems and how environmental change affects the physical and biological systems of the planet.

You will undertake practical work to gain hands-on experience of field\*, laboratory and computational techniques to model and analyse geographic data. Some modules in later years may be taught at the Sutton Bonington Campus, easily reached via the University's free Hopper Bus.

\* Some of the modules with fieldwork may require a contribution towards the cost.

**Available with:**  
biology, chemistry, earth science

# Mathematics

**Mathematics is a subject integral to everyday life which lies at the heart of science, technology and finance. It underpins applications ranging from the origin of the universe to the human genome; the structure and functioning of the internet to the behaviours of financial markets.**

During your studies you will gain a good grounding in using advanced calculus to solve differential equations and using matrices to solve linear systems of equations. There is then the opportunity to specialise in branches of mathematics that particularly interest you and complement your other subjects. For example, you could model biological processes or the flow of fluids using differential equations or study relativity, quantum information and quantum dynamics through mathematical learning, computational and programming techniques to find numerical solutions to mathematical problems when analytical solutions are not possible.

**Available with:**  
biology, chemistry, earth science, physics, psychology

# Physics

**Physics is a fundamental science which explores the nature and properties of matter, energy, motion and force. Advances in physics are directly responsible for transforming the modern landscape and developing many of the technologies which are commonplace today.**

You will develop your understanding through a carefully chosen range of modules which introduce you to the fundamental concepts of modern physics. You begin by building the foundations which will underpin your learning in later years with classical mechanics, wave phenomena, relativity, electromagnetism and quantum physics.

As you progress through your studies you will have the opportunity to follow a comprehensive route through experimental or theoretical physics, which by the fourth year allows you to focus on some of the research areas in physics including astronomy, nanoscience, medical imaging and quantum phenomena.

**Available with:**  
biology, chemistry, earth science, mathematics, psychology

# Psychology

**Psychology is the scientific study of the brain and behaviour. Its research methods include brain scanning, movement coordination, reaction times, questionnaires, and interviews. Students decide in the first year where their interests lie in psychology and choose one of two different routes.**

The biological psychology route allows you to study a mixture of neuroscience and cognitive psychology, gaining an understanding of practical work in psychology. You gain an insight into areas such as neuropsychology, social neuroscience, psychopathology and applied psychology by the end of your studies.

The social and developmental psychology route encourages a good understanding of these areas of psychology, alongside cognitive psychology. This allows you to explore specialisms at a later stage related to developmental disorders, educational psychology and autism, forensic and mental health and clinical psychology.

**Available with:**  
biology, chemistry, mathematics, physics

# Typical study

Natural sciences subjects are available in 13 different combinations or pathways:

- Archaeology – Biology – Chemistry
- Biology – Chemistry – Maths
- Biology – Physics – Maths
- Chemistry – Physics – Maths
- Earth Sciences – Biology – Chemistry
- Earth Sciences – Biology – Maths
- Ecosystem and Environment – Biology – Chemistry
- Ecosystem and Environment – Earth Sciences – Chemistry
- Maths – Psychology – Chemistry
- Physics – Earth Sciences – Maths
- Physics – Psychology – Maths
- Psychology – Biology – Chemistry
- Psychology – Biology – Maths

Your typical working week is shaped by the modules you choose and how you decide to organise your time.

Modules are self-contained units of study that may run for either a semester or across the year. The majority of modules are worth 10, 20 or 40 credits and you will study modules totalling 120 credits in each year. The modular system provides you with flexibility in your course as it comprises a mixture of core and optional modules. The balance between core and optional modules varies by pathway.

Typical modules Archaeology, Biology, Chemistry pathway.

## Year one

- Academic and Transferable Skills Portfolio
- Understanding the Past I and II
- Topics in Human Evolution
- Evolution, Ecology and Behaviour
- Life on Earth
- Fundamental Chemistry Theory and Practical

In the summer you will undertake a week-long fieldwork placement on an excavation.

## Year two

- Archaeology: Theory and Practice
- Underwater Archaeology
- Human Osteology and Evolution
- Animal Behaviour and Physiology
- The Green Planet
- Building Brains

## Year three

- Synoptic Module
- Humans-Animals-Landscapes Relationships
- Through a Glass Darkly
- Topics in Human Evolution
- Biological Lab Skills
- Evolutionary Ecology
- Conservation
- Science and Society

## Three or four years

The BSc provides a broad understanding of your chosen areas of science alongside the skills and knowledge needed for a wide variety of careers.

The MSci builds upon this allowing you to undertake a research project in a professional scientific environment and gain the skills for a career in research.

You can transfer between the BSc and the MSci up to the end of year two, provided you meet the necessary progression criteria.

An MSci is excellent preparation for further study such as a PhD. If you choose to study an MSci, your student loan will cover tuition fees and living costs for the additional year too (home/EU students only).

## The diagram below illustrates a simplified course structure

	First year	Second year	Third year	Fourth year
Academic and transferable skills portfolio	Subject 1	Subject 1	Subject 1	Subject 1
	Subject 2		Subject 2	
	Subject 3	Subject 2	Synoptic project	Can take small number of options in Subject 2

## Typical timetable – Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics pathway

The table below gives you an idea of how your study time may be spent, although this can differ depending on the pathway you have chosen.

	9-10am	10-11am	11am-12pm	12-1pm	1-2pm	2-3pm	3-4pm	4-5pm
Mon	Maths lecture	Maths Lecture	Chemistry Lecture	ATSP Study Group	Maths Tutorial		Physics Lecture	
Tues			Physics Tutorial		Maths lecture	Physics Lecture	Physics Lecture	
Weds	Chemistry Labs							
Thurs	Maths Computing Class		Maths Workshop			Chemistry Lecture	Maths lecture	Maths Workshop
Fri		ATSP Workshop		Chemistry Tutorial		Chemistry Lecture	Physics Lecture	

# Learn from expert academics

**Your learning experience will incorporate different styles of teaching, including formal lectures and practical laboratories, as well as small-group sessions such as tutorials, seminars and problem classes.**

Lecture-based theory modules form the basis of your studies, stimulating your curiosity and providing you with essential information.

Through laboratory classes, computer workshops and field work you will gain hands-on experience and develop professional and practical skills, while reinforcing theory you have learned. Teaching is supported by smaller group classes which give you the opportunity to work through problems yourself, discuss ideas and ask questions to deepen your understanding of the subject.

One of the major strengths of the teaching at Nottingham comes from our ability to bring the latest scientific developments into the classroom. The combination of international research excellence and state-of-the-art facilities for teaching creates an engaging, dynamic and intellectually challenging learning environment.

## How will I be assessed?

Modules are typically assessed at the end of the semester in which they are taught, but some may have individual components or continuous assessments during the semester.

Assessment may be by coursework or examination, or a combination of the two. Examinations may consist of different question types such as short answer, long answer, essay questions, multiple choice, or a combination of all of these. You are told at the start of each module about the style and format of examinations and in many cases you will have access to past exam papers on which to practise.

## Feedback on your assessments

You can monitor your progress during your studies through feedback on completed coursework and examination performance. Coursework is usually returned with written comments for you to review in your own time. General feedback on exams is provided at a modular level but it is possible to get more specific feedback on your exam performance on request.

“I've really enjoyed the lab modules because they give you enough guidance to know what to do but you still have to think for yourself. I have often had to use unfamiliar equipment so it's an opportunity to learn how new things work and how to write lab reports, which will be useful for the future.”

Sarah Fishwick,  
MSci Natural Sciences  
Physics, Mathematics pathway



# Academic and Transferable Skills Portfolio

**This module is designed to assist first-year students with the transition into higher education and support you in developing the skills that will help you to be successful in your studies and future employment.**

It will help you excel in your university career by developing good study skills early on, which you can build on throughout your time here. You will gain both academic skills to enhance and support your learning while at university, and transferable skills which will be attractive to employers when you graduate.

The module is taught as a series of workshops which are tailored around the specific pathway you are studying with some optional workshops that you can choose from, depending on whether you feel they would be beneficial to your interests.

Workshops fall into five categories:

- Writing and Communication
- Academic Skills and Techniques
- Information Management and Analytical Skills
- Wellness and Personal Management
- Career Planning and Employability

There is no upper limit to the number of workshops you can attend and you can attend workshops in any year.



# Natural sciences community

**Natural sciences maintains a strong sense of community, with good integration between students across the different years of study and with our alumni.**

Every student is allocated a personal tutor who you meet with three times a year to make sure that everything is going smoothly, as well as being available if you are having problems or concerns at any time in the year.

Natural sciences has a dedicated Director and Student Experience Manager who oversee the running of the course and interact with students on curriculum and support activities.

Named contacts from each of the subjects which can be studied act as a liaison between the course and their individual school, oversee the curriculum for that subject, ensure everything is running smoothly and provide advice and guidance to you about their subject.

## Peer mentoring

The peer mentor scheme is run by students and is there to support you as you begin your university journey. On your first day you will be introduced to students in the second year or above who will be your peer mentors. You will meet with them every two weeks in the first semester and a few times during semester two, to discuss how you are settling in, your academic studies and specific events in the university calendar (results, finding housing and module choice).

## NatSci Soc

The society covers the social-side of the natural sciences community, organising events and activities throughout the year. You can get involved in casual socials and get-togethers as well as the Christmas formal and the annual boat party. Other activities include the intramural sports leagues (IMS) and the alumni careers event. They also have a Welfare Officer who organises de-stress events around midterms and end of year to make sure everyone is relaxed and ready for their exams.

“ I love how this course offers a huge variety of modules to study, you have choice from your very first day enabling you to learn more than one discipline. Alongside my studies I have also joined the natural sciences society as they host great socials so you can have fun with your course friends too. ”

Izzy Wellings,  
BSc Natural Sciences,  
Psychology, Biology pathway





# Synoptic module

**During the third year, all natural sciences students take part in the synoptic module. This module brings together students from different subjects and pathways to work together in a group on an open-ended interdisciplinary project.**

You will develop and refine skills which are of high value for further academic study and the workplace, such as problem solving, data-analysis, modelling, literature research, critical thinking and communication skills.

Working as part of a cross-pathway group you will produce a topical science article in the style of a popular science publication, to get you thinking creatively about communicating science and working as a group. Following this your group will complete a thorough evaluation of literature in your chosen interdisciplinary project area before developing a way to take this research further and make your own contribution to science through a written report and presentation.

Recent projects have included:

- Predicting the spreads of malaria and Zika virus in the light of climate change
- Chameleon colour change and behaviour as climate changes
- Comparing changes in the brain in patients with Alzheimer's and schizophrenia
- Spontaneous calcium oscillations in astrocytes
- Defining and treating complex disease: the need for new multidisciplinary approaches
- Disorders that display synaesthesia-like symptoms
- Will we trigger the runaway greenhouse effect?
- An investigation into colour vision in 14 genera of lemur
- The effect of climate change on autumn leaf colour
- Life's limit: temperature
- The future of bioluminescent streetlights
- Modelling sulphur atmospheric injections from 2030 to 2080



# Fourth year projects

**The fourth year is very different from your other years of study in terms of how you study and how you are assessed. Fourth year students will spend half of their time working alongside experienced researchers and PhD students in a professional research laboratory or out in the field.**

Projects can be in a wide range of specialisms across the different subjects, based around the research interests of academic staff in the school. They provide students with the opportunity to develop an in-depth understanding of your project area, working at the cutting-edge of science and gaining valuable research skills to prepare for a PhD or industrial research career.

Alongside your project you can choose from a wide range of taught modules which enhance your understanding of your project area, hone your research and writing skills and allow you to explore other specialisms in your subjects.

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For the majority of my masters project I am investigating and quantifying what effect a ladybird toxin, known as harmonine, has on a type of sodium channel responsible for thermal and tactile pain detection.

The level of exposure and independence I have in this project is unparalleled. Completing this masters project has not only been incredibly fun, but is a great way of experiencing what a career in research will be like so that I can make an informed decision on my next step after university.

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Cameron Florence,  
MSci Natural Sciences,  
Biology, Chemistry, Psychology pathway



# Apply your knowledge

## Industrial placements

An industrial placement is a great opportunity to put what you are learning into practice, gain valuable experience and try out different jobs to see what you might want to do.

We strongly encourage students to take the opportunity during their study to gain some hands on experience and there are a wide range of opportunities to do this.

## Summer lab placements – available across science

Many academic departments at Nottingham offer students the opportunity to undertake practical experience over the summer or other vacation periods within a laboratory or in the field either through structured funded programmes or as unpaid work experience. This type of placement allows students to gain valuable professional experience which can be directly related to the subjects they study.

## Summer or vacation internships

Many companies offer paid summer internships of 6-12 weeks in length, which can be undertaken during the summer break within the science sector and in the broader business sector. This provides you with the opportunity to gain professional experience and make contacts out in industry, both of which can be beneficial when it comes to finding a job when you finish your degree.

## Optional placement year

The optional placement year enables students to take a year-long (minimum nine month) placement between their penultimate and final year of study. Students are expected to secure a placement themselves, but there is support available including a placements fair and advisors who can offer support in specific sectors. This is an excellent opportunity to gain work experience and see whether certain industries are right for you once you finish. Students who complete a placement year will finish with a named degree: BSc/MSci Natural Sciences with a Placement Year.

# Expand your horizons

## Natural sciences offers both a BSc and an MSci programme with International Study. You can apply to spend your third year abroad at one of our partner institutions which include:

- City University – Hong Kong
- Lund University – Sweden
- Monash University – Australia
- National University Singapore – Singapore
- Oregon State University – USA
- Tec de Monterrey (ITESM) – Mexico
- University of Amsterdam – Netherlands
- University of Auckland – New Zealand
- University of British Columbia – Canada
- University of Cape Town – South Africa
- University of Zurich – Switzerland
- Waseda University – Japan

Studying abroad allows you the opportunity to gain a fresh perspective on your chosen subjects, by being taught in a different style and learning environment, alongside experiencing what it is like to live and study in a different country.

Having this as an additional year means that you can make the most of the experience and soak up all that another culture has to offer. In addition to not being tied to studying specific modules, it gives you the flexibility to explore your interests by studying modules that are not typically available here in Nottingham.

Studying abroad is a fantastic way to expand your horizons and challenge yourself while providing you with a unique set of skills that makes you highly employable.

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Choosing to study in Australia was the best decision I've ever made, although there have been challenges; the rewards of visiting new places have made them worth it. I have made life-long friends from around the world and had countless once-in-a-lifetime experiences.

Jenika Patel,  
MSci Natural Sciences  
Maths, Chemistry pathway

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# Outstanding careers support

Scientific knowledge underpins how the modern world works. As a result, employers are increasingly looking for graduates with expertise in a range of science subjects.

A natural sciences degree provides you with academic knowledge in more than one science subject alongside professional and transferable skills such as time management, communication and problem solving. It leaves you well prepared whichever career path you choose.

## Recent graduate destinations:

- Cancer Research UK
- National Nuclear Laboratory
- PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Rolls-Royce
- BAE Systems
- Pell Frischmann (Consulting Engineers)
- Associated British Foods PLC
- Teach First



## 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.

## 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](https://nottingham.ac.uk/careers/advantage)



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“Continuing to be part of the scientific community and being able to engage with scientists from around the UK is the most interesting aspect of my work. Sometimes you can learn more from a conversation, than by many hours spent in a laboratory. The biggest challenge I have faced is entering a new research field and finding myself working with people who have literally invented the field – it has been daunting, but at the same time, a really valuable experience.”

Kieran O'Regan,  
MSci Natural Sciences (graduated 2017)



# 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](https://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](https://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

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For more details see:  
[nottingham.ac.uk/financialsupport](https://nottingham.ac.uk/financialsupport)

\* To eligible home fee status students.

assessing your academic potential. Some courses may make a slightly lower offer. For more information about this policy, see [nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/applying](https://nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/applying)

## Mature applicants

We encourage applications from mature students, who are defined as 21 years old and over. You should apply through UCAS. Find out more at [nottingham.ac.uk/mature](https://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](https://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.

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