

The support you need, when you need it

Through our Student Service Centres you can access all the support, information and specialist services you might need to suit you individually, all of which are run by friendly and experienced professionals.

Support for students

Our support services include:

- **Student academic skills:** As a team, our remit is to support students in developing the academic skills they need to become more confident in their studies.
- **Disability support services:** This team offers support through individual appointments and study skills workshops if you have, or think you have, a Specific Learning Difference such as dyslexia, dyspraxia, or ADHD. Specialist support is also available for disabled students including those with long-term medical conditions, visual or hearing impairment, autism spectrum conditions or mental health difficulties.
- **Support and wellbeing service:** Our officers work alongside your personal tutor and supervisor and other university support services.
- **Mental health support:** We provide information about how you can take care of your mental health and offer a range of specialist services, including counselling.

Childcare

Full-time students have access to quality childcare provided by the university's Childcare Services. Provision includes daytime nursery care and an out-of-school club.

Financial support

There is a range of ways in which you can fund your studies. Before you come to university make sure you understand what financial support you are currently eligible to apply for.

The university provides a generous package of bursaries to support UK students from lower-income families, as well as additional bursaries for undergraduate students with specific circumstances. This includes our Core Bursary which is £1,000 for 2022/23, depending on household income.

For up to date details for your year of entry please see nottingham.ac.uk/financialsupport



For more information please follow the link in the QR code: nottingham.ac.uk/student-services



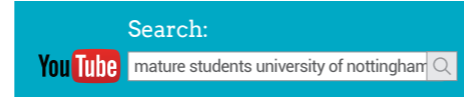
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Hear from other mature students about their experience:



The Universities and Colleges Application Service (UCAS) also has a section of their website for mature students:

ucas.com/maturestudents

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Mature Students' Guide

Undergraduate study

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University of Nottingham and you

Mature students are an important part of our community here at the University of Nottingham.

The skills, motivation and life experience you have as a mature student can give you an advantage at university, but we understand it can still be a big decision to return to study.

A range of support and advice is available for you as a mature undergraduate student.

Our teaching

The University of Nottingham is part of the Russell Group of universities, which sets us apart in the East Midlands for high academic standards and world-class research.

Our teaching is underpinned by our research philosophy and provides opportunities for you to learn from, and potentially participate in, world-changing research.

Your development

Every aspect of our teaching addresses the intellectual and personal development of our students. Teaching is an ongoing interaction with students through course design, teaching activities, assessment and feedback.

We will help you develop the ability to ask the right questions, critically evaluate evidence and reflect on your learning. You will also benefit from access to our world-class facilities.

All students can access our support network, and we have extra provisions to assist mature students on their learning journey.

Students' Union

The Students' Union offers support for mature students through a network and dedicated officer. To find out more please contact sumatureofficer@nottingham.ac.uk

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Top 70
university for
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Around
10% of our
undergraduate
population are
mature students

both full-time and
part-time



Visit us



Come along to one of our activities or events to find out more about studying at the University of Nottingham as a mature student.

Adults returning to education – January, March, May, November

These evening sessions provide information, advice and guidance for adults considering returning to education. Sessions cover topics such as how to apply, entry requirements, finance and student life as a mature student.

Subject-specific taster days – October-December

These taster days are for mature students or those studying for alternative qualifications – to give an insight into the way teaching is structured on our courses and the level of academic study involved.



KickStart

Join our two-day induction event for mature students who have secured a place at the University of Nottingham before you begin your studies. Learn more about student life, brush up on your study skills and find out how to access key support services. You will also meet new and current mature students, and be able to explore our beautiful campuses.

Undergraduate Open Days – various dates

There are Undergraduate Open Days in June, September and October. You can speak to academic staff and current students and get answers to any questions you might have. We also deliver a mature student talk at the open days to provide the information and advice you will need when considering returning to education.

For more information and to book on to any of these events, please go to nottingham.ac.uk/mature or email: maturestudents@nottingham.ac.uk



Entry requirements



We consider a range of qualifications and work experience when assessing applications from mature students.

The entry requirements for some undergraduate courses can be very specific. You may need to have previously studied certain modules or subjects, and have achieved a specific grade. If you're currently deciding what to study in order to gain entry to university, you should bear this in mind when choosing your course and modules.

Other considerations

Our admissions tutors look for a combination of:

- enthusiasm for study
- commitment to the programme
- life experience
- the specified qualifications

Alternative qualifications

Most of our academic schools and faculties accept a range of alternative qualifications, including the Access to Higher Education Diploma in a

relevant pathway. Please note that specific grades in particular units may be required. Some schools will ask for additional study (usually an A level) and some do not accept Access courses if no suitable preparatory pathway exists.

Contact the Student Recruitment Support Hub if you have any questions about qualifications and entry requirements:

+44 (0)115 951 5559

nottingham.ac.uk/contact

Part-time courses

We offer a small number of part-time undergraduate degree courses. This option is suitable for mature students who need to combine studying with work or family commitments.

For information about part time study, please see the undergraduate course pages at nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/courses

