We are delighted that you are interested in studying with us at Nottingham. The School of Contemporary Chinese Studies is the UK’s most dynamic department in this field, and we offer an excellent student experience in inspirational surroundings.

We will equip you with vital real-world skills in the social science disciplines, as well as a very good command of Mandarin. You will have the ability to engage with the culture and society of China, and will have an in-depth understanding of the key forces that drive development in this great world power. This will enable you to pursue your chosen career in diverse sectors across the globe.

We offer unique opportunities to immerse yourself in the Chinese culture by studying at our China Campus, which will not only develop you personally but will also enhance your CV. You will also be encouraged to take advantage of the China Policy Institute, a policy-oriented thinktank rooted in the school, by exchanging ideas with leading scholars and policy makers.

You will be able to choose from a wide range of specialist areas of Chinese studies, and you will be taught by an academic team who are renowned experts in their field and who will challenge and develop you to reach your full potential.

My hope is that when you graduate you leave with not only an excellent network of friends in Nottingham and China, but also nostalgia for the wonderful and intellectually stimulating time you spent with us. We are proud of our alumni and hope that you will stay in contact with us when you have completed your studies, as a valued member of our ever-growing global network of graduates.

Professor Steve Tsang
Head of the School of Contemporary Chinese Studies

@UoNChinese

Don’t forget to watch our videos from staff and students from across the Faculty of Social Sciences: www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/watch-socialsciences
The University of Nottingham has made a unique and ongoing commitment to China and to its own School of Contemporary Chinese Studies. We have a campus in Ningbo, near Shanghai, which means that every Chinese studies student taking a Mandarin module has the opportunity to spend up to a year living and studying in China.

Academic excellence
You might be surprised to hear that Nottingham’s School of Contemporary Chinese Studies is the only academic school in the UK to focus specifically on contemporary China. This means that you’ll be taught by more than 20 academic staff, all of whom are committed Chinese studies specialists, who draw on their individual research expertise to make their teaching dynamic and inspiring.

Flexible courses
At Nottingham you can combine in-depth study of China’s contemporary society, media, culture, economy, politics, geography and history with Mandarin Chinese. If your interests and career aspirations lean towards business or banking and financial markets in connection with China, we have courses tailored to your needs, while our general contemporary Chinese studies degrees enable you to choose from our full range of modules to construct a programme reflecting your developing interests. Please see pages 8-9 for details of our courses.

We welcome students who have already studied Mandarin as well as complete beginners. Our Mandarin teachers are all native speakers of Mandarin.

Real-world skills
The school has Q-Step Affiliate status. The Q-Step programme is a national initiative designed to develop social science students’ quantitative skills, which are needed to evaluate evidence, analyse data, and design and commission research. Our status recognises the strength in quantitative methods within our teaching, and highlights our commitment to enhancing your career prospects.

Facilities
The school is located in the purpose-built Si Yuan Centre on Jubilee Campus, which is a place you have to see to believe. Offering futuristic architecture, a library in a lake and cutting-edge technologies developing around you, it feels like the future is happening here. As well as being close to the city centre, the campus hosts a sports hall, shops, a range of student accommodation and world-leading facilities for research. It also received its first Green Flag Award in 2013 recognising its attractive green spaces.

Study abroad
You will gain first-hand experience of living and studying in China by spending your second year at our China Campus; native speakers of Mandarin Chinese will remain in the UK. It will provide an amazing opportunity to experience China and learn how to study it from within a Chinese cultural and educational environment. All your work in your year abroad will also count towards your final degree result.

Not-to-be-missed opportunities
You will benefit from access to the Nottingham Confucius Institute, which offers cultural workshops and a language exchange programme, as well as the student-run Contemporary China Society, which organises lots of social and language-related activities for students of any nationality.

Why study contemporary Chinese studies at Nottingham?
Studying Mandarin at Nottingham

The University of Nottingham has a friendly and dedicated team of Mandarin teachers, who provide accessible Mandarin tuition to students within the school, those studying Mandarin as part of joint degrees, and as an option as part of a range of degrees across the University.

Mandarin modules are available from beginners’ to advanced level. While no prior Mandarin language experience is required, students with existing language expertise will also be accommodated. Mandarin teaching at Nottingham is strongly supported by a virtual learning environment and e-learning materials. We also take advantage of a range of facilities in the University including the digital classroom and the Self-Access Language Centre for independent learning.

Course structure
It is possible for students to progress through all levels of Mandarin study and to build up significant linguistic competence over their period of study at Nottingham.

Contemporary Chinese studies students (including all MSci courses)
You will begin a structured course in Mandarin Chinese in year one which, depending on your entry level and length of study, can lead you from beginners’ stage to advanced level. The second year, spent at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China, provides a unique opportunity for you to immerse yourself in Chinese culture and to improve your Mandarin language skills while undertaking credit-bearing Chinese studies and other modules. Mandarin is optional for the final year of study but for those of you who want it, there is the opportunity to develop your language skills and learn more about the use of Mandarin in increasingly sophisticated contexts.

Undergraduate students registered on the joint language degrees (with French, German, Spanish or Russian)
You will begin a structured course in Mandarin Chinese in year one and progress to year two with similar intensity. For the year abroad, you spend one semester at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China, following a programme of studies. During your final year of study you will perfect your command of the language and its use in increasingly sophisticated contexts.

Students on ‘with’ contemporary Chinese studies degrees
You can opt to study Mandarin as part of your degree, and to develop Mandarin skills to at least intermediate level. Many students spend a semester at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China, where you can follow language programmes provided by the China Campus to improve your language skills.
Degree courses

Almost all undergraduate degree programmes at the University are modular, which means that you undertake modules of study with assessment at the end of each semester. Under the modular system, you will normally be required to take modules totalling 60 credits in each semester. To graduate with a BA/BSc degree from The University of Nottingham you must take 360 credits – 120 in each year of study. To graduate with an MSci degree from the School of Contemporary Chinese Studies you will take 120 credits in each of the four years – 480 credits in total. Each module is usually worth 10 or 20 credits – the greater the number of credits, the greater the amount of work on the module.

First-year modules count towards your degree classification, which is determined by the work completed in the second and subsequent years.

Modular degrees

Single honours

In your three or four years of study you will take a combination of core and optional modules, mainly from those offered in contemporary Chinese studies, but also with a choice of subsidiary modules from outside the school. For example you may choose to take modules in business, economics, geography or history. For non-native Mandarin speakers, year two will be spent at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China, where you will take modules which will count towards your final degree.

Joint honours degrees

A joint honours degree is split evenly between your two subjects, so the contemporary Chinese studies and Mandarin language half of your degree is normally made up of 60 credits each year, although there is some flexibility in the distribution of modules. Each year of your course will consist of core and optional modules in both degree subjects.

Major/minor honours degrees

A major/minor honours degree has a major subject and a minor subject. The contemporary Chinese studies element of combined honours courses amounts to one third of the total credits – 40 credits each year. There is some flexibility in the distribution of modules. Each year of your course will consist of core and optional modules in both degree subjects.

Please note that this brochure contains information on contemporary Chinese studies, and on our school’s contribution to your joint or major/minor honours course. If you are considering applying for a joint or major/minor honours course you should also look for information from the other school or department involved on our online prospectus: www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy
The fact that there's a compulsory year at Nottingham's Ningbo Campus in China is a real plus. I know it will be a great experience and I can't wait to go. I love this course and I definitely made the right decision when I chose Chinese studies at Nottingham.”

Tamsin Robinson  
BA Contemporary Chinese Studies

BA/MSci Contemporary Chinese Studies  
On this course you can combine in-depth study of contemporary China’s society, culture, politics, media, economy, geography and recent history with training in Mandarin language from beginners to advanced level.

Year one  
You will be introduced to aspects of life in contemporary China and a variety of academic approaches to understanding China today.

Year two – spent at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China  
You will take modules designed and delivered to Nottingham standards, and will receive training in research skills. Native Mandarin speakers remain in Nottingham for the second year and choose from a range of optional modules.

Year three  
You will return to Nottingham for year three, where your core module will be the dissertation. You can also choose from a range of Chinese studies modules. Optional modules can be taken from other academic schools, subject to approval.

Year four (MSci students only)  
MSci students follow the three-year BA Contemporary Chinese Studies programme with the addition of postgraduate modules in the fourth year.

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For more detailed module information, please visit the individual course listings at www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy
BSc/MSci Business and Economy of Contemporary China
This course will enable you to gain an understanding of China’s business, financial, management and economic development combined with training in Mandarin from beginners’ to advanced level.

Year one
You will be introduced to aspects of business and economy of China and applied quantitative methods.

Year two – spent at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China
You will take modules designed and delivered to Nottingham standards, and will receive training in research skills. Native Mandarin speakers remain in Nottingham for their second year and choose from a range of optional modules.

Year three
You will return to Nottingham for year three, where your core modules will be the dissertation and advanced quantitative methods. You can also choose from a range of Chinese studies modules. Optional modules can be taken from other academic schools, subject to approval.

Year four (MSci students only)
MSci students follow the three-year BSc Business and Economy of Contemporary China programme with the addition of postgraduate modules in the fourth year.

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For more detailed module information, please visit the individual course listings at www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy
BA Contemporary Chinese Studies with International Relations

On this three-year course you will combine in-depth study of contemporary China with modules focusing on international relations.

Year one
You will be introduced to aspects of life in contemporary China and a variety of academic approaches to understanding China today, and apply this knowledge to an international context.

Year two – spent at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China
You will take modules designed and delivered to Nottingham standards, and will receive training in research skills. Native Mandarin speakers remain in Nottingham for their second year and choose from a range of optional modules.

Year three
You will return to Nottingham for year three, where your core modules will be the dissertation and Government and Politics of Taiwan and Hong Kong: Alternatives to Leninism. You can also choose from a range of Chinese studies and international relations modules.

Typical modules for BA Contemporary Chinese Studies with International Relations

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Optional modules:

- Chinese Society and Economy
- East Asian Business in the Twentieth Century
- Foundations for Politics and International Relations
- Introduction to Business and Economy of Contemporary China
- Mandarin Chinese for Beginners*

MSc Global Issues and Contemporary Chinese Studies

This four-year course follows the three-year BA Contemporary Chinese Studies with International Relations programme, with the addition of postgraduate modules in the fourth year.

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“Having never heard of Ningbo before I wasn't sure what to expect, but I've been here for a month now and it's a fantastic place. It's by no means small, even by Chinese standards, with a population similar in size to that of Scotland and as a city it has everything you would expect to find in a large Western capital.”

Stuart Gardner
BA Geography with Contemporary Chinese Studies

MSci Accounting and Finance for Contemporary China

This course offers you the opportunity to combine your study of accounting and finance with in-depth study of contemporary China. The compulsory modules in accounting and finance will teach you both generic theories and principles, and applications to the Chinese context.

Year one
You will take compulsory modules, and can choose from optional modules in a range of subjects.

Year two – spent at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China
You will take modules which focus more on intermediate accounting and finance subjects relating to China, as well as language modules. Native Mandarin speakers remain in Nottingham for their second year and choose from a range of optional modules.

Year three
You will return to Nottingham for year three, where you will take specialised modules on a range of topics.

Year four
You will take postgraduate modules in the fourth year, as well as a compulsory dissertation.

Typical modules for MSci Accounting and Finance for Contemporary China

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Joint honours

The modern languages and contemporary Chinese studies courses are four-year joint honours degrees which divide your time equally between your chosen language – French, German, Russian or Spanish – and Chinese studies.

- BA French and Contemporary Chinese Studies
- BA German and Contemporary Chinese Studies
- BA Russian and Contemporary Chinese Studies
- BA Spanish and Contemporary Chinese Studies

**Years one, two and four**
You will take compulsory modules, and can choose from optional modules in a range of subjects.

**Year three**
You will spend your third year abroad. Half of your time will be spent in countries relating to your modern language, and the other half in China, usually at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China. The third year is non-credit bearing so does not count towards your final degree classification.

### Typical modules for BA Contemporary Chinese Studies with a modern language

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For more detailed module information, please visit the individual course listings at [www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy)
Major/minor honours

These courses are three-year, major/minor honours degrees. Chinese studies forms approximately one-third of your course and is made up of compulsory modules and/or a range of optional modules.

BA Economics with Chinese Studies

China is a major power in international business, and knowledge of contemporary China and the Mandarin language are skills highly sought-after by many employers. Economics modules form two-thirds of the degree and the remainder is made up of modules in Chinese studies. Mandarin may be studied as part of the course, but it is not compulsory.

For more information on the economics element of your course please see www.nottingham.ac.uk/economics

Typical modules

Year one
Core modules:
• Introduction to Business and Economy of China
• Introduction to Contemporary China
Optional modules:
• Introduction to the Chinese Legal System
• East Asian Business in the Twentieth Century
• Mandarin Level 1

Year two
Optional modules:
• Chinese Society and Economy
• Environment and Development in China
• Mandarin Level 2
• The Rise of Modern China

Year three
Core module:
• Dissertation
Optional modules:
• China’s Political Economy
• Chinese Business and Society
• Globalisation and Innovation in China
• Introduction to Chinese Financial Markets

BA Geography with Chinese Studies

This course is designed to facilitate progressive learning towards the research frontiers in the disciplines of geography and Chinese studies. Key and transferable skills are important aspects of the training provided, together with an opportunity to develop competence in the Mandarin language. Flexible optional pathways allow specialisation in both geography and Chinese studies, providing the means to tailor a course towards potential career opportunities related to the rapid development and emergence of a modernising China.

For more information on the geography element of your course please see www.nottingham.ac.uk/geography

Typical modules

Year one
Core modules:
• Introduction to Business and Economy of China
• Introduction to Contemporary China
Optional modules:
• East Asian Business in the Twentieth Century
• Introduction to the Chinese Legal System
• Mandarin Level 1

Year two
Core module:
• Cities in China
• Environment and Development in China
Optional modules:
• Chinese Society and Economy
• Mandarin Level 2
• Social Change and Public Policy in China’s Reform Era
• The Rise of Modern China

Year three
Optional modules:
• China’s Political Economy
• Chinese Film and Literature
• Globalisation and Innovation in China
• International Political Economy of China
• Mandarin Level 3
“After an eye-opening and action-packed field trip in my second year, I knew that after graduating the first thing I wanted to do was to go back to China. I was offered a position as Secretary to the President of a Chinese company in Shanghai. It was a fantastic experience and my responsibilities included translating and designing marketing materials and liaising with foreign companies.”

Oliver Hayakawa
BA Geography with Chinese Studies

BA History with Contemporary Chinese Studies
This course offers the opportunity to combine a broad history degree with an in-depth study of contemporary China, one of the world’s most rapidly changing countries. Most students will devote three-quarters of their time to history and the rest to Chinese studies. In history, you will develop the skills to think critically about the use of sources, to construct persuasive arguments, and to challenge established historiography. In contemporary Chinese studies, you will have the option to learn Mandarin to degree level and to undertake either an intensive three-week field course in China or spend a semester at our campus there.

For more information on the history element of your course please see www.nottingham.ac.uk/history

Typical modules
Year one
Core module:
• Introduction to Contemporary China

Optional modules:
• East Asian Business in the Twentieth Century
• Introduction to Business and Economy of China
• Introduction to the Chinese Legal System
• Mandarin Level 1

Year two
Optional modules:
• Environment and Development in China
• Mandarin Level 2
• Social Change and Public Policy in China’s Reform Era
• The Rise of Modern China

Year three
Optional modules:
• China from Revolution to Socialism
• China’s Political Economy
• Chinese Film and Literature
• Globalisation and Innovation in China
• Mandarin Level 3

BA Management with Chinese Studies
This degree is based on the same set of core modules as BSc: Management Studies, with the core accounting modules removed and four Chinese studies modules added per year of study. You will have the option to study Mandarin. No prior language experience is required, and language study is not compulsory after year one. The wide range of modules on offer and the opportunity to study a language will prepare you for a wide range of careers.

For more information on the management element of your course please see www.nottingham.ac.uk/business

Typical modules
Year one
Core modules:
• Introduction to Business and Economy of China
• Introduction to Contemporary China
• Mandarin Level 1

Year two
Optional modules:
• Chinese Economy and Society
• Mandarin Level 2
• The Rise of Modern China

Year three
Optional modules:
• China’s Political Economy
• Dynamics of Regional Economic Development: China, Japan and ASEAN
• Globalisation and Innovation in China
• International Political Economy of China
• Mandarin Level 3

The campus at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China is great for outdoor study and socialising with friends.
How will I study?

Teaching methods in the school include lectures, seminars, small-group tutorials, use of online discussion boards and other web-based activities, and for Mandarin language, group and individual work in the language laboratory.

Teaching methods
A typical module is taught in a one weekly two-hour session which might involve an introduction to the topic from the lecturer followed by small group work (for example, analysing original documents or preparing to present a particular argument in a debate), brainstorming sessions, watching video clips or a whole-group discussion. Mandarin classes will take up between three and nine hours a week of your timetable depending on which course you choose (there are fewer hours if you choose a ‘with Chinese’ programme), and along with other modules give a total of 14-16 contact hours per week on average. Outside the timetabled contact hours for each module, your lecturers are also accessible to give individual advice and feedback in their weekly office hours.

Your week
Your typical week’s work may feel strange at first after school or college since there are fewer timetabled teaching hours. Each week in the first year you can expect to attend about 12-14 hours of lectures, seminars and practical classes.

For the rest of the time you will be working independently, doing the necessary reading or practising Mandarin in preparation for seminars, writing essays or working on seminar presentations.

Key Information Sets
Key Information Sets (KIS) are comparable sets of information about full or part-time undergraduate courses and are designed to meet the information needs of prospective students. All KIS data is published on the Unistats website: www.unistats.com

For Nottingham’s KIS data, please see individual course entries at www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy

How will I be assessed?

All undergraduate degree programmes in the University are modular, which means you undertake modules of study with assessment at the end of each semester.

Assessment methods
Assessment is by coursework and written examination (also oral examination for Mandarin). It varies by individual module, but in general there is more use of written examinations in first-year modules and more use of coursework in second and third-year modules. If there is a written examination, you will be told how many questions will be on the paper and how many you are required to answer, and past papers are usually available for further guidance.

For coursework (typically but not exclusively essays), you will be given a range of questions to choose from and lecturers will sometimes allow you to formulate your own question after consultation with them. You will also be informed at the start of the semester of all deadlines for handing in coursework, to enable you to plan your overall workload – this helps develop the transferable skill of time management.

The teaching year
The teaching year is divided into two semesters. The first semester lasts for 14 weeks, with 12 weeks for teaching and revision and two weeks for assessment. The second semester follows the same pattern, but there are an additional two weeks at the end to complete the assessment process and to enable returning students to discuss their results with tutors and begin to plan the next session’s work.

Although the teaching year is divided into two semesters for organisational purposes, this is fitted into the traditional pattern of three terms: one before Christmas; one between Christmas and Easter; and one after Easter.

Your final degree classification
The first year is a qualifying year which you need to pass, but marks do not count towards the final degree classification. Marks from the second and third years form 40% and 60% of your final degree classification respectively. On the four-year MSci degrees, marks are weighted at 20% for the second year and 40% for the third and fourth years.
Study abroad

The University of Nottingham in the UK opened its China Campus in Ningbo in 2004 and offers ‘the best of both worlds’ for international students, as the first language on campus is English.

The benefits of studying abroad are numerous. It’s a chance to see your subject from a new perspective while experiencing a different culture and making friends from all over the world. You’re likely to find that living abroad increases your sense of independence and that you return to Nottingham with broader horizons and a clearer sense of what you’d like to do with your degree. When it comes to applying for jobs, your experience will show employers that you’re capable of taking the initiative and adapting to new situations.

The year abroad programme is designed to allow undergraduate students the opportunity to study at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China. Single honours students will spend a full year studying there, and those on our joint honours and major/minor honours degrees will spend either one or two semesters there as part of their university education (please see course details on pages 10-23). As our courses focus on contemporary Chinese culture and society, this programme provides an excellent opportunity for our students to live and study in China and experience the culture.

Vibrant Ningbo
Ningbo is a bustling port city with a rich cultural heritage and a new centre of economic development. Home to over 7.6 million people, it is located an hour’s flight from Shanghai in the middle of China’s coastline in Zhejiang Province. Ningbo is also connected to Shanghai by the Hangzhou Bay Bridge and you can travel between the cities in just over two hours by car. In ancient times, Ningbo was the starting point of the Silk Road and the ‘China Road’ from the sea. Today Ningbo is one of China’s main ports for foreign trade.

Teaching
All teaching in Ningbo is carried out in English by staff either seconded from Nottingham or appointed internationally to University of Nottingham standards, and there is an opportunity to study Mandarin with locally appointed Chinese language teachers.

Accommodation
The University is committed to providing a personalised, academically focused experience. As a study abroad student, you will be guaranteed University accommodation in the International Student Residence Hall for the duration of your study if you apply by the accommodation deadlines.

Finance
Nottingham UK students who study at the China Campus pay their tuition fee to Nottingham in the normal way and are eligible for a China Campus bursary (currently £750).

More information about the China Campus can be found at www.nottingham.edu.cn

International Office
All students who study abroad are mentored by a member of the school teaching staff, and you will also receive help and guidance from the International Office.

For more information, visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/studyabroad
Career and employment prospects

The University of Nottingham is consistently named as one of the most targeted universities by Britain’s leading graduate employers*. In addition, we were ranked as the number one university for job prospects at the 2015 Whatuni Student Choice Awards. The skills you develop during your Chinese studies degree at Nottingham are skills which a wide range of employers will recognise and value. You will leave us with an insight into the world’s fastest-growing economy.

As well as transferable skills, the other great benefit of your Nottingham degree is the in-depth understanding you will develop of the rapid changes China is undergoing today. If you take advantage of opportunities to study in China, you will see a side of the country that tourists, backpackers and most expatriates working there, never discover. Your assumptions about China will be thoroughly challenged during your studies and you will see what is really happening in the world’s most populous nation. This kind of knowledge and understanding of China is still in very short supply in the UK and beyond, and can give you a vital edge in the graduate jobs market, with or without a high level of language proficiency.

Areas of further study

A substantial proportion of our students go on to postgraduate study at The University of Nottingham, at other top UK universities and overseas. The interdisciplinary nature of the undergraduate degrees we offer means a wide range of masters and doctoral programmes are open to our graduates, not only in Chinese studies, but also in business studies, development studies, diplomacy, economics, education, geography, history, human rights, international relations, journalism, politics and social policy.

Graduate career destinations

After graduation, our students have gone on to pursue careers in consultancy, finance, law, management training, media, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), public-sector administration, public relations, teaching, and tourism and entertainment, in a range of top UK and international companies. In 2014, 100% of first-degree graduates in the school who were available for employment had secured work or further study within six months of graduation**.

The combination of disciplinary expertise, skills and China-specific knowledge and understanding, together with the opportunity to undertake masters-level work in the fourth year of some degree courses, will give graduates an impressive and distinctive profile to take into the jobs market.

Support from the school

If you choose to pursue your career in China, you will have the benefit not only of the expert advice and extensive contacts of the school’s staff, but also of the growing network of former Nottingham students there, who are often best placed to provide information on the many exciting opportunities available to those with a proven interest in and knowledge of the country. The University enjoys a very high profile – we were the first UK university to appoint a Chinese national as Chancellor – and you will find the Nottingham name a significant advantage when you approach potential employers in China.

Data sources:
* The Graduate Market in 2013, 2014 and 2015, High Fliers Research
** Known destinations of full-time home and EU first-degree graduates 2013/14.

The University’s Careers and Employability Service

Our Careers and Employability Service, which is based on University Park Campus, offers an extensive range of careers-oriented services, including CV-writing sessions, interview advice, presentations by major employers and general career advice. As a University of Nottingham graduate, you will receive lifelong support from the service. This means that you can ask a careers adviser to look over your job application by email or Skype, or in person, and you can also access a database of graduate vacancies. For more information see www.nottingham.ac.uk/careers

The Nottingham Advantage Award

The University’s Advantage Award is a programme of activities developed to recognise and reward extracurricular responsibilities. It allows you to gain recognition for participating in a wide range of activities accredited by the University and delivered by top graduate employers, professional services and members of staff of the University. It also shows employers that you have gone above and beyond your degree and gained valuable transferable skills. For further information, please visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/careers/advantage

The University’s Careers and Employability Service can offer support during and after your degree.
After finishing their undergraduate degree courses, many of our students wish to take their studies further. The School of Contemporary Chinese Studies offers a number of taught masters programmes and research opportunities allowing you to conduct in-depth research focusing on topics related to contemporary China.

Taught masters
MA Contemporary Chinese Studies
This course is aimed at students with or without a background in Chinese studies and seeks to extend your language skills and understanding of China in the late 20th and early 21st centuries. As a student on this programme, you will be encouraged to develop your ability to analyse contemporary China’s history, culture, economy, policy and society both domestically and in a global context.

MSc Banking and Financial Markets in Contemporary China
Since 2006, about half of the world’s total initial stock listings have originated from China. Today, four of the 10 biggest commercial banks in the world are based in China. This has resulted in widening demand for bankers and financiers who are also China specialists. This one-year full-time course will train you to meet that gap.

MSc Business and Economy of Contemporary China
As the Chinese economy grows, so too does its importance. Understanding the business, financial, management and economic environments of contemporary China has become critical, along with the ability to function and work in this environment. Understanding and working in China requires a unique set of skills and our MSc course will equip you with this essential knowledge.

MSc Accounting and Finance for Contemporary China
The development of the Chinese economy since its reform has been based on millions of newly created enterprises. This course will prepare you to become strategic financial decision makers within these new Chinese corporations, which range from world-class banks and oil producers to local caterers and manufacturers.

MSc Management in Contemporary China and Emerging Markets
After almost 30 years of rapid economic growth and social development, China has become a powerful player in our global economy. In another 30 years, China may well become an economic, political and military superpower, providing huge opportunities and challenges to all. This course aims to equip you with the knowledge and understanding you need to see China in its international context, and has been devised to give you a special focus on management and business issues as they relate to contemporary China.

Research opportunities
For those seeking more specialised study, we also have a vibrant PhD programme. Nottingham’s PhD students are among the most successful in the country, according to a recent report by the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) that underlines the quality of our postgraduate education and the support available to doctoral students. We are ranked joint 2nd in England on a measure of PhD completion rates.

The School of Contemporary Chinese Studies has a thriving research community which includes both staff and research students, and will offer you many opportunities to develop your skills and widen your intellectual horizons. There are opportunities to participate in multidisciplinary research and contribute to research seminars and our teaching programmes.

Find out more about postgraduate study at www.nottingham.ac.uk/chinese/prospective/postgraduate
“You’re put in with people who are at your level, so you can all start at the same point and they nurture you from that point forward. The University’s teaching was so good that when we got to China we could utilise it to really improve our Mandarin.”

Simon Thomas/BA Contemporary Chinese Studies

Find out more about Simon’s experience at www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/simonthomas

Simon makes use of the Nottingham Confucius Institute, which was established to promote the language and culture of China.
Your student experience

You’ve read lots about the degree programme you’re interested in, now it’s time to explore life outside the lecture theatre. There’s so much for you to get involved in and explore at the University and around the city. We are proud to be one of the leading universities for student experience in the UK*, which will ensure that you have a university experience you’ll never forget.

Your University of Nottingham – at home and around the world

We are proud of our stunning campuses and are continually investing in our grounds, buildings and amenities to ensure that you only have the best surroundings in which to live and study. Our main UK campuses have a mix of state-of-the-art facilities, including sports centres, places to eat and excellent learning facilities on every campus. We’ve made getting from campus to campus as easy as possible and students can benefit from our free inter-campus Hopper Bus, so you’re never far away from the striking architecture and innovative technology of Jubilee Campus, the rolling parkland and period buildings at University Park, or the cutting-edge features of Sutton Bonington.

The University of Nottingham is Britain’s global university with campuses in the UK, China and Malaysia. We also have links with more than 300 universities in over 40 countries, adding a truly global flavour to your degree and giving you the chance to explore the world. Find out more: www.nottingham.ac.uk/about/campuses

Your new home from home

At Nottingham we offer a range of different accommodation options, rooms are available as single or shared, en suite or shared bathroom, all the way through to studio flats, and vary from self-catered to fully catered (19 meals per week). We also offer a guarantee of University accommodation for one year to all new full-time undergraduate students, subject to the following conditions: you firmly accept your course place at Nottingham, accept your offer of accommodation by the deadline given in your offer letter, and have an unconditional status no later than 31 August in the year you intend to begin your studies. If you are a new, full-time undergraduate student who is classified as international for fee purposes, this guarantee applies for three years**. For more information, including a breakdown of pricing, see www.nottingham.ac.uk/accommodation

Your support network

Throughout your university journey there will be numerous people on hand to support you, including tutors and dedicated staff who will be able to advise you on various aspects of life as a student. We have Student Services Centres on all three of our UK campuses, which provide a range of support, information and specialist services to enhance your student experience. This support includes:

- Academic Support – can provide practical advice on areas of academic study; the service also provides specialist academic support for students with dyslexia, dyspraxia and other specific learning difficulties
- Disability Support – coordinates support and access arrangements for students with a disability or long-term medical condition
- Financial Support – provides information on the sources of finance available from government agencies and the University itself, and gives advice about financial matters
- Student Services – also advise on issues ranging from childcare, counselling and health to international student support, chaplaincy and faith support, as well as offering advice on paying your tuition and accommodation fees

Whatever you may need support with, they will either be able to help or point you in the direction of someone who can. Find out more: www.nottingham.ac.uk/student/services

** Providing you submit your returners’ application in line with the requirements of accommodation providers.
Getting involved in your Students’ Union

As soon as you start at The University of Nottingham, you are automatically enrolled as a member of our Students’ Union, which is considered to be one of the best in the country. There are hundreds of activities that you could be part of, providing you with the perfect opportunity to take up a new hobby or pursue existing interests. Choose from over 200 student-run societies, covering all interests and abilities, as well as local and national volunteering projects, to which you can commit as much or as little time as you wish.

Our Students’ Union is home to a number of award-winning student-run media groups, which give you the chance to gain practical work experience both behind the scenes or centre stage as a presenter, actor or journalist. The Nottingham New Theatre, Impact magazine, Nottingham Student Television (NSTV) and University Radio Nottingham (URN) have all been recognised as the best in their field, winning a clutch of awards for outstanding achievements.

However you decide to become involved in the Union, you can be sure you will make new friends and learn new skills, all while having a lot of fun! Find out more: www.su.nottingham.ac.uk

Sports

We offer sport at all levels and an excellent all-inclusive student membership offer, so whether you enjoy sport as a hobby or are an elite athlete we will have just what you need. We have over 70 sports clubs, which means we have the 2nd highest number of sports clubs of any UK university. If you’re not interested in joining a team but want to stay fit, we have sports centres on all of our main UK campuses.

Find out more: www.nottingham.ac.uk/sport

Exploring your new city

With Nottingham city centre just a 10-minute bus ride away from University Park Campus, our students are always close to the action. Buses run through campus regularly and many run late-night services too, which is handy if you’re a night owl.

For music lovers, you can take your pick from the world-famous Rock City, Capital FM Arena or one of the smaller gig venues for a more intimate live show. Nottingham is rich in performance venues, with comedy clubs and theatres catering for lovers of drama, musicals, ballet and panto. We are very proud of our sporting heritage, and with football clubs Nottingham Forest and Notts County in the city, as well as Trent Bridge cricket ground and the National Ice Centre on your doorstep, you might just become a sports fan if you’re not one already.

History and culture can be found in all corners of the city, with Nottingham Castle, Nottingham Contemporary arts centre, the Galleries of Justice Museum, Nottingham Lakeside Arts – the University’s public arts centre located on our University Park Campus – arthouse cinemas and three of the world’s oldest pubs all providing points of interest. If you enjoy shopping, Nottingham is perfect for you; independent boutiques and vintage shops in the bohemian area of Hockley mix with high street names in our large shopping centres to make Nottingham a veritable shopping haven.

Find out more: www.nottingham.ac.uk/nottinghamlife

Download our city guide: www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/cityguide
Applying for a place

We are looking for students who have the ability and motivation to benefit from our courses, and who will make a valued contribution to the department and the University. Candidates for full-time admission are considered on the basis of their Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) form.

For more information on how to make your application stand out, have a look at our online prospectus:
www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/applying

Application process
All applications for an undergraduate place to study at The University of Nottingham (including applications by overseas students) must be made through UCAS. Applications should be made online at www.ucas.com. Candidates will be notified of decisions through UCAS Track at track.ucas.com

Applying with achieved A level grades
If you apply to us having already completed your A levels, your application will be considered in the normal way through UCAS (unless you want to study part-time, in which case you should apply directly to the department). While we accept a range of qualifications, we will only consider some specific requirements on the UCAS course profiles. If in doubt, please contact the admissions tutor, who will be happy to answer any specific queries you have about applying as a mature student. Please email your questions to chinese.studies@nottingham.ac.uk

Alternative qualifications
In this brochure you will find our A level entry requirements but we accept a much broader range of qualifications.
These include:
• Access to HE Diploma
• Advanced Diploma
• BTEC HND/HNC
• BTEC Extended Diploma
• Cambridge Pre-U
• International Baccalaureate
• Irish Leaving Certificate
• Scottish Advanced Highers
• Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced Diploma

This list is not exhaustive; we will consider applicants with other qualifications on an individual basis. The entry requirements for alternative qualifications can be quite specific; for example you may need to take certain modules and achieve a specified grade in those modules. Please contact us to discuss the transferability of your qualification.

The selection procedure
All applications are considered equally on merit; students are usually selected on the basis of academic excellence and personal qualities. We do not rely on predicted grades alone and aim to take into account the broader context of each applicant’s achievements, primarily as reflected by their personal statement and reference.

Applicants are not routinely interviewed. If you are offered a place you will be invited to a UCAS visit day. The aim of the visit is for you to ensure that Nottingham meets your perceived needs and aspirations. In addition to a formal presentation, which provides details of the courses we offer, you will also be able to meet members of the teaching staff and, very importantly, some current undergraduates. For more details see www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/admissionspolicies

Mature applicants
We encourage applications from mature students (which means all those aged 21 or over when the course begins). You should apply in the normal way through UCAS (unless you want to study part-time, in which case you should apply directly to the department). While we accept a range of qualifications, you should check our specific requirements on the UCAS course profiles. If in doubt, please contact the admissions tutor, who will be happy to answer any specific queries you have about applying as a mature student. Please email your questions to chinese.studies@nottingham.ac.uk

We normally invite mature applicants in whom we are interested to come for an interview, where we will look for evidence of your ability to study at a high academic level and of commitment to the subject. For more information about being a mature student, please see www.nottingham.ac.uk/mature

International applicants
We welcome applications from international students and have students from many parts of the world studying with us at undergraduate and postgraduate level. All international candidates for undergraduate courses should apply through UCAS. The University’s International Office offers guidance and advice on matters such as visa and immigration regulations, working and living in the UK, entry requirements and preparing for coming to Nottingham – and arranges a Welcome Programme for new international students each September. If you would like to visit the University and are unable to attend an open day, the International Office will be pleased to arrange an individual visit for you. For further information please visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/studywithus/international-applicants

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. If you wish to mention information about your experiences in your personal statement, then you should ask the teacher or tutor writing your reference to confirm what you have written. We may ask for further evidence and may consider a range of factors. For more information, please see www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/admissionspolicies

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Frequently asked questions

How much are the fees?
Like many universities in England, Nottingham charges full-time UK and EU students an annual tuition fee of £9,000. However, you will not have to pay your fees while studying – the government will lend eligible students the money, which you will start to pay back once you have left university and are earning at least £21,000. For more information, please see www.nottingham.ac.uk/fees

Fees for students from outside the EU vary from subject to subject. For more information, please see the ‘New international students’ section on www.nottingham.ac.uk/fees

What support do you offer for students with a disability or dyslexia?
The department, like the University, is committed to promoting access for students who have a disability, dyslexia or a long-term medical condition. Services provided by the University aim to enable students to fulfil the inherent requirements of the course as independently as possible. The University’s Disability Statement, which lists services, facilities and opportunities available throughout the University can be viewed at www.nottingham.ac.uk/disability

Do I need to know much about China before starting a Chinese studies degree?
No, we don’t assume any prior knowledge on any of our degree programmes. Some students may have visited China in a gap year before they start their degree, but most will be complete beginners in every respect, and the introductory modules are designed to give you all the information and skills you’ll require for the later stages of your course.

What help can I get if I have difficulty with the work once I start my course?
The University has an excellent range of support services which cover areas including health, welfare and study support – see www.nottingham.ac.uk/student-services

For personal problems which may affect your work, you can always talk in complete confidence to your personal tutor or any member of staff with whom you feel comfortable. Tutors can help with a wide range of issues, and if they are unable to help with a particular problem, they will find you someone who can.

What support are available for students with children?
There are a range of services provided to support students with children, including a University day nursery, a playscheme and playcentre day care. There is also a scheme to help students fund childcare. For more information, see www.nottingham.ac.uk/child-care

If I struggled with modern European languages at school, will I find it even more difficult to learn Chinese?
Not necessarily! It’s a very different language, given that it’s written in characters and is tonal, so your experience with French or German might not be very relevant. Chinese word order is quite natural for native speakers of English; there are few sounds in it that are difficult for foreigners to make, and it is not a particularly complex language grammatically when compared to Japanese, Russian or Latin, for example, so don’t be put off if you don’t consider yourself to be a star linguist. UK students usually find speaking and comprehending spoken Chinese the easiest part of language acquisition (in spite of the tones), followed by reading, with writing Chinese characters the most difficult skill to learn. Our Mandarin teachers understand this, and they pitch teaching and assessment tasks at an appropriate level to take account of it.

If I don’t have an A level in, for example, politics or business studies, will I be able to cope with modules about Chinese politics or business?
Once you have done the compulsory introductory modules in Chinese studies, you should be able to cope with any of our optional modules – provided, of course, that you do the required reading and attend lectures and seminars.

Does the Chinese government limit what can be taught about China at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China?
No, the curriculum is run by The University of Nottingham, and modules are approved and monitored through the same academic quality assurance procedures as for modules offered at the UK campus.

Can I still take a semester abroad in a third country if I’m on a Chinese studies degree?
You can on some of our degrees, but not the single honours course or the joint honours degrees with French, German or Spanish studies. For the others, both academic schools involved in your degree programme need to approve the modules you will be taking at the other institution. Contemporary Chinese studies staff can advise on the suitability of specific universities for a semester abroad.

How will having ‘Chinese studies’ in my degree title affect my job prospects?
Favourably! While 20 years ago Chinese studies was still sometimes regarded as a minority subject, it’s now becoming part of the mainstream. As the world realises China’s importance to so many aspects of our lives, a degree which flags up your interest in and knowledge of China can only help to show an employer that you are a forward-looking, ambitious and perceptive person aware of international, social and business trends at home and in a variety of cultural settings. Chinese studies is still unusual enough to help your job application stand out from the pile of similar ones, especially when your Chinese studies degree is from an internationally respected university like Nottingham with a proven commitment to developing links with China.

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Visiting and contacting us

Open days
If you’re considering applying to The University of Nottingham we recommend that you try to attend one of the University-wide open days, which are held in June and September each year and attract around 30,000 visitors. Find out more: www.nottingham.ac.uk/opendays

Mini open days
Mini open days are much smaller than the main open days but offer the same opportunities to attend various talks and tours as well as speak to current students and academics. Find out more: www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/miniopendays or call +44 (0)115 951 5559.

Virtual open day
If you can’t attend one of our open days in person, or would like to explore our campuses before visiting, take a look at our virtual open day: www.nottingham.ac.uk/virtualnottingham

UCAS visit days
Once you’ve been offered a place at Nottingham, you may be invited to attend a UCAS visit day, which is an opportunity for you to visit the school and to find out more about your chosen course. You will also be given a short tour of the campus by current students.

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