The biggest draw I had to archaeology was the BSc course as it allowed me to combine my love of science with my interest in the past. Nottingham was always the university I wanted to go to.

Cati Fear, BSc Archaeology

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Studying classics and archaeology at Nottingham

We are one of the most popular departments in the UK for the study of the ancient world, with over 100 new students joining us each year.

Discover your interests
Studying the past opens up vast opportunities to discover fascinating cultures and explore the making of the modern world. Archaeology studies the material remains of the human past, from the earliest prehistoric hunter-gatherers to the complex societies of the modern era, and combines methods from the arts and sciences. Classics studies the worlds of ancient Greece and Rome through their history, literature, art and archaeology, exploring two rich cultures that had a decisive influence on Western society.

At the University of Nottingham, you can study ancient history, classics or archaeology as stand-alone subjects or as part of a joint honours degree with another subject.

Facilities and resources
Our department is equipped with a laboratory suite for the scientific study of archaeological materials ranging from ceramics and glass to plant remains, animal bones and human skeletons. Our on-campus museum houses important collections of prehistoric, Roman and medieval artefacts. Students have access to books, journals and electronic study resources in the Hallward Library, and our dedicated Digital Transformations Hub contains a wide range of cutting-edge digital and graphics equipment and specialist software.

Why study with us?

At a glance
- Study diverse aspects of the past, from prehistoric cultures, to ancient Greece and Rome, and the medieval and modern worlds
- Discover how the past impacts current debates about cultural identity, heritage, education, globalisation, sustainability and environmental change
- Gain valuable practical and professional experience in our on-campus museum and archaeological laboratories, as well as through our schools outreach programme

Beyond the curriculum
We offer a broad range of field trips and study visits to archaeological sites and museums throughout your degree. Our fantastic student-led societies ArcSoc and ClasSoc hold regular events as well as subsidised annual trips to ancient sites such as Pompeii and Rome. Archaeology students have the chance to participate in lots of hands-on fieldwork, and we encourage all of our students to gain work experience in local museums and heritage organisations.

Our courses

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These offers exclude results in General Studies and Critical Thinking. We also welcome applications from students with alternative qualifications (see page 26).

† Applicants who are not eligible for direct entry to these courses may be able to apply for a four-year BA course with a Foundation Year. See nottingham.ac.uk/arts/foundation

‡ At least one science subject at A level. For IB, at least one subject from subject groups four or five taken at Higher Level.

§ Archaeology and ancient history are areas you can study as part of BA Liberal Arts. For more information about this course, including detailed entry requirements and module choices see nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/liberalarts

nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/classicsandarchaeology
BA Classics

This course offers the opportunity to engage with a selection of the greatest achievements in Western literature – from Homer to Lucian, Horace to Apuleius – and study both Greek and Latin languages to an advanced level.

You will examine the culture and history of the ancient world by engaging with written materials in their original language. We welcome applications from students who have experience of learning languages but have not yet had the chance to study ancient Greek or Latin, as well as students who have prior knowledge of either language.

Year one
You will begin a programme of linguistic study appropriate to your background, designed to give you the skills required to engage with texts in the original Greek or Latin language. If you have not taken either of these languages at A level or equivalent, you will select just one to study in your first year. Two core modules give you an integrated introduction to the history and culture of Greece and Rome and their reception.

The rest of your credits are chosen from modules which tackle ancient historical, literary or artistic sources in more depth.

Year two
You will study both ancient Greek and Latin at the appropriate level. All of our language modules after beginners’ level focus on masterpieces of ancient literature and encourage you to connect them to your broader understanding of classical culture. You also choose from a wide range of optional modules on the literature, art, history and society of the ancient world.

Year three
Most students continue their studies in both ancient Greek and Latin in year three. You will opt to write a dissertation, pick a year-long special subject, or choose from further optional modules to complete the year.

Examples of typical modules are given in the table on page 7.

Classics modules

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nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/classicsandarchaeology
BA Ancient History

This course examines the political, social, economic and cultural history of ancient Greece and Rome.

It does not merely handle facts and events, but also explores the human history that makes them significant and exciting: progress and decline, labour and leisure, revolution and reconciliation, conquest, exploitation and resistance.

No previous knowledge of the subject is required and, except in optional language modules, all texts are read in translation.

Year one
You will study two core modules which give an integrated introduction to the history and culture of Greece and Rome. Three additional core modules go into more depth on methods and approaches appropriate to historical, literary and artistic sources, and each builds up skills in different types of assessment. We encourage you to begin studying either ancient Greek or Latin in year one, but this is optional.

Year two
In two core modules, you will pick an ancient source and an aspect of recent scholarship for extended study, which will prepare you for third-year dissertation work. You will choose from a wide range of optional modules exploring ancient history and society. There is also the opportunity to gain work experience with a placement. You may continue or start learning Greek or Latin.

Year three
Most students choose to pursue their interests through a dissertation in any area of ancient history, and combine this with the Special Subject module across the whole year. Optional modules or language work complete the year.

BA Classical Civilisation

This course examines the culture and society of classical Greece and Rome.

You will study political and social structures, literature, art and visual culture, thought, religion and social life.

No prior knowledge of Greek, Latin or classical civilisation is required and, except in designated language modules, all texts are read in translation. The study of Greek and Latin is optional.

Year one
You will study two survey modules which give an integrated introduction to the history and culture of Greece and Rome and their reception. Three further core modules on interpretation offer in-depth study of methods and approaches appropriate to historical, literary and artistic sources, and each builds up skills in different types of assessment. You will have the opportunity to begin studying either ancient Greek or Latin.

Year two
You will choose from a wide range of optional modules exploring ancient literature, art and history. If you intend to do a third-year dissertation, you will be able to attend preparatory seminars and present your ideas to other students on the course. The optional Work Placement module gives you the opportunity to develop key professional skills over a six-week period. You may also continue or start learning Greek or Latin.

Year three
In the third year, most students choose to pursue their interests through a dissertation on any area of classical civilisation, and combine this with the Special Subject module across the whole year. Optional modules or language work complete the year.
BA Archaeology

This course introduces you to the discipline of archaeology and demonstrates how archaeologists use physical evidence and artefacts to interpret the past.

Year one
The year one core modules cover the general principles and scientific methods of archaeology. You will also study the archaeology of Britain from early prehistory to the Industrial Revolution, and the art and archaeology of the ancient Mediterranean.

Year two
In year two, you will study a core module in archaeological research, preparing you for your third-year dissertation work, as well as the Communicating the Past module. Through your optional modules, you will explore a range of periods in European and Mediterranean archaeology, with topics from evolution and human skeletons to underwater archaeology.

Year three
In year three, you will have the opportunity to undertake your own research project, presented as a dissertation, with the support of a member of staff. You will also choose from a variety of optional modules covering a wide array of archaeological topics and periods from prehistory to the medieval world.

Examples of typical modules are given in the table on page 11.

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* Optional for joint honours students.
** Core for BSc Archaeology.
^ Optional for joint honours students taking a dissertation in another subject.
BA Historical Archaeology

Historical archaeology is the study of material remains of past societies, from the empires of the ancient world, through the medieval and post-medieval periods, up to the present day.

This course introduces you to the discipline of archaeology and explains how archaeologists use material evidence to interpret the past. You will compare and contrast the evidence provided by written documents, archaeology and visual culture to discover unique insights into past societies. Throughout this course, you will have the opportunity to study the whole span of human history, with a focus on the buildings, historic landscapes and material culture of Britain, Europe and the Mediterranean from the ancient world to modern times.

Year one
The content of year one is the same as BA Archaeology. You will explore a range of archaeological theories and methodologies which will give you a solid grounding in the subject.

Year two
Year two will give you the chance to examine different areas of archaeological science including environmental archaeology, osteo-archaeology and material culture. You will also have the opportunity to study modules on different periods in Europe and the Mediterranean.

Year three
In year three, you will undertake your own research project and dissertation. You will study further modules from the wide range offered by the department, including options in bioarchaeology and archaeological materials.

Examples of typical modules are given in the table on page 11.

Ancient history and archaeology intersect in our study of the Mediterranean world. Our teaching covers everything from Mycenaean skull cults and the Spartans to the ancient Roman city of Pompeii.

Dr Chrysanthi Gallou, Assistant Professor of Greek Archaeology

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BA Ancient History and Archaeology

This course focuses on the common ground between ancient history and archaeology, enabling you to examine the ancient world through both material and textual sources of evidence.

You will study the complex societies of ancient Greece and Rome through a range of media including historical and literary texts, art and architecture. You will also have the opportunity to study a wide array of archaeological topics and periods from prehistory to the medieval world.

Year one
In year one, you will study two core modules which give an integrated introduction to the culture and history of Greece and Rome and their reception. You will also study core modules in archaeology, focusing on how we discover, excavate and record archaeological sites, and the archaeology of Britain from prehistory to the Industrial Revolution. In the summer break, you will complete at least part of your required archaeological fieldwork placement.

Year two
In year two, you will study further core modules in archaeological research, as well as the Communicating the Past module if you wish. You will also have the opportunity to study a range of academic modules in both ancient history and archaeology, allowing you to explore the periods, themes and topics that most interest you.

Year three
In year three, you will write a dissertation in either ancient history or archaeology, supervised by a tutor. You will select optional modules from the wide range on offer, developing advanced knowledge and skills across both ancient history and archaeology.

Examples of typical modules are given in the tables on pages 7 and 11.

Nottingham seemed like the perfect university for me – as well as offering a course that would allow me to study both the ancient and contemporary worlds, there was an amazing range of societies and extracurricular activities on offer.

Iona Hampson, BA Ancient History and History

BA Archaeology and Classical Civilisation

This course combines studying the culture, literature and society of classical Greece and Rome with learning archaeological skills and techniques.

Through a combination of classics and archaeology modules, you will study the ancient world from both ancient texts and material culture.

Year one
In year one, you will study two core modules which give an integrated introduction to the culture and history of Greece and Rome. You have the option of studying Greek or Latin, or modules which examine classical art, history or literature in more depth. You will also study core modules in archaeology, including how we discover, excavate and record archaeological sites, and the archaeology of Britain from prehistory to the Industrial Revolution. In the summer break, you will complete at least part of your required archaeological fieldwork placement.

Year two
You will have the opportunity to study a range of modules in both archaeology and classical civilisation, allowing you to explore particular periods, themes and topics in more depth, from Greek comedy to underwater archaeology. You will also take the core module Communicating the Past.

Year three
In year three, you will write a dissertation in either archaeology or classical civilisation under the supervision of a member of staff. You will also select optional modules from a wide range of advanced classics and archaeology modules, developing your knowledge and skills across both subjects.

Examples of typical modules are given in the tables on pages 7 and 11.
BA Ancient History and History

Combining modules in history and ancient history, this course enables you to take a wider view of how human societies develop over time.

You will study the ancient, medieval and modern societies, learn to think critically about these periods individually and collectively, and examine a range of societies and cultures from around the world.

In ancient history, you will gain an integrated introduction to the history and culture of Greece and Rome, and will have the option to study Latin or Greek. The history strand of your course will help you develop perspectives and skills in historical enquiry and critical analysis. Together, the two strands of this degree will explore common themes, such as politics, empire, gender, slavery, warfare, religion, art and science. You will learn how to connect ancient, medieval and modern approaches to these topics.

As the course progresses, you will gain a thorough understanding of different periods of history through a range of optional modules, and undertake detailed studies of primary source material. In year three you will be able to specialise in history or ancient history when writing your dissertation.

For more information about the history element of this course see nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/history

For more information about the ancient history element of your course see nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/ancienthistory

Examples of typical modules for the ancient history element of your course are given in the table on page 7.

BA Archaeology and History

This course allows you to study the past from different perspectives. Using varied techniques, you will compare and contrast the evidence provided by archaeological remains and written texts.

You will explore the theory, methods and practice of archaeology and gain a thorough understanding of the archaeology of Britain, Europe, the Mediterranean and beyond. In archaeology, you will study scientific approaches to unearthing and examining history. You will also have the opportunity to participate in fieldwork. In the history element of your course, the core module Learning History concentrates on historiographical skills and methodologies.

At the same time you will study wide-ranging topics in British and world history, including the medieval, early modern, and modern periods. The rest of the history element of your course will comprise of optional modules that cover 500 CE to the present.

For more information about the history element of this course see nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/history

For more information about the archaeology element of your course see nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/archaeology

Examples of typical modules for the archaeology element of your course are given in the table on page 11.

BA Classics and English

Combine studying the literature, society, art and culture of classical Greece and Rome with English language, literature and drama from Old English to the present day.

You will explore the cultures of ancient Greece and Rome through a range of core and optional modules focusing on different aspects of classical society, including religion, violence, comedy, art, animals, citizenship, and family.

You can choose to study ancient Greek or Latin at any level as part of this course. If you have chosen to study Greek or Latin, you will enhance your cross-cultural language skills by engaging with classical texts in the complexity and richness of their original form.

In English you will have a choice of modules from the areas of English language and applied linguistics, English literature from 1500 to the present, medieval languages and literatures, and drama and performance.

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

For more information about the classics element of these courses see nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/classics

Examples of typical modules for the classics element of these courses are given in the table on page 7.

BA Classical Civilisation and Philosophy

This course offers a diverse and flexible approach to studying philosophy, alongside the literature, history, and culture of ancient Greece and Rome.

You will choose from a wide range of modules in both subjects and have the opportunity to study Greek or Latin at any level.

In year one, you will take a combination of modules from classics and philosophy that introduce the history and culture of Greece and Rome and key arguments within philosophy. Year two consists entirely of optional modules, allowing you to explore ancient literature, art and history and develop your philosophical knowledge in the areas that most interest you.

In year three, the classical civilisation element turns its attention either to the completion of a dissertation or the Special Subject module, both of which involve the in-depth study of a topic with the support of a lecturer. Philosophy modules in year three reflect the research expertise of our staff, including metaphysics, ethics, logic, philosophy of science, and criminal law.

For more information about the philosophy element of your course see nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/philosophy
Archaeology and geography are a natural combination. Each subject examines changes over time in the relationship between humans and their environment.

You will study relevant aspects of physical, human, regional and technical geography, whilst also developing an understanding of the archaeological methods and techniques used to study past landscapes and societies.

The archaeology modules focus on archaeological method and theory, environmental archaeology, ancient technologies, and the archaeology of Britain, Europe, the Mediterranean and beyond.

Your technical training in geography will include cartography, statistical and digital techniques, and you can choose from a wide array of optional modules in human geography.

For more information about the geography element of your course see nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/geography

Examples of typical modules for the archaeology element of these courses are given in the table on page 11.

This course offers the opportunity to examine art and material culture from ancient times to the modern era.

You will explore the ways in which human societies throughout history have used objects and spaces to shape identities, politics and culture.

The archaeology strand of this course allows you to gain a deep understanding of the archaeology of Britain, Europe, the Mediterranean and beyond.

At the same time you will study wide-ranging aspects of the visual arts from the Renaissance to the present day, including painting, sculpture, architecture and photography.

There are also opportunities to gain work experience in our on-campus museum and art gallery, or with local cultural and heritage organisations.

For more information about the history of art element of your course see nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/historyofart
Engaging study, incredible results

We are passionate about teaching and learning and have developed innovative strategies to integrate teaching and research for the benefit of our students.

For us, classics and archaeology are not simply about discovering the past, but about understanding the impact of the past on present society, and helping to transform the future. Our research and teaching include important contemporary issues, ranging from critical debates around cultural identities, heritage and education, to archaeological perspectives on globalisation, sustainability and environmental change.

Teaching and learning

Our courses are delivered through a wide range of innovative teaching methods which have been designed to help our students realise their potential, acquire thorough and broad knowledge of their chosen subject(s), and develop academic and professional skills.

Your course will include lectures, language classes (for those studying Greek and/or Latin), and seminars where you will collaborate on projects and discuss important ideas. Our teaching encompasses field trips, study visits and artefact-handling sessions. For archaeology students, lab-based modules involve handling all kinds of archaeological materials and can include experimental work too.

Many of our modules focus on developing your professional skills. Our Communicating the Past module allows you to choose your own archaeology or classics topic and design an innovative presentation targeted at a non-specialist audience – modes of delivery could range from an education resource to a mobile app.

How will I be assessed?

We measure your progress using a range of methods. They include coursework essays and written exams, but also a much wider range of tasks. You will be asked to work on group projects, give verbal presentations, develop portfolios of practical activities, and prepare posters and digital content. You will be encouraged to work independently to prepare for seminars and complete your coursework, but also to collaborate with each other and work effectively as part of a team.

Your dissertation

In your third-year dissertation project you have the opportunity to pursue independent research, with the support of one-to-one tutorials with a member of staff. You will choose the topic you want to research, which could be something you have been introduced to in a module, or something entirely new. With your tutor’s support, you will be responsible for designing the project, collecting your evidence and presenting an original argument.

Your final degree classification

Your second and third year results respectively count for 33% and 67% of your overall grade. Year one is a qualifying year, which means you must pass this year to progress to year two, but your mark will not contribute to your final degree classification.

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Expand your horizons

Experience the world, gain valuable life skills, and enhance your CV by studying abroad. Our Study Abroad programme gives you the chance to travel and experience different cultures while working towards your degree from the University of Nottingham.

Study at a partner institution

The University of Nottingham’s range of travel schemes, available to undergraduate students, mean that you can choose to study at one of our partner institutions around the world during your course.

The opportunities vary from six-week summer schools to one semester abroad. There is a range of practical support and advice available both before and during your stay.

Past opportunities for classics and archaeology students have included studying in Australia, Canada, China, South Africa, New Zealand and Sweden.

For more information about the Study Abroad programme, see nottingham.ac.uk/studyabroad

Support for language learning

As well as a team of dedicated language tutors, the University of Nottingham’s Language Centre provides a wide range of language learning resources for self-study. See nottingham.ac.uk/language-centre

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Hands-on experience

Fieldwork and practical experience are at the heart of our courses. Throughout our degree programmes, students visit diverse sites and museums and learn how to work with ancient artefacts.

All single and joint honours archaeology students participate in archaeological fieldwork and practical sessions as part of their degree.

Practical sessions
We deliver practical training through our core modules, hands-on artefact sessions in the University of Nottingham Museum, and regular laboratory practicals.

Practical sessions give you opportunities to:
- gain experience in surveying and excavation
- get a ‘behind the scenes’ look at how things work in museums and other institutions
- see ‘key finds’ in context
- visit sites that you have discussed in class.

Fieldwork
Fieldwork is a fundamental and exciting part of archaeology. It is where much of our primary information about the past comes from, and it is also a great way to learn how to work as part of a team. Recently our students have participated in excavations in Britain, Crete and Italy. Both archaeology and classics students can gain valuable work experience in the University’s on-campus archaeology museum or with other regional heritage organisations.

Fieldwork requirements
- Single honours archaeology students must complete 20 days of fieldwork (which can include up to 10 days of museum training or similar professional experience)
- Joint honours archaeology students must complete 10 days of fieldwork (which can include up to 5 days of working in a museum or similar environment)

Fieldwork is usually carried out during the summer break. We offer funding to meet travel and subsistence costs for your fieldwork placement, which you can claim from the department up to a certain limit (for example, to cover the cost of flights for an overseas excavation). We have a dedicated fieldwork officer who will help you to find a suitable placement that meets your needs and expectations.

Field trips
Field trips are a fun, hands-on learning experience. The department organises regular optional trips to local and national museums and archaeological sites – from prehistoric monuments in the Peak District, to Hadrian’s Wall, and historic UK cities such as Lincoln and York.

Our fantastic student-led societies organise behind-the-scenes tours of important venues such as the British Museum in London and run annual international study trips. Past destinations have included Athens, Malta and Pompeii.

nottingham.ac.uk/go/field-work

I enjoy studying archaeology because it is very hands on and practical, from fieldwork experience to recreating ancient pottery techniques. This course is perfect for people who have an excitement for history and enjoy getting stuck in at the same time.

Ella Suchoruczka, BA Archaeology
Outstanding careers support

Classics and archaeology are broad interdisciplinary subjects that allow you to develop a wide range of professional skills that are valued by employers and also prepare you for postgraduate study.

Our graduates enter a wide variety of careers, including in the heritage, museum and archaeology sectors, central and local government, publishing and journalism, law, and finance. Often graduates stay with us to undertake postgraduate studies.

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

£20,000 was the average starting salary for recent graduates with the highest being £322,000*

Recent graduate destinations include:
- academic researchers and lecturers
- archaeological project officer
- conservation, heritage and environmental protection officer
- forensic accountancy trainee
- historic building consultant
- magazine editor
- museum collections access officer
- public relations officer
- school teacher
- solicitor
- web developer and producer

Amplify your potential
Whether you already have a career 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

Professional skills
A degree in classics and archaeology equips you with a broad array of important skills, such as:
- ability to process and critically evaluate data and apply theoretical and scientific principles to problems
- critical analysis and argument
- experience of fieldwork, post-extraction and laboratory techniques
- ability to interpret spatial data
- numerical, statistical, IT and analytical skills
- strong team working
- written, oral and visual communication

Our second-year Work Placement module gives you the opportunity to gain experience in a sector that interests you.

nottingham.ac.uk/careers/students

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

All applications for full-time undergraduate study at Nottingham, including applications by international students, must be made through UCAS.

You can apply online at ucas.com and will be notified of decisions through UCAS Track.

Your personal statement
This is the section of your UCAS form that tells us most about you, and you should make the best use of it. Be as specific and detailed as you can – we would like to see that you are a student who can work hard, be self-motivated and make the best possible use of the opportunities that our courses offer you. We would also like to hear about any skills you have gained through extracurricular activities.

Minimum entry requirements
Unless otherwise stated in individual course profiles, all UK applicants should have GCSE English grade 4 (C) as a minimum.

Alternative qualifications
In this brochure you will find our A level and International Baccalaureate entry requirements but we accept a much broader range of qualifications. For more details, visit nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/applying

Flexible admissions policy
In recognition of our applicants' varied experience and educational pathways, we employ a flexible admissions policy. If we judge that your situation has adversely affected your achievement, then we will consider this when assessing your academic potential. Some courses may make a slightly lower offer. For more information about this policy, see nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/applying

Mature applicants
We encourage applications from mature applicants, who are defined as being 21 years or older. You should apply through UCAS. Find out more at nottingham.ac.uk/mature

International applicants
The University provides a range of information and advice for international applicants. If you are unable to attend an open day, we can meet you in your country at one of our overseas events or arrange an individual visit to the University. For further information please visit nottingham.ac.uk/international

Deferred entry
Applicants who wish to defer their entry by a year will not be at a disadvantage. Please tell us something about your plans for your gap year in your UCAS personal statement.

Equal opportunities policy
The University aims to create the conditions whereby students and staff are treated solely on the basis of their merits, abilities and potential, regardless of gender, race, colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin, age, socio-economic background, disability, religious or political beliefs, trade union membership, family circumstances, sexual orientation or other irrelevant distinction.

If you wish to declare a disability, please ensure that you have ticked the appropriate box on your UCAS application form. Disclosure of this information will not affect your application.

In 2020/21 the University will provide a generous bursary scheme to support lower-income students*

For more details see: nottingham.ac.uk/financialsupport

* To eligible home fee status students.

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