

NTU & YOU

Welcoming international students to Nottingham Trent University



Enjoying
student life

Prestigious
scholarships
for you

Take a look
around
Nottingham

NOTTINGHAM
TRENT UNIVERSITY



Welcome to NTU





Maryam, Nur, Patrick, Naasira, Justin, Hong and Jelena – just a few of our recent students who'd recommend NTU to you! As part of their studies they all did some work experience with us here in the International Development Office (IDO). You'll hear more from Jelena on page 28 as she now works in our Students' Union.



Hello!

Thanks for reading *NTU & YOU*. I work with a fantastic team whose job it is to help you all we can with your application – maybe you've met some of them already.

We hope you'll be just as happy here as our current international students. We passionately believe that to be happy you have to fully understand the choice you're about to make and be really sure that NTU is right for you.

That's why we've made this magazine. No sales talk – just lots about our city and our university. And stories and advice from the people who really understand how big a decision you're about to make, our students.

If there's anything we can do to help you please let us know. If you'd like to have a chat with a student from your region then we'll happily arrange that too.

Enjoy the magazine!

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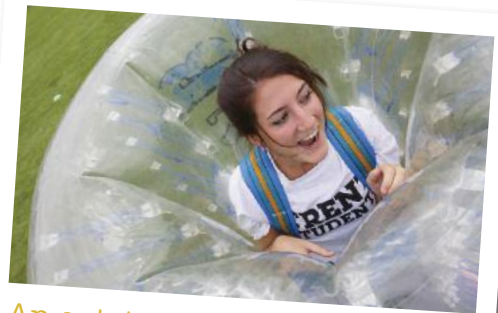
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No 1 university in the UK for international students!

Not our words – this comes directly from our current international students who voted us the **best university** in the UK in the 2016 Whatuni Student Choice Awards. This award is extra special to us as it's all about how our students feel here. Here's some of what they said...



An outstanding student experience

"Overall the experience is great! I have grown up considerably after a year, gained lots of insightful knowledge and practical experience."



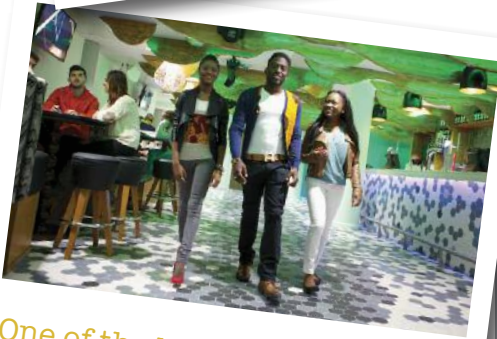
Excellent support for international students

"The support offered by the University is good... whether it be with your studies or personally."



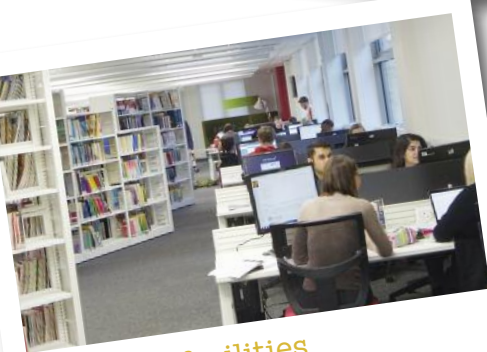
A great student city

"Great city life! Nottingham is a student city and there are lots of events aimed just at students."



One of the best students' unions

"Great student union with new facilities. Great events organised by the SU as well."



Fantastic facilities

"The facilities are amazing from the student union to the lecture halls to the library. There have been some recent refurbishments around campus."

This isn't the only award we've won recently...

Queen's Anniversary Prize for research – the highest national honour for a UK university

Five QS stars – for our teaching, facilities, internationalisation, social responsibility and inclusiveness

Prizes for internationalising the student experience and international student support – National Union of Students (NUS) internationalisation awards.

www.ntu.ac.uk/whatuniaward

Scholarship

Chrystina Rogers
MSc Forensic
Psychology
USA



“Winning a scholarship made me feel like I was ready for my Masters. It boosted my self-esteem – NTU think I can do it – so I felt like I definitely could! Winning it felt great. I’m so glad I took the extra couple of hours to try to win one.

“My family are very proud and happy for me, even if it’s led me to the other side of the world. Without the scholarship I’m not sure if I would have been able to afford studying internationally. Being able to do this has given me the best opportunities for my chosen career.



“Getting the scholarship has reminded me that I’m capable of doing challenging assignments and being the best that I can be.”

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Did you know, if you have an offer to study with us you can apply for an international scholarship? You'll get some income towards your study and be invited to our prestigious Scholarships Awards Evening to accept your award from our Vice-Chancellor.

Good luck!

Scholarship Rewards Scheme

There are all sorts of benefits to joining our rewards scheme:

- networking with other scholarship award winners from all over the world
- VIP entry to a range of social events throughout the year
- participating in international marketing activities
- opportunities for work experience in the International Development Office



www.ntu.ac.uk/internationalscholarships

Experience matters

What all our courses have in common is an absolute dedication to providing practical skills and experience in the subject. There's a good chance you could do a work placement for example, which is an amazing opportunity.



Creating highly-skilled graduates

Through our partnerships with over 6,000 organisations worldwide, we're able to offer courses that meet the needs of employers. You'll be able to develop your professional skills through a range of activities, including:

- work placements
- group projects
- internships
- problem-solving activities.



Employability Teams

On each campus there's an Employability team. They can give you advice on your career and run practical activities to help you in your job search, including:

- workshops on how to write a good CV
- presentation skills
- interview skills and practice.

There's no need for an appointment – just turn up and introduce yourself.

www.ntu.ac.uk/job-ready

Yohann Advikolanu

India

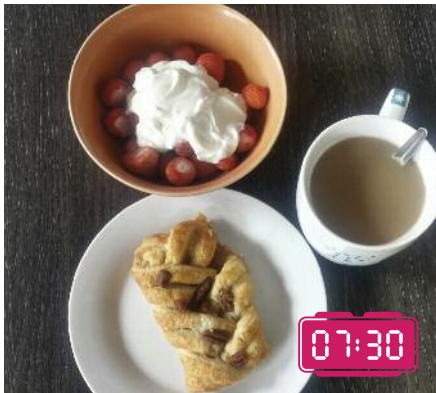
Studied MSc Computer Games, now working at Holovis in Leicester

“The approach here is very practical – I think you learn more that way. I secured a work placement in the games industry – you can really make use of the services here and the teams are committed to helping you get on the right track.”



A day in the

What's life really like at NTU? Meet Kasia from Poland. She studied International Business and now works at Direct Line in London. Here are some shots from one of her typical NTU days...



Planning my day over breakfast



Double lecture for one of my course modules



Organising ex...
a part of the gr...
on my course



Doing my own research
in the library



A little shopping –
my way to relax!



Meeting

life...

“Every day I was a student here brought a new challenge – I loved it!”

Kasia Chudy



hibition as
roup work



up with friends for dinner



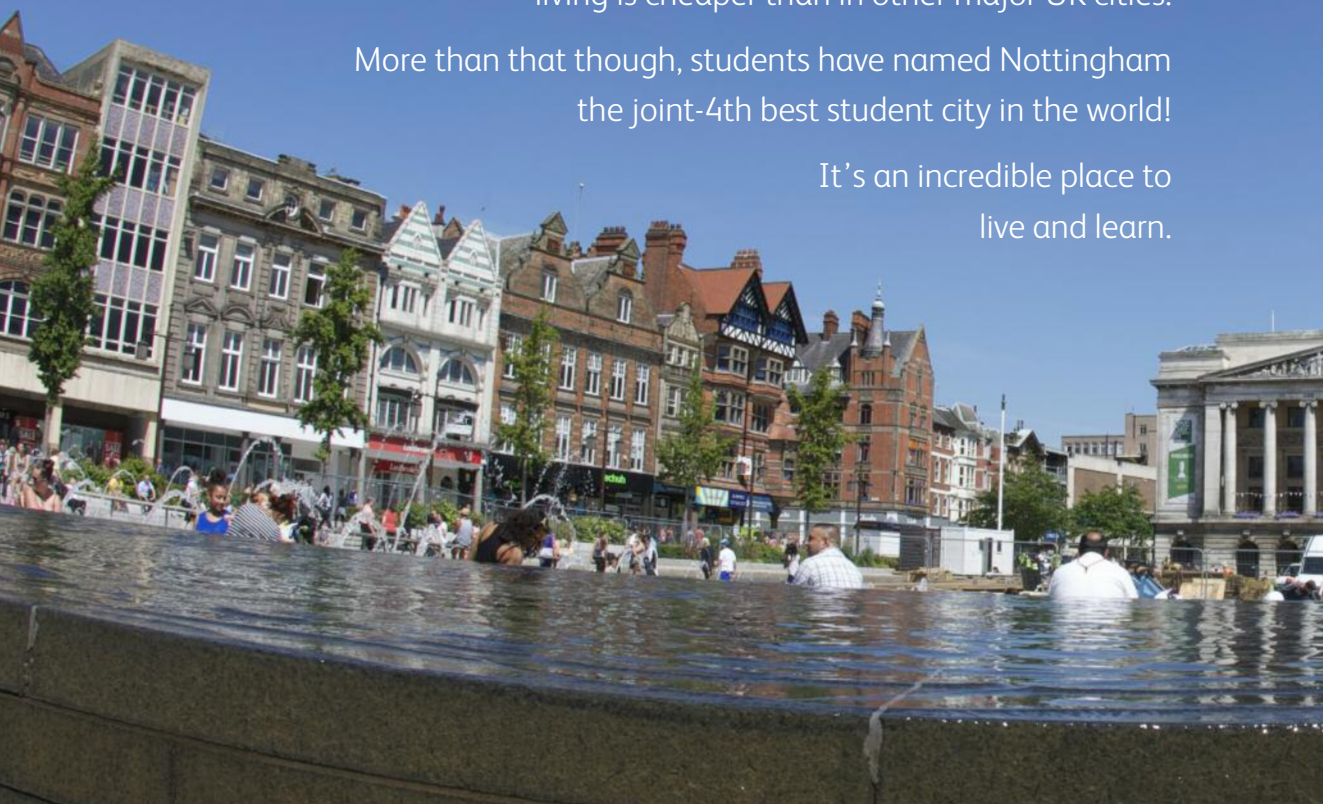
Nottingham

a great student city

Nottingham is a great city of art, culture and sport. It has a multicultural student population of over 60,000 and the cost of living is cheaper than in other major UK cities.

More than that though, students have named Nottingham the joint-4th best student city in the world!

It's an incredible place to live and learn.





Nottingham is in the middle of England, about 2 hours from London and Manchester

Glasgow

Edinburgh

Newcastle

Leeds

Manchester

Sheffield

Liverpool

Nottingham

Birmingham

Norwich

Cardiff

London

Plymouth

Explore Nottingham on foot

A great feature of Nottingham's city centre is that everything's really close. Unlike in bigger cities, London for example, you can easily walk from NTU City Campus to the shops and attractions in just a few minutes. And the regular buses and trams mean you can quickly reach other parts of Nottingham too. Enjoy exploring!



Great shopping



Arts and culture for everyone

Trent Bridge



Food from all over the world



Sporting venues

www.ntu.ac.uk/nottingham



Old Market Square, the heart of Nottingham



City of history

Wollaton Hall



Near beautiful, green countryside



Stephanie Amaris, Indonesia

MSc Management and Finance

“First – Nottingham’s the perfect size. It’s not a really big city like London. I live in the centre and I can get most things I need with no difficulty.

“Second – the environment lends itself to study. The local people are really friendly so it’s easier to learn English! Sometimes my classmates and I meet up in Nottingham to study together. With a nice environment, good friends and good food, we’ve been able to revise smoothly.

“And talking of food, I love the food here. My roommate and I have made a list of all the restaurants in Nottingham – we’re planning to try and go to them all by the end of the year!

“Also, Nottingham’s in the middle of the UK, so you can easily travel around and it won’t cost you a fortune. I’ve been to Bath, Liverpool, York and Edinburgh which was great fun. I also travelled to Paris and Munich – it was pretty easy. Visit www.visitbritain.com to find out more.”

Did you know we have three main campuses? Depending on your course, you'll be studying at City, Clifton or Brackenhurst. Visit www.ntu.ac.uk/campus to take a campus tour.

Here's a bit more about them...



City

A cosmopolitan bustling campus right in the city centre. Only five minutes' walk to the shops and all the excitement of a busy student city. If you're in one of these Schools you'll be studying on this campus:

- Nottingham Business School
- Nottingham Law School
- School of Social Sciences
- School of Art & Design
- School of Architecture, Design and the Built Environment

YOUR



Clifton

A friendly, vibrant student village with all the facilities you need in one place. 6 km from the centre with a bus service to the City Campus every ten minutes. If you're in one of these Schools you'll be studying on this campus:

- School of Arts and Humanities
- Institute of Education
- School of Science and Technology

Brackenhurst

A beautiful campus in the countryside, about 40 minutes' drive from Nottingham with a regular bus service. If you're in the School of Animal, Rural and Environmental Sciences you'll be studying on this campus.

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Halls?

Shared house?

Apartment?

The choice is yours

Choosing where you're going to live is a big decision – and it's really important to start your research early.

We asked two students what was most important to them...

Julia Aaland
Norway
MA Branding and
Identity



"I've chosen to live in a single, privately-owned studio apartment so I have the personal space and alone-time to study. It's slightly more expensive but it's been worth it. All student accommodation comes with basic furniture and facilities, but because it's private some things I would have had to buy myself have been included – towels, bedding, a weekly cleaning service and even a hairdryer!

"It's really important to research your accommodation options. If you're going to share, look for students who are the same age range or studying at the same level as you. A postgraduate student would live very differently to a group of first-year undergraduates, for example.

"I feel really safe here as we have a 24-hour security guard. We have a lot of shared facilities such as a games room, a study room and even a small gym. Having everything in one place has allowed me to just concentrate on my studies."



Good to know

We have plenty of accommodation available, but if you're considering going private make sure to check our website. We only advertise UNIPOL accredited accommodation so you can be sure to find a good quality place that meets safety requirements.



Scot
McDonald-Webb
UK
BA (Hons) Business

"I decided to stay in University accommodation – halls – in my first year. I wanted to meet people and get involved in new activities and living in halls provided both of these opportunities. I first looked online. Included in the price was internet, all bills, free bus travel and contents insurance.

"The best thing about living in halls is how sociable it is. Some of the people you move in with will be your friends throughout your life at NTU. In halls there's always someone to talk to or relax with. It's like becoming part of a community when you move in. Don't be afraid to knock on your neighbour's door for a chat or join other people on nights out.

"Also, your room is somewhere you can escape to when you need some alone-time. Maybe playing a musical instrument, reading a book, or doing some other hobby that interests you."



www.ntu.ac.uk/accommodation

Getting ready to study...

NTU style

Sitting in lectures all day, every day? Think again. Many of your studies will take place outside the lecture room. Studying at NTU may be very different to how you've studied before – our students tell us that it's probably their greatest challenge. They also tell us that it can be the most rewarding and empowering part of their student experience...



Seminars

These take place in small, informal groups. They're a chance for you to talk about the subject in more detail with the lecturer and some of your classmates, ask any questions and do problem-solving activities.



Independent study

You'll have 'free' time on your timetable – this is when you must do your own research. Whether you study at home, in the library or in a café, it's your time to reflect on your subject and grow in confidence.



Group project work

You'll work in small groups on a task or project. Depending on your subject, you'll be in laboratories, workshops or studios where you'll be using specialist equipment. You may even be working with external agencies and companies.

www.ntu.ac.uk/learning

Momen Abusara

Jordan

MSc Management and
Marketing

“The course structure here is very different to what I’m used to. You’re taught to be more independent, creative and critical. You’re expected to do your own research and make your own conclusions.

“I didn’t know I’d enjoy this way of studying but it has given me a whole new attitude. I’ve improved so much. My friends are surprised how much time I spend in the library!

“Each module on the course is taught separately. You study a subject intensely for around a month, you’re assessed on it and then you move to the next. I like this style of learning.

“Also, the lecturers are so engaging here. They’ve opened my mind to new ways of thinking and they challenge me – which I like!”



Thinking globally?

Think NTU

We have students and staff from over 160 countries here – that's an amazing fact!

There are so many social activities and events happening at the University throughout the year where you can truly cross cultures and make lifelong friends from all over the world.





Annaiss Yucra Mancilla

Peru

BA (Hons) Fashion Design

“You’ll spend so much time with the people on your course. I know at the beginning it can be intimidating, especially when they don’t speak the same language as you, and you probably won’t understand the culture completely.

“You’ll probably meet more people from your country too but try not to stay in your comfort zone – you’re here to experience a new culture. I’ve made so many incredible friends from all around the globe.

“Be spontaneous and be yourself! I can tell you now, almost at the end of my time here, I’ve made friends for life. We all went through the same experiences, we supported each other and I know it will be like this after we’ve left.”

Global Lounges



Dora Zhao , China, studied MA Fashion Marketing – performing Chinese fiddle during NTU Global Week

Open to all students, all year

Our global lounges are pretty special. They're places you can meet up with other students and staff to relax, eat, have fun and take part in all sorts of cross-cultural activities.

They're run by our NTU Global teams who can also advise you about the many international opportunities available to you as a student, including:

- volunteering
- work experience
- cultural and language exchange programmes.

You'll be welcome any time – you don't need an appointment. Just turn up!



Free coffee, tea and juice



Free lunches every week



Communal area to relax



Skype access



Always a friendly face



Resource Centre

NTSU

NOTTINGHAM TRENT STUDENTS' UNION



Every UK university has a student union – offering services and social activities to students. The National Union of Students recently voted ours the **best in the country** – so you're sure to be well looked after here!

Discover your Students' Union...

What your union does for you...



We run over 80 student social societies – from dancing and music to cooking, debating and drama.



We arrange trips to famous places in the UK – including Edinburgh, London, Bristol, Harry Potter Studio, Oxford and York.



We organise Welcome Week every September and January – a packed programme of activities to help students settle in.



We run over 50 sports activities – for experienced competitors, total beginners and everyone in-between .

Welcome

from your NTSU representatives



Timi Oluwasanmi

NTSU President 2016/17

Nigeria

Studied BSc (Hons) Business Management and Marketing

“Welcome to NTSU! We’re here to help you get the most out of your experience at NTU.

“We offer a range of services, activities and independent advice. Come and meet us – let us know what we can do for you.”

Jelena Matic

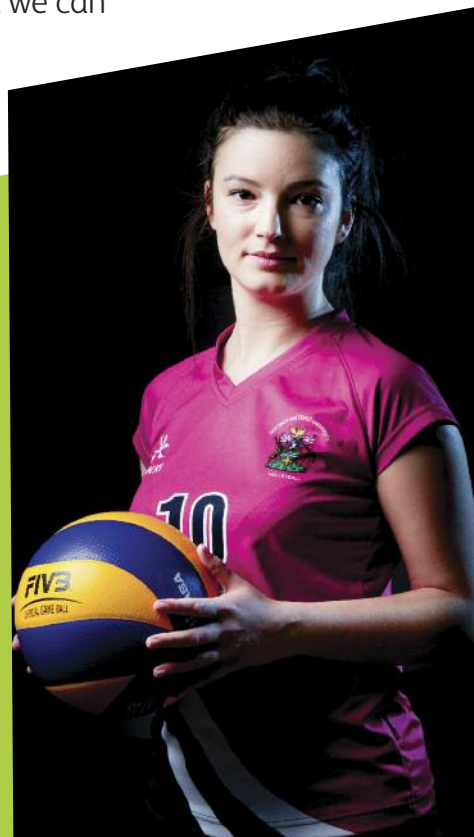
NTSU Vice-President

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Studied BA (Hons) Media, Communications and Society

“Hi, I’m here to represent you in regard to any academic issues at the University, like free language classes for international students for example.

“As a student, when I got here I quickly learned that by joining societies such as the volleyball team, I could meet lots of interesting people. It helped me make loads of friends in a very short time. I now enjoy promoting volleyball to new students who’ve never played before.”





Did you know...

- NTSU really is at the heart of student life. It's run by students for students, and international students are always well represented.
- You can get discounts in shops, restaurants, travel and much more with your student union card.
- We've got an amazing new student union building, with three floors of social space including a gym, café, bar, dance studio, stage and climbing wall! It's a great facility – you'll love spending time there.

www.trentstudents.org

Get connected

There are lots of ways for you to get in touch with us and find out more about life at NTU.



Contact your country representative

We have a team of people responsible for helping students from all regions of the world.

They can answer any questions you have about studying here and your application, and visa advice.

We also work closely with a network of education counsellors and representatives who can advise you – particularly on your visa application.



Talk to a current student

We often ask our current international students to call applicants. It's a great opportunity for you to ask any questions about studying here.

Keep your contact details up to date so we can contact you.



Join our web chats

We run regular live chats – your chance to ask questions to students and staff from the University.

www.ntu.ac.uk/international-contact



Follow us on social media

- meet our students and make friends before you arrive
- see what's happening on campus and get all the latest news
- take a look at photos and videos from events around the University



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