

Hello,

My name is Alexa Degante and I am from Mexico. I'm currently a 3rd year student at NTU Business School. Studying abroad can be daunting and nerve-racking, especially if it's your first time being away from home and having to be more independent, but I can assure you that while it's not always easy, it is one of the most rewarding experiences I have ever had. It has opened many doors for me professionally, as well as it has made me acquire a new perspective of the world and grow as a person.

When I first arrived in England, I was nervous but excited to meet new people and study in a new setting. I chose to join NTU because it seemed like a welcoming space where I could learn and cultivate my skills. The process of settling into my accommodation went smoothly. I felt comfortable and at home from the beginning. Although there was a bit of a culture shock from time to time, that enabled me to interact with many people coming from different backgrounds, and hence, be more open-minded. As for my course, everything, starting with the induction, was explained in detail, which helped me assimilate all of the information without it being overwhelming. Teachers and course representatives always offer the support that students need to improve.

My course (International Business Management) is taught in Newton Building, which is located on the city campus. It's a great location because there are many places nearby where students can go and have a good time, moreover, the tram stop is only a couple of minutes away so you get easy access to other places. There are coffee shops and restaurants close to the shopping centre. The building itself is well equipped with tools all kinds of students may need and the library is also close. Teachers are very approachable and, they build a friendly environment that is conducive to learning.

Lastly, if I could give you any advice, it would be to make the most out of all of the opportunities presented by the university. Getting involved and attending the events that NTU offers is a great way to engage with the student community and meet new friends, it also allows you to experience the city and explore new places. Nottingham is a great city to live in.

Time goes by very quickly, I hope you make life memories and enjoy this journey as much as you can.

Sincerely,

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