







## Progressing to Nottingham Trent University

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## **Welcome to NTU**

Hi, my name is Annabel, Nottingham Trent University's adviser for current NTIC students progressing to the University. I'm here to help you plan ahead and progress easily to the University. So, if you have any questions about your progression course or what it's like to study here, please get in touch. I am always happy to hear from students and can even show you and your friends around the University.

In this leaflet is all the information you need about progressing to NTU, with tips and advice from past NTIC students which I hope you will find very useful. I run drop-in sessions for progressing students at NTIC every week and you can find out the dates and times of these on the noticeboards and plasma screen in the NTIC reception. Please come along to meet me, I'm here to help.

I wish you every success with your future course at NTU.

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# "Progression is easy as I already felt like an NTU student."

Olufunmilayo Odeyemi, Nigeria Foundation Certificate in Art and Design, progressed to BSc (Hons) Product Design

(photo on cover page)



## You've made the right choice

NTU has over 6,000 links and partnerships with business and industry which allows us to design our courses to meet the needs of the current employment market. As one of our graduates you can be sure that you will succeed in the job market because our courses have been designed to provide the skills that employers need. Our graduates are highly skilled and occupy senior positions all over the world.





We've got an **excellent employability record** with 93% of our graduates from full-time undergraduate courses and 96% of our postgraduates employed or doing further study within six months of graduating. (HESA data 2012/13)







You already know that **Nottingham is a great student city**. You may find that you will try new things and go to new places when you settle into university life.

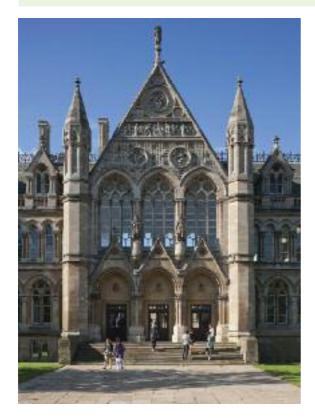




NTU is one of the top ten universities in the UK for the number of students taking year-long work placements.
(HESA 2012-13)



Reviews by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education confirm the quality of our teaching and praise the way we develop **links with employers** to make sure our courses are what employers need.



We've invested over £200 million in your future, creating a modern and inspirational learning environment for our students on both our City site and Clifton campus.

You will continue to have access to all our facilities, including the exciting **new Students' Union building** which includes a new gym, health centre, bar and live music venue.

## Many of our courses are professionally accredited.



## Support and advice

Your welfare is very important to us and we want your progression to be as easy as possible. We offer the following support and advice throughout your studies at NTIC and when you progress to the University.



## Health and well-being support

As NTU students you will continue to have access to all student services and support you had at NTIC. These are offered by the Student Services team who are located in the Newton and Arkwright building on the City site, and on the Clifton and Brackenhurst campuses. They offer the following services and sources of information and advice:

- international student support service;
- faith support;
- health centres;
- advice on visas; and
- advice on living and working in the UK.



#### Visa advice and visa workshops

The International Student Support service at NTU offers advice and support on all visa matters. We offer visa information sessions for NTIC students, and for August finishers we also run visa workshops. **These are really important and you must go to these sessions.** You can ask any questions about arranging your visa for your NTU progression course.

Go to www.ntu.ac.uk/NTICvisa to find out more.



# Progression information 'drop-in' sessions

We run progression drop-in sessions every week. 'Drop-in' means you do not need to make an appointment, just turn up and ask any questions you



like about making the move from the College to the University. Dates and times are on the noticeboards and plasma screen in the NTIC reception. Come as many times as you like.

We can give information about:

- your progression course;
- life at NTU:
- how to pay your fees;
- NTIC Distinction scholarships;
- finding somewhere to live; and
- English language support through your studies.



## **Progressing to NTU**

#### What you need to do

It is very easy to progress to NTU but it is important to plan carefully. Here are the key things you need to do:



1.

# You do not need to apply to the University.

If you have questions about your NTU progression course stated in your original offer please let us know. 2.

#### Keep working as hard as you can on your course.

You need to reach the required level (stated in your original offer) to progress to the University. 3.

#### You must go to the visa workshops and academic progression events (that we invite you to).

Check your email regularly for information about these important dates

4.

# Check that your choice of NTU progression course is correct.

We will email you to confirm this and ask you to send a copy of your passport and visa too. **5**.

## Plan where you are going to live.

Visit the Accommodation Office and see what is on offer for you when you are an NTU student.







Check your T-number email regularly as this is how we contact you with important information about progression.

6.

## Visit the Language Centre.

There is free language support available to you when you progress to the University. **7**.

#### Pay a £1,000 deposit to NTU before the deadline...

...and you will receive a £500 discount on the first year of your fees.



8.

### Check your T-number email regularly.

When you have passed your course and met all the conditions (stated in your original offer) we will email you to confirm your place at NTU.

Congratulations!

9.

### Use your CAS number to apply for your visa.

We will contact you to let you know when to expect your CAS number from us and if we need any other information from you so keep checking your email for this important information 10.

# Arrive in plenty of time to attend your course induction.

Have fun making new friends and settling in during Welcome Week. Go to www.ntu.ac.uk/ welcome to find out more.





## Question and answer session with Annabel

## "What's the difference between studying at NTIC and studying at NTU?"

You will settle very quickly as you have already been learning the essential study skills you need on your NTIC course. The main difference is that you need to do more independent learning. You can prepare by attending all the progression and course information sessions offered at NTIC and by making use of the language support service available to you.

## "What happens if I want to change the course I have chosen to do?"

If you have any questions about your progression course please let us know immediately by going to a drop-in session or by emailing **nticcasenquiries@ntu.ac.uk** 



## "Where will I be living when I am a student at NTU?"

There is a huge choice of accommodation available to you when you start at NTU either on the City site, or on Clifton campus, or in Nottingham. Find out more at **www.ntu.ac.uk/accommodation** and go and visit the Accommodation Office for help and advice.



Go to www.ntu.ac.uk/learning and watch our video to find out what makes studying at university different.



## "Where will I be studying?"

The University has two main campuses; the one you study at now, called the City site, and the Clifton campus which you may not be so familiar with. Student services are based in the Newton and Arkwright building on the City site.

#### You will study on the City site if your course is in:

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

#### You will study on the Clifton campus if your course is in:

- School of Science and Technology (which includes Computing)
- School of Arts and Humanities
- School of Education

## You will study at our Brackenhurst campus if your course is in:

 School of Animal, Rural and Environmental Sciences (there is a regular bus service to Brackenhurst from the city centre)

## "My course is at Clifton. How do I get there?"

The Clifton campus is located approximately four miles outside the city centre. There are NTU Unilink buses running between the two campuses every seven minutes, and other regular bus services. You may choose to live on campus, or you may prefer to live in the city and travel to Clifton for your classes.

## "How do I defer my place until the following year?"

If you think you need to defer your place you must let us know immediately. Email **nticcasenquiries@ntu.ac.uk** or go to a drop-in session to discuss what you can do.



## **Arranging your accommodation**

Please visit the Accommodation Office on the City site or Clifton campus in the final term of your NTIC course. Pop in and talk to the team and they will help you find somewhere to live during your course at NTU.

#### The choice is yours

There is a huge range of University accommodation available to you when you become an NTU student. For example, you could choose a room in one of the halls of residence, or you may prefer a room in a shared flat together with some of your friends. You will have your own bedroom (sometimes with an en suite bathroom) and usually share the kitchen and other living areas with other students.

#### **Private sector accommodation**

On the NTU website, we only advertise private accommodation which is fully accredited under the Unipol DASH code. This means that accredited landlords include



certain features in their properties for your health, safety and security. Go to **www.ntu.ac.uk/unipol** to find out more about Unipol.







#### Accommodation contact details

Website: www.ntu.ac.uk/accommodation

Email: accommodation@ntu.ac.uk

Telephone: +44 (0)115 848 2894

The Accommodation Office at the University can help you and your friends find a place to live which is comfortable, practical and safe, whether it is on the City site, Clifton campus or in the city.

We continue to invest in the latest facilities, for example our new Students' Union building which includes 5,500 sqm of social, leisure and living accommodation.



Typical student accommodation costs	
University residences	£65 – £130 per week (some bills included)
Private shared house or flat	£65 – £90 per week (bills not included)
Private residences	£80 – £170 per week (bills usually included)
Bills (electricity, water, gas)	£40 – £60 per month

## Settling in and making new friends

You are familiar with the University and the city and probably have lots of friends from NTIC, which is great. But it's still really important to arrive at NTU in plenty of time to attend your course induction. Welcome Week in September is also a great opportunity to settle in to the University and we really hope that you come and join in the fun. It's a great chance to make new friends and try something new! There's a whole week of social events and sport activities as well as practical information sessions.

## Nagihan Kot, Turkey

Foundation Certificate in Art & Design, progressed to BA (Hons) Theatre Design

"I have a great social life here. There are many social activities organised by the Students' Union which



means it is very easy to make friends. I joined in some of the events during Welcome Week and took part in most of the nights out."

## Make the most of your time at the University

We always encourage our new students to try new things and get involved in a range of activities. Here are just a few ideas:

- There are over 70 social, sport or international student clubs. Find out more at www.trentstudents.org/societies and have a go.
- Join the Students' Union.
- Do some important and rewarding voluntary work.
   Go to www.ntu.ac.uk/volunteering to find out more.
- Apply to become an NTU Student Ambassador.

### Bob Okonedo, Nigeria

International Year One Business, progressed to BA (Hons) Business

"Before I arrived I was worried about being lonely but it is easy to socialise with people from many different cultures."



Continue to network with new and current students at NTU through Facebook and Twitter.



@NTUoverseas



/NottinghamTrentInternational







#### He, Longtao (Isaac), China

Graduate Diploma Business, progressed to MA Public Health

"It is extremely helpful to join some student clubs, such as volunteering or sport. This is a great chance to fully experience UK student life and also to mix in the local culture as much as possible as there isn't much time for us to do that while we are studying.

"Some of the welcome activities were induction sessions offered by the departments such as the library, and they were quite informal yet very useful. The library session for example provided all the information you need to best utilise the University resources."

Go to www.ntu.ac.uk/welcome for details of Welcome Week







Go to www.ntu.ac.uk/startingatntu for course induction dates.





## **NTU Distinction Scholarships**

The University offers scholarships of £1,000 to progressing international (non-EU) students achieving at least 70% (distinction) overall in the NTIC course. The scholarship is paid for each year of study (except during a work placement year).

If you are successful you will receive your payment in two instalments after you have progressed to NTU. You will also receive a certificate and an invitation to the NTU Scholarship Awards presentation evening.

### **Early payment discounts**

The University offers a £500 discount on course fees to progressing international (non-EU) students if you pay a £1,000 deposit by the following early payment deadlines:

- December / January finishers: 1 December
- April / May finishers: 1 April
- August / September finishers: 1 August

The discount will be deducted from your tuition fee. If you make the payment and do not meet the conditions of your NTU offer, or you can't get a visa to continue at the University, you will receive a full refund.

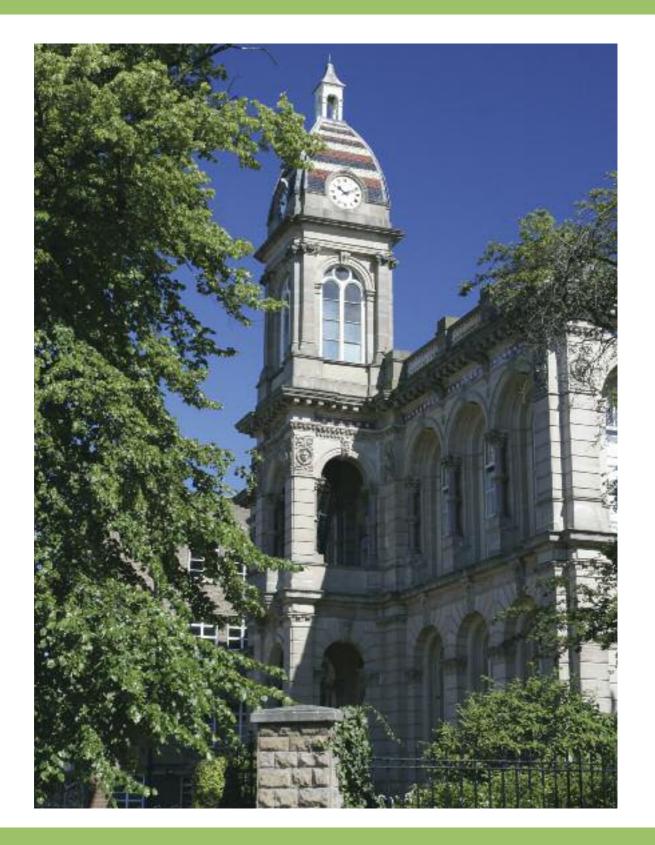
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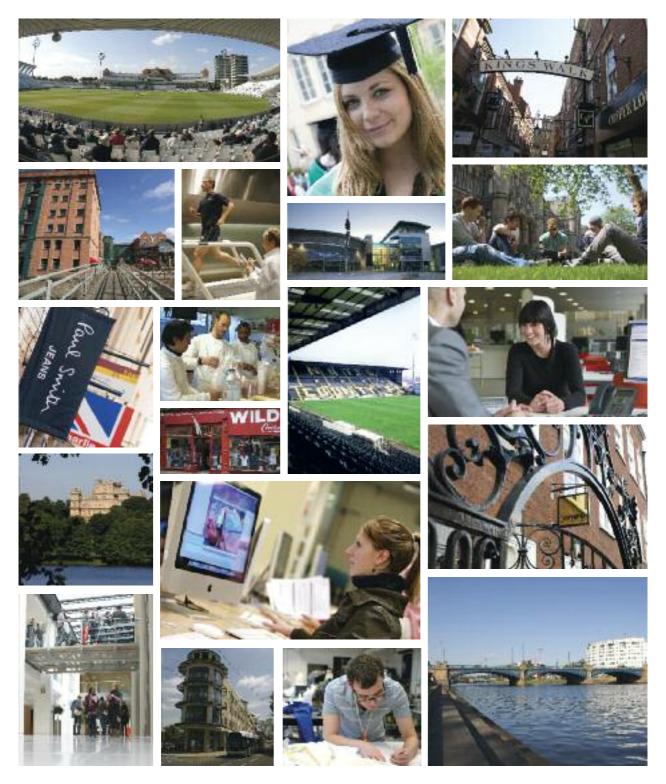
Graduate Diploma Computing / PhD Intelligent Systems

"I came to NTIC to do a Graduate Diploma and graduated with a PhD a few years later. The NTIC course was an excellent preparation for postgraduate study as it's a very different



system and there is a lot to get used to. I worked very hard, settled into life in Nottingham, graduated with a Distinction and was awarded a scholarship. This has been a great personal achievement for me."





#### This information can be made available in alternative formats.





