

Hello,

My name is Jane. I am a final year BA(Hons) International Business student at Nottingham Trent University (NTU). As a mature international student (I am from Australia) with two small children, my journey into university life may be slightly different to the 'average' student, however, I believe the opportunities offered to me are just as valuable as everyone else's. I have come to love the university more than I ever thought possible. It has provided me with endless opportunities for personal and professional development. I choose to undertake the International Business degree because I wanted to be able to take my qualifications anywhere in the world.

I was also grateful for the opportunity to learn another language as part of the degree. - I did Level 1 Mandarin. What I didn't expect to see was how multicultural the student body would be. There are students from all around the world and I have noticed NTU really embraces this diversity. There is a 'Global Lounge' where international students (or any student!) can come for support with language skills and meet other international students. Even as a mature student, I have actually made some amazing friends and connections throughout my time here.

From the very first day at NTU, I quickly identified the supportive, encouraging, and proactive nature of the staff and fellow students. For example, first-year students are allocated Mentors (students from second years and above) that are able to support and signpost us to the correct services. I found this extremely helpful as there were so many aspects of university life, I was apprehensive about! Also, the academic team will go above and beyond to support students reach their potential. I can honestly say, they have supported me and my cohort amazingly throughout the pandemic and have been so flexible with their teaching style. There are so many great and diverse opportunities available to students, dependant on your interest and passions. Aside from the university itself, Nottingham is a great place to live (and work!). With another major university in the same city, there is a vibrant student nightlife here!

There are so many delicious places to eat and drink. Most retailers offer generous student discounts too! As there are so many international students in the area, you are able to find a lot of speciality ingredients in Asian supermarkets. I love Korean food at the moment!! hope I have given you enough insight into NTU to make you excited about the possibility of studying here. Perhaps I will see you on campus!

Sincerely,

Jane.