Welcome

The University of Nottingham is a truly global study destination, bringing students from around the world together on its stunning campuses.

With Kaplan Pathways, you can take a pathway course to prepare and qualify for a degree at Nottingham. You’ll study your course on campus, or at the University of Nottingham International College, just next to the campus, giving you a perfect taste of university life before you start your degree.

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Discover how quick and simple it is to apply with Kaplan. You can also use the accompanying course booklet to find details of available degrees and pathway courses.
The University

The world in one place

As a student at the University of Nottingham, you’ll see the world in a single city. You’ll meet people from all kinds of backgrounds, who share a desire to learn and big ambitions for the future.

The University of Nottingham is a great place to discover all kinds of things. You’ll discover more about your degree subject, but you’ll also discover new people, new ideas and new ways of thinking. You’ll discover what interests you and what challenges you. You might even discover more about who you are, what you want to be, and what you want for your future.

And you won’t be alone. The University, which can trace its history back to 1881, is home to over 47,500 students, including more than 9,000 from overseas. Over 150 countries are represented within the University of Nottingham’s student community, making it one of the most international in the UK. Studying here will give you valuable exposure to the wider world, while the University’s strong links with businesses and employers will help you prepare to start a career.

The University provides an ideal environment for you in other ways too. It has a reputation within the UK for having one of the country’s most beautiful campuses, based just outside Nottingham city centre. With sculpted gardens, a central lake, lovely architecture and extensive parklands, Nottingham’s main campuses have won numerous accolades, including an incredible 16 Green Flag Awards, which recognise exceptional parks.

Adding to its international credentials, Nottingham even has additional campuses in China and Malaysia. The fact that the University is so open to the wider world has real benefits for its students, including attracting impressive staff and research funding, and enabling student exchange opportunities. Clearly, by studying at Nottingham you’ll be in a truly inspiring setting, and will graduate ready to make your own mark on the world.
Why choose Nottingham?

Gold award for teaching
Teaching Excellence Framework

Member of the Russell Group
of prestigious UK universities

Top 100 worldwide
QS World University Rankings 2020

Study with over 47,000 students from over 150 countries
Source: University of Nottingham

Top 10 most targeted university by employers
High Fliers Research 2019

International University of the Year 2019
Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide

Sports University of the Year 2019
Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide

Member of the Russell Group
of prestigious UK universities
Your life on campus

The University of Nottingham has some fantastic campuses, and the awards to prove it. From beautiful, tranquil green spaces that have won the University 16 Green Flag awards, to a host of cutting-edge study facilities, you’ll have everything you need for your time in Nottingham.

**University Park Campus**
This stunning 300-acre campus is set around a large boating lake, and is just a 15-minute journey from the city centre. Here you can find numerous libraries, the new Teaching and Learning Building, state-of-the-art sports facilities, a hotel, a health centre, a bank, a hair salon, art galleries, a museum, theatres, shops, cafés... it’s fair to say that University Park has everything you might need. It also houses Nottingham’s Students’ Union within the stately setting of the grand Portland Building.

**Jubilee Campus**
Combining bold, modern architecture with eco-friendly innovations, the Jubilee Campus is a 20-minute walk from the Portland Building on University Park Campus. At Jubilee, you’ll find a library on a lake, and the Aspire sculpture, one of the tallest free-standing public pieces of art in the country. There is also a sports centre, laboratories, study centres and the Advanced Manufacturing Building. With so many cutting-edge facilities, it’s easy to see how studying at the Jubilee Campus will prepare you for the future.

**Sutton Bonington Campus**
Set against a beautiful Nottinghamshire countryside backdrop, the Sutton Bonington Campus is 10 miles south of University Park. It has world-leading laboratories, as well as a commercial farm and dairy centre, perfect for hands-on learning. With a library, café, dining hall, bar, and sports centre, Sutton Bonington allows for a comfortable, quiet and productive student lifestyle.

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**Key**

1. Hallward Library
2. Trent Building
3. Advanced Manufacturing Building (Jubilee Campus)
4. Portland Building
5. George Green Library
6. Lakeside Arts
7. International College
A taste of England

Located in the heart of the country, Nottingham is a very English city. It’s steeped in history and is a great place to experience traditional English life, but it’s also multicultural, welcoming and open to the world. Come see for yourself!

To understand why Nottingham has a significant role in English history, you just need to know one name: Robin Hood. The city is synonymous with the legend of the medieval hero who stole from the rich to give to the poor. Robin Hood has featured in countless poems, plays, books and films, and there is even a statue of him in Nottingham city centre.

Nottingham also has a very real and visible history. Its Old Market Square was once a centre for trade and commerce, and is the oldest public square of its kind in the UK.

You can also see Nottingham Castle, the site of a famous battle between Richard the Lionheart and supporters of his rival, Prince John. The city’s medieval history can be seen just about everywhere!

Skip forward several hundred years, and the Nottingham that you see today is a vibrant, diverse city that perfectly encapsulates modern Britain. It is packed with culture, from its excellent galleries to its impressive theatres. Nottingham is even a UNESCO City of Literature, with an extensive calendar of literary events and performances.

Sports fans have a lot to love about Nottingham as well. You can see a cricket match at Trent Bridge, watch some ice hockey, join the crowds for a game of rugby or even make a splash at the National Watersports Centre.

Whatever you like to do in your spare time, though, you can feel carefree: Nottingham is one of the safest places for a night out in the UK, and has retained its Purple Flag award for a great nightlife for 9 consecutive years.

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Top 7 things to do in Nottingham

Nottingham, and the wider region, has plenty of great places to visit, things to see and activities to try out. You’ll always have something exciting to do here!

1. Visit Wollaton Hall and Deer Park, a stunning stately home and its beautiful grounds

2. Take a trip back in time at Nottingham’s historic castle

3. Get into the festive spirit at the lovely Christmas market in Old Market Square

4. Take a selfie with local folklore hero Robin Hood!

5. Experience a little culture at the impressive Theatre Royal and Royal Concert Hall

6. Explore the City of Caves, an underground network of man-made caves and tunnels

7. Take a break from the city and head out to explore the stunning nearby Peak District
Living in Nottingham

While you take your pathway course at the International College, you’ll need somewhere comfortable, convenient and safe to live: your home away from home. Our accommodation options offer everything you need to make the most of student life.

Kaplan Living Nottingham
This purpose-built student residence has a superb location in the centre of the city, just a short walk from restaurants, bars, supermarkets and shops. Stylish, comfortable private bedrooms are accompanied by modern shared kitchens; some rooms even include their own private kitchenettes. You’ll have access to the Knowledge Hub, a fantastic in-house learning space, as well as a new social area for playing games and watching TV with your friends.

University residences
Students taking the Engineering and Physical Sciences Foundation Certificate will be taught on campus by University staff, and have additional accommodation options. If you’re taking this course, you can stay in one of the University of Nottingham’s own residences, conveniently located on or close to campus. You also have the option of staying at Kaplan Living, or in nearby private accommodation.

What’s typically included?
- Bespoke contract lengths
- Private bedroom and bathroom
- Shared or private kitchen
- All electricity, gas and water bills
- Wi-Fi
- Access to shared laundry room (usage charges apply)
- Student starter pack with bedding and cooking equipment
- Redesigned social spaces

Accommodation during your degree
When you progress to your degree, you can apply for the University’s own residence options or stay in private accommodation.
Take a pathway course

International students can often benefit from extra preparation before studying at university in the UK, and sometimes it's necessary due to differences between the UK education system and that of other countries. Either way, you can take a pathway course to help you qualify for entry to a degree, and feel fully prepared for the exciting experience ahead.

A pathway course is carefully designed with the needs of international students in mind, and will focus on developing your academic skills, subject knowledge and English language. While on your course, you’ll have access to all the facilities available to degree students, and will benefit from a comprehensive introduction to student life in the UK.

International College

A pathway course will help you gain entry to a University of Nottingham degree. You’ll take your course at the University of Nottingham International College (pictured) next to the University Park Campus, or at the Advanced Manufacturing Building on the Jubilee Campus.
Study options

There are pathway course options available for students at different academic levels, with each designed to give you the important skills you need to succeed at university. While a Foundation Certificate will help you start an undergraduate degree, a Pre-Masters will do the same for a postgraduate degree.

*Please note: some degrees may have an additional fourth year to help you get the most out of your studies.*
Learn your way

Good teaching is absolutely crucial to getting a good education. The teachers on your pathway course are experienced and knowledgeable, and will guide you through your pathway course so that you feel confident about progressing to your degree.

Inspiring learning
During your pathway course, you’ll study with other bright, ambitious students who are just as eager to learn as you are. Your teachers will make sure you are learning in a collaborative environment, and will encourage you to actively participate in classes. You’ll need to think critically and creatively about topics, and engage with complex issues. If you ever feel you need a little extra support, your teachers will always be available to help.

A course for you
A pathway course is designed specially for international students; it reflects the unique challenges international students may face, and covers what you’ll need to learn for UK degree study. You’ll also often be able to choose modules and topics that fit with your own interests and career aspirations, helping to make your course as relevant and engaging as possible. Carefully timed assessments during your course will help to keep you on track, and ensure you’re ready to progress to your degree when the time comes.

Where will I study?
Most pathway courses are taught at the University of Nottingham International College, just next to University Park Campus. If you’re studying the Engineering and Physical Sciences Foundation Certificate, you’ll be taught at the Advanced Manufacturing Building in the Faculty of Engineering on Jubilee Campus. In all cases, you’ll have expert teachers and access to excellent facilities, giving you the best possible preparation for your degree.

“During your pathway course, you will receive a well-rounded education that will prepare you not only for your degree studies, but also for life in the UK. Keeping students engaged in the classroom is so important, and allowing you to test your knowledge with other students can really make a difference.”

Tafadzwa
Academic Director at the International College
Support for your stay
While you’re studying your pathway course, you will have every opportunity to make the most of living in Nottingham and the UK. We’ll arrange frequent events, activities and trips, giving you a chance to have fun and socialise with your new friends. During your studies, you’ll also always have somebody to talk to. Friendly support staff will be there for you at all times, and any problems you have, they can help with. Finally, when the time comes for you to progress to your degree, we’ll help you to make the transition so that you can start your degree with confidence.

Support on your way
Before you’ve even left your home country, you can rely on our support. You’ll receive expert advice on preparing for your study experience, as well as on how to navigate the visa process. We’ll also send you a pre-arrival pack with useful information about what to expect in the UK, and if you’re under 18, we can arrange the legal guardian you’ll need during your studies for your wellbeing. When you arrive in the UK, we can meet you at the airport and make sure you’re settled into your new accommodation. There will be lots of fun activities and outings during Welcome Week, and we’ll help you set up a bank account and register with a doctor.

Degree preparation

Student support
Leaving home to study in another country is exciting, but it’s also a big step to take. You don’t need to worry though: we’ll support you on every step of your journey.

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In my role, I help maintain and nurture the happy, vibrant and inclusive community that we’re proud to have here. If you need help during your studies, the College Services team is always here and always approachable!”

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Hear from our Student Ambassadors

Before you decide to study abroad, it's a good idea to see what students who have already done it have to say. Our Student Ambassadors produce fantastic blogs and videos to give a glimpse of student life abroad, so be sure to have a look at what they've done so far!

Life as a student
The Student Ambassador programme gives international students like you the chance to share their experiences. Our Ambassadors have shared great stories, advice and other content that will help you picture yourself studying in the UK. It's a great way to hear about student life from the people who are actually living it!

Become a Student Ambassador
When you study a pathway course, you'll also have the chance to become a Student Ambassador. Participating can look good on your CV, as you'll gain experience using skills such as networking, creativity and leadership. You could also receive exclusive rewards like a free railcard and short stays at our UK residences!

To hear from our Student Ambassadors, you can visit: kpln.org/ambassador

Go Online
So, does studying at the University of Nottingham sound exciting? If you're interested in getting a degree from this prestigious university, there are plenty of places to go online to find out more information. Just check the handy glossary below.

The University of Nottingham
About the University:
kaplanpathways.com/university-of-nottingham
Degree options at Nottingham:
kaplanpathways.com/nottingham-degrees
University of Nottingham website:
nottingham.ac.uk

The International College
About the International College:
kaplanpathways.com/nottingham
Student accommodation:
kaplanpathways.com/nottingham-accommodation
Student services at the College:
kaplanpathways.com/nottingham-support
Costs of studying abroad:
kaplanpathways.com/nottingham-fees

Studying abroad
Student visas:
www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa
Student insurance:
kaplanpathways.com/insurance
College guardians for under 18s:
www.collegeguardians.co.uk
Information for parents:
kaplanpathways.com/parents

Further questions?
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):
kpln.org/student-faq
Get in touch:
kaplanpathways.com/nottingham-contact
Meet us in your country or region:
kaplanpathways.com/kaplan-in-my-country
I chose to study in the UK because I think it has the best universities in the world, and I decided on the University of Nottingham.

Before arriving here, my main concern was that I would have language difficulties, but I passed the assessments so I didn't need to worry. I was also a bit scared of being alone and far away from my family, but I'm very happy now and Nottingham feels like home.

I think it's great how the teaching style on my pathway course is so interactive. I actually like listening, but I see some people who might be struggling a bit, but they still listen. I think that must mean that the teachers are experienced!

My favourite class on my pathway course is Chemistry because I like my teacher – he's so funny. Even though I never really liked Chemistry that much, I still listen to him because he makes it so fun. I've never met a teacher like him before!

Since arriving in the UK, I've visited London and Manchester. I still need to explore! In Nottingham, I like the restaurants. I also like nature so I go to Sherwood Forest and places like that sometimes.

It's something totally different, studying abroad. You learn about a new culture, a new language, and meet lots of new people. I definitely recommend it!

This is my path so far.

Meet Celal

Celal is from Turkey, and is on his path to getting a degree in Nutrition from the University of Nottingham.

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Application process

Applying to study a pathway course at the University of Nottingham with Kaplan is easy. Once you’ve chosen a course, just follow these few steps.

1. Submit your application form
   We’ll guide you through the entire application process, including what documents you’ll need to send with or after your application. Just get in touch, or apply via the link below: kaplanpathways.com/nottingham-apply

2. Receive an offer letter
   Once your complete application has been reviewed, you’ll receive either a conditional or unconditional offer, or we can help you explore other options. We’ll send an offer or decision within one working day.

3. Accept your offer
   You’ll do this by paying your deposit to study, or sending your financial guarantee. We can also confirm the accommodation you applied for at this point.

4. Obtain your student visa
   To study a pathway course in the UK, you’ll typically need to obtain a student visa. We’ll advise you on this important process, and you’ll be sent the supporting documents you’ll need for your visa application.

5. Book your flight and begin your studies
   The most important step: arrive in the UK and begin your life-changing adventure as an international student!
Choose your path

The best way to start your path to Nottingham is simple: contact us and speak with an adviser! Follow the link opposite to get in touch and discuss your future.

Contact us
kaplanpathways.com/nottingham-contact

Course information
You can use the course information booklet online to find out more about the pathway courses available at the International College, as well as the university degrees you can progress to. You’ll also find pathway course tuition fees, start dates, entry requirements and module information, giving you everything you need to plan your studies abroad.
Where is Nottingham?

London

Nottingham

Who's on the cover?
Fong Ching from Hong Kong SAR is on her path to a University of Nottingham degree.

Find out more
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