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| IMPORTANT DATES | When does the academic term start? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enrolment for new students starts: 11 January 2021. Teaching for new students starts: 18 January 2021. <p>New students will have a full Welcome Week (either face-to-face, online, or both), including introductions to staff and other students; campus and city tours; and help with practical aspects of student life.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teaching for continuing students restarts: 6 January 2021. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enrolment for new students starts: 11 January 2021. Teaching for new students starts: 11 January 2021. <p>New students will have a full Welcome Week (either face-to-face, online, or both), including introductions to staff and other students; campus and city tours; and help with practical aspects of student life.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teaching for continuing students restarts: 18 January 2021. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enrolment for new students starts: 18 January 2021. Teaching for new students starts: 25 January 2021. <p>Students can join the University's International Welcome Programme of social events and online activities; information sessions and campus tours; and practical aspects of student life.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teaching for continuing students restarts: 18 January 2021. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lessons for continuing students restart on 11 January 2021 after the New Year break, to complete the 1st term. The 2nd term then begins on 1 February 2021. Spring 2021 starts for new students are not offered for this course (there is one intake each year in Autumn). |
| | What's the latest date students can enrol in Spring? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 February 2021 for most courses starting in January (for both blended learning and digital learning). 26 March for Enhancement courses starting in January (for both blended learning and digital learning). If students can't join the January intake, many courses are also available starting in March and April 2021, with degree entry in September 2021 or 2022. Continuing students are expected to restart classes on 6 January 2021. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25 January 2021 for new students on both blended learning and digital learning. Continuing students are expected to restart classes on 18 January 2021. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 February 2021 for new students starting in January (for both blended and digital learning). The deadline for issuing CAS, and for students responding to their CAS, is 15 January 2021. Continuing students are expected to restart classes on 18 January 2021. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing students are expected to restart classes on 11 January 2021 straight after the New Year break, to complete the 1st term. |
| STUDY OPTIONS | What types of learning are offered for new students on pathway courses? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start and finish in the UK through blended learning. Start remotely online through digital learning and complete in the UK. Start and finish online through digital learning.* <p>Learn more about flexible study options.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start in the UK through blended learning. Start remotely online through digital learning and complete in the UK. Start and finish online through digital learning.* <p>Learn more about flexible study options.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start in the UK through blended learning. Start remotely online through digital learning and complete in the UK (students must join their course on campus by 30 April 2021). <p>Learn more about flexible study options.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spring starts are not offered for this course (there is one intake each year in Autumn). Continuing students who started online may transfer to the University campus, but must do so by 1 February 2021. Otherwise, they will need to complete their course online.* |
| | What will blended learning look like? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A mix of in-person contact time individually or in small groups with social distancing, plus digital learning. Around 8 to 15 hours of in-person contact time per week, with the rest delivered online. <p>Visit our UK blended learning webpage for more information.</p> | <p>The Pathway College is currently teaching between 4 and 8 hours of in-person learning to students per week (depending on course level and subject), with the remainder delivered online.</p> | <p>A mix of face-to-face teaching and online learning. Current plan is approximately 5 hours of face-to-face activities per week on average including tutorials seminars and workshops, plus (where relevant) lab sessions and a dedicated lab week. Students will also have access to learning materials online including live sessions, pre-recorded videos and course notes.</p> | <p>A mix of face-to-face and online live learning, with 2 to 5 hours per week of face-to-face on average, depending on the modules students are taking. Face-to-face sessions will be small group tutorials, seminars and lab sessions, with the larger-group sessions delivered online.</p> <p>Watch this video to learn more.</p> |
| | What will digital learning look like? | <p>A mix of live (synchronous) sessions and learning in students' own time (asynchronous).</p> <p>Find out more on our website and in our UK digital learning guide.</p> | <p>Plan is for around 50% of lessons to be taught live online (synchronous learning), with the other 50% being in students' own time (asynchronous), including using pre-recorded or produced learning materials, plus independent study.</p> | <p>Students will have access to learning materials online including live sessions (synchronous learning), pre-recorded videos and course notes. Engagement will be continuously monitored through regular tutorial meetings with their personal tutor, attendance at face-to-face scheduled sessions, and coursework submissions.</p> | <p>Digital learning will include live online learning using the University of Bristol's Virtual Learning Environment (VLE); recorded presentations and videos by teachers for you to look at in your own time, with associated activities; as well as self-study tasks such as reading or structured problems for you to work on.</p> |
| | If students start online, can they transfer to blended learning in the UK? If so, when? | <p>Yes – whenever they're ready and able to come to the UK.</p> | <p>Yes – whenever they're ready and able to come to the UK.</p> | <p>Yes – students who start online in January 2021 need to transfer to the University of Nottingham campus as soon as they can, and must do so by 30 April 2021. Currently, there is no option to complete online.</p> | <p>Yes – students who started online in Autumn must transfer to the University of Bristol campus by 1 February 2021.</p> |
| | Do students need a UKVI-approved Secure English Language Test (SELT) to start online? | <p>No – we accept a wider range of English language tests for digital learning.</p> | <p>No – we accept a wider range of English language tests for digital learning.</p> | <p>Yes.</p> | <p>No – we accept a wider range of English language tests for digital learning.</p> |
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* Subject to continued approval by UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI).

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| ARRIVAL AND ACCOMMODATION | <p>Are safe airport transfers available on arrival?</p> <p>The main arrivals weekends with free, socially distanced airport transfers to Kaplan-arranged accommodation are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 and 10 January 2021 • 27 and 28 February 2021 <p>Competitively priced private cars are also available on request on the above dates, and outside of these weekends from 23 December.</p> <p>Find out more on our UK accommodation FAQs webpage.</p> | <p>The main arrivals weekend with free, socially distanced airport transfers to Kaplan-arranged accommodation is 9 and 10 January 2021.</p> <p>Competitively priced private cars are also available on request on the above dates, and outside of this weekend from 23 December.</p> <p>Find out more on our UK accommodation FAQs webpage.</p> | <p>The main arrivals weekend with free, socially distanced airport transfers to Kaplan-arranged accommodation is 9 and 10 January 2021.</p> <p>Competitively priced private cars are also available on request on the above dates, and outside of this weekend from 23 December.</p> <p>Find out more on our UK accommodation FAQs webpage.</p> | <p>The main arrivals weekend with free, socially distanced airport transfers to Kaplan-arranged accommodation is 9 and 10 January 2021.</p> <p>Competitively priced private cars are also available on request on the above dates, and outside of this weekend from 26 December.</p> <p>Find out more on our UK accommodation FAQs webpage.</p> |
| | <p>What are the contract options for accommodation arranged by Kaplan, and will residences be safe?</p> <p>Accommodation contracts are available starting on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 January (new and continuing students) • 27 February (courses starting in January / February only) • 17 April (courses starting in April only) <p>For January and February contracts, students can arrive up to 2 weeks earlier (subject to availability) and stay free of charge for that period. Any flexibility for April contracts will be confirmed nearer the time.</p> <p>Residences will follow government guidelines and have strict safety measures.</p> <p>See more on our UK accommodation FAQs webpage.</p> | <p>Accommodation contracts are available starting on 6 January for both new and continuing students.</p> <p>Students can arrive up to 2 weeks earlier (subject to availability) and stay free of charge for that period.</p> <p>Residences will follow government guidelines and have strict safety measures.</p> <p>See more on our UK accommodation FAQs webpage.</p> | <p>Contracts for Kaplan-arranged accommodation are available starting on 6 January for both new and continuing students.</p> <p>Students can arrive up to 2 weeks earlier (subject to availability) and stay free of charge for that period.</p> <p>Residences will follow government guidelines and have strict safety measures.</p> <p>See more on our UK accommodation FAQs webpage.</p> | <p>Contracts for Kaplan-arranged accommodation are now available starting on 9 January for continuing students who started online.</p> <p>Students can arrive up to 2 weeks earlier (subject to availability) and stay free of charge for that period.</p> <p>Residences will follow government guidelines and have strict safety measures.</p> <p>See more on our UK accommodation FAQs webpage.</p> |
| SAFETY AND SUPPORT | <p>What safety measures are in place at colleges?</p> <p>Colleges will follow all government guidelines in place at the time, with safety measures including: hand sanitiser stations; frequent cleaning; social distancing; single entrance and exit points; one-way systems.</p> <p>See our safety flyer for more information.</p> | <p>The Pathway College will follow all government guidelines in place at the time, with safety measures including: hand sanitiser stations; frequent cleaning; social distancing; single entrance and exit points; one-way systems.</p> <p>See our safety flyer for more information.</p> | <p>The University will follow all government guidelines in place at the time, with safety measures including: face coverings; hand sanitiser stations; frequent cleaning; social distancing; single entrance and exit points; one-way systems; and an in-house testing service. Where teaching is delivered in person, students will be allocated into study groups, in line with social distancing guidelines.</p> <p>Learn more on the University website.</p> | <p>The University has adapted its libraries, housing, study spaces, sports centre and social hubs in line with social distancing guidelines and enhanced hygiene measures, so students can still enjoy the experiences of campus life. Measures include dedicated entrances and exits; sanitising stations; face masks and visors; extra cleaning and access to on-campus testing.</p> <p>Find out more in this video and on the University website.</p> |
| | <p>Will there be support measures for students who need to quarantine in Kaplan-arranged accommodation on arrival?</p> <p>Students still have full use of their bedroom and private bathroom, or studio flat, depending on their type of accommodation.</p> <p>We'll help students register for online shopping, assist with deliveries, and share details of local takeaway food providers (food purchases are at students' expense). We'll also help students with laundry during this time.</p> <p>In addition, students will be able to join online social activities during Welcome Week, and start their course online from their room through digital learning.</p> <p>See the UK government guidance for details of which countries are exempt from quarantine for arrivals in England and Scotland.</p> | | | |
| | <p>What services and facilities are available?</p> <p>All students, whether studying in the UK or their home country, will have access to the support of the College Services team whenever they need it. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visiting the team in college (if students are in the UK), either by dropping in or making an appointment • Contacting the team without coming into college • Using our virtual reception desks online <p>College and campus facilities will be open as much as possible with safety and social distancing measures in place. Where they cannot be open, online alternatives will be made available where viable.</p> | <p>All students (whether enrolling in Nottingham or in their home country) will continue to receive regular pastoral and academic support online from their personal tutors.</p> <p>Campus facilities, including study spaces, the health centre, and essential shops such as supermarkets and pharmacies, will remain open, with appropriate health and safety measures in place.</p> <p>Learn more about how student life will look on the University website.</p> | <p>The University has made some changes to its campus – adapting libraries, study spaces, sports centre and social hubs in line with social distancing guidelines, so you can still enjoy the experiences of campus life.</p> <p>The University has also adapted its range of support and services to ensure students get the help they need in a safe way, and can continue to make the most of their experience.</p> <p>Learn more on the University's support services webpage.</p> | |

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