Frequently asked questions

Who can go?

UNNC mobility programmes are only open to 4+0 degree programme students who successfully finished Qualifying Year (Year 2) and ready to enter their Part I (Year 3) at UNNC.

When can I go?

Most commonly in third year.

Will I definitely get my first choice?

Some Partner Universities are very popular and so competition can be high for a limited number of places. We recommend that you research and select more than one University when applying. An appointment with the International Exchange Coordinator can be made to discuss partnership choices.

How many students can go for Exchange/Study Abroad

Normally the quota for Exchange and Study Abroad will be varied year by year. It will be discussed and decided between partners each year. Students will be advised the quota information before application open.

Will I compete with my fellow students in my major, school or the whole university?

For inter-campus mobility (Nottingham UK and Malaysia quota):

- For business and Engineering students, the quotas will be allocated to each major based on applicant’s number. So students will compete with their classmates in major.
- While as for other schools, students will compete with students within their whole school.

For international exchange (other than Nottingham UK and Malaysia):

- Students will compete with their fellow students within the whole university based on standardized mark. (please refer to the "UNNC mobility programme guide"

What requirements must I meet?

For inter-campus mobility programme (UK and Malaysia campus), you must have at least 50%-55% average across all subjects depend on different courses. Some Engineering courses require higher.

For international exchange/study abroad programme, you must have at least 60% average across all subjects. Some Exchange Partner Universities will require higher.

Can I study overseas for one year?
The Exchange is normally for one semester. However in some cases, where permitted, a semester on Study Abroad can be combined with an Exchange semester (or another Study Abroad semester) for a total of up to one year.

**Can I study overseas at 2 different institutions each for one semester?**

No.

**Can I study abroad in my final year?**

It is normally not possible to study abroad in your final year.

**Can I change my application after submission?**

You can change your application before application deadline.

**Can I change my decision after being nominated a place?**

No, you will not be allowed to change your decision after being nominated. But you will have one week to decide whether you wish to reject the offer. If you reject your offer, you won't be offered another place unless there are students withdraw. Your rejected place then will be automatically offered to another student with the same nomination criteria.

**Can I swap place after been nominated with my friend if it is agreed by both of us?**

No!

**What if I changed my major after been nominated a place?**

International Office may need to re-consider your exchange place. It is NOT guaranteed that you can still go.

**I am not successful in applying Exchange/Study abroad, can I apply again after deadline if there are students withdraw?**

You don't need to apply AGAIN and you don't need to contact IO to request for another chance. International Office will automatically re-allocate those “rejected places” to students based on your original application and your average mark with same selection criteria. An email will send to successful students afterward.

**I am not successful in applying for my First choice. But I am extremely interested in going for my First choice. Can I contact International Office and put me in the waiting list?**
There is no such waiting list. Same as above question, if there are students withdraw from your first choice institution, IO will automatically re-allocate the place to students based on your application with the same selection criteria.

**What if I found that the modules are not suitable for me at host institution after being nominated a place?**

You will have to listen to your school exchange coordinator’s advice on this. If he/she strongly advises you not to go, then you will have to withdraw and stay at UNNC. IO will try to help you to find a replacement based on place availability but it will NOT be guaranteed and the chance to get another offer will be very rare.

**Can I apply for extension after staying one semester at partner institution?**

Usually No!

**When will be the UK summer school application open?**

Summer school application will be open to students at the beginning of the spring semester in your year 3.

**How is the work overseas assessed?**

Subject areas in the University of Nottingham have differing requirements and methods of assessment, so it is vital that you discuss this carefully with the relevant school exchange coordinators.

**What will it cost?**

Exchange---You continue to be a registered student of the University of Nottingham Ningbo China, and to pay the full tuition fees here; no tuition fee is payable to the University overseas.

Study Abroad---Students will be required to pay a study abroad fee to the host university instead of usual UNNC tuition fee.

In all case, you will be responsible for all other costs, including airfares, accommodation and living costs, insurance etc. The total cost will vary greatly according to the country involved and the current exchange rate, but you should expect to need a minimum of £8-10,000. US institutions will require you to prove, as part of the application process, that you have a specific sum of money available which they regard as essential to cover living costs at that institution – this can be as high as US$22,000.

**Is any financial support offered?**

No! You need to finance by yourself or your parents on your overseas studies.
What about accommodation?

You will generally have the opportunity to apply for a place in a University Residence at the Exchange Partner University. Advice will also be provided about applying for private accommodation locally.

How are candidates selected?

All candidates will be ranked as per the Exchange Selection criteria which are based on academic performance. Those nominated by the University must then complete the application forms for the relevant institution, and the final decision is in all cases taken by the Exchange Partner University.

What if I failed some modules and not able to progress to year 3 after my first sit?

Students who have been awarded an Exchange or Study Abroad place must successfully progresses to year 3 after your first sit. Students who are not able to progress after your first sit may have his/her place cancelled. (except EC students)

Do I need to take IELTS?

IELTS MAY be required for most of the exchange/study abroad programmes and to apply for Australia visa. International Office will issue an English ability letter for you but it is not guaranteed that our partners will accept that. You may still need to meet English proficiency requirement for our partners if they require.

What if I cannot enroll in modules required for my degree at partner institutions (due to time table clash or capacity)?

Please note that even you’ve been offered a place at the destination institution and get your learning agreement signed by UNNC school exchange coordinator there is still possibility that some of the core modules cannot be registered at host institution due to capacity or time clash. In that case, they need to seek exchange coordinator’s advice and in the worst case, student may need to cancel exchange and stay at UNNC.

What if I failed some modules during my exchange or study abroad period?

If you fail modules at host institution where there is no resit opportunity, you need to find other replacement modules back at UNNC and take re-sit. In that case, you may not be able to progress and need to re-take a similar module back at UNNC for an extra year.

Will I need a Visa?

Once formally accepted by the Exchange Partner University, you must apply for a Student Visa. It is students’ own responsibility to obtain an appropriate visa in order to travel successfully.
Can I work while studying overseas?

It is usually possible to work a certain number of hours, but this can only be arranged after you arrive (with advice from the International Office at the Exchange Partner University).