Welcome to The University of Nottingham Ningbo China

The University of Nottingham Ningbo China (UNNC) is a unique, world-class, international institution that will inspire you to achieve your ambitions. Situated on China’s prosperous east-coast, the University provides excellent teaching and research opportunities to prepare you for an exciting career in a tough global market place.

Nottingham is ranked within the top one per cent of all universities worldwide and is recognised internationally for its world-changing research. As a student at UNNC, you will be connected to leading academics, the latest research and exciting global companies.

With campuses in the UK, China and Malaysia, and students from more than 150 countries, we can offer you access to a worldwide network that will help you further your career and realise your ideas.

This prospectus offers an overview of the opportunities available to you as a student at UNNC. If you would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to welcoming you soon.

Take the next step at www.nottingham.edu.cn

“Our students have a great future. All our graduates find employment, start their own businesses or move on to postgraduate studies at top-ranking universities around the world. Our graduates are in demand among employers here in China and elsewhere because The University of Nottingham has an outstanding reputation as a provider of internationally excellent education.”

Professor Nick Miles
Provost and CEO, The University of Nottingham Ningbo China

The University of Nottingham Ningbo China is situated on the outskirts of one of China’s fastest-growing and greenest cities.
Key facts

• The University of Nottingham Ningbo China (UNNC) has nearly 4,500 students from dozens of countries around the world.

• Our zero unemployment rate, a figure sustained since opening our doors in 2004, proves that the education we offer here equips graduates to thrive in a challenging, globalised work environment.*

• Nottingham is a truly international institution and all our students develop a global perspective that is attractive to employers.

• Student life at UNNC is packed full of extra-curricular opportunities and chances to meet new people, learn new skills and enjoy yourself – see page 15.

• The city of Ningbo is an important trading, business and manufacturing port on China’s east-coast – see page 17.

* The latest survey, undertaken in July 2010, shows that nearly 100 per cent of graduates went on to work or further study within six months of passing their final exams. Those who did not were either taking gap years or in negotiations with potential employers.
Teaching excellence

At Nottingham, we have an outstanding reputation for teaching quality. Our commitment to maintaining excellence in the provision of learning and teaching ensures that the University is consistently among the highest ranking performers in independent teaching assessments.

In the last review of teaching quality in the UK (2009), The University of Nottingham was awarded the highest possible judgement for teaching standards. The Quality Assurance Agency, the organisation which safeguards and helps improve academic standards within higher education in the UK, expressed confidence in the quality of learning opportunities available to our students and highlighted a number of areas of good practice for commendation.

The Nottingham teaching model
The University of Nottingham model shapes the approach to teaching at UNNC. Our degrees run parallel to degrees offered at The University of Nottingham, UK, and are subject to the same quality assurance processes.

Students graduate with University of Nottingham degrees, whether they complete their programmes at our campuses in the UK, China or Malaysia.

Studying in English in China
All our degree programmes are taught in English, and you will receive a British-style education. All coursework material is in English, all exams and assignments are submitted in English, and you will graduate with a UK degree from The University of Nottingham.

Typically, you will be taught partly in large lecture groups and partly in smaller student groups of about 15–20 students. This student-centred style of learning equips you with the skills and analytical abilities necessary to thrive in business and industry.

Taught courses
Taught courses for undergraduate and postgraduate students provide a structured framework for study. They are based upon a programme of lectures, seminars and tutorials and normally include compulsory core modules and the opportunity to select a number of optional modules.

We offer dozens of taught courses, spanning a range of disciplines and subjects across the arts and humanities, social sciences and science and engineering. These courses aim to equip you with a curiosity-driven and deep understanding of your subject, as well as a critical approach and skills relevant to your future career.

Our teaching is informed by the very latest research findings. Our taught courses constantly evolve to incorporate new research developments and many are delivered by research scholars, passionate about their subjects. We also regularly consult with businesses and employers to ensure our programmes provide you with the opportunity to develop key transferable skills for employment.

The University is keen to ensure that teaching is always innovative and effective. Problem-based learning – an approach which fosters skills in group working and collaboration, self-direction, reasoning, critical reflection, and knowledge acquisition and application – is incorporated into many courses.

“Our students earn world-class qualifications in the context of one of the world's most exciting economies and cultures. In an increasingly globalised work environment, our graduates are in demand because of their unique, international education.”

Professor Andrew Marton
Vice-Provost for Teaching and Learning
Academic excellence
Our academic staff members are selected on the basis of their excellence in teaching and research. While some come straight from The University of Nottingham, UK, others are appointed in open international competition to work at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China, and we apply the same high standards that we require of staff appointed to work at our UK campus.

Academic year
The academic year begins in early September and ends in mid-June the following year. The winter vacation is from late January or early February for a four-week period. The long summer vacation is from mid-June to the end of August. The University operates a semester system, with one intake each year for undergraduate and masters programmes.

Modules and choice
The University operates a modular degree structure for taught courses at undergraduate and postgraduate level, which means you can usually tailor your studies to match your own interests through your choice of modules. Modules are self-contained blocks of study, each of which is based on a particular subject area and assessed separately.

There are two semesters in each academic year, each consisting of a block of 12 teaching weeks followed by an examination period. Each semester you will take a number of modules, some of which are core and compulsory, others that you select according to your particular interests. Each module is assessed individually, usually by coursework and exam.

Towards the end of the programme, you will have the opportunity to engage in independent, in-depth research activity in the form of a final-year dissertation in lieu of some taught programme components.

Superior degree programmes
All our undergraduate programmes are four-year courses, which incorporate a preliminary year and the traditional three-year University of Nottingham degree. This means that academically able students who do not have the relevant qualifications for entry onto the traditional programme still have the opportunity to study with us.

The preliminary year is also spent developing English language skills if necessary (see page 28). Direct entry to the second year of an undergraduate programme is possible for those whose qualifications are equivalent to A level, IB or similar. For further details of the direct entry route, please see page 63.

At postgraduate level our masters courses are offered as one- or two-year programmes, with the two-year programme including an English preparatory year, PhD supervision is also offered across the University – see page 12 for further information.

Sun Yiren
International Studies with French
Sun talks about the benefits of studying at UNNC
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Nottingham is internationally recognised for its world-changing and award-winning research. In China, the University plays a leading research role, particularly in globalisation, business and the development of low-carbon technologies. Our postgraduate students play an important part in our groundbreaking research community.

At The University of Nottingham Ningbo China, the scope of research projects taking place is impressive and spans all faculties and disciplines. Our strategy is to match our teaching and research strengths with China’s interests and needs. For example, a major feature of China’s ambitious national and local plan is to reduce the country’s carbon emissions. Therefore, here at UNNC, we emphasise environmental sustainability across our research portfolio. We are committed to bringing to China world-leading research expertise that is relevant to modern business, industry and agriculture. Our finance and business research is attracting major sponsorship. We have a growing reputation for science and engineering innovations and are developing our research strengths in the fields of journalism and media studies, English language and linguistics and international relations.

As a PhD student or postdoctoral fellow, you will play a key role in the University’s research community. You will share in the exciting opportunities to tackle global issues in collaboration with some of the world’s foremost academics and leading industrial partners and have access to the latest in advanced research facilities. You can also take advantage of the services offered by our Graduate School. Find out more on page 12.

We provide the latest in advanced research facilities for our leading staff and postgraduate students.
Postgraduate research opportunities

Choosing to undertake postgraduate research is a major investment – a commitment to yourself, your subject and your future. At UNNC we can provide you with a cutting-edge research environment, the latest facilities and access to leading academics who can help you progress in your field of interest. We offer Masters (by research) and PhD opportunities.

Our Graduate School

The Graduate School promotes research and training on a campus-wide scale while creating links with the University’s UK and Malaysia campuses and building and strengthening ties with the business and training community in China. Staff in the Graduate School are committed to working with you to ensure you receive all the relevant support and skills training you need to fulfil your potential.

How will I study?

As a research student at Nottingham, you will have close contact with academic staff and receive personal research supervision, working with either one or two academics, depending on your course. Research training is provided to support your work and to help you gain generic skills in research methodology, skills specific to your research area, and a greater understanding of your subject as a whole.

Masters (by research)

The Masters (by research) is a one-year full-time research programme. Applicants should normally have completed a Bachelors degree at 2:1 level or above (or international equivalent) in an appropriate subject. Evidence of relevant personal, professional and educational experience may be taken into consideration.

PhD programmes

At The University of Nottingham Ningbo China we offer full- and part-time PhD programmes across our three faculties: Social Sciences (which includes the Nottingham University Business School China; Arts and Humanities; and Science and Engineering). The focus is on areas of research strength, including:

- computer science (computational intelligence in transport and compatibility and complexity in analysis, functional programming, machine learning)
- economics
- engineering (chemical engineering, civil engineering, environmental engineering, material engineering, mechanical engineering)
- English studies (applied linguistics, discourse analysis, literary studies)
- international business (economy, finance, international trading, investment, management, marketing, strategy)
- international communications (cultural studies, digital media, media and journalism)
- international studies (history, international relations, politics, sociology)
- sustainable development (energy storage, facade engineering, green technologies, hybrid powered systems, solar energy, sustainable energy transport systems).

The PhD is generally a three- to four-year full-time programme, tailor-made to meet your specific research interests. It normally takes four to six years to complete on a part-time basis.

Applying for a PhD

Applicants for PhD programmes are generally required to hold an honours degree at 2:1 level or above (or international equivalent) in an appropriate subject. Normally, applicants with a degree from a Chinese University should have completed a masters degree. Holders of first-class honours degrees or equivalent will be considered. Evidence of relevant personal, professional and educational experience may be taken into consideration.

You will need to include the following documents together with your application form: a research proposal, degree certificates and official transcripts showing marks; two references in signed and sealed envelopes; IELTS or TOEFL test score; a copy of ID/passport; and four passport-size colour photographs. If there are original copies and photocopies of certificates for awards, works and essays, they may also be submitted.

Students whose first language is not English or whose entry qualification was not obtained in the English medium are required to provide satisfactory evidence of their proficiency in English. For entry onto a PhD programme, you will be required to have an IELTS score of either 6.5 or 7.0, depending on your area of study.

Bursaries for PhD students

The University of Nottingham Ningbo China will provide, on a competitive basis, a significant number of bursaries – RMB 20,000 per annum for a maximum of three years (full-time) and RMB 10,000 per annum for a maximum of six years (part-time). Bursaries will be awarded on the basis of the quality of candidates’ applications. The bursary is renewable, subject to the annual review.

A limited number of full scholarships covering tuition fees and living costs may also be available for exceptionally qualified candidates.

Graduate Teaching Assistantships, combining paid teaching with PhD research, may be available for suitable candidates.

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Combining beautiful gardens, modern architecture and state-of-the-art learning and research facilities, our University is an inspirational place to live, work and study.

“Nottingham is the nearest Britain has to a truly global university, with campuses in China and Malaysia modelled on a headquarters that is among the most attractive in Britain.”

The Times Good University Guide 2011

On campus

A strong sense of community
Each University of Nottingham campus has a distinct style and personality. Common to all is a strong sense of community, created by approachable staff, a welcoming student body, excellent support services and a wide range of activities to help you meet new people and feel at home.

Unique advantages in China
The University is based in Ningbo, a modern city about 220km (140 miles) from Shanghai in China’s prosperous Zhejiang province. Zhejiang is China’s technological and scientific heartland and nurtures international trade, which means the University is uniquely positioned to play an important role in China’s economic development.

The University is on the outskirts of the city and has an attractive park-like setting. Its signature Centre for Sustainable Energy Technologies is the first zero-carbon building in China and emphasises the University’s focus on environmental sustainability in its research and practices.

Convenience and creature comforts
A vibrant UK-style high street is a popular gathering point on campus for staff and students. Facilities include a bank, post office, dry-cleaner, supermarket, hair salon, travel agency and several restaurants. Shopping malls, entertainment facilities and other amenities are all within walking distance or a short bus or taxi ride from the campus.

International food choices
You can choose from a range of canteens on campus, including one that specialises in halal cuisine and several that offer a wide array of Chinese staples and specialities. A nearby street market complements the food offerings on campus. Some students opt to cater for themselves and make use of several supermarkets in Ningbo, many that offer products for western palates.

24-hour access to medical care
The campus has clean, comfortable and secure accommodation for staff and students and a dedicated clinic with doctors and nurses on 24-hour call. A new private hospital nearby can handle emergencies. An English-speaking medical adviser is available to accompany students to hospitals and clinics.
You will find our campus vibrant and welcoming with lots of opportunities to get involved in events and activities that interest you.

Sports facilities
We have a range of sports facilities on campus that are open to all students, from serious athletes to casual competitors. Our outdoor facilities include a 400-metre track, an athletics field, badminton courts, basketball courts, a grass football pitch, synthetic tennis courts and volleyball courts. Indoor facilities include badminton courts, a basketball court, rooms for gymnastics, table tennis, taekwondo and wushu, a volleyball court and a sports theory classroom. Several swimming pools are within walking distance of the campus and nearby parks are popular among runners.

If you want to get involved in competitive sport, there are lots of opportunities including the annual Tri-Campus Games. Students from our campuses in China, Malaysia and the UK compete for the title. The games are held on a different campus each year and are a huge event in the University’s sporting calendar.

A UK-style high street, which has restaurants and other meeting places like the Student Common Room, is at the centre of the University’s vibrant social scene.

Student clubs and societies
There are dozens of clubs and societies to join, with events year-round for the serious-minded and fun-loving alike. You can choose to get involved in a range of activities, from martial arts to joining the student television channel’s production team. Dramatic, dance and musical talents are also catered for, with student festivals and talent shows providing additional entertainment on campus.

International student culture
The Students’ Union is pioneering the development of an international student culture in a Chinese context. Its mission is to create a diverse and international cultural environment on campus. It also provides links between the University and students.

The Postgraduate Students’ Association complements the work of the Students’ Union.

Did you know?
A team of students from UNNC who entered the prestigious international Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) competition came first in China and were first runner-up at the finals in Los Angeles.

Our students presented two social enterprise projects to the judges: Beevelop is a venture which promotes honey sales for farmers and has equipped beekeepers with the skills to raise wild bees which are close to extinction; the Ant River Ginseng project was established to help extremely poor farmers in the north east of China, where the world’s best ginseng is grown.

To watch a video about our winning SIFE team, visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugvideos/sife

Harvey Kaye
International student
Harvey talks about being an international student in Ningbo
www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugvideos/harveykaye

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Experience modern China
If you study with us in Ningbo you will have the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the world’s most remarkable economic success story. Living and studying in this unusual, rich and multi-faceted environment ensures a unique university experience and gives you something extra for your CV.

Ningbo: A city that is dreaming big
Ningbo is a rapidly-growing city in Zhejiang Province on the south shore of Hangzhou Bay opposite Shanghai. Estimates of the greater Ningbo population range from about six-million to almost nine-million.

It’s an important trading, business and manufacturing city on China’s prosperous east coast. It has one of the busiest ports in China and is among the largest ports in the world.

The city of Ningbo places much importance on encouraging educational excellence, which is why it fully supported the establishment in 2004 of The University of Nottingham Ningbo China as the first and only independently-run foreign university within mainland China. The University is situated in a commercial district that includes most of the city’s higher education institutions and a new business centre for financial services companies.

Easy travelling
Public transport in the city is fast and efficient. The University is on several bus routes and taxi transport in Ningbo is relatively cheap compared to other cities in the world.

Many students use bicycles for their main mode of transport. Some find it fun to get around Ningbo on an electric bike or ‘e-bike’.

Students find Ningbo a convenient base from which to explore China. The city is on major rail and bus routes and Ningbo’s airport connects it to China’s major cities as well as international destinations.

Entertainment: day and night
There’s lots to do in Ningbo, whether you like relaxing in the fresh air or partying late into the night. Ningbo has theatres, cinemas, parks, health clubs, an art gallery and museum and international hotels with restaurants and fitness centres.

Popular among foreign residents is a downtown area called Lao Waiyan, which is dominated by international restaurants and bars. In the centre of the city, Tianyi Square, with its designer shops and department stores, is a major draw.

Sampling the culture
Although Ningbo is dominated by new high-rise buildings, there are many heritage sites and places that will give you a taste of ancient China in and around the city. Ningbo’s numerous temples include Baoguo Temple, one of the oldest wooden structures in southern China.

An easy starting point for exploring the city is the area adjacent to Tianyi Square called ‘Gu Lou’, which means Drum Tower and is named after the 1,000-year-old architectural remnant which is still standing. This striking Drum Tower is the central point of a bustling street-market zone popular among tourists who want to bargain for wares from around China.

Tianyige Library Museum near Moon Lake – also in the city centre – dates from 1516 and is thought to be the oldest surviving library building in China. Its collection dates back to the 11th century and includes woodblock and handwritten copies of the Confucian classics. The library grounds feature rock gardens and bamboo groves.

Ningbo Art Museum presents exhibitions of contemporary art and design in a truly world-class setting. The Ningbo Grand Theatre, a large modern performing arts centre, features traditional and modern shows.

The Ningbo Museum, an eye-catching contemporary building within walking distance of the University, is included on the list of important national exhibitions. These are walk-through displays that encapsulate what it was like to live in China over the centuries. Interesting relics recovered recently from building sites in the area add to the nation’s knowledge of Chinese society and history.

Hot summers, cold winters
Seasons vary greatly in Ningbo. Make sure you have cool, comfortable clothes for summer and a warm jacket and shoes for winter. Summer temperatures usually reach 30-40°C (86-104°F), while winter temperatures can be as low as -6°C (21°F). Autumn, with its crisp, sunny days and clear blue skies, is a wonderful time of year in Ningbo.

Did you know?
One of the world’s longest ocean bridges connects Ningbo and Shanghai, reducing driving time between the two cities to about two-and-a-half hours. The bridge is just under 36km long (22 miles) and was completed in 2007.
Overseas opportunities

Nottingham has an extensive network of exciting exchange links. If you are a student at another university, you can still share the experience of an education at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China (UNNC) through various exchange programmes.

Likewise, if you are registered for your degree programme at UNNC, you can access opportunities to study for a period outside of China. Some of our courses include compulsory periods at our UK campus.

Summer Institute at The University of Nottingham, UK
We organise a Summer Institute at our UK campus for a number of undergraduate students at the end of their third year.

Postgraduates can also go to our UK campus for two to three weeks of study in the summer. This is of particular value to them in their dissertation preparation.

These are optional periods of study abroad, with costs covered by students.

Student exchange programmes
We offer a number of exchange opportunities for students to spend one semester or both semesters of their third year either at our UK or Malaysia campus or at one of our partner universities elsewhere in the world.

Students on an exchange programme continue to pay their tuition fees to UNNC and pay no tuition fees to the partner institution. Students are responsible for the air tickets, accommodation and living expenses at the host institution.

Study abroad programmes
In addition to exchange programmes where no additional tuition fee is required, the University may also offer opportunities to study at Nottingham UK or at one of the approved study abroad partners elsewhere in the world for an additional fee. For details, please check with the International Office – see page 25 or visit www.nottingham.edu.cn/en/international/home.aspx.

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Students relax on University Park Campus in the UK, a beautiful green campus with period buildings and a large boating lake.
2+2 and 4+0 programmes

On our 2+2 programmes, you will study for two years at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China and for another two years at The University of Nottingham in the UK. However, most degree programmes have 4+0 options where you study for four years at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China. For more information, please read the section in this prospectus that relates to your area of study.

Incoming study abroad and international exchange programmes

Our study abroad and international exchange programmes are designed to allow undergraduate students from around the world to study at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China for one or two semesters as part of their university education, earning credits to transfer back to your home institution.

This unique opportunity combines the experience of living in China with a flexible programme of credit-bearing courses delivered in English. Normally you must have completed at least one year of study at your home university in order to participate.

Courses are available in communication technologies and media, communications and society, computer science, cultural studies, engineering, English studies, finance and accounting, foreign languages (including Mandarin), history, international business, marketing, politics, and strategic management. For further information about individual courses please visit our website at www.nottingham.edu.cn and click on ‘Study with us’.

Students who wish to attend The University of Nottingham Ningbo China within the international exchange programme must be studying at a university that has a bilateral agreement with us. Check with your home institution about opportunities for international exchange.

The University of Nottingham students from the UK or Malaysia pay the normal tuition fees in full to their home campus. You will be responsible for your accommodation, travel and living expenses.

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International Office, The University of Nottingham Malaysia campus  
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w: www.nottingham.edu.my

International Summer Schools

Two-week courses, based at our campuses in China and Malaysia, will provide you with the opportunity to study a new area while meeting people from all over the world and learning about a different culture. You will study with world-class academics, take part in exciting cultural and social activities and make friends who will stay with you for life.

The Summer Schools are open to anyone in the world who fulfils the academic entry requirements. For more information visit: www.nottingham.ac.uk/internationalsummerschools
Our international campuses

Combining beautiful parkland and countryside, impressive traditional and modern architecture, and state-of-the-art learning and research facilities, our award-winning campuses are inspirational places to live, work and study.

University Park Campus, UK
Set around a lake with beautifully kept gardens and pastures, the 300-acre University Park Campus is the University’s principal campus. Often regarded as one of the most attractive campuses in the UK, University Park features a mixture of period buildings and modern teaching and research facilities, with 12 halls of residence, a conference and exhibition centre, sports facilities and the Lakeside Arts Centre.

Jubilee Campus, UK
Just over two miles from Nottingham city centre, Jubilee Campus, opened in 1999, is an exemplar in sustainable brownfield regeneration and has won numerous awards for its environment friendly design. The modern, purpose-built buildings include teaching and research facilities, residences, retail, social and support amenities, libraries and a sports hall.

Aspire, the country’s tallest free-standing work of public art, soars to 60 metres above the Campus. The adjoining Innovation Park was launched in 2008 and continues to evolve – the latest addition being the Nottingham Geospatial Building, which houses a world-class centre of excellence in global navigation satellite systems.

Sutton Bonington Campus, UK
Located in the beautiful countryside of south Nottinghamshire, the Sutton Bonington Campus occupies a spacious 100-acre site with its own teaching and learning facilities, sports centre, student guild, social amenities and halls of residence. Ten miles south of University Park, the campus benefits from state-of-the-art teaching and research facilities including purpose-built plant and food science buildings, specialised laboratories, a 24-hour learning resource centre, extensive library, University farm and a dairy centre with 180 robotically milked cows. The Campus also houses the School of Veterinary Medicine and Science which opened in 2006 – the first in Britain for over 60 years.

A regular shuttle bus service operates between Sutton Bonington and University Park, and just a couple of miles away, the East Midlands Parkway train station and East Midlands airport offer students living at the campus a convenient way to start national and international journeys.

Medical School, UK
The Medical School is adjacent to University Park and, together with the University Hospital, forms the Queen’s Medical Centre. The nearby Nottingham City Hospital houses the University’s Clinical Sciences and Institute of Population Health buildings. Entrants to the Graduate Entry Medicine course are based at the University’s Medical School in Derby, a purpose-built building based at the Royal Derby Hospital.

Malaysia Campus
Established in 2000, the Malaysia Campus moved to its own purpose-built campus in Semenyih, 30km south of Kuala Lumpur city centre, in 2005. Occupying a scenic position overlooking green hills on a 110-acre site, the Campus is a self-contained and self-sufficient neighbourhood in a garden environment. It combines a high-quality living environment with top-quality teaching, learning and research facilities and first-rate recreational and leisure services. For more details, please visit www.nottingham.edu.my

“Huge lake, views over Trent Valley, rolling Downs that sweep away into the distance, all a neat ten minutes by bus from town.”

The Virgin Guide to British Universities 2011
(Referring to University Park Campus, UK)

Read more about our campuses at www.nottingham.ac.uk/about/campuses
International student support

The International Office
Staff in the International Office are committed to offering guidance and support to international students from the moment they register. We can offer you expert advice on matters such as visa and immigration regulations, entry requirements and even what to pack.

English language support
If English is not your first language, you may want to take advantage of our language and study skills programmes. Our degree programmes include a preliminary year during which the focus is on honing English for academic purposes for non-native English speakers. For more information on courses offered by the Centre for English Language Education, please see page 28.

Welcoming you to China
Arriving in a new country can be daunting. Therefore we offer a free coach pick-up service for new international students arriving at the airport and train station. The International Office will also help you with the paperwork required for visas, including police registration, and we will ensure there is an English-speaking medical adviser to accompany you for mandatory health checks after your arrival in China.

Making you feel at home
The International Office runs a Welcome Programme aimed specially at helping international students get settled. We take care of practical details, like opening a bank account, and ensure there is a line-up of social activities so you can meet people and make new friends.

Student networks and support
The vis-à-vis programme, a type of buddy system, matches new students with experienced students. Hall tutors, who are mature students, are also available to discuss any concerns connected to the student residence.

In each academic division, students are assigned a personal tutor. The first meeting with your personal tutor normally takes place within the first few weeks of the autumn semester. Feel free to discuss any issues of an academic or personal nature with your personal tutor.

If you would like to speak to someone in the International Office, please contact Kevin Lin:

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English language support

We provide all our international students with the support and academic skills training they need to fulfil their potential. A preliminary year is designed to help you develop your English language skills so that you can make the most of your degree programme.

The medium of instruction at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China is English. The use of English in all activities and operations is encouraged in order to ensure we deliver a truly international education.

We accept Chinese students on our undergraduate degree programmes on the strength of their university entrance exams. They then focus on improving their English for academic purposes in the first year of study. We have many undergraduate and postgraduate students from other countries – from Russia to Brazil – who join our Chinese students in a preliminary year aimed at ensuring they develop their English language writing and speaking skills to a high level of competence.

The Centre for English Language Education is at the heart of the University’s support system for international students whose first language is not English or whose qualifications were not obtained in an English-medium education system. Our centre is probably the biggest of its kind in Asia, recruiting more than 80 tutors with expertise in teaching English to students who require proficiency in the language in order to excel in academic programmes.

Teachers who have specialised in English for Academic Purposes (EAP) are called EAP tutors. You will spend your time honing your English language reading, writing and presentation skills under the guidance of your dedicated EAP tutor.

The preliminary year is intensive and courses are structured to ensure you maximise your time in and outside of lecture rooms. You will work in a small group and be encouraged to undertake activities that help you develop your fluency in English. Your English language courses will be complemented by other modules that serve as a foundation for the content of your degree programme.

Your preliminary year will give you the opportunity to improve your written and verbal skills in English. You will be taught how to present your work in public. You will also be shown techniques to help you keep improving your English skills and to develop habits for lifelong learning.

By the time you complete your preliminary year, you will have a deep knowledge of English grammar and will have expanded your vocabulary so you are familiar with technical terms that you will come across during your degree programme. You will have developed the skills to analyse complex texts and extract relevant information in order to build your own academic arguments.

Continuing support
In addition to the vital support you will receive in your preliminary year, you will have access to ongoing support from the Centre for English Language Education throughout your years of study. You will be given the opportunity to attend workshops on improving your study skills. A comprehensive range of English language books complements the specific advice you will receive here.

Assessment
Teaching takes the form of lectures, seminars and tutorials. Tutors expect students to be well prepared and to take an active role in all classes.

In addition to attending all classes, you will be expected to do a significant amount of self-study. This includes completing set assignments, conducting research, preparing coursework, working in groups, revising for exams, and studying independently to develop English language skills. Examination results for the University’s English-focused preliminary year programmes do not influence your final degree classification. However, it is necessary to successfully complete these programmes and pass all English modules in order to progress to the second year of an undergraduate programme or a masters programme.

Summer programmes
As well as offering EAP courses during the regular academic year, the Centre for English Language Education runs a number of summer programmes. These include teacher-training courses, bespoke offerings in various aspects of English for specific purposes and a suite of intensive presessional courses for students hoping to enter The University of Nottingham Ningbo China.

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Students take advantage of the group study facilities in the Djanology Learning Resource Centre on Jubilee Campus, The University of Nottingham, UK.

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English Studies

The University of Nottingham Ningbo China is a leading centre in Asia for English studies. It provides an inspirational environment for learning and research in English language, linguistics and literature.

We seek to develop in our students the highest possible understanding of the English language. You will be taught how to analyse language at a superior level. By the time you graduate, you will be confident in describing and producing written English for different audiences.

A degree programme in English studies gives you the opportunity to explore the major theories of how language works. Your course will enable you to develop vital skills including critical thinking, creative analysis and developing and sustaining a reasoned argument. You will learn how to communicate effectively in writing and when delivering public arguments.

English studies programme at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China are taught by experienced teachers with strong research profiles and multilingual backgrounds. With a good understanding of students whose first language is not English, they offer both academic and pastoral support to students within a dynamic student-centred environment. You will be taught using the latest advances in teaching methods and electronic resources.

On graduation you will have acquired a high level of expertise in English and will be comfortable using your skills in a professional environment and sophisticated contexts. These skills will prepare you for a wide range of careers. Your international experience will impress employers.

What is English studies?

English studies is a wide-reaching subject covering a range of areas. Literature studies may concentrate on relating works of literature to their historical and social context or wider questions of artistic meaning. Language and applied linguistics study includes psychological and cognitive approaches.

Throughout the course you will not only ask ‘what does this text mean?’, but also questions like ‘how is the language of this text impacting on me?’, ‘how might this text be performed?’, and ‘who is this text really aimed at?’.

How will I study?

You will take a combination of compulsory and optional modules, focusing on two or more areas of English studies depending on the course. You will have an extensive choice of final-year options to suit particular personal interests; these correspond to the research interests of the staff who teach them and you will benefit from their expertise at the cutting-edge of the discipline.

Part of one of the oldest schools of English in the UK, we have a first-rate reputation for teaching. You will be taught using a variety of methods. Staff members offer individual consultations for one-to-one discussion about your work and progress.

The opportunity to discuss ideas and coursework directly with your tutors is an integral part of your studies at Nottingham right from the start and can be one of the most rewarding aspects of your learning. Whether it’s receiving feedback on drafts or discussing the results of an assessment, we are committed to helping you work to the best of your ability.

You will also have a personal tutor who is a member of academic staff. As well as academic concerns and career development, your tutor is there to talk over any personal issues affecting your studies and can be a valuable source of advice and support.

Assessment

A range of assessment methods is used, including essays, projects, presentations and exams. Most modules involve a combination of these.

Extensive resources

The University of Nottingham Ningbo China holds an excellent collection of books. It has extensive sections devoted to English literature and English language studies.
“As a British academic system in a foreign country, this university has a lot to offer. The chance to experience people from diverse backgrounds in every discussion, every class, every day, is an asset. Students here have the advantage of living in a multi-ethnic environment and therefore they are prepared to face life’s challenges in an internationalised world. I enjoy constantly meeting people from different nationalities, interacting with the academic staff from different backgrounds and improving my Mandarin language skills by asking my Chinese classmates.”

Nadia Husam Al-Jasem
BA International Studies, second year
The University of Nottingham Ningbo China
International Communications

The University of Nottingham Ningbo China offers a range of intellectually stimulating programmes across the rich and diverse subjects of international communications. Our courses prepare students for a range of exciting careers in China and across the world.

Our degree programmes cover a range of core subjects essential for your success as a modern international communications practitioner – from theoretical subjects that will provide you with an important intellectual foundation to practical courses that will equip you with useful skills for your career. As societies and cultures throughout the world become increasingly interdependent, an ability to understand and to make use of communications has never been more important.

On your course, you will be given the opportunity to explore film, television and digital media as social, cultural and industrial practices. You can learn how to research and write articles for publication in newspapers and magazines, and you will cover television production and presentation skills.

You will develop a working knowledge of other languages. You can choose from a range of modern European and Asian languages, including French, Spanish, German and Mandarin Chinese. Language courses are available from beginner to advanced levels, with specialist programmes for students with an interest in pursuing a career in translation.

Nottingham is unique among UK universities in that it has its own campus in China. It is also recognised internationally as a leader in the provision of high-quality discipline-based degree programmes that incorporate the study of China. You will have the opportunity to focus on contemporary Chinese studies, or include modules that cover Chinese business, economy, geography, history, law and politics in your international communications programme.

By the time you graduate, you will have a thorough understanding of contemporary communications in local and international settings. You will have developed the creative, analytical and problem-solving skills demanded by an increasingly global society.

You will be confident presenting your work in diverse formats to critical audiences. You will leave us with an insight into the world’s quickest growing economy, impressing any future employer. Your international education and experiences will be an asset on your CV.

Taught courses
- BA International Communications Studies
- MA International Communications Studies
- MA Interpreting and Translation, Mandarin and English
- MA Contemporary Chinese Studies

What is international communications?

International communications studies explore the complex world of communications, media and culture through the study of different forms of visual and linguistic communication, new technologies and news media. These courses will train you in theories of mass media and communications. There is a strong emphasis on language proficiency.

You will be introduced to communications theory and research methodologies, society and culture, the news media, mass communications, arts and communications, and digital media and globalisation. As well as taking core communications subjects, you will be able to choose from a range of optional modules offered by the divisions of English Studies, International Studies and the Nottingham University Business School. This will allow you to enrich your overall learning experience and follow a programme which meets your individual study needs.

How will I study?

Teaching methods include lectures, seminars, small-group tutorials and web-based activities and group and individual work in the language laboratories. The University has attracted staff who earned reputations as leading professionals in the media and related fields before moving on to successful university careers. Their internationally excellent research feeds into teaching programmes in which the emphasis is on knowledge and skills that are highly relevant to a challenging, globalised work environment.

Assessment

Assessment methods include coursework, written exams, presentations, individual and group projects, media production projects and dissertations. In your later years of study, your assignments will become more research- and project-based.

Studying abroad

The University is a founder member of the Universitas 21 (U21) consortium – an international network of research-intensive universities. This means you can apply to spend a semester studying at one of the 21 partners in U21 or choose from more than 15 other options. If your degree is taught at our campuses in the UK and Malaysia you may be able to spend up to a year of your degree studying there.

For more information, please contact our International Office – see page 26.

Career prospects

Courses in international communications disciplines at Nottingham prepare students for a range of different careers. Our graduates are also well-positioned for postgraduate study.

Possible career pathways include: advertising and marketing, business and corporate communications, film, journalism, public relations, publishing, radio and television.

After graduation, our students have also gone on to pursue careers in entertainment, public-sector administration, teaching and tourism. Our graduates are sought-after by global corporations with international aspirations.

Application

Offers are usually made without interviews; an exception is sometimes made for interpreting and translation applicants. We consider applicants on the basis of their academic merits.

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Undergraduate programmes

BA International Communications Studies

This programme aims to provide you with a critical understanding of the diverse ways in which communications take place in an increasingly interdependent world. You will be introduced to a wide range of psychological, political, cultural, linguistic, social and economic factors influencing the production and reception of contemporary communications. You will study subjects that will be of value in a career in the media or the cultural industries.

You will explore contemporary international communications from a range of differing theoretical and methodological perspectives including both empirical and semiotic approaches to reading. Languages are an important part of the degree programme: a European language, Japanese or Chinese from beginners’ level will form a core element from years two to four.

Postgraduate programmes

MA International Communications Studies

Our aim is to provide a focus for creativity and innovation across a wide range of research fields. We provide a vibrant, intellectually challenging environment for postgraduate students who are keen to deepen their understanding of international communications issues.

This course will enable you to delve into the theory and practice of communications from many different angles. You will explore a range of critical-theoretical concepts, including globalisation, multi-culturalism, mass-culture, mass-media, ‘the information society’ and post-modernity. You will apply your knowledge to internationally relevant issues.

This degree programme is designed to meet the needs of graduates from all disciplines who want to add international communications to their specialist knowledge. You will have the opportunity to study communications against the background of recent theoretical and methodological developments and will gain vital insights into the skills required by the contemporary communications sector.

MA Interpreting and Translation, Mandarin and English

As China raises its international profile in the spheres of economics, politics and culture, it has declared high-level training for specialist translators and interpreters as one of the country’s educational priorities. This degree will train you to professional levels of competence in interpreting and translation. It is suitable for students who already possess high-level English and Mandarin language skills.

You will be introduced to interpreting and translation theory, new technologies for translating and interpreting, key concepts in international communication, languages and technology, and media and culture. You will have the opportunity to continue a second foreign language from intermediate level. Teaching will be enhanced with input from professional interpreters and translators.

By the time you graduate, you will be capable of interpreting across a wide range of subjects involving dialogues at specialist consultations. You will be able to interpret presentations by the consecutive mode and, subject to performance in the first semester, be introduced to simultaneous interpreting. This programme will equip you with the expertise to translate across a wide range of subjects.
MA Contemporary Chinese Studies

This degree is an exciting and unique opportunity for you to be part of a taught masters programme which develops your knowledge and understanding of a rapidly transforming contemporary China. Designed for postgraduate students with little or no previous knowledge of China, this MA provides you with alternative pathways for applying a range of disciplinary perspectives to the study of Chinese business and society, politics and economics, sustainable development and the environment, media and popular culture, visual and performing arts, or modern Chinese history.

You will study Mandarin, starting at the appropriate level for you - from beginner to advanced - depending on your prior study of the language. You will use what you have learned in a Chinese language and cultural setting.

You will have a chance to participate in an extended interdisciplinary field school*, including visits to key cities and into the Chinese countryside, which will enrich your cultural and linguistic experience and allow you to explore a range of themes and issues relevant for understanding contemporary China.

The degree prepares you for the growing demands of employers in various sectors for expertise on China as well as the opportunity to pursue further study for a PhD in Chinese studies.

Unique elements of the degree

• Earn your degree from an English-medium university while studying in China.
• Focus on acquiring knowledge and understanding of contemporary China.
• Undertake extended and in-depth field work and dissertation research in China.
• Benefit from our interdisciplinary field school experience visiting key locations in China.
• Enjoy opportunities to immerse yourself in Chinese culture, society and language.

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PhD opportunities

We offer PhD opportunities in many areas of international communications. Please contact us.

*There will be an additional fee for the field school, which includes approximately one week in Shanghai and one week in Beijing.

“I have really enjoyed the challenge of getting to grips with another language. Before I got here I had a textbook level of Chinese. Now I have more of an ability to just speak and love building on my language skills, one word at a time. It has been a real privilege to be in China, not just because it is fascinating to see its emergence as a superpower and experience the culture first-hand, but also because we are all so far from home having extraordinary experiences and meeting new people.”

Daniel Hatfield (final year)
International Communications, undergraduate exchange student from The University of Nottingham, UK
Science and Engineering

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Two of the University’s laboratories have been awarded ‘key laboratory’ status by Ningbo city authorities for the important work being conducted on improving and developing new green manufacturing and sustainable energy technologies.
Computer Science

The University of Nottingham undertakes world-class research which feeds directly into undergraduate teaching through a range of exciting modules and research-related project work. All our computer science programmes are taught by leading experts in their fields.

Computer science touches every area of the global economy and is set to become increasingly important as China enters a new era of advanced manufacturing and greater innovation across its economy. Computer scientists will be in great demand too as countries aim to maximise their resources and efficiency while at the same time minimising environmental harm.

A computer science degree from The University of Nottingham will ensure you are perfectly placed to understand how to program modern computers of various kinds, including: high performance computing, personal computers, smart phones, games consoles, robotics and embedded systems. You will also be equipped to design traditional software systems or intelligent software/hardware systems that are widely used in various fields.

The University of Nottingham pursues innovative research in areas such as automated scheduling, intelligent computing, mixed reality, interactive media, image processing and foundations of programming. In the 2008 RAE, 100 per cent of the School’s research was deemed to be of international standard and the School was ranked eighth in the UK for research quality.

The nature of the coursework also varies, and includes individual essays, group and individual projects, case studies and assessed presentations.

Excellence in research feeds into undergraduate teaching through a world-class research which feeds directly to the world’s financial markets have sophisticated computer systems as their backbone. Commercial farmers are increasingly turning to computer science to implement best practice in their fields and sheds.

2+2 and 4+0 explained

For the 2+2 programmes, you will spend two years at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China and the following two years at The University of Nottingham, UK. The 4+0 programmes are delivered at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China and students have the opportunity to apply for short-term student exchange programmes.

What is computer science?

Computer science is about understanding how computers and computer systems work at the hardware level and how we can construct and program them to do what we want them to do. It is about how computers store and process information and how humans and computers interact with each other from how we build the tools that enable us to create large-scale systems to understanding the very nature of computation itself.

The world is increasingly reliant on computer science. We are surrounded by computers from the traditional desktop or notebook computers to the computers embedded in robots, spacecrafts, vehicles, smart phones and home appliances.

Business and industry relies on computer technologies for efficient operational management. The world’s financial markets have sophisticated computer systems as their backbone.

How will I study?

The University is committed to providing high-quality teaching and a well-equipped and supportive learning environment. Laboratory sessions, computer-aided learning tools, web-based teaching materials and small-group tutorials support traditional lecture courses.

Project work, both individual and in groups, is a key feature of all our courses. As well as deepening your technical knowledge, you will develop self- and group-management skills which will be invaluable in the workplace.

Assessment

Assessment varies between modules. Some are assessed by formal exam, some by coursework, and many by a combination of both.

Career prospects

Our graduates are qualified for a wide range of jobs which require a combination of technical excellence and international perspective. They have gone on to work at major technology companies, such as Adobe, Google, IBM and Microsoft and are involved in creating the latest hardware and software products. Many of our graduates have started their own companies and look for employees at The University of Nottingham.

Professional recognition

Our BSc Computer Science course has been accredited by the British Computer Society (BCS) and exemption is granted from parts one and two of the BCS examination.

Application

Offers are made without interviews. We consider applicants on the basis of their academic merits.

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Taught courses

• BSc Computer Science (2+2 or 4+0)
• BSc Computer Science and Management (2+2 or 4+0)
• BSc Computer Science with Artificial Intelligence (2+2)
• BSc Software Engineering (2+2)

Undergraduate programmes

BSc Computer Science

You will graduate from this programme with a sophisticated understanding of the ways in which computer systems can support business and real-world problems and processes.

You will have a sound knowledge of the fundamentals of computer science as well as an understanding of human-computer interaction and the sociological impact of information technology.

On this programme, you will acquire a sound understanding of the professional standards and ethics of the computer industry. You will develop the skills and confidence to accommodate an ever-increasing rate of change in this fast-paced scientific field.

In your earlier years of study, you will be introduced to key concepts and tools underpinning modern computer science. You will learn how to program computers in modern programming languages, study the architecture and applications of computer systems and meet the areas of mathematics you will need later in the course.

Later, you will apply your knowledge in software-engineering group projects. At the same time, you will study programming and the underlying theory of computation in greater depth.

You will learn about networking and the design of large-scale systems.

Your programme is flexible to allow you to develop expertise in your chosen area. You will select one module each semester from a wide range of options including C++ programming, computer graphics, digital documents and user interface design. In your final year you will be able to specialise in an area of interest such as computer forensics, computer vision, mixed reality or artificial intelligence.

Computer science students have the option to switch to another computer science degree when going to the UK. Other specialisations include software engineering and artificial intelligence. For more details please visit our website.

At the end of your course, you will graduate with an understanding of computers and computer science, specialised knowledge of the theoretical foundations of computer science and other selected topics within the discipline, experience in a variety of techniques for problem-solving, and an understanding of the professional, legal and ethical aspects of the discipline.

This degree programme prepares you for the growing demands of employers in various sectors for expertise in China as well as the opportunity to pursue postgraduate studies in computer science. Your international experience will be an asset on your CV.
**BSc Computer Science and Management**

This joint honours programme is designed to equip you with a deep understanding of information technology, business and economics. It is suited to careers which combine leading-edge computer technology with its application in the management of commercial and industrial enterprises.

On this degree programme, you will develop an understanding of the fundamentals of information technology integrated with an understanding of project management, economics, planning, delegation and management. You will have the option of selecting modules from other academic areas, meaning you could combine computer science modules with engineering or business subjects, for example.

You will be introduced to key concepts and tools underpinning modern computer science. You will learn how to program computers in modern programming languages, study the architecture and applications of computer systems and meet the areas of mathematics that you will need later in the course.

You will deepen your knowledge of software systems and their construction. You will learn about databases and the design of large-scale software systems. You will study business organisations in more detail and learn more about the use of technology within those organisations. In your final year, you will apply the knowledge and skills you have acquired by undertaking an individual project.

At the end of your course, you will graduate with general knowledge of computer science and management studies; specialised knowledge of selected topics within the disciplines, with a particular focus on the management of information and other resources; experience in a variety of techniques and tools needed to solve business problems; and an understanding of organisations and their management.

Your skills will include the ability to think and study independently and to develop and sustain a reasoned argument. Your international experience will impress global operations looking to hire individuals who can thrive in challenging environments.

**BSc Computer Science with Artificial Intelligence**

This course is designed to offer both a general understanding of computer science as well as specialist skills in artificial intelligence and, through its optional module choice, also offers you the opportunity to study computer science in the context of robotic systems. In addition to fundamental computer science classes and laboratories, the course covers topics including expert systems, intelligent agents, the history and philosophy of artificial intelligence, machine learning, computer vision, neural networks, heuristic optimisation and other intelligent systems. If you choose introductory and advanced robotic options, you will be able to experiment with mobile robots in both group and individual projects.

You will spend the first two years of your programme at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China and the following two years at The University of Nottingham, UK.

At the end of your course, you will graduate with general knowledge of computers and computer science and specialised knowledge of theoretical and practical aspects of artificial intelligence. You will have acquired the skills to develop new methodologies and novel computational techniques for the creation of human-like intelligence. You will understand a variety of approaches and have the techniques and tools needed to solve the different types of problems encountered in computer science in general, and in artificial intelligence in particular.

**BSc Software Engineering**

This is a practically oriented degree focusing on the design and implementation of large software systems, particularly those with interactive or multimedia components. It is built around four themes: the design and implementation of software systems; the use and development of networked and distributed systems; user interface principles; and evaluation and testing.

You will spend the first two years of your programme at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China and the following two years at The University of Nottingham, UK.

At the end of your course, you will graduate with general knowledge and understanding of computers and software systems; specialised knowledge of the design, implementation, user interfaces and evaluation of software systems; experience in using a variety of tools and methodologies in order to solve a variety of problems encountered in the area of software engineering, and an understanding of the professional, legal and ethical aspects of the discipline.

**PhD opportunities**

We offer PhD opportunities in many areas of computer science. Please contact us.

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“This programme gave me the opportunity to spend half of my degree programme in the UK. It was a great experience living in a completely new environment with a different lifestyle, food and culture. On the academic side, I reaped the benefits of UNNC’s good hardware support and the solid grounding in computer science. Some of the modules are practical for daily life. For example, I wrote and shared a small program to automatically check the electricity and water credits for the dormitory so I could notify people when the credit started running low.”

Xinghong Fang  
BSc Computer Science, 2+2 programme, final year  
The University of Nottingham Ningbo China
The University of Nottingham is one of the UK’s top five universities for engineering. We offer first-class teaching facilities and our teaching is supplemented by innovative research undertaken here at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China.

You will be taught by highly skilled educational specialists, scientists and engineers with vast industry experience, and world-leading experts in fields such as energy, sustainability, carbon capture and storage and environmental protection. Many of our teachers are also researchers who are responsible for important global patents and innovative research. This means course content is highly relevant and aimed at solving real-life technological problems.

Our research is characterised by strong industrial collaboration with many well-known companies and feeds into our teaching programmes. It is multidisciplinary, serving industries as diverse as automotive engineering and the construction industry. It addresses issues of global importance. The University of Nottingham Ningbo China is particularly noted for innovative work in green issues and sustainability.

Throughout your programme you will have access to state-of-the-art facilities. We have a new 14,000m² purpose-built engineering complex. The University is equipped with excellent experimental and computational facilities. We have award-winning laboratories in which to conduct your scientific investigations and make exciting discoveries.

By the time you graduate, you will have a thorough understanding of emerging and advanced technologies. Our programmes have a wide technical range, which means you will have the opportunity to enhance your skills and deepen your understanding in your chosen specialist area.

We provide our graduates with an invaluable mix of technical and professional skills so that they are prepared to meet the challenges of a broad range of careers. Your degree programme will equip you with essential scientific knowledge, analytical abilities and creativity to provide innovative solutions to the world’s major challenges and generally improve lives. They work in fields as diverse as land surveying and the manufacture of aircraft systems. Engineers can be inventors, responsible for developing new technologies, or they can play roles as managers of complex projects, like ensuring the efficient roll-out of extensions to a country’s electricity grid. Some engineers specialise in developing more efficient processes; others work on alternative and sustainable fuel sources.

There are many different types of engineers. Chemical and environmental engineers may use their specialist expertise to tackle challenges in energy, water availability and the management of waste that we produce. Civil engineers are involved in the construction of roads, bridges, railways and other exciting structures such as tall buildings and stadia. Electronic engineers are the experts behind the devices and gadgets of modern-day life, like your mobile phone, as well as advanced instrumentation, like the technology found in hospitals.

How will I study?

Subjects are taught through lectures, tutorials, seminars, workshops, field courses and laboratory classes. We employ ‘hands on’ project work wherever possible to develop practical and problem-solving skills.

We have a wide range of teaching and learning facilities, including CAD studios. Our equipment includes leading GPS and GNSS surveying and laser-scanning technology. Facilities at our Centre for Sustainable Energy Technology, China’s first zero-carbon building, include a climate chamber, a thermal testing laboratory for energy storage materials, solar carbon storage materials, solar photovoltaic cells, solar hot water collectors, a weather monitoring station, and a ground source heat pump testing facility.

Assessment

Assessment varies between modules. Some are assessed by formal examination, some by coursework, and many by a combination of both. The nature of the coursework also varies, and includes individual essays, group and individual projects, case studies and assessed presentations.

Career prospects

Our graduates have excellent career prospects. Many find employment as engineering professionals within six months of graduating; others move on to further studies and research. Many take on roles in large international organisations; others find work quickly for small, highly specialised enterprises.
BEng Architectural Environment Engineering

This degree programme introduces you to the engineering fundamentals and principles required for a deep understanding and appreciation of the important connections between science, engineering, environmental design, building services and technologies. Your knowledge and competencies in design and building services systems are developed throughout your years of study. Optional modules develop key management skills.

As a student at one of the leading research universities in the field of ‘green’ technologies in China, you will be exposed to the latest developments in your chosen field. You will explore the use of sustainable materials and building services systems driven by non-fossil-fuel-based technologies with a view to contributing to the construction of economically viable, environmentally friendly buildings during your career. In your later years of study, you will focus on building analysis, advanced environmental design and environmental performance modelling. You will be given the opportunity to apply your knowledge and hone your analytical abilities in research projects. You will consider in more detail the holistic design of a building, its internal environment and the systems necessary for environmentally responsible building construction.

By the time you graduate, you will have a sound knowledge of architectural environmental engineering and the building services systems necessary for environmentally-friendly buildings, including the design of heating, ventilation, air conditioning, acoustics and lighting. You will be equipped to take a central role in the development of strategies for sustainability and to advise on improvements to the energy and sustainability performance of buildings.

BEng Chemical Engineering

This degree programme will equip you to work at a professional level on activities such as process design and plant operations management. It will provide you with core scientific and engineering knowledge together with a range of transferable skills including IT, communications, management, analysis and problem solving.

Chemical engineering is the processing of materials on a commercial scale to make useful and valuable products. Typical processes and products include petroleum refining, petrochemicals, bulk chemicals, fine chemicals, pharmaceuticals, fertilisers, food processing, fuels and energy production, water treatment and minerals processing.

In your first year, as is the case for all our engineering students, you will be given a solid grounding in sciences such as physics, chemistry and maths for engineering. You will be introduced to software that enables you to solve engineering and mathematical problems. You will be trained to present technical material in drawing, schematic and graphical form.

In your later years of study, you will have the opportunity to explore specialised fields, such as reactor design, plant design and process simulation. You will focus on safety and project management and high added-value product design. Specialised modules on separations and nuclear reactors are also available.

By the time you graduate, you will have the expertise to work at a professional level on activities such as process design and plant operations management. With your international experience, you will be in demand from a range of industries including energy, oil and gas, pharmaceutical, food and environmental services, as well as government agencies around the world.

BEng Civil Engineering

Civil engineers are needed all over the world in design, construction and management positions. This degree programme will provide you with a solid grounding in techniques and procedures essential in a variety of civil engineering careers.

Modules of study that you will take with other engineering students include professional engineering skills, engineering mathematics, engineering solid mechanics, fluid mechanics and hydraulics, and an introduction to electrical and electronic engineering. You will begin to specialise in subjects like engineering communication, structures and geotechnics, surveying and management, and materials.

On this course you will be given the opportunity to undertake a civil engineering surveying project as well as develop your skills through laboratory work and field courses. In group project work, you will be able to combine fundamental concepts from all areas in civil engineering to solve a modern-day problem.

By the time you graduate, you will have specialist knowledge on the design and construction of water supply and sewage disposal systems, offshore and coastal engineering, transport systems, advanced pavement design and the design of structures such as Olympic stadia.

Your international experience in the world’s fastest-developing country will give you unique insights into the most important challenges facing civil engineers, and will be an asset to your CV.

BEng Environmental Engineering

This course will provide you with the knowledge and skills to harmonise industrial and commercial activities with the protection and enhancement of the environment. As this is a growing concern for many countries, you will graduate to a wide range of employment opportunities all over the world, in industrial, commercial and government organisations.

On this programme you will be introduced to science and engineering principles that will provide an important base for specialisation. Opportunities to work on projects and practical experimentation occur in all years of the course.

In your later years of study you will focus on continued development and use the skills and knowledge in environmental applications. These include hydrology, site investigation, probabilistic and statistical techniques for engineers, waste management, engineering geology, and energy efficiency for sustainability.

By the time you graduate, you will have examined some of the more complex environmental engineering topics. These include air pollution, water treatment, engineering management and accounting, hazardous waste management, remote sensing, energy management, and soil and water pollution.

You will have valuable insights into design and industrial applications.

This programme responds to the increasing demand for professional engineers who are equipped to provide engineering solutions to the historic and emerging human and natural impacts on the local and global environment. You will be equipped for a career in many areas, including waste management, water pollution control, waste disposal, conservation, insurance, and banking.

There is always high demand from employers for engineers with an advanced mathematical ability. Your unique international experience will be an added advantage on your CV.

BEng Electrical and Electronic Engineering

This degree programme has a wide technical range, allowing you to study a variety of topics including electronic design, communications, software engineering, power generation and distribution, electrical machines, renewable energy systems and more.

You will gain an understanding of the principles and practices on which all specialisms within electrical and electronic engineering are founded. This is achieved through the study of analogue and digital electronics, circuits and systems, computing, communications and the application of electrical energy.

Practical and fault-finding skills are developed through laboratory and project work. Your appreciation of the aspects of science and mathematics, which underpin the subject, will also be enhanced.

You will have opportunities to work on projects and practical experiment in every year of your course. You will continue to develop your understanding of electrical and electronic engineering as preparation for your final year of study on emerging and advanced technologies.

With the broad range of skills you will acquire from this degree, you will have excellent career prospects in areas as diverse as software development, fibre optic and mobile communications, aerospace technology, automotive systems and renewable energy technologies. Graduates from this degree also move into other technical areas including audio visual technologies and satellite communications – the choice is almost limitless.

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BEng Mechanical Engineering

Mechanical engineering is the broadest of all the engineering disciplines and graduates find employment in every sector of industry. As a mechanical engineer, you may work in design, development, research, consultancy, manufacture or marketing, combining technical and managerial expertise.

On this degree programme, you will learn to apply scientific knowledge to solve problems and design machines that help us to enjoy a better lifestyle. Course modules will provide you with an excellent foundation in engineering science and design so that you can later develop specialist knowledge in areas such as automotive and aerospace engineering.

This degree provides a good grounding in the broad fundamentals of mechanical engineering science and engineering design. The science subjects studied include thermodynamics, fluid mechanics, solid mechanics, dynamics and electro-mechanical systems. In design, the emphasis is on project work. In both the first and second years, you will undertake a design, and make and test a project which you will manufacture in our student workshop.

In your final year, you will undertake an individual project involving computational or experimental investigation or both. You will also study a mix of compulsory and optional modules, the latter allowing you to tailor the course to your interests.

By the time you graduate, you will have the engineering and management knowledge and skills necessary to improve productivities, reduce costs of manufacture and products and services are delivered to industry when required. Manufacturing operates in a global competitive market and engineers are in great demand everywhere in the world.

Along with your engineering degree, you will graduate from The University of Nottingham Ningbo China with the practical and theoretical skills needed to develop and manufacture products and the production systems to manufacture them efficiently. Your international experience in the world’s most vibrant manufacturing centre will enhance your employability.
I am good at physics and am interested in engineering and chose this university because I wanted to prepare myself for the opportunity of international work in engineering. I believe there are more opportunities if you study in English. There are international students here, the equipment is new and advanced, the environment is pleasant and I get the opportunity to study in the UK for two years. There are many student organisations and activities organised by students and there is a lot of fun to be had on campus.”

Tieli You
BEng Civil Engineering, second year
The University of Nottingham Ningbo China
Environmental Science

The environment is one of the most important and exciting areas for scientific enquiry today. The University of Nottingham Ningbo China provides a stimulating study environment based on high standards of innovative teaching and research.

On this degree programme, you will develop a scientific understanding of environmental processes, environmental change and of how living organisms interact with their environments. Your deep understanding of these processes will help you formulate solutions for environmental problems associated with air, soil and water – all within the context of sustainable economic development.

Environmental science is a multidisciplinary approach to solving the world’s major environmental challenges. It encompasses, among other disciplines, geography, biology, science and mathematics and also requires an understanding of social and policy issues.

By the end of your course, you will have expertise in making efficient use of scarce resources. You will be able to evaluate physical, chemical and ecological aspects of the environment, construct models of environmental processes and undertake risk analyses.

You will be equipped to assess environmental impacts, design experiments and monitoring programmes. You will learn how to undertake quantitative analysis of environmental data and how to incorporate qualitative analysis and your understanding of important global trends in plans to minimise environmental harm.

You will hone your analytical and presentation skills and will have opportunities for philosophical explorations that are relevant to real-life situations; for example, can technology solve environmental problems. You will develop the ability to work effectively in a group and to present your findings and proposals in public to critical audiences.

As a graduate, you will have valuable insights into the major environmental issues facing the developed and developing world. You will have a broad understanding of the physical and human environment and will be equipped with the necessary analytical skills to deal with information from a range of sources and in a wide variety of forms. Your international experience will be an asset to your CV.

What is environmental science?
Bridging the sciences and social sciences, environmental science is the ideal subject for anyone keen to maintain a broad interest in the world around them. The activities of humankind have created many forms of environmental problems. Identifying and solving the problems that arise from damage to our natural and managed ecosystems make environmental science a key area of expertise in the search for a sustainable future.

How will I study?
Teaching is delivered through lectures, practical classes, seminars and tutorials. Laboratory and field work, in which you apply your learning to challenges in the real world, are exciting features of this degree programme. All final-year students carry out a major independent research project which culminates in the production of a dissertation.

Assessment
A wide range of assessment methods is used, including coursework and exams.

Studying abroad
You will spend the last two years of your programme at The University of Nottingham, UK. The skills developed during your study years at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China will be enhanced during these years at one of the UK’s top universities.

Optional choices allow the development of knowledge in more specialised fields of environmental science. A module on the environment and development in China reinforces the China focus of the course.

Career prospects
This course is designed to qualify students for careers in a wide range of environment- and environmental management-related vocations. It creates a foundation for advanced courses and careers based on the science and social sciences of environmental management.

You will be in demand from employers who are looking to recruit environmental experts with deep insights into issues which shape policies locally, nationally and internationally. Our graduates have the knowledge and skills needed to address environmental issues in China and worldwide.

“I came to The University of Nottingham Ningbo China because I wanted a British education. I enjoy studying environmental science because it is a multidisciplinary course, in which we need background knowledge of many subjects, such as physics, geography, geology, statistics, biology, chemistry and hydraulics. I have many career options. I might choose to investigate GIS software in the future, or be an environmental manager, or a journalist reporting on environmental issues. Environmental science students are really capable of doing many kinds of jobs.”

Kailin Hu
BSc Environmental Science, second year, The University of Nottingham Ningbo China
At The University of Nottingham Ningbo China we have more than 60 student organisations. Seen here are members of the Students in Free Enterprise (SIFED) group discussing social entrepreneurship projects that will change the lives of people in poor communities in China.
Nottingham University Business School China is part of Nottingham University Business School, one of the UK’s leading centres for management education and globally ranked among the world’s top business schools.

The School is one of only 128 worldwide accredited by the European Quality Improvement System (EQUIS), a leading international business school accreditation body. Uniquely, this EQUIS accreditation applies to all of the Business School’s international operations in the UK, China and Malaysia.

The quality of research carried out by Nottingham University Business School was recognised by the Research Assessment Exercise 2008, which ranked the School sixth in the UK for research – 95 per cent of research in the School was considered of international quality, while 70 per cent was considered ‘world leading’ or ‘internationally excellent’.

Our academic staff includes leading experts in entrepreneurship and innovation, corporate social responsibility, global finance and investment, organisational behaviour, international marketing and international business operations management.

We offer several taught undergraduate degree programmes and masters programmes. A PhD programme is also on offer, with supervisors available for a wide range of interests (for more information, see page 12).

Our taught programmes include a preliminary year in which the emphasis is on English for academic purposes for international students who have not come through an English-medium school system. International students can bypass the first year if they have the requisite qualifications (for more information, see page 63, or visit www.nottingham.edu.cn/en/admissions).

Ensuring all our students develop an international outlook is paramount. Our postgraduate programmes have participants from over 20 countries, providing a rich variety of business perspectives. Some of our postgraduate programmes are designed for applicants who do not have a first degree in a business subject and all offer an ideal route to progress or change your career.

We offer all our postgraduate students a specialist careers service, alumni network and excellent facilities on campus.

Assessment

Assessment varies between modules. Some are assessed by a formal exam, some by coursework, and many by a combination of both. The nature of the coursework also varies, and includes individual essays, group and individual projects, case studies and assessed presentations.

The first year of the undergraduate course and the foundation year of the masters programme are qualifying years, which you need to progress to the second year. However, the marks obtained do not count towards the final degree classification.

Final degree awards are based on marks obtained in the third and final years of study weighted 30:70 per cent respectively.

Professional accreditation

The degrees granted by The University of Nottingham are the same whether you graduate in the UK, China or Malaysia. This means that UNNC’s graduates of BA Finance, Accounting and Management and BA International Business Management can obtain exemptions from a number of professional examination papers set by the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA), the Association of Certified and Chartered Accountants (ACCA), and the Institute for Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW).

Studying abroad

We offer opportunities to study at the University’s campuses in the UK and Malaysia, as well as other international partner institutions, for one or two semesters.

Career prospects

We run programmes to connect top employers in China and international global corporations with our students. Regular events help students improve employability by developing professional skills.

Our students gain employment in banking and other financial services, while many others develop careers in management, personnel and marketing. Our students are in demand among large government enterprises and public and private companies with global aspirations.

Application

Offers are made without interviews. We consider applicants on the basis of their academic merits.

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Undergraduate programmes

BA Finance, Accounting and Management

This course provides a comprehensive undergraduate education in finance and accounting, coupled with a fully integrated understanding of the theory and practice of management in different organisations. In particular, the degree provides a strong interdisciplinary core of material in accounting and finance theory and practice, focusing on the modern firm and its financial environment

As a graduate, you will have a firm foundation for a successful career in a range of business areas, or for further study and research. You will have detailed knowledge of finance, accounting and management concepts and the skills to independently apply them to business issues.

BA International Business Economics

This degree course provides a practical grounding in economic theory with a particular focus on its application to the Chinese economy and its business environment. It includes elements of quantitative analysis, organisational behaviour, management, computing and strategic problem-solving skills.

It also provides an understanding of theoretical and applied microeconomics needed for China’s continued industrial development, with a focus on the modern business enterprise and its operating environment.

A combined management and economics degree has enormous prestige with foreign companies, whether in research or in general management. Knowledge of western economics together with a clear understanding of the problems facing the Chinese economy will also be very attractive to planners in government and the private sector.

BA International Business Management

This course provides a comprehensive education in the theory and practice of management business. The emphasis is on international business issues.

The course has as its focus the concept of the organisation and its operating environment. It provides an understanding of the way in which organisations might be made to operate more effectively in the modern world.

The degree’s core subjects include organisational behaviour, strategic management, marketing, finance and accounting, economics, and international business. Around these compulsory modules, you will assemble a suite of optional modules from the business school or other academic divisions to match your own academic and career interests and requirements.

This course equips you with a range of skills and knowledge that will be of practical use in your future career. Your international experience will also improve your employability among global corporations.
BA International Business with Communications Studies
This degree programme provides you with a broad education in the theory and practice of business management, with an emphasis on international business issues, language and communications. The combined degree aims to provide a better understanding of the way in which organisations might be made to operate more effectively in the communications-dominated contemporary world.

The business element of the degree is based on a set of core modules organisational behaviour, strategic management, marketing, finance and accounting, economics, and international business. Communications studies covers language, culture and media as well as information-technology-related communications subjects.

This course is an excellent foundation for a wide range of careers in business and industry and the media. It will equip you with a range of skills and knowledge that will be of practical use in a challenging global work environment.

BA International Business with European Studies
This degree course provides theoretical and practical grounding for the major disciplines of modern business. It develops important cognitive, problem-solving, qualitative, quantitative, computing, interpersonal, group-working and research skills. The degree prepares you for a business and management career and equips you with the capacity for lifelong learning in the global business environment. The course offers you a firm foundation in European culture and society which will assist you in doing business with Europe, an area vital to China’s globalisation strategy.

BA International Business with French/German/Spanish/Japanese/Chinese
This degree course provides theoretical and practical grounding in the key disciplines of modern business. You develop a competence in an Asian or European language, together with an appreciation of important management issues.

International students have the opportunity to become competent in Mandarin as they deepen their knowledge of management issues in modern China. Students take core modules in entrepreneurship, business computing and quantitative methods.

This degree prepares you for a business and management career and equips you with the capacity for lifelong learning in the global business environment. In an increasingly international work environment, graduates armed with business know-how as well as language skills are likely to succeed.

Postgraduate programmes

MSc Finance and Investment
This postgraduate programme provides an opportunity to study core elements based on capital investment activity, equity markets, fixed interest markets and derivative markets. You will broaden your field of knowledge through modules related to the core subjects. A dissertation in your chosen area of finance and investment will give you an opportunity to apply your specialist knowledge and develop your expertise.

The modules for this MSc introduce all the main techniques used by the modern investment professional. With practical application in mind, theoretical models include the use of specialist software. Mathematical techniques and spreadsheet models are also integrated into the programme. By the end of the course, you will be well prepared for a career in finance and investment, or other high-flying positions in a wide range of areas.

MSc International Business
This course provides an opportunity for non-business and management majors to convert to this discipline.

Students are introduced to the core knowledge and skills applicable to international business and management strategy. There is a strong emphasis on global business issues and the business systems of Europe and the Far East.

Over the summer months you will write a 20,000-word dissertation on a topic directly related to international business that links the core disciplines with detailed empirical research. By the end of the programme, you will be familiar with most aspects of the world of international business and have the relevant skills for a career in this environment.

MSc International Management
This high-level programme looks at broad management issues. It provides theoretically grounded coverage of key conceptual and practical developments across a wide range of management disciplines, including marketing, human resource management, economics, finance and accounting, and corporate strategy.

Applicants for this MSc will normally have studied, or be studying, a degree majoring in management, business studies or applied economics.

By the end of the programme you will have developed your in-depth knowledge of important international management concepts. You ability to analyse complex business issues and apply your knowledge to real-life situations will greatly enhance your employment prospects.

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Our teaching is delivered by world-renowned scholars. As an undergraduate, you will undertake tutorial sessions with some of the brightest students in your peer group from around the world. You will also study at a unique, vibrant campus with access to state-of-the-art facilities.

You will have the added advantage of exploring economics from the vantage point of China, which is now the second-largest economy in the world after three decades of rapid growth and social development. Your insights into the world’s most remarkable economic success story along with your international experience will impress any future employer.

By the end of your programme you will have a thorough understanding of economic theory and quantitative methods and the relevance of such methods to the study of economic questions of cultural, political or social importance. You will have examined the major themes in economics and international economics in substantial detail.

You will graduate with essential analytical skills in core disciplines of economics, including microeconomics, macroeconomics, and international trade. You will have expertise in quantitative methods, such as time series, panel and cross-sectional econometrics and mathematical economics. You will have a sophisticated understanding of all the major sub-disciplines of economics, from financial and monetary economics to development, public and labour economics.

As one of the first students to complete the programme at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China you will enjoy all the benefits that come with this distinctive and intellectually rigorous training for the next generation of economists. You will be familiar with the key analytical techniques that economists use in practice. Employers will value your capacity to grasp economic concepts, whether they are mathematical or philosophical in nature.

Taught courses

- BSc International Economics and Trade

What is economics?

At Nottingham, economists analyse issues such as economic development, international trade and public policy, including health, labour markets, food and the environment, the macroeconomy and the European Union. The University also has research specialisms in economic theory and econometrics and hosts Europe’s largest group of researchers in experimental and behavioural economics.

How will I study?

The majority of teaching is delivered through lectures, supported by a tutorial programme and seminars. Outside taught hours, you will be expected to spend time reading and researching for written assignments.

Assessment

Assessment varies between modules. Some are assessed by formal exam, some by coursework, and many by a combination of both. The nature of the coursework also varies, and includes individual essays, group and individual projects, case studies and assessed presentations. In your final year, you will be given the opportunity to demonstrate your understanding of economics concepts through an independently researched dissertation.

Studying abroad

The University is a founder member of the Universitas 21 (U21) consortium – an international network of research-intensive universities. This means you can apply to spend a semester studying at one of the partners in U21 or choose from more than 15 other options. If your degree is taught at our campuses in the UK and Malaysia you may be able to spend up to a semester of your degree studying there.

For more information, please contact our International Office (see page 19).

Career prospects

The growth of economic awareness has increased the demand for economics graduates. At The University of Nottingham Ningbo China you will acquire a range of economic and transferable skills, enabling you to enter a wide range of careers including those in government, international agencies, private sector organisations and education. Many students also go on to further study.

Undergraduate programmes

BSc International Economics and Trade

This programme is designed in a way which combines instruction in the core scientific and theoretical elements of economics with a keen awareness of the profound relevance of economics principles to questions of current and topical relevance and concern. A key feature of this programme is its emphasis on international economic issues, exploiting the world-leading reputation of the Nottingham School of Economics for research and teaching on issues of globalisation, trade and economic policy.

International employers rate our degrees highly and companies that have recruited our graduates in recent years include the world’s biggest accounting and consultancy firms, central banks, investment banks and asset management companies. Market research, management services and government economic and statistical services are also obvious fields of employment. Starting salaries for economics graduates are among the highest of all the University’s students.

Application

Offers are made without interview.

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PhD opportunities

We offer PhD opportunities in many areas of economics. Please contact us.

“I chose The University of Nottingham Ningbo China because, as a Business School student, I recognised the importance of understanding the culture and language of China, a major player in the global economy. I think that studying here has benefited me both personally and professionally. As an individual I have developed my ability to cope on my own and with new and challenging situations. I have benefited professionally: employers are impressed by my decision to study in China because it demonstrates many employable characteristics that are often difficult to demonstrate, such as the ability to take on challenges.”

Ann Webborn
BA Industrial Economics, final year
Studying at UNNC on an exchange from The University of Nottingham, UK
International Studies

At the forefront of teaching and research, Nottingham has one of the largest schools devoted to international relations in the UK. The University of Nottingham Ningbo China builds on these strengths to offer you a unique education in international affairs.

You will develop the expertise to think critically about the world and find solutions to major issues that impact on international business, trade and commerce and diplomacy. You will gain fresh insights and learn to think innovatively about key areas, such as international organisations, international law, international development, and global economics.

At The University of Nottingham Ningbo China you will have the unique opportunity to explore exciting topics of vital importance to the world from the vantage point of China, which is becoming increasingly influential in international affairs. Public lectures by distinguished guests, conferences, workshops, debates and many other activities complement your programmes.

Degree courses are developed through a range of disciplines, including political science, history, international political economy and sociology. There is a strong focus on environmental sustainability and other international issues of vital importance to humankind in our courses.

We provide a vibrant, intellectually challenging and welcoming environment for all of our students. Assessment methods and coursework give you the opportunity to develop important communication skills, like strategic negotiation, debating and presenting your findings in a professional manner to a group.

Excellence in research and teaching are our priorities. Our research strengths include British, European, Asian and African history and politics; transitions to democracy; diplomacy; and international security.

What is international studies?

There has never been a more exciting time to study for a degree in international studies. Rapid changes in international relations have an impact on all our lives. Our courses give you the opportunity to understand and debate issues you are passionate about with like-minded peers and leading academics.

How will I study?

Teaching is through a combination of lectures and seminars. You will be given access to the latest information and scholarly analysis on issues.

Our lecturers have built national and international reputations for excellence in research and have published numerous books and articles in key journals. Their research feeds into the content of all our programmes.

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Assessment varies between modules. Some are assessed by formal exam, some by coursework, and many by a combination of both.

The nature of the coursework also varies, and includes individual essays, group and individual projects, case studies and assessed presentations.

Career prospects

Our graduates have excellent career prospects. Many take on roles in large international organisations.

A degree in international studies equips you for a career in any area that requires the ability to read complex social processes across borders, including the global media, governmental and non-governmental international organisations, national and local administrations and bureaucracies that deal across borders, multi-national business, and global research and teaching.

Application

Offers are made without interviews. We consider applicants on the basis of their academic merits.

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Undergraduate programmes

BA European Studies

This degree is designed for students who want to specialise in the field of Europe’s relations with China and the rest of the world and those who want to pursue careers with organisations operating in the fast-growing area of Sino-European cooperation.

The programme introduces you to policy-making in the European Union and equips you with skills for working with and for the EU. It also develops the cultural awareness and international understanding essential for success in any venture with European links.

As a graduate, you will have a thorough knowledge of important theories and concepts. You will also have the ability to develop and sustain a reasoned argument and to critically analyse political situations.

BA International Studies

This degree programme offers you the opportunity to develop knowledge and understanding of past and present politics, economics and societies, especially in Europe, North America and Asia. Globalisation has made it more important than ever for young professionals to exhibit a high level of international awareness in the 21st-century workplace, whether this is a government, business or academic organisation.

On completion of the course, you will have a broad understanding of international studies and the ability to analyse political ideas and concepts. Your skills will include the ability to think and study independently and to develop and sustain a reasoned argument.

Your international experience will impress organisations with global operations and aspirations that are looking to hire individuals who can thrive in challenging environments.

BA International Studies with French/German/Spanish/Japanese/Chinese

This innovative degree programme combines core training in international studies with an intensive language programme that allows you to develop a working knowledge of a modern language. Language modules are offered from beginner to advanced level.

You have the opportunity to tailor your degree to your interests by including communications and business modules in your programme. You will hone your analytical abilities through a dissertation in your final year.

By the end of your course, you will have a thorough knowledge of important international concepts. You will have the ability to think through ideas critically and to develop and sustain a reasoned argument. You will have the intellectual skills needed to cope in a globalised work environment and the linguistic ability necessary to operate confidently at an international level.

Postgraduate programmes

MA International Relations and World History

This programme gives you the opportunity to develop your analytical excellence in a field of internationally relevant research. A wide selection of modules allows you to specialise in a variety of different areas. Dissertations are written under the guidance of experienced academic staff, who include world-leading experts on China and Asia in general, Russia, Europe and Africa.

You will explore international affairs from a theoretical point of view. You will be introduced to key concepts and have access to the latest research.

There is a strong vocational component, so you will complete a compulsory internship at an international organisation – governmental or non-governmental – during your summer break. This experience will be an asset to your CV.

You can choose from a range of modules in politics, history and law. Small class seminars allow you to develop your analytical skills, oral and written presentation techniques, rhetorical abilities as well as your capacity to research, compile and produce thematic reports.

Case studies and occasional simulation games will deepen your theoretical and practical knowledge of negotiation, diplomacy and international affairs. Your dissertation will give you the opportunity to prove the breadth and depth of your knowledge.

PhD opportunities

We offer PhD opportunities in many areas of international studies. Please contact us.
Admissions

How to apply
An application form is available on our website (International Students’ section: www.nottingham.edu.cn) or from:
Recruitment and Admissions Office
t: +86 (0)574 8818 0112/0262
t:+86 (0)574 8822 2483
e: admissions@nottingham.edu.cn
w: www.nottingham.edu.cn/en/admissions
You will need to include the following documents with your application:
• two references in signed and sealed envelopes
• academic transcripts
• degree certificates/high school diploma
• English language test score report (eg IELTS or TOEFL) if applicable
• a photocopy of the main page of your passport
• four passport-size colour photographs
• receipt of payment of application fee.
A completed application form and supporting documents should be posted to:
International Admissions Office
The University of Nottingham Ningbo China
199 Taikang East Road
Ningbo 315100
China
We encourage applications to be made by 31 May 2012.
Late applications will be seriously considered subject to availability of places.
For details of how to apply for a PhD, see page 65.

Entry requirements: undergraduate degrees
Preliminary year entry
Students from 12-year education systems are normally required to have graduated from high school. Applicants for all degree programmes should have achieved a minimum GCSE grade B (or equivalent qualification) in relevant subjects. Applicants must be at least 17 years of age at the start of the course.
In addition to the University entry requirements, international students whose first language is not English or whose entry qualification was not obtained in the medium of English are required to provide evidence of their proficiency in English.
The minimum English language requirement is:
• IELTS 5.5, with the writing band no less than 5.0 or
• TOEFL (paper based) 525 + TWE no less than 4.0 or
• TOEFL (iBT)71 (minimum 17 in any element)
Year one entry
Students from 12-year education systems are normally required to complete a preliminary year before entering the first year of an undergraduate programme.

Minimum English language requirement:
• IELTS 6.5 with the writing band no less than 6.0 or
• TOEFL (paper based) 575 + TWE no less than 4.5 or
• TOEFL (iBT) 88 (minimum 19 in any element)
The minimum English language requirement for BA English Language and Applied Linguistics/BA English Language and Literature is:
• IELTS 7.0 with the writing band no less than 6.5 or
• TOEFL (paper based) 600 + TWE no less than 5.0 or
• TOEFL (iBT) 100 (minimum 21 in any element)

Students working in the Aroma Cafe on campus at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China.
Entry requirements: postgraduate degrees
The University offers two types of postgraduate programme: a one-year direct-entry postgraduate degree programme and a two-year postgraduate programme with year one as a preparatory year and year two as the degree year.

Academic requirements
We consider applicants solely on the basis of their academic merits. Normally, applicants should hold a good first degree at 2:1 level or above, or an equivalent qualification.

MSc International Management: applicants should have a bachelor’s degree in a related subject, such as management, business studies, marketing, economics, accounting and finance.

MSc Finance and Investment: applicants should have previously completed some undergraduate modules in accounting and finance.

MSc International Business: applicants should have a bachelor’s degree in a non-business related subject (any discipline except business and management).

MA Interpreting and Translation: applicants should have a bachelor’s degree in any subject and very strong English and Chinese language skills. Applicants with English as a second language should have a good undergraduate degree. Applicants with Chinese as a first or second language should have a degree at 2:1 level or equivalent and a level of competence in written and spoken Chinese equivalent to Advanced level HSK.

MA International Communications Studies/MA Contemporary Chinese Studies/MA International Relations and World History/MSc Communication and International Entrepreneurship: open to graduates of all subjects.

MA Applied Linguistics and English Language Teaching: applicants must have a first degree (BA) in a relevant subject (English studies, linguistics, etc.). and a minimum of two years of approved teaching experience (or equivalent).

MA Applied Linguistics/MA Applied Linguistics and World Englishes: applicants must have a first degree (BA) in a relevant subject (English studies, linguistics, etc.).

MRes (Master by Research): applicants should have a bachelor’s degree at 2:1 level or above (or equivalent) in an appropriate subject.

In addition to the University entrance requirements, international students whose first language is not English or whose entry qualification was not obtained in the English medium are required to prove their proficiency in English.

Two-year masters
Minimum English language requirement:
• IELTS 6.5 with the writing band no less than 5.0 or
• TOEFL (paper based) 525 + TWE no less than 4.0 or
• TOEFL (iBT) 71 (no less than 17 in any element).

One-year masters
Minimum English language requirement:
• IELTS 6.5 with the writing band no less than 6.0 or
• TOEFL (paper based) 573 + TWE no less than 4.5 or
• TOEFL (iBT) 88 (no less than 19 in any element).

Minimum English language requirement for the MA Interpreting and Translation, Mandarin and English, MA Applied Linguistics, MA Applied Linguistics with World Englishes, MA Applied Linguistics and English Language Teaching and MSc Communication and International Entrepreneurship:
• IELTS 7.0 with no less than 6.0 in any element or
• TOEFL (paper based) 600 + TWE no less than 4.5 or
• TOEFL (iBT) 100 (minimum 19 in any element).

PhD
The University will recruit PhD students on a full-time and part-time basis for the 2013/14 session. PhD supervision will be offered across the University, with the focus on areas of research strength including international studies, English studies, international business, computer science, international communications, sustainable development and engineering.

The PhD programme offers flexible supervision between The University of Nottingham Ningbo China and The University of Nottingham, UK. Depending on the proposed research, students may be required to spend part of their studies at the UK campus, but students will be registered at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China. The degree will be awarded by The University of Nottingham, UK. The degree is also recognised by the Chinese Ministry of Education.

Study period
Full-time: normally three to four years
Part-time: normally four to six years

Entry requirements for PhD study
Applicants for PhD programmes are generally required to hold an honours degree at 2:1 level or above (or international equivalent) in an appropriate subject.

Applicants with a degree from a Chinese university should have completed a masters degree. Evidence of relevant personal, professional and educational experience may be taken into consideration.

You will need to include the following documents together with your application form:
• a research proposal
• degree certificates and official transcripts
• two references in signed, sealed envelopes
• IELTS or TOEFL test score
• a copy of ID/passport; four passport-size colour photographs
• application fee RMB 120.

If there are original copies and photocopies of certificates for awards, works and essays, they may also be submitted.

Students whose first language is not English or whose entry qualifications was not obtained in the English medium are required to provide satisfactory evidence of their proficiency in English. Requirements for admission to the PhD programme are IELTS 6.5 or 7.0 depending on the area of study.

There is no deadline for receiving applications but the main admission dates are October, January, March and June of each year.

For more information on PhD admissions, please contact the Recruitment and Admissions Office:
t: +86 (0)574 8818 1063
f: +86 (0)574 8822 2483
e: phdadmissions@nottingham.edu.cn

International qualifications
The University is familiar with a wide range of overseas school-leaving qualifications and works closely with the British Council, both in the UK and abroad.

For further information on how your qualifications may entitle you to study at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China, please contact the International Admissions Team using the details below.

Opportunities to visit
An open day for students takes place in April every year.

This is a great opportunity to see the University’s facilities, attend talks about our degree programmes, talk with current students about university life in general and get advice on admissions. To find out more about our open days, visit our website at www.nottingham.edu.cn and click on ‘Events’.

If you cannot attend an open day you can still visit the University. Please contact the Recruitment and Admissions Office to arrange visits at other times. Organisations and schools groups wishing to visit the University should contact the International Office at international@nottingham.edu.cn

Contact
Recruitment and Admissions Office

Admissions
**International students with foreign passports:**

**Undergraduate:** RMB 80,000 per year

- 2+2 programmes:
  - Year one and two: RMB 80,000 per year
  - Year three and four: Nottingham UK international student fee* minus £2,000 scholarship from The University of Nottingham, or EU fee where appropriate.

  - BA English Language and Applied Linguistics:
    - Year one and two: RMB 80,000 per year
    - Year three and four: Nottingham UK international student fee* minus £1,000 scholarship from The University of Nottingham, or EU fee where appropriate.

- 4+0 programmes: RMB 80,000 per year

  * Fee in year three and year four will be charged at the Nottingham UK international student rate based on the year students were admitted to The University of Nottingham Ningbo China.

**Postgraduate (one year)** RMB 90,000 per year

- Postgraduate (two year) RMB 80,000 per year

  Fees are inclusive of library membership, IT services and examinations. Part-time participants pay on a per-semester basis at the fee level prevailing upon entry.

**PhD programmes**

For periods spent at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China, the PhD fee will be:

- RMB 80,000 per year for social sciences and arts and humanities students (RMB 70,000 for Chinese nationals)

- RMB 90,000 per year for computer science, engineering and sustainable development students (RMB 80,000 for Chinese nationals).

  The part-time fee will be 50 per cent of the full-time fee per year.

  Any full semester spent in the UK will be charged at the international student rate reduced by 10 per cent. Travel and accommodation are not included in the academic fee.

**Postgraduate (one year) RMB 90,000 per year**

- Accommodation costs

  Accommodation on campus for international students, which is a single, fully-furnished bedroom with western-style en suite shower and toilet, costs:

  - RMB 12,000 + RMB 1,000 deposit, per room, per year.

- **Books**

  This cost is approximately RMB 2,500 per year. The actual amount will be calculated and settled at the end of the academic year.

- **Insurance**

  This is compulsory and costs about RMB 600 per year.

- **Living expenses**

  Expect to spend about RMB 1,800-3,500 per month on meals, power, water, internet connection and entertainment and other necessities. This figure depends on your lifestyle and is the equivalent of about £700 per month in the UK.

- **Non-competitive scholarships**

  In addition to the 2+2 programmes which offer scholarships for the period of study based in the UK, The University of Nottingham Ningbo China offers the following scholarships:

  - Alumni scholarship

    A 10 per cent fee reduction is available for students applying for postgraduate studies at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China who have completed an undergraduate degree at The University of Nottingham in the UK, China or Malaysia.

  - Family scholarship for full-time students

    A 10 per cent fee reduction on the first year’s tuition fee is available for the children, brothers, sisters, husbands or wives of students who are currently registered on award-bearing courses at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China, or who have already successfully completed award-bearing courses.

  - Competitive scholarships

    These scholarships are designed to reward undergraduate and postgraduate students with outstanding academic performance on a competitive basis.

    Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic results in the previous academic year. For students on a one-year masters course, the Virgin Atlantic Scholarship awards a number of students a return flight to the UK to attend the Summer Institute.

    Allocation of scholarships is by The University of Nottingham Ningbo China and requires no additional application process.

  - Postgraduate scholarships and bursaries

    The University will provide for a significant number of full and partial scholarships and bursaries for excellent students. The number varies from year to year. Full details are available from the university website.

- **Survival Chinese**

  All our courses are taught in English. However, you will get the opportunity to develop a working knowledge of Mandarin outside your degree programme should you so choose. The University offers all international students at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China complimentary, non-compulsory Mandarin language lessons at beginner level to enhance the benefits of your exposure to the country and culture.
Instant access with QR codes

You may have noticed these intriguing black boxes throughout our prospectus:

These are QR (or Quick Response) codes and we’ve introduced them to give you instant access to our students’ experiences.

To watch their videos on your smartphone, follow the steps below:

Step 1
Download any QR code reader (there are lots of free ones)

Step 2
Open up the QR code reader on your phone and scan the codes

Step 3
Each code will direct your mobile browser to the relevant video

Once you’ve seen the video, we hope you’ll decide to visit us for real.

Connect with Nottingham

We use the latest technology to bring Nottingham to life and to ensure you can experience and interact with the University community anytime, anywhere in the world.