The University of Nottingham Ningbo China (UNNC) is a unique, world-class, international institution. 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 marketplace.

Nottingham is ranked within the top 1% 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 international 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 an international 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. They 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, The University of Nottingham Ningbo China
Pro-Vice-Chancellor, The University of Nottingham

Ningbo timelapse

Exchange student Mayowa Ojo captures the ebb and flow of life in the city of Ningbo and at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China from dawn until dusk: www.nottingham.ac.uk/pgvideos/Internationalvideos/ningbo-timelapse.aspx

You can view more student videos at www.nottingham.ac.uk/istudentvideos

Scan it: to find out how to watch this video on your smartphone see page 70.
Welcome to 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 more than 5,000 students from 40 countries around the world.
- 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 extracurricular 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.
- In April 2011, China’s Premier Wen Jiabao paid a surprise visit to our campus and spent time chatting with our students.
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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.

Nottingham’s educational values
Studying at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China means you’ll directly engage with the educational values of research-led teaching, an international environment and quality teaching spaces.

The teaching approach at UNNC is shaped and informed by The University of Nottingham. Our degrees run parallel to degrees offered at Nottingham, and are subject to the same quality assurance processes.

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

Studying in English
All our degree programmes are taught in English, and you will receive a British-style education. All coursework material is in English and all exams and assignments are submitted in English. Typically, you will be taught partly in large lecture groups and partly in smaller student groups of about 15-20. This student-centred learning will equip you with the skills and analytical abilities to thrive in business and industry.

Taught courses
Taught courses for undergraduate and postgraduate students provide a structured framework for study. They are based on a programme of lectures, seminars and tutorials. They 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 education, science and engineering, and social sciences.

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 undergraduate courses are four years in duration, incorporating a preliminary year where necessary – see page 65 for more information.

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 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.

International context
The University of Nottingham is a truly global institution. We welcome students and staff from across the world to our campuses in China, Malaysia and the UK and our teaching encourages interaction between students. Courses are internationally relevant and provide you with the opportunity to study abroad with one of our many overseas partner institutions. You will learn to find and evaluate information from a wide range of perspectives and be encouraged to build your own views with an awareness of the wider international picture.
“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 Julie Sanders
Vice-Provost for Teaching and Learning
Course structure
Our undergraduate programmes are taught over four years, incorporating a preliminary year, where necessary, and the traditional three-year University of Nottingham degree. Most students undertake the preliminary year (year one) then the qualifying year (year two) and then years three and four. The preliminary year gives academically able students who do not have the relevant qualifications for traditional entry 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 qualifying 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 65.

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 11 for further information.

Modules and choice
All our taught courses at undergraduate and postgraduate level are divided into modules. Modules are self-contained blocks of study, each of which is based on a particular subject area and assessed separately. You can usually tailor your studies to match your own interests through your choice of modules.

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 are core and compulsory; others you select according to your particular interests. Each module is assessed individually, usually by coursework and exam.

Towards the end of most programmes, you can choose to engage in independent, in-depth research in the form of a final-year dissertation. This will be instead of taught modules.
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. 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.

“Academic standards are very high and there is an excellent graduate employment record, helped by a good careers service.”

The Guardian University Guide 2013
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.

We provide the latest in advanced research facilities for our staff and postgraduate students.
At The University of Nottingham Ningbo China, the scope of research projects taking place 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 we are developing our research strengths in the fields of English language and linguistics, international relations, and journalism and media studies.

As a PhD student or postdoctoral fellow, you will play a key role in the University’s research community. You will share in exciting opportunities to tackle global issues in collaboration with some of the world’s foremost academics and leading industrial partners and will 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 11.
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.

For information about our taught masters programmes, see the relevant faculty pages later in this prospectus.

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

- computer science (compatibility and complexity in analysis, computational intelligence in transport, data mining, functional programming, machine learning, multi-objective optimisation)
- economics (international economics, international trade)
- education (international higher education)
- English (applied linguistics, discourse analysis, literary studies)
- engineering (chemical engineering, civil engineering, environmental engineering, material engineering, mechanical engineering, electrical and electronic engineering, architecture and built environment)
- geographical sciences (ecology, environmental policy and planning, geomorphology, hydrology and natural resource management)
- international business (entrepreneurship, finance, human resources, 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.

The PhD programme offers flexible supervision between the China and UK Campuses. Depending on your research, you may be required to spend part of your studies at the UK Campus, but you will be registered at UNNC. The qualification will be awarded by The University of Nottingham UK, and is recognised by the Chinese Ministry of Education.
PhD scholarships

We offer a limited number of full scholarships covering tuition fees and living costs for exceptionally qualified candidates. Graduate Teaching Assistantships, combining paid teaching with PhD research, may also be available.

More information can be found at www.nottingham.edu.cn/en/admissions/international/pg/phd

Scholarship package

• Tuition fee waived at The University of Nottingham UK, and The University of Nottingham Ningbo China
• £800 as monthly living allowance in the UK
• 3,000 RMB as monthly living allowance in China and free accommodation
• Return flight paid between campuses
• International medical insurance paid

Innovation Team scholarship

Students spend up to one year at The University of Nottingham UK, and the following two years at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China. You will have the opportunity to undertake research and internships with a variety of well-known companies. Research areas include new business models for the automotive sector in Ningbo, eco-efficiency evaluation for auto parts manufacturing, environmentally friendly design of molds/dies, new technologies and processes for recycling plastics, and clean production (with Zhejiang University).

International Doctoral Innovation Centre (IDIC) scholarship

Those on the IDIC scholarship will spend the first year at The University of Nottingham UK, and the following three years at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China. You will have the opportunity to undertake research and internship opportunities with industry partners.

Research areas covered in digital economy include: artificial intelligence; computational finance; data mining and knowledge discovery; mobile, pervasive and location-aware computing; intelligent optimisation and operations research; human-computer interaction; human factors engineering; and information systems.

Research areas covered in energy include: advanced combustion and gasification leading to cleaner power generation; coal-to-liquid transport fuels (petrol, diesel and higher fuel alcohols); enhanced oil/gas extraction technologies; non-conventional hydrocarbons, such as shale gas; the whole spectrum of carbon capture technologies covering integrated multi-pollutant control.

Engineering Intercampus scholarship

Students will spend one year at The University of Nottingham UK and the remaining time at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China.

Economics scholarship

Those on the economics scholarship will spend the first year at The University of Nottingham UK, and the following two years at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China. Research areas include international trade and world economy.

Other areas for scholarships

Business, computer science, education, engineering, English studies, finance, international communications and sustainable energy technologies, and international studies – for more information visit: www.nottingham.edu.cn/en/admissions/international/pg/phd

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Tongyu Zhou
PhD student, Centre for Sustainable Energy Technologies

Tony tells us about the nature of his research at UNNC:

www.nottingham.ac.uk/pgvideos/tongyuzhou

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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 2013*
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. Some students opt to cater for themselves and make use of several supermarkets in Ningbo, many of which offer products for western tastes.

24-hour access to medical care
The campus has a dedicated clinic with doctors and nurses on 24-hour call, and a new private hospital nearby which is equipped with an emergency department. 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, 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, squash 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 with 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 Tri-Campus title. The games are held on a different campus each year and are a huge event in the University’s sporting calendar.

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**Yeldar Aitkazin**
**MSc International Business**

Yeldar talks about the relationships he's forged with fellow students from around the world, and teaching staff at UNNC: [www.nottingham.ac.uk/pgvideos/yeldaraikazin](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/pgvideos/yeldaraikazin)

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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 taking part in 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.

“I’m very glad I made a change in my life which has brought any number of great stories and great opportunities that will serve as valuable for the rest of my life.”

Sebastian Naranjo Rodriguez (Panama)
BA International Studies
The University of Nottingham Ningbo China

See for yourself
View our China Campus image gallery at www.flickr.com/photos/uonottingham/collections
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 very valuable 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 is an important trading, business and manufacturing city on China’s prosperous east coast. It has one of the busiest ports in China which is also among the largest ports in the world.

The city of Ningbo places much importance on encouraging educational excellence. 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 the city on an electric bike or ‘e-bike’. Ningbo is a convenient base from which to explore China. The city is on major rail and bus routes and the 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 Watan, which is dominated by international restaurants and bars. In the centre of the city is Tianyi Square which, 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 – Gu Lou – which means Drum Tower, named after the 1,000-year-old architectural remnant which is still standing. This striking landmark is the central point of a bustling street-market zone popular among tourists who want to bargain for wares.

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.

Lao Watan, Ningbo’s Old Bund, is a cobbled international haven resting on the river. Students come here for pubs, bars and restaurants.
City life

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. There 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.

A seasonal climate
Seasons vary greatly in Ningbo. Make sure you have cool, comfortable clothes for summer and a warm coat 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 around two-and-a-half hours. The bridge is just under 36km (22 miles) long and was completed in 2007.

Parahan Pascal
BA International Studies with French
Parahan explains what attracted him to study in Ningbo and what he likes about the city:
www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugvideos/parahanpascal

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Follow us for tips on where to eat and drink, places to visit and things to do in Ningbo. Check in and see what your friends are up to at www.foursquare.com/uonchina
If you are registered for your degree programme at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China (UNNC), you can access opportunities to study for a period outside of China. Some of our courses include compulsory periods at our UK Campus.

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 UNNC through various exchange programmes.

Overseas opportunities
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. Please be aware, these are optional periods of study abroad so you will be expected to cover costs.

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. You will be responsible for your air tickets, accommodation and living expenses at the host institution.

Study abroad programmes
For an additional fee, the University offers the opportunity to study at our UK Campus or at one of the approved study abroad partners elsewhere in the world. For details, please check with the International Office – see page 25 or visit www.nottingham.edu.cn/en/international/home.aspx

Find out more about our international campuses on page 24.

There are plenty of green spaces on our 330-acre University Park Campus, UK.
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 UNNC. 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 UNNC for one or two semesters as part of their university education, earning credits to transfer back to their home institution.

This unique opportunity combines the experience of living in China with a flexible programme 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, 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.

If you wish to attend UNNC within the international exchange programme you must be studying at a university that has an agreement with us. Check with your home institution about opportunities for international exchange.

If you wish to apply for the incoming study abroad programme, you can do so directly to The University of Nottingham Ningbo China. If you are studying at one of our study abroad or international exchange partner universities, you should normally submit your application through your home institution in order to benefit from any special fee arrangements that may be in place.

Inter-campus mobility programme

Where suitable programmes and modules are available, students from the UK and Malaysia Campuses can apply through their home schools to study for one or two semesters at UNNC.

Modules offered at UNNC are fully equivalent to those offered at Nottingham UK, they are taught in English and the credits gained can be transferred.

A period of study in China provides you with the opportunity to continue with your planned course while taking advantage of the chance to experience Chinese culture and add to your CV.

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.

For incoming study abroad and international exchange programmes, contact:

`t: +86 (0)574 8818 0121`
`e: international@nottingham.edu.cn`
`w: www.nottingham.edu.cn/en/international`

For study abroad in the UK or Malaysia, contact:

International Office, The University of Nottingham, UK
`e: studyabroad@nottingham.ac.uk`
`w: www.nottingham.ac.uk/international/exchanges`

International Office, The University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus
`e: international.enquiries@nottingham.edu.my`
`w: www.nottingham.edu.my`

International Summer Schools

Our two-week courses, based at our award-winning campus in China, 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 fulfills the academic entry requirements. For more information visit www.nottingham.edu.cn/international-summer-school
Our Malaysia Campus is situated on the edge of a rainforest.
Our Jubilee Campus has striking architecture, making it a stimulating place to study and work.
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 330-acre University Park is the University’s principal campus. Often regarded as one of the most attractive in the UK, the campus 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. All this is just a short bus ride from the city centre on the dedicated Unilink bus service which runs during term time.

Jubilee Campus, UK
Just over two miles from Nottingham city centre, Jubilee Campus, which opened in 1999, is an exemplar in sustainable brownfield regeneration and has won numerous awards for its environmentally friendly design. The modern buildings include teaching and research facilities, halls of residence, 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. Just 10 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, an extensive library, the University farm based on 1,000 acres of farmland, 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 50 years.

A regular shuttle bus service operates between Sutton Bonington and University Park, and just a couple of miles away, the East Midlands Parkway railway station and East Midlands Airport offer students living on 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 facility based at the Royal Derby Hospital.

Malaysia Campus
Established in 2000, the Malaysia Campus moved to its own purpose-built campus in Semenyih, 30km (19 miles) 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, visit www.nottingham.edu.my

“A huge lake, views over Trent Valley, rolling Downs that sweep away into the distance, all a neat 10 minutes by bus from town.”

The Virgin Guide to British Universities 2012
(Referring to University Park Campus, UK)

Read more about our campuses at www.nottingham.ac.uk/about/campuses
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. For those who need it, our degree programmes include a preliminary year during which the focus is on improving English for academic purposes. 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 Shanghai Pudong Airport and Ningbo Airport during the induction period. 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 specifically 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. You are welcome to discuss any academic or personal issues with them.

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Our campus at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China is full of peaceful places to read and study.
We provide all our international students with the support and academic skills training they need to fulfil their potential. If necessary, our preliminary year will help you develop your English language skills so you can make the most of your degree programme.

At The University of Nottingham Ningbo China, all teaching and administration is carried out in English. This is 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 undergraduate and postgraduate students from a range of countries 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.

Centre for English Language Education
The Centre for English Language Education (CELE) is at the heart of the University's support system for international students. Our centre is probably the biggest of its kind in Asia, recruiting a large number of tutors who specialise in teaching English for academic purposes (EAP). You will spend your time honing your English language reading, writing and presentation skills under the guidance of your dedicated EAP tutor.

Your preliminary year
The preliminary year is intensive. 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.

You will be taught how to present your work in public and be shown techniques to help you keep improving your English skills and to develop habits for lifelong learning.

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

Ongoing support
In addition to the vital support you will receive in your preliminary year, you will have access to ongoing help and advice from the Academic Support Unit throughout your years of study. You will be given the opportunity to attend workshops and receive personal, one-on-one advice on maintaining and developing your language and academic skills. A comprehensive range of English language books in the Self Access Centre complements the specific advice you will receive from tutors who specialise in supporting student learning.

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 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 and content modules in order to progress to the first year of an undergraduate or masters programme.

Summer programmes
As well as offering EAP courses during the regular academic year, CELE 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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Survival Chinese
Although our courses are delivered in English, you can still choose to develop a working knowledge of Mandarin alongside your degree programme. 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.
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The University of Nottingham has one of the oldest and most reputable schools of English in the UK, and the Division of English at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China builds on that proud tradition, while offering unique and innovative programmes in English language and literature.

Our programmes seek to develop in our students the deepest understanding of how the English language operates at global, societal and personal levels. Our location in China and at the heart of Asia enables us to explore with you many interesting developments in the English language and its literature in contemporary multilingual and multicultural contexts. You will be taught a range of theories and analytical frameworks that will enable you to research English as it is used in the real world, and to explore how and why societies and individuals acquire and use this very important world language. In the process, you will gain a range of interdisciplinary perspectives (including the linguistic, literary, cultural, social and psychological) for exploring language in use.

By the time you graduate, you will have acquired not only sophisticated insights into how English and other languages work in social interaction, but also highly valued analytical and critical evaluation skills. Not only are these insights and skills valuable in themselves and appealing to employers, but they also enable you to be highly effective communicators, a much valued trait in any profession.

**What is English?**

English covers a wide range of disciplines. At UNNC, we offer two broad areas of study of the English language: applied linguistics, and literature in English. Applied linguistics is concerned with examining and analysing the language from various theoretical perspectives, and the uses of such analysis. Such study includes, among other approaches, sociocultural and psychological approaches. Literature is concerned with the study of literary texts, interpretation of their artistic meanings, and their appraisal. Study incorporates investigating their historical and social contexts, and may include multiple theoretical perspectives.

**How will I study?**

The Division of English has a first-rate reputation for teaching, drawing on a variety of methods. Our teaching approach emphasises independent learning, supported by expert guidance. We will help you develop autonomous approaches to learning, and you will engage in a number of practical projects, aside from learning through lectures, seminars and tutorials. You will be taught by multilingual staff whose expertise in English is informed by their international professional experience, and you will have many opportunities to attend talks by international visitors and world-renowned experts in English, linguistics and literature.

Staff members also offer individual consultations for discussion about your work and progress. This opportunity to discuss ideas and coursework directly with your tutors is integral to the culture of the University and can be one of the most rewarding aspects of your learning. Whether providing feedback on your research plans or discussing the results of an assessment, we are committed to helping you work to the best of your ability.

**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.

**Studying abroad**

We offer opportunities to study in the UK. You can opt for our 2+2 programmes, which entail spending two years here at the Ningbo Campus and two years at the UK Campus in the city of Nottingham.
Career prospects
Our graduates are among the most sought after in the UK and China. They move on to a wide range of careers. Some go into public relations, advertising and marketing, journalism and publishing. Others enter fields like university teaching, English language teaching, translation and interpretation, and international business. This degree also prepares you for work in any commercial setting which involves an international perspective and understanding.

Application
Offers are usually made to international students without a formal interview. We consider applicants on the basis of their academic merits. Students with non-standard entry requirements, including mature students, may be invited to an interview.

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Undergraduate

BA English Language and Applied Linguistics
One of the first British-style English language programmes in China, this degree programme aims to equip you with advanced critical insights into communication in English combined with a thorough understanding of Western linguistic theory and applied linguistic analysis.

In addition to standard theories of language, this course will ensure you develop a sophisticated understanding of how language is used in context and influenced by purpose, setting and audience. This programme will help you develop your communicative ability in English, both oral and written, at the highest level for international interactions, whether academic or professional.

The first two years of this programme are shared with the sister degree, the BA English Language and Literature. You will explore modern literature and develop advanced language skills.

In your later years of study, you will develop a thorough understanding of technical aspects of language description (grammar, phonetics and phonemics) and investigate research methods for applied linguistics. You will specialise in applied linguistics, pragmatics, psycholinguistics and sociolinguistics.

You have two choices for this degree:
• Two years’ study in Ningbo, followed by two years’ study on a fully integrated programme in Nottingham; or
• Four years’ study in Ningbo, with one-semester ‘study abroad’ possibilities.

BA English Language and Literature
This degree is based on the successful course which has been running in Nottingham for almost 300 years. You will learn to interpret and evaluate works of literature in English using different approaches and from different perspectives, including the historical, socio-cultural and aesthetic.

The first two years of this programme are shared with the sister degree, the BA English Language and Applied Linguistics. In your later years of study, you will develop an international perspective on the English language and its cultural history through a greater focus on its literature, while still pursuing linguistics-related modules.

Through your study of literature, you will gain valuable insights into diverse ways of thinking from different cultures, and deepen your appreciation of the creative resources of the English language. The sophisticated insights into human thinking, culture and linguistic creativity that you will gain on this course will appeal to a range of employers.

You have two choices for this degree:
• Two years’ study in Ningbo, followed by two years’ study on a fully integrated programme in Nottingham; or
• Four years’ study in Ningbo, with one-semester ‘study abroad’ possibilities.

BA English with International Business
This course offers you the opportunity to combine your flair and love of English language and literature with your desire to deepen your understanding of important business issues and concepts. You will combine your study of English with modules offered by the Nottingham University Business School China, which is part of the Nottingham University Business School in the UK, one of the best business schools in Europe.

By the end of your programme, you will have developed a good understanding of the nature and uses of English, in particular in the contexts of entrepreneurship and business. You will be highly knowledgeable on the theory and practice of business management with a particular focus on international business issues. You will have an understanding of the way in which organisations might be made to operate more effectively in the modern world.

Your high level of English language skills, knowledge and analytical abilities combined with an appreciation of how organisations can increase their efficiency in a globalised world will be attractive to potential employers with global aspirations. This programme will provide you with a unique and highly competitive set of skills. Please note that this is a highly selective programme with limited places.

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Postgraduate

Taught courses

MA Applied Linguistics

On this programme you will explore the role of language in human affairs using a variety of approaches, ranging from discourse analysis to corpus linguistics. With a particular focus on research methodology, you will have the opportunity to investigate language and communication from an interdisciplinary angle.

You will develop a thorough grounding in language research and its practical applications. The MA Applied Linguistics enjoys full recognition from the Economic and Social Research Council and is particularly suitable for students who wish to continue their studies at PhD level.

MA Applied Linguistics and English Language Teaching

This programme shares many modules with its sister degrees, the MA Applied Linguistics and MA Applied Linguistics and World Englishes. It also has a special focus on teaching contexts, and is distinguished from the two programmes by a requirement for you to undertake teaching-related courses. It is therefore ideally suited for the professional development of English language teaching professionals. If you have at least two years of teaching experience, you are eligible for this programme.

MA Applied Linguistics and World Englishes

This programme has few equivalents elsewhere. You will explore the nature and role of contemporary English in varied contexts around the world and combine your investigations with research and analysis in the field of applied linguistics.

After you have completed your programme, you will have a deep understanding of English in global political and cultural settings and of issues related to its use and functions in multilingual and multicultural societies. By the end of the course you will be knowledgeable about new and evolving sub-disciplines relevant to the study of English worldwide and the workings of language and communication in a variety of global contexts.

MSc Communication and International Entrepreneurship

This exciting interdisciplinary degree allows you to combine an interest in the English language and its workings with a desire to understand modern international business.

Having been introduced to the fundamental approaches to research and analysing language use, you will explore more deeply language and communication practices in professional, workplace and business contexts, and how these impact on the workings of organisations and businesses. You will also develop an understanding of intercultural communication. At the same time, you will undertake a range of modules in economics, entrepreneurship, management and marketing.

The programme emphasises the role and importance of effective communication in business and how language study contributes to effective business practice. There is a high demand for experts in communication with a deep understanding of the business environment, and this unique degree will make you appealing to many employers.

Research opportunities

PhD

We offer PhD opportunities in many areas of English. Please contact us for more information – see page 11.
“Studying in UNNC’s Division of English provides all the benefits of a good UK university: the modules on offer are interesting, lectures are thought-provoking, and the teaching staff are approachable and friendly. But I think the strongest aspect for me was the fact that this was all achieved in the unique environment of a truly international university. With staff and students from many different countries who all bring with them different teaching and learning experiences, there are lots of opportunities for meaningful class discussions about language and how it is taught.”

Amy Brown
MA Applied Linguistics and English Language Teaching
The University of Nottingham Ningbo China
The University of Nottingham Ningbo China offers a range of intellectually stimulating programmes across the rich and diverse subject areas of international communications. Our courses will prepare you 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 make use of communications has never been more important.

On your course, you will be given the opportunity to explore film, computer games and mobile media as social, cultural and industrial practices. You can learn how to research and write articles for publication in newspapers, magazines and online.

You will develop a working knowledge of other languages. You can choose from a range of modern European and Asian languages, including French, German, Japanese, Mandarin Chinese and Spanish. 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 with an insight into the world’s quickest growing economy, impressing any future employer. Your international education and experiences will be an asset to your CV.

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### Undergraduate
- BA International Communications Studies
- BA International Communications Studies (with Chinese)

### Postgraduate

#### Taught courses
- MA International Communications Studies
- MA Interpreting and Translation, Mandarin and English

#### Research opportunities
- PhD

### What is international communications?

International communications studies explores 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 Division of 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 as well as 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 23 research-intensive universities. This means you can apply to spend a semester studying at one of our U21 partner universities or choose from more than 22 other options.

We also offer opportunities to study at the University’s campuses in the UK and Malaysia.

Career prospects

Courses in international communications disciplines at Nottingham prepare students for many 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 Translation and Interpreting applicants. We consider applicants on the basis of their academic merits.

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Undergraduate

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 cultural, economic, linguistic, political, psychological and social 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 semiological approaches to reading. Languages are an important part of the degree programme: a European language (French, German or Spanish), Japanese or Chinese from beginners’ level will form a core element from years two to four.

BA International Communications Studies (with Chinese)

This course is almost identical to the BA International Communications Studies but includes modules with a focus on China and allows you to develop language skills in Mandarin. These skills are becoming increasingly important and appealing to employers as China continues to grow in prominence within the global economy.

Postgraduate

Taught courses

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, multiculturalism, culture, mass media, technology, ‘the information society’, digital media and the creative industries. 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.

The MA in International Communications can be useful for careers in the media, marketing, creative industries, government, business, and other related fields.

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 of economics and business, technology and ICT, and media and culture. You will have the opportunity to continue a second foreign language from intermediate level. Teaching will be enhanced by 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.

Research opportunities

PhD

We offer PhD opportunities in many areas of international communications. Please contact us for more information – see page 11.
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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, smartphones, games consoles, robotics and embedded systems. You will also be equipped to design and implement the systems of the future – whether these are 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 latest Research Assessment Exercise (RAE), 100% of the school’s research was deemed to be of international standard and the school was ranked 8th in the UK for research quality. Excellence in research feeds into the programmes available to you here.

Our courses are designed to produce high-quality graduates who show independent thought, flexibility and maturity, and who command a sound technical knowledge of the broad aspects of computer science.

Our graduates leave with an understanding of machines and people – a necessary combination for international careers in the information age. By the end of your course, you will have developed skills that are highly relevant to the conditions and opportunities of global citizenship in the 21st century. These include, but are not limited to, sound knowledge and proficiency in computing technologies, innovative and critical thinking, excellent international experience, and strong teamwork and communication skills.

Undergraduate
- 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)

Postgraduate
Research opportunities
- PhD

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 whole 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, smartphones 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; and commercial farmers are increasingly turning to computer science to implement best practice in their fields and sheds.
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 that 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.

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

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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Undergraduate

BSc Computer Science
You will graduate from this programme with a sophisticated understanding of the ways in which computer systems can support business with 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 www.nottingham.edu.cn/en/computerscience

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 of using a variety of techniques for problem solving, and an understanding of the professional, legal and ethical aspects of the discipline.

This degree programme will prepare 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 to 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 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 a general knowledge and understanding of computers and computer science; 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 which focuses 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 a 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.

**Postgraduate**

**Research opportunities**

**PhD**

We offer PhD opportunities in many areas of computer science. Please contact us for more information – see page 11.
“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
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 purpose-built engineering complex, excellent experimental and computational facilities, and 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 of your chosen specialist area.

We provide our graduates with an invaluable mix of technical and professional skills so they are prepared to meet the challenges of a broad range of careers. Your degree programme will equip you with essential technical know-how and vital knowledge of important concepts. By the time you complete your studies, you will also be skilled in presenting your work to critical audiences.

Ensuring all our students develop an international outlook is paramount. Our programmes have participants from around the world, providing a rich variety of perspectives.

All our courses are taught in English. However, you will get the opportunity to develop a working knowledge of Mandarin outside your chosen programme of engineering study. The University offers all its international engineering students complimentary, optional Mandarin language lessons at beginners’ level to enhance the benefits of your exposure to the country and culture.

The fact you have studied engineering from the unique vantage point of China will be appealing to employers seeking engineers who are globally competitive. Your international experience will be an asset to your CV.

**Undergraduate**
- BEng Architecture (4+0)
- BEng Architectural Environment Engineering (2+2 or 4+0)
- BEng Chemical Engineering (2+2 or 4+0)
- BEng Civil Engineering (2+2 or 4+0)
- BEng Electrical and Electronic Engineering (2+2 or 4+0)
- BEng Environmental Engineering (2+2 or 4+0)
- BSc Mathematics with Engineering (2+2)
- BEng Mechanical Engineering (2+2 or 4+0)
- BEng Mechatronic Engineering (4+0)
- BEng Product Design and Manufacture (2+2 or 4+0)

**Postgraduate**

**Taught courses**
- MSc Engineering Surveying and Geodesy

**Research opportunities**
- MRes Sustainable Energy Technologies
- PhD

**2+2 and 4+0 explained**

Students on the 2+2 degree programme spend the first two years at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China, including a preliminary year in which they improve their academic skills in English, if necessary. Native English speakers will usually miss the preliminary year and begin on the qualifying year of the course – see page 65. Students on the 4+0 programme spend their entire degree programme at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China, but can apply for opportunities to spend part of their degree programme on exchange elsewhere. The University is a founder member of the Universitas 21 (U21) consortium – an international network of 23 research-intensive universities. This means you can apply to spend a semester studying at one of our U21 partner universities or choose from more than 21 other options.
What is engineering?

Engineering is a combination of science, innovation and analytical skills. Engineers use their 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.

Electrical and 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. Mechanical engineers design machines and make products with high-quality parts supplied in a competitive global market.

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 GNSS surveying, for example GPS 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, low-carbon construction materials, solar dehumidification air conditioners, 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 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 find employment as engineering professionals within six months of graduating, while 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. Engineering graduates are also sought after for positions that are not engineering-related but require the skills of a highly analytical yet practical individual with the ability to think innovatively and find solutions to complex issues. Engineers often move on to senior executive positions during their careers.

Application

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

Contact

Undergraduate and postgraduate taught programmes

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Undergraduate

BEng Architecture

This course introduces design skills and technologies, combining humanities and sciences that influence the built environment, allowing you to acquire the necessary skills for architectural design and a wide range of careers. A study of historical precedent and environmental design are central to the design component of the course.

In this programme, you will learn how to design a small building within the wider context of human settlements and environmental concerns. Later, as you deepen your knowledge, you will be given the opportunity to work on more complex design projects.

By the time you graduate, you will have developed problem-solving skills in aesthetics, planning, building construction and building performance. You will have a broad grounding in design thinking, analysis, awareness of environmental issues and the multimedia connection of ideas.

Along with traditional architectural skills, we aim to develop vocational skills and environmentally responsible attitudes in a rapidly changing world. As a leading centre for research and teaching in sustainable energy technologies, the University will help you develop a thorough grasp of the latest breakthroughs in ‘green’ research. Your international experience will impress organisations that have global aspirations and are looking to hire individuals with keen insights into the major issues facing the construction industry.

Important information

The curriculum of this course is the same as the BArch Architecture offered at The University of Nottingham in the UK. As the Architects Registration Board in the UK does not accredit architecture courses taught outside the UK, the course in Ningbo carries a different degree title. Please contact our undergraduate programme coordinator (fose@nottingham.edu.cn) for more information about this degree course and the career pathways available to you.

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 environmental design and building services systems are developed throughout the course. Optional modules develop key management skills.

As a student at one of the leading research universities in ‘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 through 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 of 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 format. 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 you will take with other engineering students include professional engineering skills, engineering mathematics, engineering solid mechanics, fluid mechanics and hydraulics, and sustainable traffic planning. 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 to 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 of 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 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 experimentation 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 technological areas including audio-visual technologies and satellite communications – the choice is almost limitless.

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 knowledge 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 of 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 end of the course, 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 treatment, water pollution control, waste disposal, conservation, insurance, and banking. On graduating you will have developed your knowledge of science and engineering, together with a wide range of transferable skills including IT, communication, analysis, problem solving, teamworking and management. You will be highly sought-after by companies worldwide to work in areas such as process and product design, management and consultancy.

By the end of your course, you will have developed skills in product design, materials and manufacture that will enable you to undertake creative professional practice in the fields of product design or product development. Your international experience, at the heart of China’s prime manufacturing area, will be a valuable asset to your CV.
BSc Mathematics with Engineering
This course offers a mathematical education with an emphasis on the practical application of mathematical ideas. It provides an opportunity to study engineering across a range of disciplines without having to specialise in just one area. The particular combination of mathematics, engineering and computing in this degree programme is one likely to appeal to a wide range of employers. You will acquire engineering experience, along with a basic knowledge of mathematical methods, applied mathematics, probability and statistics, as well as modelling skills applicable to physical and engineering problems.

You will have the opportunity to pursue in depth some areas of mathematical and computational methods, and applied mathematics. As a graduate you will appreciate the role of mathematical modelling in providing a theoretical foundation for applications in engineering. You will develop your ability to think logically and critically, to acquire problem-solving skills, and to become a competent user of mathematical software.

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. Design is the key integrating element in all years of the course, and you will be involved in design projects that you will manufacture and test in our student workshop.

In your final year, you will undertake an individual project involving computational or experimental investigations, 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 productivity, reduce costs of manufacture and ensure 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.

BEng Mechatronic Engineering
Mechatronic engineering is a professional discipline that combines electrical and mechanical engineering with computer technology and control engineering. This discipline draws on expertise and professional skills from various fields that have evolved to form a specific specialism in its own right.

Modern industrial and technological development has seen the evolution of complex, intelligent machines that have moving parts, controlled by software-dependent electronic devices that have led to the emergence of this multidisciplinary engineering profession. Mechatronic engineering explores and utilises new technologies in automation and robotics, allowing tasks in hazardous environments or precise positioning to be accomplished for the benefits of health, safety, society and economy. There has been growing interest and demand in the industry for professional mechatronic engineers in recent years.

By the end of the course, you will acquire the basic knowledge and understanding of the scientific base of mechatronics that will equip you to practise as a professional mechatronic engineer. You will have developed knowledge in mathematics to allow you to analyse complex problems in mechatronics and gained an understanding of the development of mechatronic systems and manufacturing processes. You will also develop the skills required to design mechatronic systems, as well as a high level of practical skill in information technology.

BEng Product Design and Manufacture
Product design is an exciting profession. There is something very rewarding about seeing a product that you have designed in a store or, even better, being used by someone. As a product designer you are concerned with the needs of the end user, but you are also responsible for many other issues. Design can make people’s lives better and make businesses more successful, so it is important that a designer is fully prepared for a future career in a responsible profession.

This course equips you for a career in product design, industrial design or in the product development sector. The course has been developed to address the specific needs of industry to give its graduates the best possible chance of obtaining the job they want.

A graduate’s ability to come up with creative solutions to design problems is of paramount importance to employers, but it is also essential that their proposed designs can be manufactured within the constraints of time, money and quality. That is why these courses place great emphasis on the manufacturing aspects of design. There is no point designing a product that cannot be made or is too expensive to manufacture. The course values creativity whilst emphasising an understanding of manufacturing, ergonomics and materials.

The degree provides a firm understanding of design and the aesthetic and analytical approaches in developing new products.
Postgraduate

Taught courses

MSc Engineering Surveying and Geodesy

This course will develop your understanding and working knowledge of the principles and applications of a variety of surveying devices and techniques. It will provide you with the ability to appreciate and apply state-of-the-art engineering surveying techniques.

You will deepen your understanding of the principles behind surveying. You will explore reference systems and geodesy as well as the techniques and equipment used in engineering surveying, photogrammetry and satellite-positioning systems such as GPS. In addition to the formal part of the course, we run practical classes that allow you to learn how to operate a wide variety of state-of-the-art surveying equipment and software, including laser scanners, servo-driven total stations, RTK and network RTK GPS/GNSS, digital and analogue photogrammetry, LiDAR, SAR and InSAR. A pre-masters programme, in which the focus is on English language skills for academic purposes, is available for international students whose qualifications have not been obtained in the English medium.

International students also have access to non-compulsory Mandarin lessons, from beginner level, to help them take full advantage of their time in China. You will receive dedicated supervision from staff members. This is a key component of the degree, affording you the opportunity to conduct independent research which may be related to your employment.

By the end of your course, you will be able to apply your skills directly within the surveying industry. You will have developed the ability to react quickly to new technologies and innovations. You will be able to plan and undertake individual projects and communicate your ideas effectively in written reports as well as presentations to groups. Your international experience will impress organisations that are looking to hire individuals with unique insights into global engineering issues. You will leave The University of Nottingham Ningbo China with essential technical and professional skills, equipping you to meet the challenges of a broad range of careers.

Research opportunities

MRes Sustainable Energy Technologies

This is a one-year full-time research programme entirely based in Ningbo, China. The main focus of the programme is to provide students with a sound and coherent educational experience which develops practical skills relating to the methods and practices involved in energy, architecture and environmental issues. Competitive advantage may also be gained through maintaining the high levels of environmental conscientiousness which the programme advocates.

By the end of the programme, you will be able to work across separate disciplines and develop your innovation and design creativity within a sound operation context. You will also develop your transferable skills in research methods at postgraduate level and facilitate an in-depth investigation of a relevant topic through independent research.

PhD

We offer PhD opportunities in many areas of engineering. Please contact us for more information – see page 11.

“Electrical and electronic engineering is one of the most challenging and interesting courses at UNNC. It is vital that a student has a firm grasp of concepts and is able to handle practical situations effectively. Both these aspects are taken care of thanks to the constant help provided by the professors and by the abundance of resources available. Understanding the subject thoroughly is made easier by the practical sessions held in the top-quality laboratories present here. As a student of electrical and electronic engineering, I have a wide range of career opportunities. From designing and developing power generation systems to working in fields related to computers and IT, as well as the field of telecommunications, I am spoilt for choice!”

Yash Anil Singh Shikarwar
BEng Electrical and Electronic Engineering
Geographical Sciences

The environment is one of the most important and exciting areas for scientific enquiry today. The University of Nottingham Ningbo China provides a stimulating setting for study 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 sciences at UNNC takes a multidisciplinary approach to solving the world’s major environmental challenges. It encompasses, among other disciplines, geography, biology, mathematics and other sciences and also requires an understanding of social and policy issues.

Your studies will help you develop the skills to evaluate physical, chemical and ecological aspects of the environment, construct models of environmental processes and undertake risk analyses. You will also gain expertise in making informed decisions about the appropriate use of scarce resources.

By the end of the course, you will be equipped to assess environmental impacts, design experiments and monitoring programmes and gain skills in the technologies and applications of Geographical Information Science (GIS). 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 damage.

There will be opportunities for philosophical explorations that are relevant to real-life situations; for example, can technology solve environmental problems? Working on these challenges will help you improve your analytical and presentation skills, develop your ability to work effectively in a group and 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 and the expertise to make efficient use of scarce resources. Having acquired a broad understanding of the physical and human environment, you 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.

Undergraduate
• BSc Environmental Sciences (2+2 or 4+0)

Postgraduate
Research opportunities
• PhD

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. For the 4+0 programmes, you will spend four years at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China with ‘study abroad’ possibilities.

What is environmental sciences?
Bridging the natural and social sciences, environmental sciences is the ideal subject for anyone keen to maintain a broad and informed interest in the world around them. The activities of humankind have created many environmental problems from over-fishing and the pollution of water bodies to desertification and climate change. Identifying and solving the problems that arise from damage to our natural and managed ecosystems makes environmental sciences 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 range of assessment methods is used, including coursework and exams.

Career prospects
This course is designed to qualify you for careers in a wide range of environment-related 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.
Application

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

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Undergraduate

BSc Environmental Sciences

Classroom lectures are balanced with the development of practical and discipline-specific skills through laboratory and fieldwork, including direct observation and experience of environmental problems and remedies in both China and Europe. This learning is supported by small-group tutorials and seminars, both at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China and at The University of Nottingham UK. In the UK, you will be fully integrated with students following complementary degrees.

An important aspect of the course is the development of skills in Geographical Information Science (GIS), a key tool in modern environmental management. This is enhanced with key-skills modules dealing with other aspects of information technology related to environmental sciences, the handling of environmental sciences data and communicating environmental sciences issues.

Specific foundation environmental modules include Introduction to the Environment, and Global Environmental Issues. In your second year you will learn how to interpret environmental data and will delve into global environmental processes, environmental management and ecology.

As you progress through your programme, taught modules increasingly focus on the practical and applied aspects of environmental sciences.

We provide extensive resources, excellent academic and personal support and established international networks. As a graduate, you will have a wide range of career prospects based on your specialist knowledge and transferable skills.

Postgraduate

Research opportunities

PhD

We offer PhD opportunities in areas of environmental sciences. Please contact us for more information – see page 11.

“I came to The University of Nottingham Ningbo China because I wanted a British education. I enjoy studying environmental sciences because it is a multidisciplinary subject in which we need background knowledge of many areas, such as physics, geography, geology, statistics, biology, chemistry and hydrology. 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 sciences students are really capable of doing many different jobs.”

Kailin Hu
BSc Environmental Sciences, final 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 group.
Social Sciences

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PhD opportunities 55

Contemporary Chinese Studies

MA Contemporary Chinese Studies 58
PhD opportunities 58

Economics

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PhD opportunities 60

International Studies

BA European Studies 62
BA International Studies 62
BA International Studies with Chinese/French/German/Japanese/Spanish 62
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Nottingham University Business School China is part of Nottingham University Business School (NUBS), one of the UK’s leading centres for management education and ranked among the world’s top business schools.

NUBS is part of an elite group of business schools accredited by the European Quality Improvement System (EQUIS), the world’s leading accreditation for business schools. Uniquely, this EQUIS accreditation applies to all of the international operations of NUBS in the UK, China and Malaysia.

The quality of research carried out by Nottingham University Business School was recognised in the latest Research Assessment Exercise, which ranked the school 6th in the UK for research – 95% of research in the school was of international quality, while 70% 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, international business and 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 65 or visit www.nottingham.edu.cn/en/admissions

Ensuring all our students develop an international outlook is paramount. Our postgraduate programmes have participants from more than 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 progressing or changing your career.

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

Undergraduate
- BA Finance, Accounting and Management
- BA International Business Economics
- BA International Business Management
- BA International Business with Communications Studies
- BA International Business with Chinese/ French/German/Japanese/Spanish

Postgraduate
Taught courses
- MSc Entrepreneurship
- MSc Finance and Investment
- MSc International Business
- MSc International Management

Research opportunities
- PhD

Related courses
BA English with International Business (page 32)
BSc International Economics and Trade (page 60)
MA Contemporary Chinese Studies (page 58)
Students can include optional business modules in their degree programme.

MSc Communication and International Entrepreneurship (page 33)

What is business and management?
All courses in the Business School involve a study of organisations, their management and the changing external environment in which they operate. While the exact blend of subjects depends on the particular course, each degree prepares its graduates for a career in business and management, as well as developing skills in qualitative and quantitative analysis, critical thinking, oral and written presentation, information technology, group working and lifelong learning.

How will I study?
Nottingham University Business School China is an important part of The University of Nottingham Ningbo China. The campus includes dedicated teaching rooms, computer suites and a business library. The majority of our teaching is delivered through lectures, supported by interactive teaching such as tutorials, seminars, computer laboratory sessions, case study classes and online resources as appropriate.
Assessment

Assessment varies between modules. Some are assessed by formal exam, some by coursework, and many by a combination of both. In addition, assessment of class participation is increasingly common as NUBS China continues to integrate interactive teaching throughout the curriculum. 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 must be successfully completed before progressing to the second year. However, the marks obtained do not count towards the final degree classification.

Professional accreditation

The degrees granted by The University of Nottingham are the same whether you graduate in the UK, China or Malaysia. This means UNNC graduates with a BA in Finance, Accounting and Management or a BA in 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 our students with top employers in China and international corporations. Regular events will help you improve employability by developing professional skills.

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

Application

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

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Postgraduate programmes
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Undergraduate

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 business management. The emphasis is on international business issues.

The focus of the course is on the concept of organisations and their operating environments. 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 will equip 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 communication-dominated contemporary world.

The business element of the degree is based on a set of core modules in 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 Chinese/French/German/Japanese/Spanish

This degree course provides theoretical and practical grounding in the key disciplines of modern business. You will develop 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 will prepare you for a business and management career and equip 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

Taught courses

MSc Entrepreneurship

This unique and highly innovative masters degree programme gives a taste of what it is like to run your own business and will appeal equally to aspiring entrepreneurs and those seeking leadership positions within larger organisations. Additionally the programme provides a strong base from which to undertake postgraduate research study into the area of entrepreneurship.

Teaching and learning sessions are highly interactive, with a case study focus, so there is less emphasis on abstract theory and more emphasis on acquiring practical knowledge and decision-making. Much of the learning takes place outside the classroom so that students can see first-hand how business works in China and can develop an understanding of how to engage effectively with international partners and clients.

You will gain hands-on experience by formulating and developing a business idea into a real business plan, and will have the opportunity to work in a company where you can develop your innovative skills. These activities will allow you to engage directly with entrepreneurs in practice, and expose you to real-world business problem solving.

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. You will be 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. Your ability to analyse complex business issues and apply your knowledge to real-life situations will greatly enhance your employment prospects.

Research opportunities

PhD

We offer PhD opportunities in many areas of business. Please contact us for more information – see page 11.
Susan Schwarz
PhD student, Nottingham University
Business School

Susan talks about Ningbo as a base for international academics:
www.nottingham.ac.uk/pgvideos/susanschwarz

You can view all our postgraduate student videos at:
www.nottingham.ac.uk/istogramvideost/index.html

Scan it: to find out how to watch this video on your smartphone see page 70.
Contemporary Chinese Studies

The School of Contemporary Chinese Studies is established in recognition of the national and global importance of understanding contemporary change and transformation in China.

We train a new generation of researchers and practitioners, with academics conducting cutting-edge research with a focus on Chinese business, economy, geography, media and culture, history, language, law and politics. You will leave us with an insight into the world’s fastest growing economy, impressing any future employer.

Postgraduate

Taught courses
- MA Contemporary Chinese Studies

Research opportunities
- PhD

What is contemporary Chinese studies?

After almost 30 years of rapid economic growth and social development, China has become a powerful player in our global economy. In fact, China has become the world’s second-largest economy and an increasingly influential player in international affairs. The school aims to educate a new generation of leaders with a thorough understanding of China and its international impact.

Reasons to study contemporary Chinese studies at UNNC
- 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 and visit key locations in China
- Enjoy opportunities to immerse yourself in Chinese culture, society and language

How will I study?

Teaching methods include lectures, seminars, small-group tutorials and web-based activities, and for Mandarin language, group and individual work in the language laboratory. A typical module is taught in weekly two-hour sessions which might involve an introduction to the topic followed by group work or a class discussion.

You will have the option of developing your Mandarin language skills to intermediate or advanced level. No prior Mandarin language experience is required, although students with existing language expertise can be accommodated.

Assessment

Assessment methods include coursework, written exams, presentations, individual and group projects and a final-year dissertation.

Career prospects

After graduation, our students have gone on to pursue careers in law, finance, consultancy, non-governmental organisations, public relations, public-sector administration, teaching, tourism and entertainment, media, and management training in a range of top UK and international companies.

Application and interview

Offers are usually made without interview.

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Postgraduate

Taught courses

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 can choose to study Mandarin as optional modules, 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.

Your study at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China will enrich your cultural and linguistic experience and allow you to explore a range of themes and issues relevant for understanding contemporary China.

There is a growing demand among employers for graduates with specialist knowledge of China. The option to do a three-month internship instead of writing a dissertation will familiarise you with the working environment in China. This degree will also prepare you to pursue further study for a PhD in Chinese studies.

“Before I came to Ningbo as an exchange student, I had no idea what to expect. However, having been here for the last four months, it has been a wonderful experience. My fellow students, tutors and lecturers have helped to make this place my second home. The campus, my accommodation, facilities and environment have made my stay here a positive one. In my spare time I enjoy jogging around the track or the gym, and sometimes I get the whole gym to myself. On Sundays there is always transport available for those who wish to go to church or fellowship. There's nothing lacking here – I love Ningbo! ”

Nancy Ng
MSci Contemporary Chinese Studies
Exchange student from The University of Nottingham UK

Research opportunities

PhD

The School of Contemporary Chinese Studies’ PhD programme allows students to conduct in-depth research focusing on topics related to contemporary China. This includes a broad range of social sciences, humanities and business-related subjects as well as topics covering China policy through the school’s China Policy Institute. For areas our staff would be particularly interested in supervising, please visit our staff profile web pages at www.nottingham.ac.uk/chinese/people
The University of Nottingham’s School of Economics attained the highest possible score for teaching quality in a national assessment and was ranked third in the UK for the quality and volume of its research in the latest Research Assessment Exercise. It has expanded its offering to The University of Nottingham Ningbo China.

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 their relevance to the study of economic questions of cultural, political or social importance. You will have examined the major themes in economics and international trade 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.

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.

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; and the macroeconomy. The University also has research specialisms in economic theory and econometrics. We have one of the largest research centres in the world studying the economic impacts of globalisation and its consequences for economic policy.

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 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

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

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

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. We consider applicants on the basis of their academic merits.

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Undergraduate

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.

You will be provided with analytical and practical tools with which to understand China’s place in the world economy, and the ever-growing importance and influence of China and the wider region on the global economy. By the end of the programme, you will have developed the analytical and discursive skills of a well-trained economist with a focus on international economics and advanced econometric analysis.

The course is based on an equivalent programme at The University of Nottingham UK (L160 Economics and International Economics). However, it may span four years rather than three to incorporate a preliminary year that predominantly covers English language skills.

This degree programme has a structure that initiates you in the core principles of economics, international economics, econometrics, quantitative and mathematical economics, while at the same time emphasising the sorts of questions of regional and global concern such study can address. As a result, when you graduate you will have access to a wide range of career opportunities.

Postgraduate

Research opportunities

PhD
We offer PhD opportunities in many areas of economics. Please contact us for more information – see page 11.

“The teaching staff in the Division of Economics taught us how to embrace the academic atmosphere and face challenges with enthusiasm and determination. In the past academic year, I was encouraged and inspired by many classmates and teachers and as a consequence, studying economics has proved to be an enjoyable and fulfilling experience.”

Yiwei Zhang
BSc International Economics and Trade, third year
The University of Nottingham Ningbo China
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.

We provide a vibrant, intellectually challenging and welcoming environment for all 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 African, Asian, British and European 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.

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.

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, multinational business, and global research and teaching.

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

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International Studies
Undergraduate

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 Chinese-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 Chinese/French/German/Japanese/Spanish

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 develop 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

Taught courses

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, Africa, Europe and Russia.

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.

Research opportunities

PhD

We offer PhD opportunities in many areas of international studies. Please contact us for more information – see page 11.
An application form is available on our website – visit the International Students’ section at www.nottingham.edu.cn

Alternatively you can contact:

**Recruitment and Admissions Office**
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e: admissions@nottingham.edu.cn
w: www.nottingham.edu.cn/en/admissions

Your completed application form and supporting documents should be posted to:

**Admissions Office (international)**
The University of Nottingham Ningbo China
199 Taikang East Road
Ningbo 315100
China

You can also email your application to admissions@nottingham.edu.cn

You will need to include the following documents with your application:

- two references
- academic transcripts
- degree certificates/high school diploma
- English language test score report (e.g. IELTS or TOEFL) if applicable
- a photocopy of the main page of your passport
- four passport-sized colour photographs

**We encourage applications to be made by 31 May 2014.**

Late applications will be seriously considered subject to availability of places.
Entry requirements

Undergraduate programmes

Preliminary year entry (year one)
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 no less than 5.0 in the writing band or
• TOEFL (iBT) 71 (minimum 17 in any element)

Please contact our Recruitment and Admissions Office for more information about preliminary year entry requirements. Contact details can be found on page 64.

Qualifying year (year two)
Students from 12-year education systems are normally required to complete the preliminary year before entering the first year of an undergraduate programme (known as the qualifying year). Students from 13-year education systems or on recognised foundation courses are not usually required to complete a preliminary year. These applicants should have achieved a minimum of either:
• A level: BBB (or equivalent qualification) for most programmes
• IB: 30
• recognised foundation programme
• one to two years of university study

The minimum English language requirement is:
• IELTS 6.5 with no less than 6.0 in the writing band 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, and BA English with International Business is:
• IELTS 7.0, with no less than 6.5 in the writing band or
• TOEFL (iBT) 100 (minimum 21 in any element)

Postgraduate programmes: taught courses
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. However, please see our website for more detailed entry requirements (see below).

English language requirements vary depending on the programme you choose and whether you undertake the preparatory year. Full details are also available on our website. Visit www.nottingham.edu.cn/en/admissions/international/pg/postgraduate-study.aspx

Postgraduate programmes: research opportunities

Masters (by research)
Applicants should have a bachelor's degree at 2:1 level or above (or equivalent) in an appropriate subject. Minimum English language requirements are listed on our website: www.nottingham.edu.cn/en/admissions/international/pg/postgraduate-study.aspx

PhD
These programmes are normally completed over three to four years full-time or four to six years part-time.

Applicants 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.

There are a number of routes you can take when applying for a research course. Some students identify a specific supervisor working in their area of interest and approach them directly to discuss their research idea. If the idea is of interest to the supervisor, they may help you develop a research proposal and application to secure funding.

Other students find out if research in their area of interest is taking place in the University and then submit an application to the relevant school, department or institute.

Detailed entry requirements are available on our website. Please visit www.nottingham.edu.cn/en/admissions/international/pg/postgraduate-study.aspx

To apply for a PhD programme, you will need to submit your research proposal along with the application form and the documents listed on page 64.

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

There is no deadline for PhD applications, but the main admission dates are May and October of each year.

For more information on PhD applications, please contact the Recruitment and Admissions Office:
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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 in the Recruitment and Admissions Office using the details opposite.

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 school groups wishing to visit the University should contact the International Office at international@nottingham.edu.cn

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Fees and finance

International students with non-Chinese passports

Undergraduate: 80,000 RMB per year

International students who choose to undertake a 2+2 degree will pay 80,000 RMB per year for their first two years at UNNC. For the remaining two years in Nottingham UK students will pay the international fee (or EU fee where appropriate) that was applicable at the UK Campus at the time of starting their course at UNNC, but will also receive a scholarship.

Postgraduate (one year): 90,000 RMB per year
Postgraduate (two years): 80,000 RMB 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

PhD fee for periods spent at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China:
- social sciences, arts and education students – 80,000 RMB per year
- computer science, engineering and sustainable development students – 90,000 RMB per year

Other costs

Other costs include accommodation, books, insurance and living expenses. The University has two accommodation buildings designated for international students: building 11 and building 18. All rooms in building 11 are for single occupancy and include a private shower room and toilet. As a guide, the accommodation fee for 2013/14 for a single room in building 11 was 12,000 RMB per year. Accommodation in the Students’ Residence Hall 18 takes the form of fully furnished, four-room flats with a shared lounge/common room, one shower room and two toilets. As a guide, the accommodation fee for 2013/14 for a bedroom in building 18 was 9,600 RMB per year. For the most up to date accommodation information, please see www.nottingham.edu.cn/en/international/accommodation

We would advise a budget of around 2,500 RMB per year for books and 2,000-3,500 RMB per month for living expenses. Insurance is compulsory and costs 600 RMB per year for 2013/14.

Scholarships and bursaries

Non-competitive scholarships include:

2+2 programme scholarship
International students who choose to undertake a 2+2 degree will pay 80,000 RMB per year for their study at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China. For the remaining two years' stay in Nottingham UK, students will receive a scholarship.

Alumni scholarship
A 10% fee reduction is available for students applying for a postgraduate taught course 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% 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 courses at UNNC, or who have already successfully completed courses.

Competitive scholarships

Each year the University is normally able to allocate competitive scholarships to 10-15% of new international students, at both undergraduate and postgraduate level. The amounts vary from 20,000-30,000 RMB and are awarded as a one-off deduction from the tuition fee.

There are also scholarships which are awarded on the basis of academic results in the previous year. For the most up to date information, please see www.nottingham.edu.cn/en/admissions/international/scholarships

PhD scholarships and bursaries

We provide a number of bursaries which are awarded on the basis of the quality of candidates’ applications. If you are successful, the bursary will be renewed each year subject to an annual review of your progress. A limited number of full scholarships covering tuition fees and living costs may be available for exceptionally qualified candidates. Graduate Teaching Assistantships, combining paid teaching with PhD research, may also be available.

For more information, please see www.nottingham.edu.cn

Please check our website for the latest details. All financial details in this prospectus are subject to change. Please see www.nottingham.edu.cn
Map and location

Mileage chart
Approximate distance to Ningbo

Beijing – 1,211km/752 miles
Hangzhou – 138km/86 miles
Harbin – 1,820km/1,131 miles
Hong Kong – 1,119km/695 miles
London – 9,350km/5,810 miles

Ningbo – 153km/95 miles
Xi’an – 1,283km/797 miles
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