MA International Higher Education

If you are keen to understand how to develop, implement and evaluate strategies for international and transnational higher education, how to develop and manage courses or campuses abroad, or how to relate better to international students, this course is for you.

The MA International Higher Education (IHE) is aimed at deans, professors, lecturers and academic staff across higher education, higher education managers, administrators, education developers, consultants and policy makers.

The MA IHE provides a unique opportunity to develop your professional expertise and knowledge in this key area of higher education, drawing on the experience of leading scholars and professional practitioners in the field.

The University of Nottingham has campuses in China and Malaysia, as well as the UK, and students from 150 countries. In the course, you will investigate practices, policies and theories of higher education and its role in contemporary global society.
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Course overview
Drawing on Nottingham’s experience at the forefront of international and transnational higher education over the past two decades, this course will strengthen your ability to contribute to this fast-developing field, based on analysis of research, policy and institutional strategies.

The MA International Higher Education provides a unique opportunity to develop your professional expertise and knowledge in a key area of higher education. The MA:

- draws on the experience of one of the world’s leading universities in international and transnational higher education, and of experienced professional practitioners in the field
- is taught by leading international scholars and academic leaders and managers based in the Centre for Research in Higher, Adult and Vocational Education and across the University
- takes a case-based approach; topics for assignment work are determined by course participants, drawing upon their own interests and work in international/transnational higher education

This course is professionally and intellectually valuable in its own right, but is also ideal preparation for a PhD in higher education.

Course content and structure
The MA International Higher Education will be offered Part-time in 2012 and Full-time and Part-time in 2013 (over one year full time or two years part time). There are Postgraduate Diploma and Postgraduate Certificate exit points.

The course comprises of four 30-credit modules and a dissertation (60 credits). The modules currently offered are:

- Conducting Research into International Higher Education
- Higher Education Society: from Local to Global
- Improving Learning in International Higher Education
- Transnational Higher Education

Two modules are taught entirely online; two are taught partly online and partly face-to-face during a five-day summer school at one the University’s campuses. All modules involve the equivalent of about 300 hours of study.

Assessment
Each 30-credit module is assessed by a written assignment of 5,000-6,000 words or equivalent. The dissertation of 12,000 to 15,000 words is based on a negotiated topic, arising from the study of the four taught modules.

Entry Requirements
You would normally be expected to hold an honours degree at 2:2 level or above, or its international equivalent. Applicants with qualifications other than a first degree who have an approved professional qualification, or those with non-standard applications, will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

If your first language is not English, you must achieve an overall score on the British Council IELTS test of at least 6.5 with no less than 6 in each element; or a TOEFL iBT score of 87, with no less than 21 in listening, 22 in reading, 23 in speaking and 21 in writing.

Fees and funding
Up-to-date fees information and advice on funding opportunities can be found at www.nottingham.edu.cn/en/admissions/pg/feesandscholarships.aspx

International applicants can find out about a range of funding opportunities at www.nottingham.ac.uk/internationalfunding

How to apply

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