



Nottingham Trent
University

International Pathways Guide
Study abroad and shape
your future with a UK degree



WELCOME

Nottingham Trent University (NTU) is the UK university to watch. It has an impressive reputation, winning prestigious higher education awards year after year.

You can get a degree from this fantastic university with Kaplan Pathways. Study a pathway course online or at NTU's on-campus International College, and you'll be ready to start university.

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ENCOURAGING YOUR AMBITION

Nottingham Trent University (NTU) has an excellent track record in academic achievement, with strong rankings, paralleled by the fantastic success of its students.

NTU's is a remarkable success story. Its roots trace back to 1843, and it was granted full university status in 1992. Since then, it has charted a significant rise, in both university league tables and prestige within the sector. Most importantly, it has consistently achieved superb outcomes for its students.

Such success means Nottingham Trent is now often ranked alongside many elite universities. It consistently wins industry awards, and can boast one of the highest graduate employment rates in the country — a testament to how valuable a degree from NTU is.

So how did this young university achieve so much? It's simple: ambition.

The University has consistently strived to put excellent teaching at the centre of everything it does, and its teaching has been the subject of much acclaim.

Its teachers focus on preparing students for life after their studies, and the importance of adaptability in a rapidly changing world. As such, learning at NTU emphasises practical knowledge and work experience, as well as the more traditional education you'd expect at university.

But it's not just the teaching that will help you prepare for the future. NTU attracts students from around the world, and it offers the chance to meet other like-minded people from different cultures. You can expect an excellent student experience, with an exciting social life and easy access to the city centre. All of this has helped NTU maintain high levels of student satisfaction.

It's no wonder then that Nottingham Trent has won a number of 'University of the Year' awards in recent years. As a young university, it will keep growing, attracting ambitious international students who want to make a difference. Perhaps you could be one of them!



NTU's Students' Union

Munashe from Zimbabwe

Della from China



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WHY CHOOSE NTU?

There are many reasons why Nottingham Trent might be the perfect study destination for you. Here are just a few!

Top 25
in the UK

Complete University Guide 2026



Top 150
young university in the world

Times Higher Education
Young University Rankings 2024



Modern
university
of the year 2023

The Times and The Sunday Times
Good University Guide 2023



Extensive
partnerships
with businesses and industry



Gold award

Teaching Excellence Framework 2023



160+
countries
represented on campus

EXPLORE YOUR CAMPUS

Nottingham Trent University (NTU) is made up of five distinct campuses. Wherever you study, you'll join a diverse community and can expect an amazing student experience.



City Campus

This campus is based in Nottingham city centre, and it is NTU's main campus. With traditional university buildings, the Students' Union, the Boots Library and over half the student population, you'll get a real university campus experience here.

Take a look:

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Clifton Campus

Here you'll be just a few miles from Nottingham city centre on a fantastic, self-contained site. The Clifton Campus is packed with relatively new facilities, including research centres, and a library, plus a sports centre, shop, bar and gym!

Take a look:

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Go green

Nottingham Trent is ranked 2nd in the world for sustainability according to the 2023 UI GreenMetric World University Rankings.

There are many green initiatives that have helped NTU do so well, including generating much of its own energy, so you can be sure that you'll be in a forward-thinking environment.



Brackenhurst Campus

Located a little further outside of the city, this campus is set in 500 acres of beautiful countryside. Environmental and related subjects are taught here, and the campus features woodland, landscaped gardens, a lake and even a working farm.

Take a look:

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Nottingham Campus

The Nottingham Campus offers modern TV, film and music studios and specialised hubs for those who want to work in the creative industries. Located in the city, it's close to Nottingham's cultural and entertainment hotspots and NTU's City Campus.



London Campus

Based in Whitechapel, you'll have access to industry-standard tools and technology to build your creative skills in the entertainment industry. You'll also be close to trendy areas such as Brick Lane and Spitalfields, and iconic London landmarks.





Frances from Nigeria

Blessing from Nigeria

Atirolaoluwa from Nigeria

WELCOME TO NOTTINGHAM

Nottingham is a lively, welcoming and diverse city for students. Everything you need is close by, with shops, restaurants and entertainment within easy reach of the city centre and NTU's campuses.

Historical city

Nottingham has a wide range of inspiring human-made sights to explore. An important medieval town, Nottingham was also the setting for the stories of Robin Hood, so you'll have a variety of places to visit. The stunning Wollaton Hall and Nottingham Castle are both standout attractions, among a variety of others! You'll find history in every direction while studying here.

Natural beauty

Nottingham is a beautiful green city. Situated next to the River Trent, with the popular Sherwood Forest to the north and lush countryside and farmland to the south and east, Nottingham is in a wonderful part of the country. Its many nearby nature reserves and protected areas allow all kinds of wildlife to thrive, such as foxes, kingfishers, and peregrine falcons.

Explore a range of parks in the city



Vibrant cultural hub

Nottingham is a UK cultural hotspot, boasting all kinds of art, food, sports, museums, galleries and music venues for you to enjoy. The city's music scene has spawned many popular artists, and there are events and festivals all year round for you to go to. You can also find a rich history of fashion, carried forward by famous designer Paul Smith, a native of the city.

Try different international cuisines



Rich sporting heritage

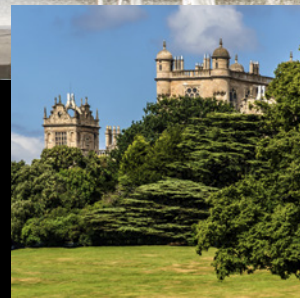
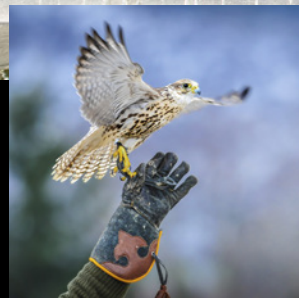
If you're a sports fan, you'll enjoy life in Nottingham. The city has a rich sporting heritage that goes back decades. There are places to play and watch football, rugby, ice hockey, tennis, boxing, and many other sports. The 200-year-old international cricket venue, Trent Bridge, is a perfect example of how the city blends old and new, natural and artificial, and history and culture.

Visit Trent Bridge cricket ground



Want to see more?
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SEE AND DO



1

Discover a history of crime and punishment at the National Justice Museum

2

Explore the stunning Sherwood Pines Forest Park

3

Make feathered friends with a falconry experience

4

Visit the grand stately home Wollaton Hall, and its gardens

5

See a musical, opera, ballet or classical concert at the Theatre Royal & Royal Concert Hall

6

See the eerie marks made by 'witches' hundreds of years ago in the beautiful Creswell Crags

7

Try a selection of teas, cakes and treats at a local tea room

8

Explore the City of Caves, an underground network of human-made caves and tunnels in Nottingham

ACCOMMODATION IN NOTTINGHAM



We'd love to arrange your accommodation here, so you can settle in comfortably while studying at Nottingham Trent International College.



Kaplan Living Nottingham

Just a 10-minute walk from the International College, Kaplan Living Nottingham is a fantastic, purpose-built student residence that works closely with Nottingham Trent International College — so you can feel supported both at home and on campus. You'll get a real taste of city life, with restaurants, coffee shops and supermarkets close by, and modern, comfortable private rooms, all with en-suite bathrooms.

You'll live in a safe environment, with secure door entry and staff available 24/7. There are numerous social spaces designed for relaxing with friends — from video games and tabletop games to movie nights — plus plenty of areas for studying independently or with other students.



What's included?

- Competitive weekly pricing
- Bespoke contract length according to your course (with the option to rebook)
- Private bedroom and bathroom
- WiFi, electricity, gas and water included
- Shared kitchen, or a private kitchen if you choose a studio apartment
- Access to a shared laundry room (usage charges apply)
- Student bedding pack included
- Single-gender and under-18s flats available
- Renovated social spaces with regular social events
- Optional extra products and services

Please note: accommodation options may change depending on demand and availability.



Accommodation during your degree

When you progress to your degree at Nottingham Trent University, you can also apply for one of the University's own modern residences or opt to stay in private accommodation.

Kaplan Living Special Support

This package of additional support includes 24-hour access to Wellbeing Coordinators. It is mandatory for students under 18, but we encourage others to sign up as well for some extra peace of mind.

DEGREE

PREPARATION



📷 Students working together at Boots Library

You can study a pathway course online or at Nottingham Trent International College to gain entry to a degree at Nottingham Trent University (NTU). You'll study your course on NTU's City Campus, giving you a fantastic head start at university life.

Take a pathway course

If you want to study a degree at Nottingham Trent University, you might need to take a preparation course to qualify for entry, especially if your home country's education system differs from the UK. A pathway course is designed to help international students meet their degree's entry requirements and prepare for university-level study. When you pass your course at the required level, with good attendance, you're guaranteed entry to your chosen degree.

Your pathway course will be taken at Nottingham Trent International College, on NTU's City Campus, so you'll experience life as a student before you've even started your degree. It will focus on improving your English language level, subject knowledge and academic skills to a point where you're ready for university study. During your pathway course, you'll even have access to all the University's facilities and resources. It's the perfect introduction to student life in the UK.

Support as you transition to university

NTU run University Transition Week help support you as you progress from the International College to the University. During this week you'll get the chance to meet your lecturers, see the facilities, meet current students and take part in taster sessions linked to your degree.

STUDY OPTIONS

You have a number of pathway course options at Nottingham Trent International College. While a Foundation Certificate or International Year One can help you qualify for an undergraduate degree, a Pre-Masters will do the same for a postgraduate degree.



Elhadj from Guinea ▶

◀ Donald from Tanzania

Work experience

At NTU, work-related learning is available on every undergraduate degree! This means that some degrees may be a year longer than usual, as you spend a year gaining valuable experience in a workplace.

Course details

Use the **course booklet** to explore the full range of courses, degrees and online internship options.

Foundation Certificate

For entry to the first year of a Bachelors degree

For students who have finished high school

English language entry level:
minimum UKVI IELTS 4.0 in all skills

International Year One (IYO)

For entry to the second year of a Bachelors degree

For students who have finished high school with higher grades

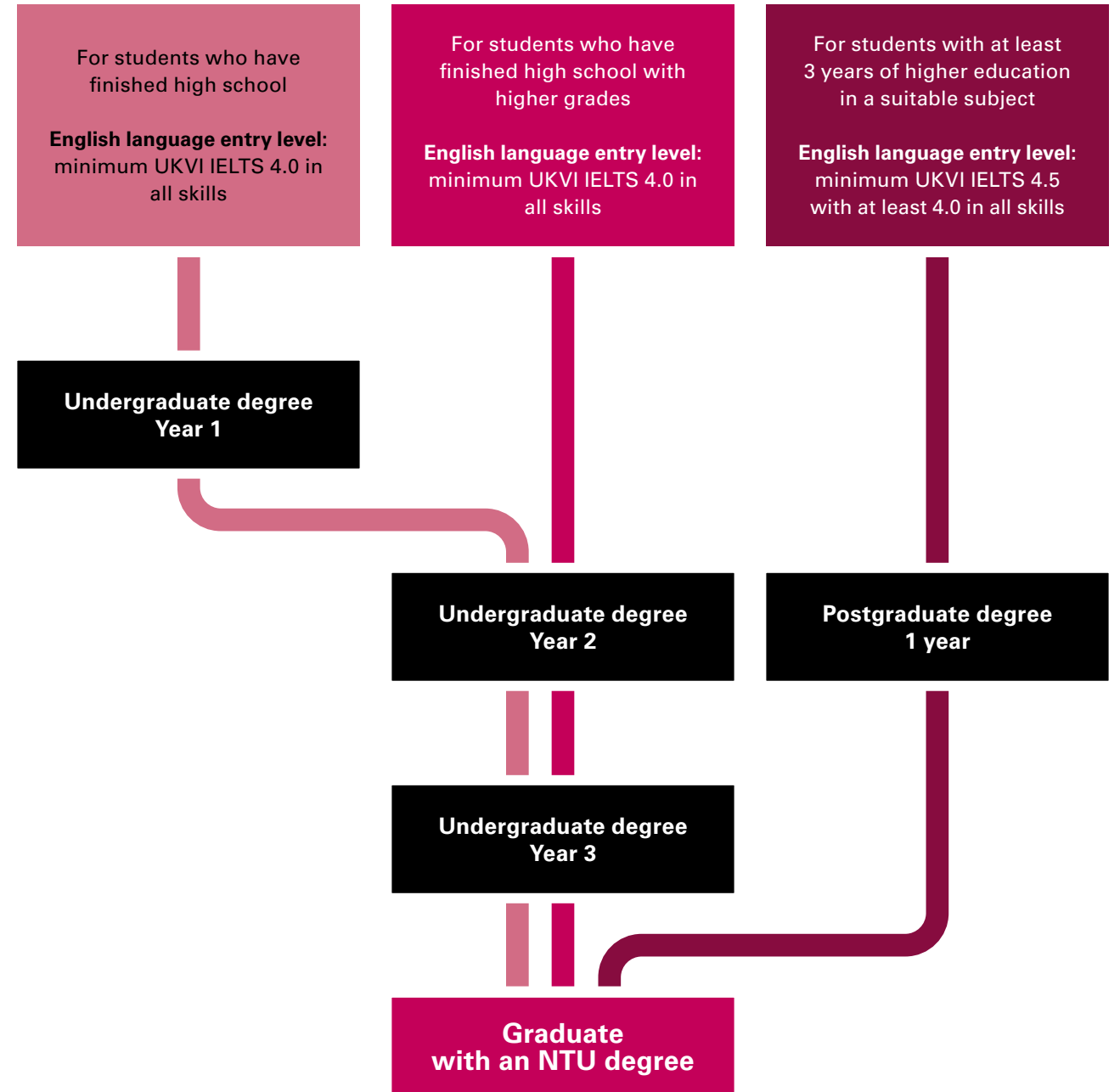
English language entry level:
minimum UKVI IELTS 4.0 in all skills

Pre-Masters

For entry to a Masters degree

For students with at least 3 years of higher education in a suitable subject

English language entry level:
minimum UKVI IELTS 4.5 with at least 4.0 in all skills



EXPERT TEACHING

At Nottingham Trent International College, you'll be taught by a great team of teachers who are passionate about education. They'll guide you through your pathway course and make sure you're ready for university.

Prepared for your future

Your pathway course at the International College won't just prepare you for your degree; it will also help you get ready for your future life and career. You'll gain soft skills that are valuable to future employers, and develop a skills portfolio to showcase your achievements. The College also hosts live careers events and offers opportunities to gain professional certifications.

Learn more:
kaplanpathways.com/nottingham-trent-employability

Teaching that makes a difference

The International College has plenty of inspiring teachers with experience of working with students from overseas. You'll be encouraged to participate in interactive classes, debate with your fellow students, and engage in complex ideas and topics. Frequent assessments and meetings with your tutor will ensure you're given the attention you need, and will help you stay on track.

Virtual internships

Many courses are available with an optional, integrated online internship while studying at the College. It's a great way to get practical experience to boost your CV and expand your professional network.

An approach that's right for you

Your course is carefully designed to meet the needs of international students. You'll develop study skills and subject knowledge, along with ensuring your academic English is at the right level for degree study. In some cases, course content can be adjusted to match your progression degree and align with topics that interest you. Depending on your situation, we can also often offer flexible study solutions, so you don't miss out on a fantastic international education.



▲ Benefit from first-class facilities



▲ Enjoy tailored academic support



98%

of students who successfully passed their course received an unconditional offer from the University in 2024



See the full progression rates
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STUDENT SUPPORT

Coming to study in another country is a big decision, and it can be both exciting and daunting. But don't worry! We'll be here to help you on every step of your journey.



Della from China

93%

of students surveyed in 2023 agreed that College staff cared about helping them succeed in their studies



See what else our students think
kaplanpathways.com/nottingham-trent-satisfaction

Before you start

Before you even get to the UK, we'll provide you with expert support. We'll send you a pre-arrival pack with lots of useful information about what to expect, and we'll also advise you on how to navigate the visa process. If you're under 18, we can even arrange the guardianship service that you'll need. Before you

arrive, you can make use of Pathways Preview, which gives you early access to educational resources. Once you're in the UK, we can meet you at the airport and help you settle into your new home. And, before you start your studies, we'll organise a fun, event-packed Welcome Week.

After you start

There will be plenty more activities, events and even day trips to enjoy throughout your course, so you'll have plenty of opportunities to make new friends and experience what life in the UK has to offer! We'll also make sure you have everything you need to feel secure, comfortable and happy. If you ever have any

problems, or simply want to talk, there will always be somebody for you to speak to, right up until you progress to your degree. Even after completing your course, you can access Pathways Extra, an online resource that'll help you continue developing your skills and employability.

HEAR FROM OUR STUDENTS

You can get an even better picture of what student life in the UK will be like from our Student Content Creators. These students have been through it all themselves, so find out what they have to say.

Life as a student

Our Student Content Creators have come to study in the UK from all over the world, and they know just what the experience is like.

They post vlogs and share content about their journey, so you can see what they have to say about living and studying abroad, learning about the best places to visit in Nottingham and other useful tips along the way.

You could even become a Student Content Creator yourself and pick up useful student perks!

See what our Student Content Creators have done
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◀ Hadi from Lebanon



◀ Portia from Malawi

FIND MORE ONLINE

You've read a lot about what it's like to study at Nottingham Trent University and its International College. But you can find out so much more online! Use the guide below to discover where to go.

The University

About NTU:
kaplanpathways.com/nottingham-trent-university

Degree options at NTU:
kaplanpathways.com/degree-finder/nottingham-trent

The University's website:
ntu.ac.uk

The College

About the College:
kaplanpathways.com/nottingham-trent

Student accommodation:
kaplanpathways.com/nottingham-trent-accommodation

Employability resources:
kaplanpathways.com/nottingham-trent-employability

Tuition fees and living costs:
kaplanpathways.com/nottingham-trent-fees

Important information

Student visa:
www.gov.uk/student-visa

Student insurance:
kaplanpathways.com/insurance

College guardians for under 18s:
www.collegeguardians.co.uk

Information for parents and guardians:
kaplanpathways.com/parents-and-guardians

Further questions?

Get in touch:
kaplanpathways.com/nottingham-trent-contact

Meet us in your country or region:
kaplanpathways.com/kaplan-in-my-country

MEET CARLOS



Carlos Junior studied a Foundation Certificate in Business, Law and Social Science at Nottingham Trent International College ahead of progressing to a Bachelors degree in International Relations.

“I decided to come to the UK because I wanted to study in English. That’s the main reason I came to the UK. And also because the universities are really good here!

I chose International Relations at NTU because, for 15 years, my uncle was an Ambassador in Italy, and my mother was working there as well. International Relations is closely linked to a diplomatic career. I grew up in this diplomatic environment, so that is why I chose International Relations. I’ve always dreamed of being an Ambassador!

“I’ve studied English all my life, but since I came to the International College, my English has improved a lot. The classes have helped so much – I had the best teachers!”

The college and teaching style here is especially helpful, because it prepares us for NTU. Local students, when they go straight into the University, for the first year, they don’t have the same preparation as us who came from the International College. I’ve studied English all my life, but since I came to the International College, my English has improved a lot. I’m proud of myself because of this! The classes have helped me a lot, especially the teachers – I had the best teachers!

I’m prepared for my course. The College has helped me with my writing. That was my biggest problem, and it’s improved since I came here. I’d recommend studying in the UK; I’m very happy I came here. If I knew it was going to be like this, I’d have come here earlier!”

APPLICATION PROCESS

It's simple to apply for a pathway course at Nottingham Trent International College. Once you've chosen a course and degree, you can just follow these five steps.

1

Submit your application form

We'll guide you through the application process, including what documents you'll need to send with or after your application. Just get in touch, or apply via the following link:

kaplanpathways.com/nottingham-trent-apply



2

Receive offer and book accommodation

Once your complete application has been reviewed, you'll receive either an unconditional or conditional offer, or we can explore other options with you. We'll send you a response within one working day. You can also book your accommodation through our online portal.

3

Accept your offer

You'll do this by paying your deposit to study and the administration fee, or sending your financial guarantee.



4

Obtain your student visa

To study a pathway course in the UK, you'll typically need to obtain a student visa. We'll advise you on this important process, and send you the supporting documents you'll need for your visa application.

5

Book your flights and begin your studies

The most important step: arrive in the UK and begin your life-changing experience as an international student!

CHOOSE YOUR PATH

Now it's time to decide what you want to study at Nottingham Trent University (NTU), and discover where your path will take you. Just get in touch, and we'll help you start your journey to the perfect NTU degree.

Contact us

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Course information

Use the accompanying course booklet to find your ideal NTU degree, and to see which pathway course will help you meet its entry requirements. You'll also find important information about each course, including fees, start dates and module information.



Explore the course booklet online:
kaplanpathways.com/nottingham-trent-course-info



Preety from Bangladesh ▶

Where is Nottingham?



Who's on the cover?

Blessing from Nigeria (left), Suleman from Pakistan (middle) and Mphatso from Zambia (right) followed their path to an NTU degree.

Find out more

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Explore more study options

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Office for Students (OfS):

Nottingham Trent International College is registered with the Office for Students. This means our teaching and support has met the required standards. It also means that our students have the right to work part-time during their studies in the UK.

Every effort has been made to ensure that the information is accurate at the time of publishing, but some changes (for example to university rankings, accommodation and course options, course delivery, etc.) are likely to occur given the interval between publishing and commencement of the course. It is therefore very important to check the website or contact us for any updates before you apply. Once you have applied, any change which impacts the terms and conditions of your offer or a significant part of your programme will be communicated to you.

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