



University of
Nottingham

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International Pathways Guide

Study abroad and
shape your future
with a UK degree



Welcome

The University of Nottingham is a truly global study destination in the UK, bringing students from around the world together on its stunning campuses.

With Kaplan, you can take a pathway course to prepare and qualify for entry to a degree at the University of Nottingham. You'll study your course at the University of Nottingham International College, just next to the campus, giving you a perfect taste of university life before you start your degree.

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The university

 [kaplanpathways.com
/university-of-nottingham](https://kaplanpathways.com/university-of-nottingham)

Learn all about the University of Nottingham, including its international reputation, and the various facilities and resources you can find on campus.

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The destination

 [kaplanpathways.com
/nottingham-life](https://kaplanpathways.com/nottingham-life)

Read about the city of Nottingham, and what life is like for students in this part of the UK. You can also read about the kind of accommodation you'll stay in during your pathway course.

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Degree preparation

 [kaplanpathways.com
/nottingham](https://kaplanpathways.com/nottingham)

Find out about the study options available at the International College, and find a useful guide to where to go online for more information.

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Next steps

 [kaplanpathways.com
/nottingham-apply](https://kaplanpathways.com/nottingham-apply)

Discover how quick and simple it is to apply with Kaplan. You can also use the accompanying [course booklet](#) to find details of available degrees and pathway courses.



The university

Discover new challenges

As a student at the University of Nottingham, you'll see the world in a single city. You'll meet people from all kinds of backgrounds, who share a desire to learn and big ambitions for the future.

The University of Nottingham is a great place to discover all kinds of things. You'll discover more about your degree subject, but you'll also discover new people, new ideas and new ways of thinking. You'll discover what interests you and what challenges you. You might even discover more about who you are, what you want to be, and what you want for your future.

And you won't be alone. The university, which can trace its history back to 1881, is home to over 47,000 students, including more than 8,500 from overseas. Over 150 countries are represented within the University of Nottingham's student community, making it one of the most

international in the UK. Studying here will give you valuable exposure to the wider world, while the university's strong links with businesses and employers will help you prepare to start a career.

The university provides an ideal environment for you in other ways too. It has a reputation within the UK for having one of the country's most beautiful campuses, based just outside Nottingham city centre. With sculpted gardens, a central lake, lovely architecture and extensive parklands, Nottingham's main campuses have won numerous accolades, including an incredible 22 Green Flag Awards for the most beautiful campuses in the UK.

that the university is so open to the wider world has real benefits for its students, including attracting impressive staff and research funding, and enabling student exchange opportunities. Clearly, by studying at Nottingham you'll be in a truly inspiring setting, and will graduate ready to make your own mark on the world.

Read more about the University of Nottingham:

 [kaplanpathways.com/university-of-nottingham](https://www.kaplanpathways.com/university-of-nottingham)

University Park Campus

The University

**Member of
the Russell
Group**
of prestigious
UK universities

**Top 10 most
sustainable
university in
the world**

UI GreenMetric World University
Rankings 2023

**Top 100
in the world**

QS World University
Rankings 2024

**2nd most
targeted
university
in the UK by
employers**

High Fliers Research 2023

Why choose Nottingham?

**Top 20
in the UK**

QS World University Rankings 2024

**Study with
over 47,000
students
from over 150
countries**

Source: University of Nottingham

**Nottingham is
a top 10 most
affordable city
in the UK**

Numbeo Cost of Living Index 2024

Explore your campus

The University of Nottingham has some fantastic campuses, and the awards to prove it. From beautiful, tranquil green spaces that have won the university numerous Green Flag awards, to a host of cutting-edge study facilities, you'll have everything you need for your time in Nottingham.

Key

University Park Campus

- 1 Hallward Library
- 2 Trent Building
- 3 Jubilee Campus
- 4 Portland Building
- 5 George Green Library
- 6 Lakeside Arts
- 7 International College



University Park Campus

This stunning 300-acre campus is set around a large boating lake, and is just a 15-minute journey from the city centre. Here you can find numerous libraries, the new teaching and learning building, state-of-the-art sports facilities, a hotel, a health centre, a bank, a hair salon, art galleries, a museum, theatres, shops and cafés. It's fair to say that University Park has everything you need! It also houses Nottingham's Students' Union within the stately Portland Building.

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Jubilee Campus

Combining bold, modern architecture with eco-friendly innovations, the Jubilee Campus is a 20-30 minute walk from the Portland Building on University Park Campus. At Jubilee, you'll find a library on a lake, and the Aspire sculpture, one of the tallest free-standing public pieces of art in the country. There is also a sports centre, laboratories, study centres and more. With so many modern facilities, it's easy to see how studying at the Jubilee Campus will prepare you for the future.

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Sutton Bonington Campus

Set against a beautiful Nottinghamshire countryside backdrop, the Sutton Bonington Campus is 10 miles south of University Park. It has world-leading laboratories, as well as a commercial farm and dairy centre, perfect for hands-on learning. With a library, café, dining hall, bar, and sports centre, Sutton Bonington allows for a comfortable, quiet and productive student lifestyle.

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Welcome to Nottingham

Located in the heart of the country, Nottingham is a typically English city. It's steeped in history and is a great place to experience traditional English life, but it's also multicultural, welcoming and open to the world. Come see for yourself!

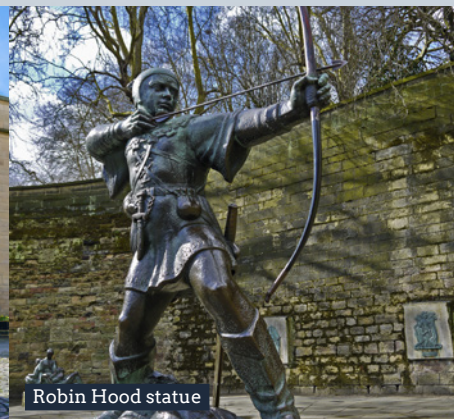
Packed with history

When you think of Nottingham, the first thing that might come to mind is Robin Hood — the legendary medieval hero who stole from the rich and gave to the poor. He has featured in countless poems, plays, books and films. There's even a Robin Hood statue in the city centre! There's also a very real and visible history here, with Nottingham's famous Old Market Square — once a centre for trade and commerce — holding the title of oldest public square of its kind in the UK.

There's also Nottingham Castle, the site of a famous battle between King Richard the Lionheart and supporters of his rival, Prince John. You will notice the city's medieval history just about everywhere!



Nottingham Castle



Robin Hood statue

Brimming with culture

Skip ahead a few hundred years, and the Nottingham of today is vibrant and diverse: a perfect reflection of modern Britain. The city is bursting with culture, from its excellent galleries to its impressive theatres. Nottingham is even a UNESCO City of Literature, offering an extensive range of literary events and performances all year round, so you can be sure of finding entertainment that suits you.

Sports fans will also love Nottingham. Here, you can see a cricket match at the historic Trent Bridge, watch some ice hockey, see a game of rugby or football, or even make a splash at the National Watersports Centre.

Watch a city tour:

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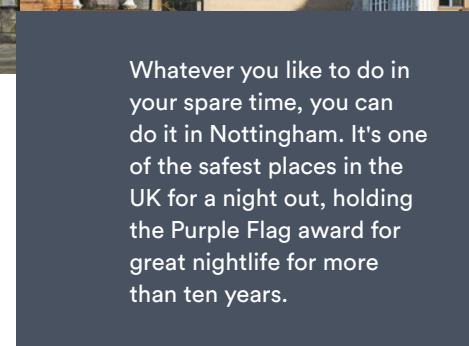
Old Market Square



Whatever you like to do in your spare time, you can do it in Nottingham. It's one of the safest places in the UK for a night out, holding the Purple Flag award for great nightlife for more than ten years.

Nottingham is the ideal city for a student — not too big or too small — and a great way to really experience England, the rest of the UK and Europe as a whole. No matter where you come from, you're guaranteed a warm welcome here.

Nottingham Playhouse



The destination

See and do

Nottingham, and the wider region, has plenty of great places to visit, things to see and activities to try out. You'll always have something exciting to do here!

Take a trip back in time at Nottingham's historic castle

1

Visit Wollaton Hall and Deer Park, a stunning stately home and its beautiful grounds

2



Explore the City of Caves, an underground network of caves and tunnels

3



Get into the festive spirit at the lovely Christmas market in Old Market Square

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Take a break from the city and head out to explore the stunning nearby Peak District

4

Experience a little culture at the impressive Theatre Royal and Royal Concert Hall

5

Take a selfie with local folklore hero Robin Hood!

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The destination

Accommodation in Nottingham

While you take your pathway course at the International College, you'll need somewhere comfortable, convenient and safe to live: your home away from home. Our accommodation options offer everything you need to make the most of student life.

Kaplan Living Nottingham



Studio flat

Kaplan Living Nottingham

This purpose-built student residence has a superb location in the centre of the city, just a short walk from restaurants, bars, supermarkets and shops. Stylish, comfortable private bedrooms are accompanied by modern shared kitchens; some rooms even include their own private kitchenettes. You'll have access to the Knowledge Hub, a fantastic in-house learning space, as well as a fun social area for playing games and watching TV with your friends.

Kaplan Living Special Support

This package of additional support measures includes 24-hour access to Wellbeing Coordinators. While mandatory for under 18s, others are encouraged to sign up to give themselves that extra bit of support during their stay.

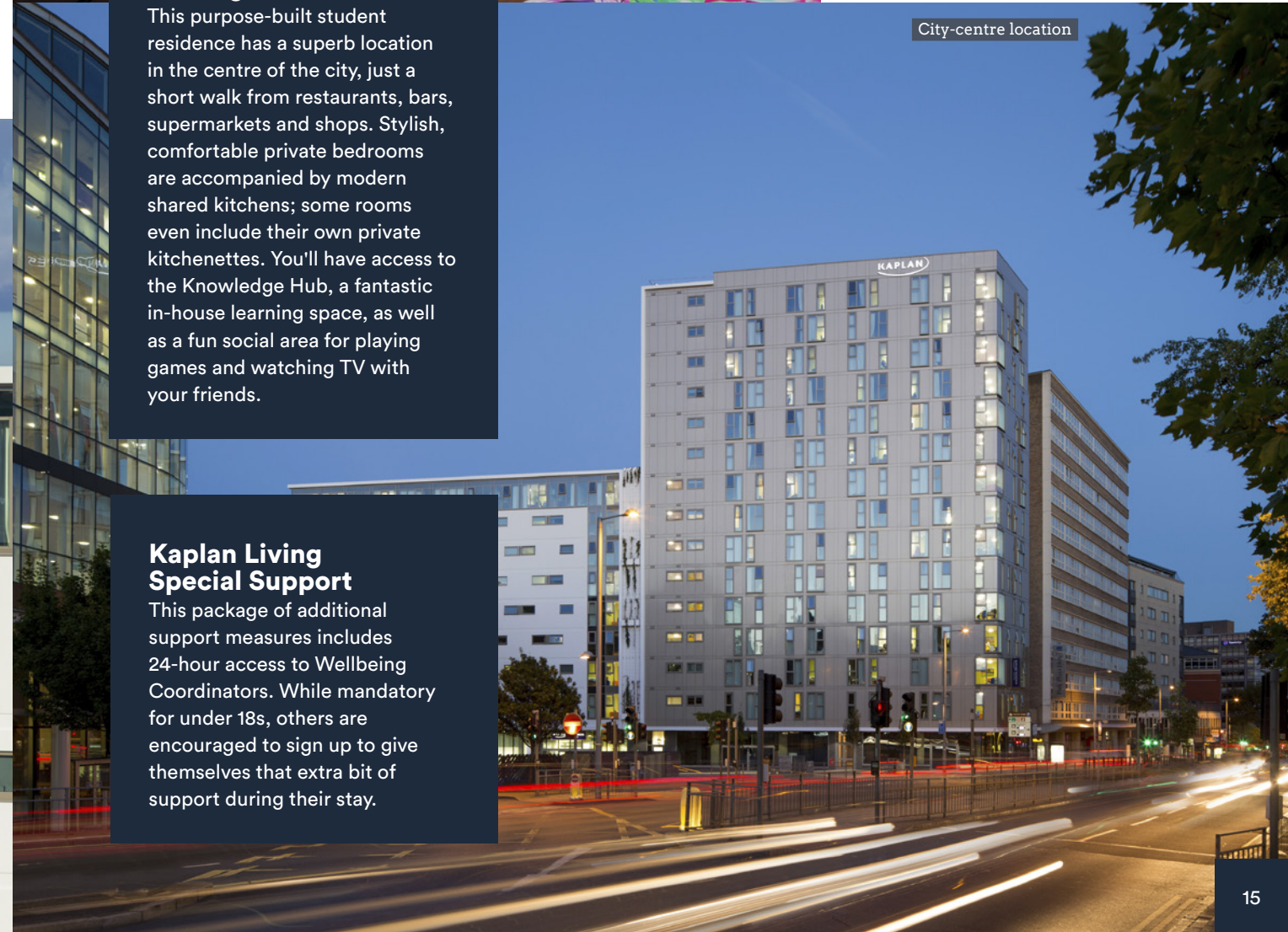
What's typically included?

- Bespoke contract lengths
- Private bedroom and bathroom
- Shared or private kitchen
- All electricity, gas and water bills
- Wi-Fi
- Access to shared laundry room (usage charges apply)
- Student starter pack with bedding
- Redesigned social spaces

Accommodation during your degree

When you progress to your degree, you can apply for the university's own residence options or stay in private accommodation.

City-centre location



Degree preparation

International College

A pathway course can help you qualify for entry to a University of Nottingham degree.

You'll take your course at the University of Nottingham International College, right next to the University Park Campus.



Take a pathway course

International students can often benefit from extra preparation before studying at university in the UK, and sometimes it's necessary due to differences between the UK education system and that of other countries. Either way, you can take a pathway course to help you qualify for entry to a degree, and feel fully prepared for the exciting experience ahead.

A pathway course is carefully designed with the needs of international students in mind, and will focus on developing your academic skills, subject knowledge and English language. While on your course, you'll have access to all the facilities available to degree students, and will benefit from a comprehensive introduction to student life in the UK.

Study options

There are pathway course options available for students at different academic levels, with each designed to give you the important skills you need to succeed at university. While a Foundation Certificate will help you start an undergraduate degree, a Pre-Masters will do the same for a postgraduate degree.

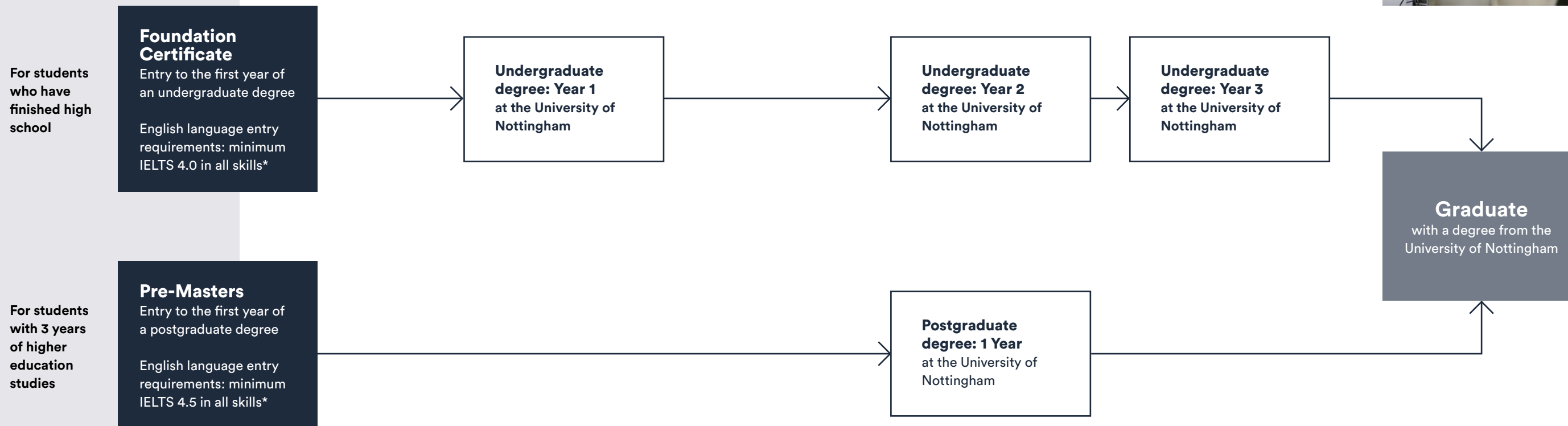
Course details

Use the course [information booklet](#) to explore the full range of courses, degrees and online internship options.

Interested in a doctorate?

If you want to take a doctoral degree at the University of Nottingham, you might benefit from a Pre-Doctorate preparation course. You can find out about your doctoral study options on our website.

 kaplanpathways.com/pre-doc/nottingham



* UKVI IELTS alternatives: we can accept alternative tests as proof of English language. Learn more at: kaplanpathways.com/uk/ielts/

Expert teaching



Good teaching is absolutely crucial to getting a good education. The teachers on your pathway course are experienced and knowledgeable, and will guide you through your pathway course so that you feel confident about progressing to your degree.

Inspiring learning

During your pathway course, you'll study with other bright, ambitious students who are just as eager to learn as you are. Your teachers will make sure you are learning in a collaborative environment, and will encourage you to actively participate in classes. You'll need to think critically and creatively about topics, and engage with complex issues. If you ever feel you need a little extra support, your teachers will always be available to help.

A course for you

A pathway course is designed specially for international students and covers what you'll need to learn for UK degree study. You'll often be able to choose modules that fit with your own interests and career aspirations, helping to make your course as relevant and engaging as possible. Assessments during your course will help to keep you on track, and ensure you're ready to progress to your degree. And, depending on your situation, we can offer flexible study solutions, so that you don't miss out on a great education

Virtual internships

Many pathway courses are available with an optional integrated virtual internship. This is an excellent opportunity to grow your professional network and pick up some valuable work experience even before you start your degree at Nottingham.

Prepare for your future

Your course at the College won't just prepare you for your degree; it will also help you gain important skills and experience for later in life. For instance, you can participate in activities that help you put collaboration, communication and organisation skills into practice, and work on team projects. 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 career events and offers opportunities to gain professional certificates.

90% of students who successfully passed their course received an unconditional offer from the University of Nottingham in 2023

See the full progression rates:
[kaplanpathways.com/nottingham-progression/](https://www.kaplanpathways.com/nottingham-progression/)

Student support

Leaving home to study in another country is exciting, but it's also a big step to take. You don't need to worry though: we'll support you on every step of your journey.

Support on your way

Before you even leave home, you can rely on our support. You'll receive expert advice on preparing for your study experience, as well as on the visa process. We'll send you information about what to expect in the UK, and if you're under 18, we can help you arrange comprehensive guardianship service from a recognised guardianship company.

Before you travel, you can use Pathways Preview to get earlier access to educational resources. When you arrive, we can meet you at the airport and take you to your accommodation. There will be lots of fun activities during Welcome Week, and we'll help you set up a bank account and register with a doctor.

Support for your stay

While you're studying your course, you will have every opportunity to make the most of living in Nottingham.

We'll arrange frequent events, activities and trips, giving you a chance to have fun and socialise with your new friends. During your studies, you'll also always have somebody to talk to.

Friendly support staff will be there for you at all times, and any problems you have, they can help with. When the time comes for you to progress to your degree, we'll help you to make the transition; you'll gain access to Pathways Extra, an online resource which gives you the opportunity to continue to develop your skills and employability.

91%
of students surveyed in 2023
agreed it was easy to ask for
support from College staff

See the full results:

 [kaplanpathways.com
/nottingham-satisfaction/](https://kaplanpathways.com/nottingham-satisfaction/)

Hear from our students

Before you decide to study abroad, it's a good idea to see what students who have already done it have to say. Our Student Content Creators produce fantastic blogs and videos to give a glimpse of student life abroad, so be sure to have a look at what they've done so far!

Life as a student

The Student Content Creator programme gives international students like you the chance to share their experiences so you can see what studying abroad in the UK is really like. It's a great way to hear about student life from the people who are actually living it!

Our Content Creators share great stories, advice and videos that will help you picture yourself studying in the UK. You'll learn about the best places to visit, what campus life is like, and pick up useful study tips ahead of moving abroad to study in the UK.

When you study with Kaplan, you could even follow in their footsteps by becoming a Content Creator yourself!

To hear from our Student Content Creators, you can visit:

kpln.org/unic-content-creators



Find more online

So, does studying at the University of Nottingham sound exciting? If you're interested in getting a degree from this prestigious university, there are plenty of places to go online to find out more information. Just check the handy glossary below.

The University of Nottingham

➤ About the University:
kaplanpathways.com/university-of-nottingham

➤ Degree options at Nottingham:
kaplanpathways.com/nottingham-degrees

➤ University of Nottingham website:
nottingham.ac.uk

The International College

➤ About the International College:
kaplanpathways.com/nottingham

➤ Student accommodation:
kaplanpathways.com/nottingham-accommodation

➤ Employability resources at the College:
kaplanpathways.com/nottingham-employability

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

Studying abroad

➤ Student visas:
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-contact

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

Meet Celal

Celal is from Turkey, and is on his path to getting a degree in nutrition from the University of Nottingham.



“ I chose to study in the UK because I think it has the best universities in the world, and I decided on the University of Nottingham.

Before arriving here, my main concern was that I would have language difficulties, but I passed the assessments so I didn't need to worry. I was also a bit scared of being alone and far away from my family, but I'm very happy now and Nottingham feels like home.

I think it's great how the teaching style on my pathway course is so interactive. I actually like listening, but I see some people who might be struggling a bit, but they still listen. I think that must mean that the teachers are experienced!

My favourite class on my pathway course is Chemistry because I like my teacher – he's so funny. Even though I never really liked Chemistry that much, I still listen to him because he makes it so fun. I've never met a teacher like him before!

Since arriving in the UK, I've visited London and Manchester. I still need to explore! In Nottingham, I like the restaurants. I also like nature so I go to Sherwood Forest and places like that sometimes.

It's something totally different, studying abroad. You learn about a new culture, a new language, and meet lots of new people. I definitely recommend it!


This is my path so far. ”

“ I think it's great how the teaching style on my pathway course is so interactive. ”

1

Submit your application form

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

 kaplanpathways.com/nottingham-apply

2

Receive an offer letter

Once your complete application has been reviewed, you'll receive either a conditional or unconditional offer, or we can help you explore other options. We'll send an offer or decision within one working day.

3

Accept your offer

Do this by paying your deposit to study and administration fee, or sending your financial guarantee. After accepting your offer, you can book housing on our online portal.

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 you'll be sent the supporting documents you'll need for your visa application.

5

Book your flight and begin your studies

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

Flexible study

To ensure everyone can get a great education, we're continuing to offer flexible admissions and study plans.

Application process

Applying to study a pathway course at the University of Nottingham with Kaplan is easy. Once you've chosen a course, just follow these few steps.

Choose your path

The best way to start your path to Nottingham is simple: contact us and speak with an adviser! Follow the link below to get in touch and discuss your future.

Contact us

 kaplanpathways.com/nottingham-contact

Course information

You can use the accompanying [course information booklet](#) to find out more about the pathway courses available at the International College, as well as the university degrees you can progress to. You'll also find pathway course tuition fees, start dates, entry requirements and module information, giving you everything you need to plan your studies abroad.

Explore the course information booklet online:

 kaplanpathways.com/nottingham-course-info



Michelle
from Kenya



Where is Nottingham?



Who's on the cover? Tryphena Melissa Duba Ayiba from Uganda on her path to a University of Nottingham degree.

Find out more

kaplanpathways.com/university-of-nottingham

Explore more study options

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