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Students would like to know if you have courses in the following subject areas: Drama, Engineering, Musical theatre, Coding/Website Design, Computing, Gaming Design, Art/Design, Design/Technology, Teaching, Film Making and Production, Pharmacology/ Pharmaceuticals, astrophysics, veterinary, astrology, geography, architecture, nursing, medicine, business, chemistry.

We offer courses in the following areas:

[Engineering](#), [Computer Science](#), [Film and Television](#), [Pharmacy/Pharmacology/Pharmaceutical Sciences](#), [Physics and Astronomy](#), [Astrophysics](#), [Veterinary Medicine](#), [Geography](#), [Architecture](#), Nursing ([Child](#), [Adult](#) and [Mental Health](#)), [Medicine](#), [business](#) and [Chemistry](#).

We unfortunately do not currently offer courses in the following areas:

Drama, Musical Theatre, Web design, gaming design, art/design (except for [Product Design and Manufacture](#), and Architecture), Teaching (we do not offer undergraduate teaching training courses, but do offer a BA in [Education](#) and post-graduate [teacher training courses](#)),

We do offer a range of [student societies](#) through our Students Union for students interested in many of the above including drama, musical theatre and art, and there are also [opportunities to work and volunteer with children](#) for those interested in pursuing a teaching career.

### What will university life look like in 2021?

This is difficult for us to say with certainty, as the university have had to respond quickly to changing circumstances over the past year. You will find the most up to date information on our university [webpage](#) along with a dedicated Covid-19 page.

### What are your most popular courses?

We have over 280 undergraduate courses on offer at the University of Nottingham. These belong to the Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Engineering, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Faculty of Science and the Faculty of Social Sciences. With an overall student satisfaction rate of 81.91% many of our courses are proven to be very popular.

### What courses do you offer?

We have a wide range of courses available across our faculties, you can visit our course directory [here](#).

### **Is an AS grade a useful qualification?**

Our entry requirements predominantly assess your A levels and GCSEs. Where an AS grade or subject is considered this will be stated in the entry requirements section of the [course page](#).

### **What grades on average do I need to get accepted?**

Our entry requirements vary depending on the course that you are interested in, the entry requirements for each course can be found within our course descriptions. You can visit our course directory [here](#) and in turn the course descriptions and entry requirements.

### **What are your facilities like?**

At the University of Nottingham we continually invest in facilities for staff and students to ensure that the learning and living experience is the best it can be. We have 10 libraries across our UK and international campuses, together they provide access to over one million books and journals and more than three million manuscripts. If you are interested in pursuing sports at university, the new £40 million David Ross Sports Village features a swimming pool, 200 station fitness suite and even a martial arts dojo. The Lakeside Arts centre can also support you in engaging with your artistic and cultural interests, with a year round programme of Music, Drama and exhibitions.

You can experience our facilities in 360 and explore the libraries, sports centres and more through our [virtual tour](#).

### **In general, what grades are required for Engineering courses at uni?**

The range of grades required for our BEng and MEng Engineering courses are approximately AAB – A\*AA. The grades and subjects required depend on which specific course you are applying to. We also have an [Engineering Foundation year](#) for which the entry requirements are typically around BBB.

### **Which courses take up the most time? Which are the most demanding?**

The contact time and study hours will vary dependant on the course you are studying. Usually this will be made up of a mixture of lectures, seminars, tutorials, placements, lab work and independent study. Generally speaking, courses with less contact hours will require more time spent in independent study. You can find the contact time for each course on the Learning and Assessment section on the [course page](#).

### **Is accommodation always available?**

If you are applying for September 2021, we will guarantee you a room in University-arranged accommodation\* for your first year if you:

- firmly accept your offer of a place on a course at the University of Nottingham
- apply to us for accommodation by midnight on Monday 31 May 2021 as a UK student or by midnight on Saturday 31 July 2021 as an EU or international student

- accept your accommodation licence/tenancy agreement and the terms and conditions by the deadline given in your residential offer letter

You can find out more about our accommodation options [here](#).

\* In order to fulfil our guarantee we may offer accommodation that is not in one of our advertised residences. We may also offer temporary accommodation or a place in a room shared with another student for a short time. We offer this until we are able to transfer you to suitable permanent accommodation.

### **What is the average cost of accommodation?**

There are a huge range of accommodation options with varying prices, allowing students to choose the option that best fits their budget. Prices vary depending on whether the accommodation includes your meals (catered) or whether you'll be buying and cooking your own food (self catered). It is also more expensive to have a room with an en-suite bathroom, compared to sharing a bathroom with other students. The prices of accommodation for 2021/22 are yet to be confirmed but in previous years have ranged from approximately £4,000 - £8,000 for the academic year. Further information about accommodation fees can be found here:

<https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/accommodation/undergraduate/fees-and-contract.aspx>

### **What proportion of graduates get into employment (linked to their degree) with 6 months of graduating?**

This will vary depending on the course/subject area, but overall, our most recent figures show that 96.5% of undergraduate students were in employment or further study six months after graduation. You can find further information about our graduate employability here:

<https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/studywithus/why-study/employability.aspx>

You can find more specific employability figures, as well as information about graduate destinations and average starting salaries for many of our courses on the course pages of our online prospectus.

### **Do you think it's going to be easier to get in to universities, if less people want to go because of the pandemic?**

This is very difficult to say, as we have all faced unprecedented challenges and adapted to new situations throughout the past year. 2020 saw a large intake of Home students, but unfortunately for 2021 it is too early to say. We would encourage you to plan ahead for a strong application to university to ensure you are best placed to receive offers from your choices. This includes your academic achievements, a strong reference and a compelling personal statement.

### **Are universities lowering offers because of the pandemic?**

Our [Covid-19 pages](#) are regularly updated with information as it becomes available. Although we can't say how admissions and entry requirements will look next year yet, we do review our admissions process and entry requirements each year. We will share any updates with you as soon as we can.

### **Would I be able to maintain my gaming life outside of university, as I'm part of a successful E-sports Fortnite team?**

We encourage extra-curricular activities whilst at university, and many students choose to join clubs, societies and groups. Wednesday afternoons are usually kept free for you to be able to do this, or

you may wish to dedicate other time to your e-sports team alongside your studies. The Student's Union also runs GameSoc, a society dedicated to online and weekly gaming sessions. Find out more information [here](#).

### **What %/hours is lectures/independent work on average? How many hours do you spend studying on average?**

The contact time and study hours will vary dependant on the course you are studying. Usually this will be made up of a mixture of lectures, seminars, tutorials, placements, lab work and independent study. Generally speaking, courses with less contact hours will require more time spent in independent study. You can find the contact time for each course on the Learning and Assessment section on the [course page](#).

### **If someone had a criminal record, would it affect their chances of completing a degree?**

For some courses, offers are subject to a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) clearance, particularly medicine and healthcare-related courses, so this could affect whether you could be offered a place on the course. You may also need to declare convictions if you are applying to live in University managed accommodation during your time at University.

Guidance for applicants with criminal convictions can be found here:

<https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/qualitymanual/admissions/admissions-procedures-criminal.aspx>

### **What is your student satisfaction rate?**

The University of Nottingham scored 81.91 in the National Student Survey 2020 (results can be found here

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/student/news/national-student-survey-2020-overall-satisfaction-results>

### **What GCSE grades do I need to be accepted into University?**

Across the University of Nottingham we have a minimum of a grade 4 (C) for GCSE English Language, but this may be higher for certain courses. Some courses will also have specific requirements for other relevant GCSE subjects. It is important to check the entry requirements on the course pages on our website to check if you are eligible before applying.

### **Do Universities automatically think better of a student that studied in a private school rather than a state school?**

No, Universities are not biased and do not consider whether a student is from private school or state school when deciding whether to offer a student a place, unless in certain circumstances where a privately schooled pupil would not be eligible (e.g. Our Medicine with a Foundation year is only open to students who have attended a state school). The University's decision is based on whether the student meets the academic standards and has any other experiences or personal attributes that make them suitable for their chosen course.

### **What makes your university different from others?**

The University of Nottingham is an internationally recognised University and member of the Russell Group. Our students leave with fantastic employment opportunities, as we are ranked in the top ten for employability (\*The Graduate Market 2013-19, High Fliers Research)

The University of Nottingham has been awarded the highest ranking in the Teaching Excellence Framework, which shows that we deliver the best quality teaching to our students. We have also been crowned top sports university for the second time in three years, in The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2021.

We have three UK campuses, with our main campus University Park being one of the most beautiful campuses in the UK. We have inspiring green spaces, including a meadow, and we're home to the famous #BeastsOfUoN. With a commitment to sustainability, we have won 17 Green Flag awards. We are pioneering – as well as our three UK campuses, we have established campuses in Malaysia and China which our students can choose to study at. More than 97% of our research is internationally recognised, and our unrivalled international connections work to deliver solutions to today's global challenges.

[Chat](#) to some of our current students to find out what they believe makes us different from other universities.

### **Is there any way you can make your application more appealing to have a higher chance of getting accepted?**

Your personal statement is an opportunity to demonstrate why you are suitable for the course, university and career. It is your chance to sell yourself and differentiate you from others who also meet the entry requirements. A good personal statement will identify academic, extra-curricular and work experience examples that show that you have certain skills or qualities that are suitable for your chosen course. You should always evidence and evaluate/reflect on these examples. Remember to be concise, avoid being vague, always using specific examples.

### **Is having top grades and no work experience better or worse than having mediocre grades and lots of work experience?**

For all of our courses, you will need to meet the entry requirements for the course. Therefore, a strong level of work experience will not mean you will receive an offer if your grades don't meet the entry requirements. For some of our courses work experience is required and this is listed on the course page. For many of our courses we encourage you to talk about skills gained in your personal statement through work experience, but this could also be transferable skills evidenced through further reading, extra-curricular activities or personal experience.

### **How far away is your university from Netherthorpe School?**

The University of Nottingham University Park Campus is an approximately 35 minute drive from Netherthorpe School. If you are travelling by train, the train from Chesterfield to Nottingham is approximately 33 minutes long, you can then travel by either Tram or Bus to the University Park Campus. You can find out more about transport to the University of Nottingham's Campuses [here](#).

### **Do you think it is beneficial to get a job whilst you are at university?**

Working alongside your studies can have a variety of benefits, not only can it support you financially, but it can also help you to develop further skills to be used on your degree and in your future career. However, we would recommend that you still ensure that you have enough dedicated free time to focus on your studies whilst working. At the University of Nottingham we have a variety of student job opportunities which are flexible around your studies, these include being a [Student Ambassador](#) and working on campus events, in addition to roles in on campus venues.

### **Does it affect your student loan if you have a part time job?**

If you are under 25 years old and living in your parental home, your maintenance loan will be based on your household income. A part time job as a student will therefore not affect the amount of student loan that you are entitled to.