

University of Northampton

How has covid affected teaching styles?

As we offer a style of teaching called 'active blended learning' which mixes both online learning with in person teaching we have found that adjusting to an online based system has been relatively simple. We have also found students and staff have adjusted quickly too. However, we are excited to have students back in person very soon.

What are your most popular courses?

Our Allied Health courses are extremely popular. These courses include; nursing, midwifery, and paramedic science. We do have a diverse range of courses to choose from across a range of faculties. Our sports courses are also extremely popular with courses including coaching, sports science, rehab and conditioning and a brand-new eSports course.

What courses do you offer?

We offer a number of courses in a range of academic disciplines.

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.

Yes, we have courses in the vast majority of the topics above.

Is an AS grade a useful qualification?

Any form of qualification is useful and all adds to the knowledge and skills you possess.

What grades on average do I need to get accepted?

Our standard entry requirement is BCC; however, some subjects require higher grades and some require lower.

What are your facilities like?

As our campus was only opened in 2016 we are fortunate to have some of the newest facilities in the UK and some of the latest technology available. This has allowed us to deliver a cutting-edge education to all our students.

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

In general, we ask that you attain BCC at A-Level and have a grade 4/5 in Maths at GCSE

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

The most demanding and time-consuming courses are the Allied Health Profession courses. These courses all have a large number of placement hours to complete alongside you, in person study.

Is accommodation always available? What is the average cost?

Accommodation is available to all 1st year students in University run halls of accommodation. In 2nd and 3rd years students are expected to find their own accommodation. In 1st year prices range from £90 p/w to £130p/w depending on the accommodation chosen

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

Our graduate employment rates are very high but, in the event, you fail to find employment and you have completed our changemaker program and possess a 2:1 or higher we will find you a 6-12 month paid placement in an industry relevant to your degree.

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

Even If less students apply universities will want to maintain standards, therefore its important that students strive to achieve the best possible grades they can.

Are universities lowering offers because of the pandemic?

I can't speak for all universities but there are no plans to lower grades at the University of Northampton

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

Yes, we have a successful eSports team at the university and even offer an esports degree. You would be welcome to join us and partake in your hobby with us but equally you would have time to complete your team commitments.

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

On average most students will complete 12 hours per week of lesson time, it is then expected that students top up this with approx. 16 hours of independent study. However, everyone is different so there is no right way to complete university

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

In some instances yes, you would for instance be unable to become a teacher or a become a pursue a degree which required a clear DBS record. Depending on the conviction you may be able to complete other courses but this might be subject to an interview.

What is your student satisfaction rate?

In the National Student Survey 2020 we had an overall rating of 79.41% of students were satisfied.

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

At Northampton we ask that students have a minimum of 5 GSCSE's grade 4/5

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

No, we look at your entire application and you lived experiences. Sometimes people who went to private school might not have had the exposure or life experiences you have had which will make you a good student.

What makes your university different from others?

We don't just support you while at University but will strive to be there whenever you need us even after you graduate. Our facilities are top of the range and we have lecturers which are engaged and have real life experience in the industries they are teaching you about.

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

A good personal statement will go a long way to making your application stand out.

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

Ideally, you'd have outstanding grades and lots of work experience. However, both have their merits but you need to explain the key skills you have from each where applicable

How far away is your university from my school?

Approx 1 ½ hours

Do you think it is beneficial to get a job whilst you are at university? Does it affect your student loan if you have a part time job?

Yes, I think it can be beneficial to have a job. It gives you something else to put your attention towards and can break up your week. Only take this on though if you have time and can balance your studies alongside it. Having a part time job would not affect your student loan though.