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Front cover image:
Students by the Chinese garden at Ningbo Campus.



Students chatting on the library balcony.

Welcome to The University of Nottingham Ningbo China

The University of Nottingham Ningbo China (UNNC) is a high-ranking university that provides a truly excellent education in the world's most dynamic economy.

What you learn during your study abroad experience will be highly relevant to modern business and industry and will prepare you for the challenges of a fast-paced, increasingly complex global society. It is an environment in which students excel, which is why every single one of our graduates finds employment or move on to postgraduate study at a top university.

A University of Nottingham education is distinguished by a powerful combination of research-led teaching, an increasingly international environment and curriculum and innovative use of technology. At UNNC you will be given the opportunity to engage creatively with new and exciting ideas in your chosen field of study. All courses are taught in English, with additional opportunities to develop your skills in languages that are important for business, industry and scientific endeavours. French, Japanese and Mandarin are just some of the many languages courses we offer.

Campus life at UNNC is unique. You will experience the Chinese economic miracle and sample the culture and cuisine of the world's most rapidly evolving country while living in a safe, friendly and vibrant international community. You can look forward to making new friends and networks of future business associates.

We hope this guide will give you a flavour of life at UNNC and help you decide whether you would like to study here, either on our International Exchange Programme or our Study Abroad Programme. For more information, please see www.nottingham.edu.cn/exchange or contact us using the details on page 25. I look forward to welcoming you in person to UNNC.

Professor Nick Miles OBE
Provost and Pro Vice-Chancellor
The University of Nottingham Ningbo China

Why study in China?

International businesses are increasingly seeking graduates who have global awareness and experience of working internationally and who are at ease with cultural differences. With your experience and knowledge of China, you will stand out from the crowd and be well equipped for a wide range of employment opportunities.

Studying in China is the best way to learn or improve your grasp of Mandarin because you will encounter the culture and language on a daily basis. Mandarin Chinese may not be as hard as you think and you will be amazed by your progress.

Living in an entirely different region of the world puts so many different experiences within your reach. You won't regret it!

Studying in China offers countless opportunities to make friends from around the world. You will meet students from every corner of China in addition to international students who are as far from home as you are.

Being abroad will help you learn about yourself as you develop new skills, discover new strengths and abilities, conquer new challenges and solve new problems. You will encounter situations that are wholly unfamiliar to you and will learn to adapt and respond in effective ways.

Students walking down High Street on Ningbo Campus.



Why The University of Nottingham Ningbo China?

The University of Nottingham UK opened its China Campus in 2004, becoming the first Sino-foreign university to be approved by the Ministry of Education in the People's Republic of China. The University of Nottingham Ningbo China (UNNC) offers the best of both worlds – you will have the opportunity to live and study in China, while studying at a campus where the first language is English.

The University of Nottingham is in the top 1% of universities worldwide*, with over 40,000 high calibre students across our campuses in the UK, China and Malaysia. Our model will encourage you to take a thorough approach to learning and to become an independent learner who knows how to research, analyse and present the key issues relating to contemporary China.

All undergraduate and postgraduate programmes at UNNC are taught in English, using the same teaching and assessment standards as The University of Nottingham UK. The degree programmes we offer at UNNC are subject to the same quality assurance processes as the degrees offered in the UK.

Our Study Abroad and International Exchange Programmes offer you the opportunity to learn about the remarkable changes taking place in China. They combine the experience of living in China with a flexible programme of credit-bearing Chinese studies and other China-related modules delivered by a leading British university.

A range of modules will be available, all offering first-hand insights into aspects of Chinese culture, society, business, economics, modern history and international relations. You will also have the opportunity to study Mandarin language from beginner to advanced levels.

UNNC currently has around 6,000 full-time students and over 500 teaching and administrative staff from all over the world. We have international students from more than 60 countries and the University is planning to move towards an international student population of 15%.

Students who experience cultural differences personally can come to truly understand other cultures while expanding their world view. You will gain a different view of international affairs, including politics, economics and social issues.

Choosing to study abroad can be a daunting prospect, especially if you are unfamiliar with the culture and language of the country you have chosen. However, Nottingham is committed to providing a personalised, academically focused experience. The International Office and the Student Affairs Office will provide a focal point for you, providing advice on living and studying locally.

* 75th in the world in the QS World Rankings 2013/14. 9th in the UK and 83rd in the world by the Shanghai Jiao Tong Academic Ranking of World Universities 2013.

You can view all our undergraduate student videos at www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugvideos/international.aspx

Follow us for tips on where to eat and drink, places to visit and things to do in Ningbo. Check in and see what your friends are up to at



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“Our students earn world-class qualifications in the context of one of the world's most exciting economies and cultures. In an increasingly globalised work environment, our graduates are in demand because of their unique, international education.”

Professor Julie Sanders
Vice-Provost for Teaching and Learning



Parahan Pascal
BA International
Business Management



Parahan explains what attracted him to study in Ningbo and what he likes about the city:

www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugvideos/parahanpascal



Students taking part in a seminar.

“Nottingham is the nearest Britain has to a truly global university, with campuses in China and Malaysia modelled on a headquarters that is among the most attractive in Britain.”

The Times Good University Guide 2013



Students on a geography field trip to the Upper Zhang Xi River, China.

Your study options

Combining beautiful gardens, modern architecture and state-of-the-art learning and research facilities, our University is an inspirational place to live, work and study.

We offer two programmes for students wanting to study at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China (UNNC) as part as of their degree as well as a shorter summer school programme.

International Exchange Programme

The International Exchange Programme is designed for undergraduate students from our partner universities worldwide who wish to spend a period of time (one or two semesters) studying in China. If you are admitted to the International Exchange Programme, credit for the studies you successfully complete at UNNC may be transferred to the degree in your home institution. You will not be awarded a degree from The University of Nottingham. Your exchange application must be approved by the international office at your home institution before you submit it to Ningbo.

Study Abroad Programme

The Study Abroad Programme is ideal for undergraduate students currently studying at an accredited institution outside China who want to spend a period of time (one or two semesters) studying in China. If you are admitted to the Study Abroad Programme, credit for the studies you successfully complete at UNNC may be transferred to the degree in your home institution with their approval. You will not be awarded a degree from The University of Nottingham.

We recommend that you discuss your study abroad plans with an adviser at your home institution before applying. It is important to check that your home institution will allow you to transfer credit for subjects studied overseas.

International summer school

These two-week courses, based at our campuses in China and Malaysia, offer an opportunity to study a new subject while meeting people from all over the world and learning about a different culture. You will study with world-class academics, take part in exciting cultural and social activities and make friends and memories that will stay with you for life.

Find out more: www.nottingham.edu.cn/international-summer-school

Scholarships

There are scholarships available to students who are seeking a semester or an academic year's study at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China. Find out more: www.nottingham.edu.cn/scholarships

Student life at UNNC



Find out what students make of life at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China.

www.nottingham.edu.cn/en/videos/student-videos/student-life.aspx



See for yourself

View our China Campus image gallery at uonottingham/collections

Teaching and learning

All undergraduate and postgraduate programmes at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China (UNNC) are conducted entirely in English with the same teaching and evaluation standards as at Nottingham UK. They are delivered by staff who have either been seconded from Nottingham UK or appointed internationally to University of Nottingham standards.

Free Mandarin classes

Free basic Mandarin classes will be offered to international students. These will be one 10-credit equivalent of basic language per semester for your first year here. Please note that you will not be able to use this towards your degree.

Credit transfer

To ensure a smooth credit transfer, you must seek approval of your intended course of study at UNNC from your home institution before you apply to the Study Abroad or International Exchange Programme.

Credit system and course load

You will be required to undertake a full-time course of study for one or two semesters. Modules are normally worth 10-20 credits each. The average full-time workload is 60 credits in one semester and 120 credits over two semesters in one year. The minimum full-time workload in one semester is 50 credits.

Module catalogue

We suggest that most study abroad and exchange students take year-two classes if they are taking a new subject, or year-three/-four classes if they are taking classes in their major area of study.

Modules are available across most disciplines and are part of the regular curriculum, enabling you to study alongside China-based home students. Acceptance onto the Study Abroad or International Exchange Programme does not guarantee a place on specific modules.

For more information about studying at UNNC and specific modules, please see www.nottingham.edu.cn/en/study/a-z.aspx and modulecatalogue.nottingham.ac.uk/ningbo



Business students participating during a lecture.

International student support

The International Office

Staff in the International Office are committed to offering guidance and support to international students from the moment they register. We can offer you expert advice on matters such as visa and immigration regulations, entry requirements and even what to pack.

Welcoming you to China

Arriving in a new country can be daunting. We therefore offer a free coach pick-up service for new international students arriving at Shanghai Pudong Airport and Ningbo Airport during the induction period. We will also help you with the paperwork required for visas, including police registration, and will ensure there is an English-speaking medical adviser to accompany you for mandatory health checks after your arrival in China.

Making you feel at home

The International Office runs a Welcome Programme aimed specifically at helping international students settle in. We take care of practical details, like opening a bank account, and ensure there is a line-up of social activities so you can meet people and make new friends.

Student networks and support

The vis-à-vis programme, a type of buddy system, matches new students with experienced students. Hall tutors, who are mature students, are also available to discuss any concerns connected to the student residence.

In each academic division students are assigned a personal tutor. The first meeting with your personal tutor normally takes place within the first few weeks of the autumn semester. You are welcome to discuss any academic or personal issues with them.

Excursions and events

The International Office runs a number of events and excursions for international students. These include a series of festival events, both western and Chinese, as well as trips to places including Xitang (a traditional Chinese ancient town), Hangzhou, Shaoxing and other popular destinations around Ningbo. Students will have at least one opportunity a month to take part in an excursion or event.

Other support services include:

- The Continuing Support Centre
- Disability Support
- University Counselling Service
- Security Service

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“I’m very glad I made a change in my life which has brought me a number of great stories and great opportunities that will serve as valuable for the rest of my life.”

Sebastian Naranjo Rodriguez (Panama)
BA International Studies
The University of Nottingham Ningbo China

Students studying in the student common room.



Undergraduate students chatting outside the accommodation building.

On campus

Unique advantages in China

The University of Nottingham Ningbo China (UNNC) is based in Ningbo, a modern city about 220km (140 miles) from Shanghai in China's prosperous Zhejiang province. Zhejiang is China's technological and scientific heartland and nurtures international trade, which means we are uniquely positioned to play an important role in China's economic development. We are located on the outskirts of the city in an attractive park-style setting. Our Centre for Sustainable Energy Technologies is the first zero-carbon building in China and emphasises the University's focus on environmental sustainability in its research and practices.

Convenience and creature comforts

Our vibrant UK-style high street is a popular gathering point on campus for staff and students. Facilities include a bank, post office, dry-cleaner, supermarket, hair salon, travel agency and several restaurants. Shopping malls, entertainment facilities and other amenities are all within walking distance or a short bus or taxi ride from the campus.

International food choices

You can choose from a range of canteens on campus, including one that specialises in halal cuisine and several that offer a wide array of Chinese staples and specialities. You may opt to cater for yourself by making use of several supermarkets in Ningbo, many of which offer products for Western tastes.

Accommodation

As an exchange or study abroad student, you will live on campus in an international residence hall with students from around the world. All rooms are fully-furnished and there are kitchen facilities on each floor where you can share your cooking skills with others.

University accommodation is guaranteed to all international students who apply by the accommodation deadlines. For more information, please see: www.nottingham.edu.cn/accommodation

24-hour access to medical care

The campus has a dedicated clinic with doctors and nurses on 24-hour call, and there is a new private hospital nearby with an emergency department. An English-speaking medical adviser is available to accompany you to hospitals and clinics when necessary.

For more information about campus life, please see: www.nottingham.edu.cn/en/life

Student life



Students singing in the recording studio.

You will find our campus vibrant and welcoming with lots of opportunities to get involved in events and activities that interest you.

Sports facilities

We have a range of sports facilities on campus which are open to all students, from serious athletes to casual competitors.

Our outdoor facilities include:

- a 400-metre track
- an athletics field
- badminton courts
- basketball courts
- a grass football pitch
- synthetic tennis courts
- volleyball courts

Indoor facilities include:

- badminton courts
- squash courts
- a basketball court
- rooms for gymnastics
- table tennis
- taekwondo and wushu
- a volleyball court
- a sports theory classroom

Several swimming pools are within walking distance of the campus and nearby parks are popular with runners.

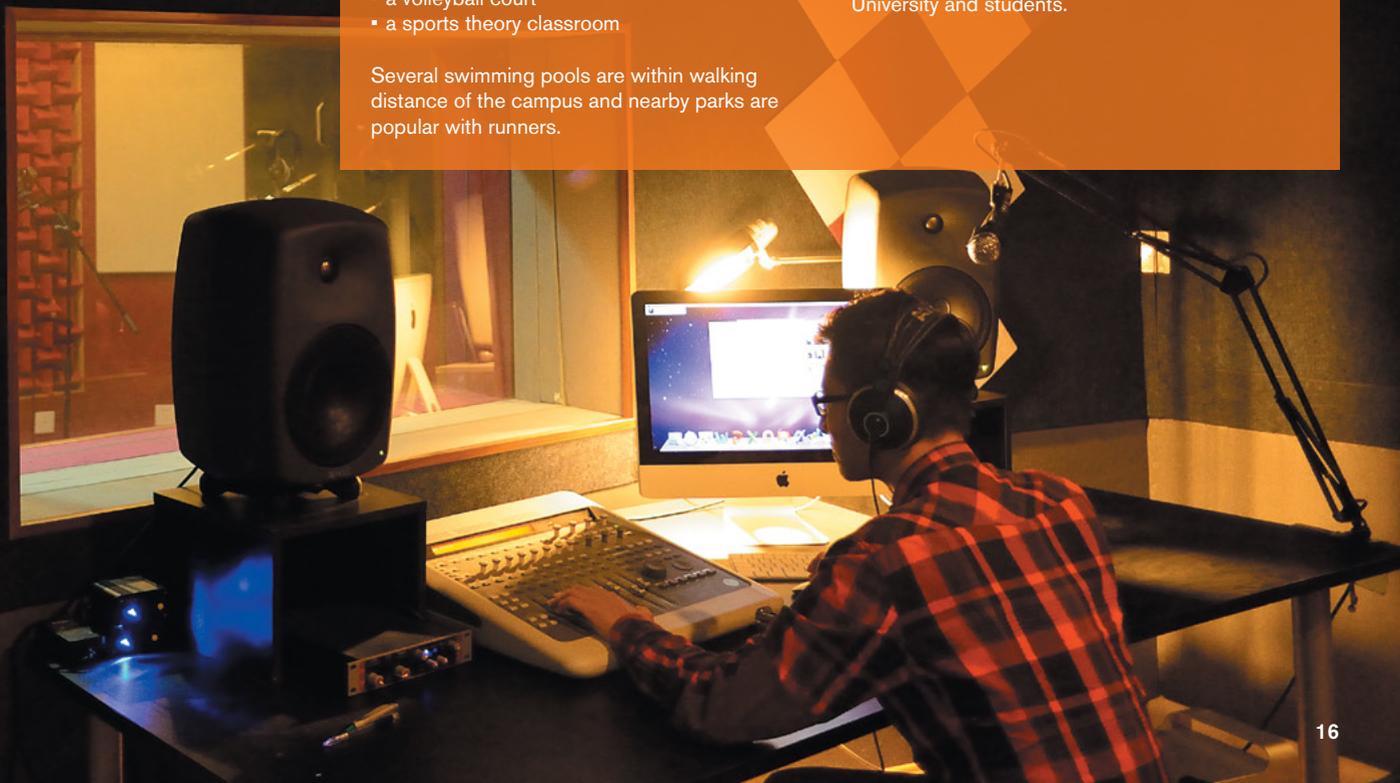
If you want to get involved in competitive sport there are lots of opportunities, including the annual Tri-Campus Games. Students from our campuses in China, Malaysia and the UK compete for the Tri-Campus title. The games are held on a different campus each year and are a huge event in the University's sporting calendar.

Student clubs and societies

There are dozens of clubs and societies to join, with events year-round for the serious-minded and fun-loving alike. You can choose to get involved in a range of activities, from taking part in martial arts to joining the student television channel's production team. Dramatic, dance and musical talents are also catered for, with student festivals and talent shows providing additional entertainment on campus.

International student culture

The Students' Union is pioneering the development of an international student culture in a Chinese context. Its mission is to create a diverse and international cultural environment on campus. It also provides links between the University and students.



Life in the city of Ningbo

Experience modern China

If you study with us in Ningbo you will have the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the world's most remarkable economic success story. Living and studying in this unusual, rich and multi-faceted environment ensures a unique university experience and gives you something very valuable for your CV.

Ningbo: a city that is dreaming big

Ningbo is a rapidly growing city in Zhejiang province on the south shore of Hangzhou Bay, opposite Shanghai. Estimates of the greater Ningbo population range from about six million to almost nine million. It is an important trading, business and manufacturing city on China's prosperous east coast. It has one of the busiest ports in China and is also among the largest ports in the world.

The city of Ningbo places much importance on encouraging educational excellence. It fully supported the establishment of The University of Nottingham Ningbo China as the first and only independently run foreign university within mainland China. The University is situated in a commercial district that includes most of the city's higher education institutions and a new business centre for financial services companies.

Easy travelling

Public transport in the city is fast and efficient. The University is on several bus routes and taxi transport in Ningbo is relatively cheap compared to other cities in the world. Many students use bicycles as their main mode of transport. Some find it fun to get around the city on an electric bike or 'e-bike'. Ningbo is a convenient base from which to explore China. The city is on major rail and bus routes and the airport connects it to China's major cities as well as international destinations.

Ningbo facts

- Population: over 5,000,000
- Area: 9,365 sq km/3,616 sq mi
- Time zone: GMT +8 hours

Students socialising at InCity shopping centre, Ningbo.

Entertainment: day and night

There's lots to do in Ningbo, whether you like relaxing in the fresh air or partying late into the night. Ningbo has theatres, cinemas, parks, health clubs, an art gallery and museum and international hotels with restaurants and fitness centres.

Popular among foreign residents is a downtown area called Lao Waitan, which is dominated by international restaurants and bars. In the centre of the city is Tianyi Square which, with its designer shops and department stores, is a major draw.

Sampling the culture

Although Ningbo is dominated by new high-rise buildings, there are many heritage sites and places that will give you a taste of ancient China in and around the city. Ningbo's numerous temples include Baoguo Temple, one of the oldest wooden structures in southern China.

An easy starting point for exploring the city is the area adjacent to Tianyi Square – Gulou – which means Drum Tower, named after the 1,000-year-old architectural remnant which is still standing. This striking landmark is the central point of a bustling street-market zone that is popular among tourists who want to bargain for wares.

Tianyige Library Museum, also in the city centre, dates from 1516 and is thought to be the oldest surviving library building in China. Its collection dates back to the 11th century and includes woodblock printed and handwritten copies of the Confucian classics. The library grounds feature rock gardens and bamboo groves.

Ningbo Art Museum presents exhibitions of contemporary art and design in a truly world-class setting. The Ningbo Grand Theatre, a large modern performing arts centre, features traditional and modern shows.

The Ningbo Museum, an eye-catching contemporary building within walking distance of the University, is included on the list of important national exhibitions. There are walk-through displays that encapsulate what it was like to live in China over the centuries. Interesting relics recovered recently from building sites in the area add to the nation's knowledge of Chinese society and history.

A seasonal climate

Seasons vary greatly in Ningbo. Make sure you have cool, comfortable clothes for summer and a warm coat and shoes for winter. Summer temperatures usually reach 30-40°C (86-104°F), while winter temperatures can be as low as -6°C (21°F). Autumn, with its crisp, sunny days and clear blue skies, is a wonderful time of year in Ningbo.

For more detail please visit:
www.nottingham.edu.cn/en/life/ningbo-city-life

Did you know?
One of the world's longest ocean bridges connects Ningbo and Shanghai, reducing driving time between the two cities to around two-and-a-half hours. The bridge is just under 36km (22 miles) long and was completed in 2007.



Students enjoying lunch at Yummy's restaurant.

Entry requirements, applying and other essential information

Entry requirements

All applicants must be a current student at an overseas university or college of higher education and have completed at least one year of study at their home institution.

Students applying for the:

- Study Abroad Programme must hold average to above-average results in university studies to date
- International Exchange Programme must be nominated by their home university

English language requirements

Applicants from non-English speaking countries must submit evidence of English language proficiency at the time of application. Our minimum entry requirements are:

- IELTS: 6.5 with no less than 6.0 in the writing band
- TOEFL paper-based: 575+ with no less than 4.5 in the TWE
- TOEFL computer-based: 232+ with no less than 4.5 in the TWE
- TOEFL (iBT): 88 (with no less than 19 in any element)

How to apply

Study Abroad Programme students must complete the application form and send it back with all required supporting documents to the The University of Nottingham Ningbo China International Office (see page 25) before the deadline.

International Exchange Programme students must send their completed application form and supporting documents to the International Office of their home institution.

The documents can be scanned and sent by email.

For further details and application forms, please visit the Study Abroad Programme and International Exchange Programme web pages at www.nottingham.edu.cn/exchange

Application deadlines

Autumn semester (September start): 31 May
Spring semester (February start): 30 November

Student visas

International students applying to study in China will require a student visa. There are two types of student visa:

- the X1 VISA is issued to those who intend to study in China for a period of more than 180 days. X1 visa holders must go through residential formalities in the local Entry-Exit Administration of Public Security Bureau within 30 days of entry into China
- the X2 VISA is issued to those who intend to study in China for a period of no more than 180 days

For more information please visit www.nottingham.edu.cn/immigration

Health insurance

As an international student, you must have medical insurance while you are studying at the University. All international students must buy "Ping An Life Insurance for foreigners staying in China" from the University Finance Office to cover their whole study period at UNNC.

How much will it cost?

International exchange programme

Students on exchange programme are exempt from paying any tuition fees to The University of Nottingham Ningbo China (UNNC), provided that they have been formally nominated to study at UNNC by their home university.

Study abroad programme

Students on study abroad programme will pay a single flat fee, which covers tuition fees for a full-time course of study. For latest fee information, please visit www.nottingham.edu.cn/exchange

Cost of living in Ningbo

The cost of living in Ningbo is much cheaper than in many cities in the world. For a single international student, we estimate it to be 3,000-4,000RMB per month including accommodation, meals, entertainment and other necessities. This will, however, depend on your lifestyle.

Find out more at www.nottingham.edu.cn/finance



Two undergraduate students in front of the Centre for Sustainable Energy Technologies, Ningbo Campus.

Further opportunities

We also offer semester and year-long study programmes at The University of Nottingham campuses in the UK and Malaysia.

The University of Nottingham UK

With established woodland, landscaped gardens and period buildings set around a large boating lake, University Park Campus in Nottingham is widely regarded as one of the most attractive campuses in the country.

Nearby Jubilee Campus, which is also home to the International Office, is an exemplar in sustainable brownfield regeneration and has won numerous awards for its environmentally friendly design.

Sutton Bonington, located in the beautiful countryside of south Nottinghamshire, occupies a spacious 100-acre site and is home to veterinary medicine and most biosciences students.

For more information about study abroad programmes, please see www.nottingham.ac.uk/international/exchanges

The University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus

The University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus opened in September 2000 to become the first campus of a British university in Malaysia and one of the first anywhere in the world. In September 2005 it moved to a new, purpose-built campus at Semenyih, 30km south of Kuala Lumpur city centre.

With around 4,500 students studying on campus, the site has grown to cover 125 acres and houses state-of-the-art teaching facilities as well as a sports complex, health centre, convenience store, cafe, bookshop, halls of residence and the Students' Association building.

For more information about study abroad opportunities please see www.nottingham.edu.my/incoming/inter-campusexchange

Students studying outside at University Park Campus, UK.

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Mileage chart

Approximate distance to Ningbo

Beijing – 1,211km/752 miles	London – 9,350km/5,810 miles
Hangzhou – 138km/86 miles	Shanghai – 153km/95 miles
Harbin – 1,820km/1,131 miles	Xi'an – 1,283km/797 miles
Hong Kong – 1,119km/695 miles	