



Nottingham Trent
University



RESEARCHING YOUR OPTIONS

Part 1:

What to consider when choosing a course



Your options

- Foundation degree
- Foundation year
- Bachelor's degree
- Degree Apprenticeship
- Gap year



Choosing your course...





Discover our courses

- Accounting and Finance
- Agriculture and Horticulture
- Animal, Equine and Veterinary Sciences
- Architecture
- Biosciences
- Business and Management
- Chemistry
- Childhood, Education and Teacher Training
- Computer Science
- Conservation and Ecology
- Construction Management and Quantity Surveying
- Criminology and Policing
- Design for Performance
- Digital Screen Arts
- Economics
- Engineering
- English Language Teaching
- English, Linguistics and Creative Writing
- Fashion
- Fine Art
- Food Science and Production
- Forensic Science
- Games and Esports
- Geography and Environmental Science
- Health and Allied Professions
- History and Heritage
- Joint Honours
- Journalism
- Law
- Marketing
- Mathematics
- Media, Communications, Film and Television
- Music and Live Events
- Philosophy
- Photography
- Physics
- Politics and International Relations
- Product Design
- Property Management and Development
- Psychology
- Social Work and Care
- Sociology
- Sport Science
- Visual Communication
- Youth

How will you study?

Lectures



Seminars



How will you study?

Workshops & practical's



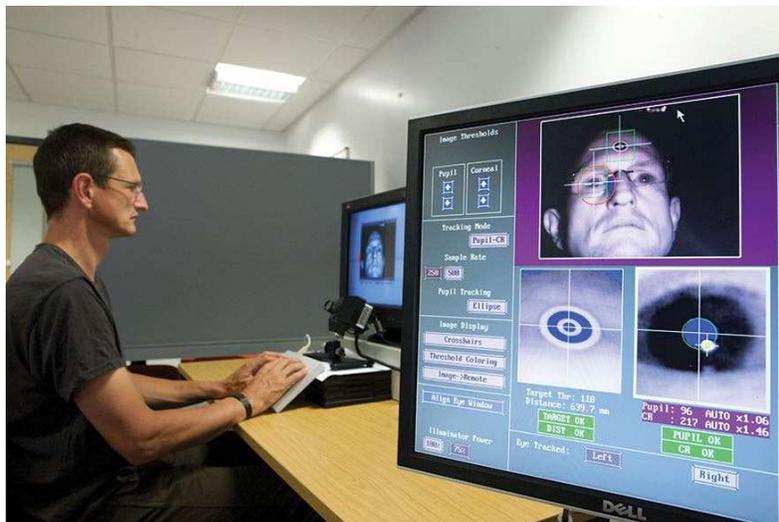
Learn by doing



Mock Courtrooms



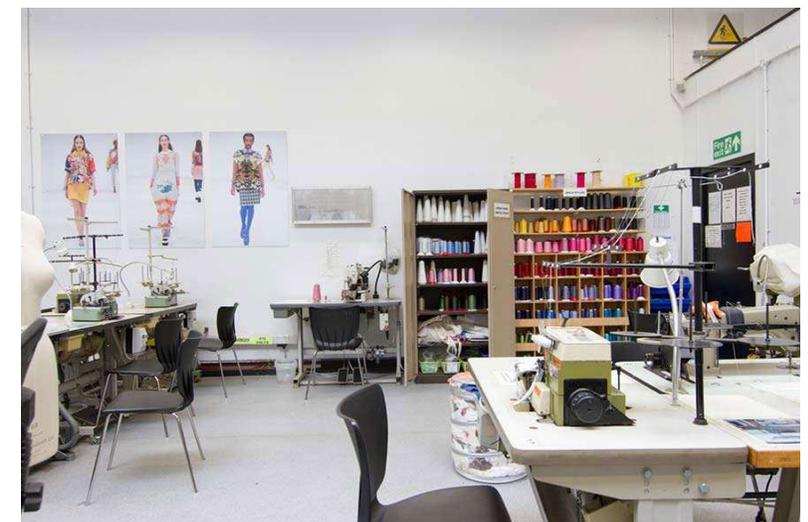
Newsroom



Psychology Lab



Economics Lab



Knit room

Considerations

Is this the right pathway for me?



What is important to you?

Which subjects do I enjoy studying?

Are there any subjects I'm particularly good at?

What am I motivated by?

What do I see myself doing in 10 years time?

What are the most employable degrees?

Features to compare

Course
Accreditation

Opportunities on
the course

Facilities

Graduate
employment

Module
breakdown across
the years of study

Assessment type
and teaching
method

Student Support

Awards & league
tables

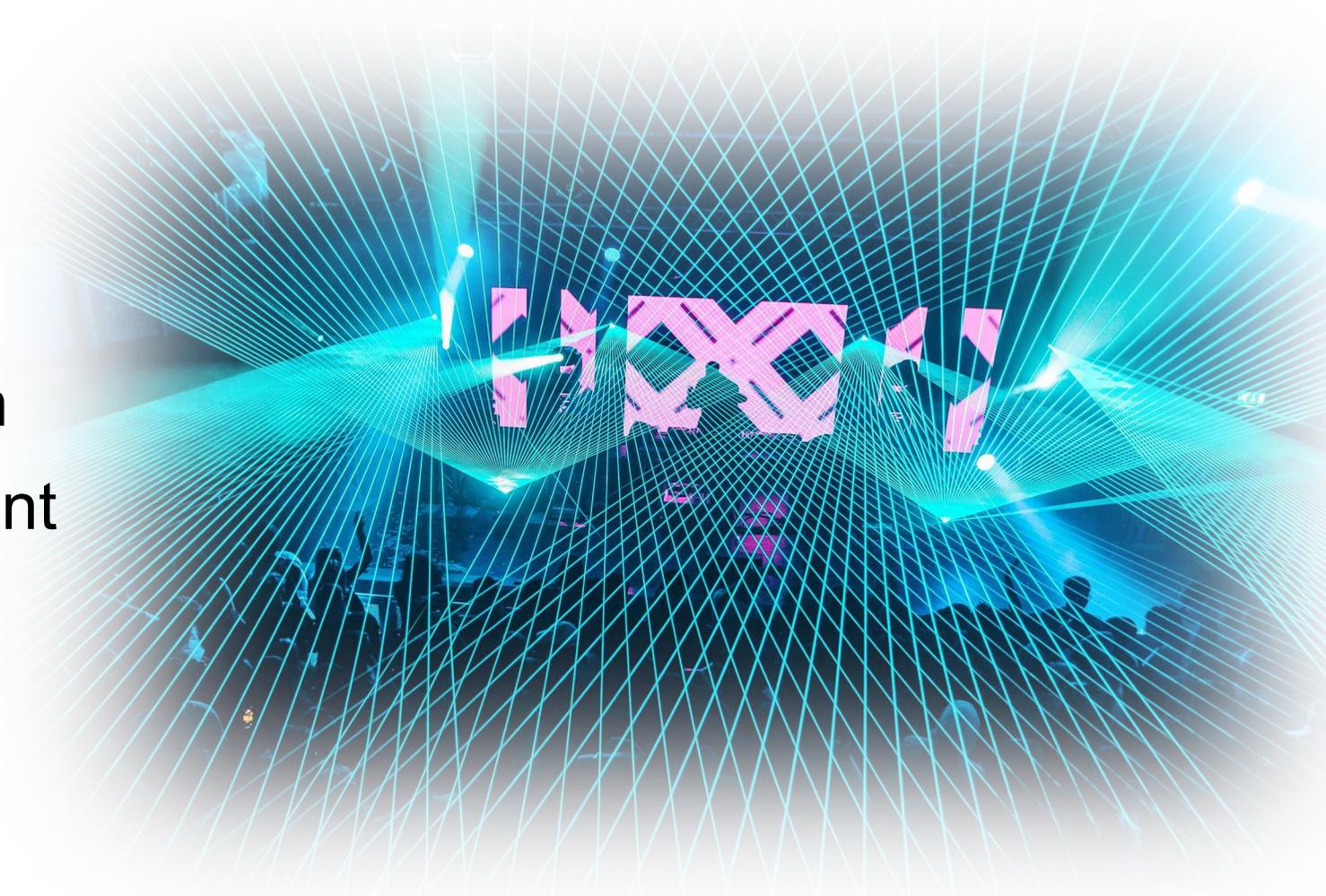


Student Experience



Student Life

- Meeting new people
- Clubs and societies
- Doing what **you** enjoy
- Always something going on
- Exploring a new environment
- Student discounts



Support at university

Anxiety, addictions, bereavement, loneliness, finance, employment, accommodation...

- Counselling
- Referrals to specialists
- SilverCloud
- Puppy therapy
- Mindfulness walks
- Discounted gym membership



Jimmy Chipolata is top dog at Nottingham Trent University
MERCURY PRESS

Therapy dogs help to ease students' worries at a stroke

Tools to research

Narrowing down your options

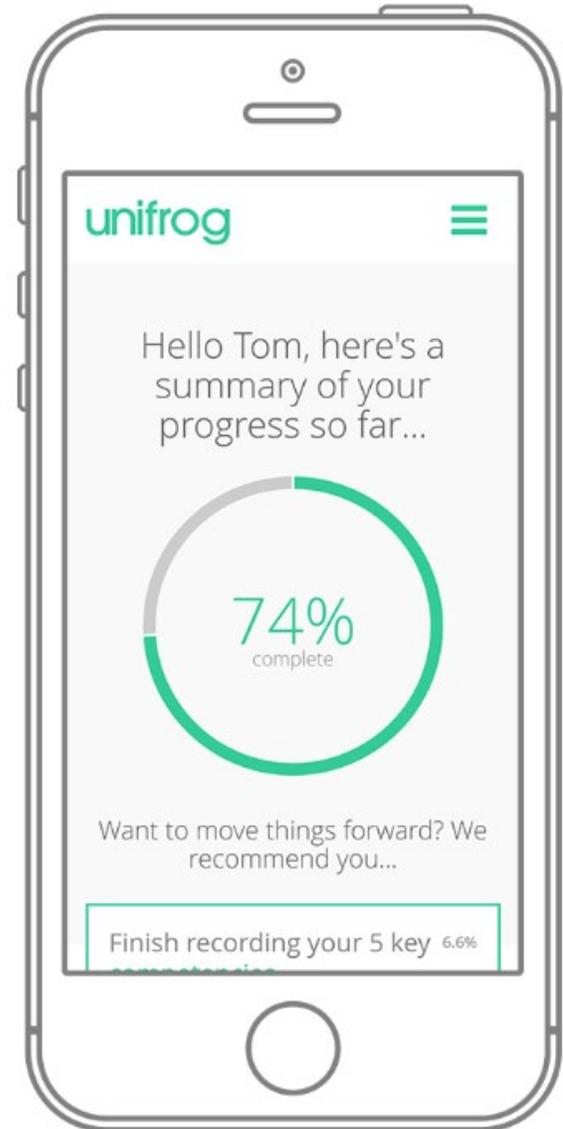


Tools to begin your search

ORGANISE IT.
DESIGN IT.
MAKE IT YOURS.

[UCAS.COM/HUB](https://ucas.com/hub)

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Tools to seek more in-depth knowledge

- University websites
- University prospectuses
- UniBuddy

Find info on:

- Course information
- Virtual tours
- Sports facilities
- Societies



Set your preferences

Making an informed decision



How to start

Start by writing down as many different features of a university that are important to **you**.

EXAMPLE:

Campus university	Volleyball team	Snow Sports society
Placement year	Good for employability	Practical learning
Self-catering halls	Close to home	Good student support



Let's check an example

Meet Jack...



- Jack wants to do Physics and has the following predicted grades: Physics B / Maths B / Biology C - Total UCAS points 112
- He would like to do a placement year
- He plays water polo and would like to continue this at university
- Jack is close to his family and doesn't want to be too far away from home
- Jack would like to live somewhere with an established LGBTQ+ community.

Jack's preferences...

My predicted grades are: B/B/C - 112 UCAS points

Key Features	University 1	University 2	University 3	University 4	University 5
Entry requirements					
Placement year					
Water polo club or society					
Not too far (1 hour max from home)					
LGBTQ+ Community					

Jack's comparison table

My predicted grades are: B/B/C - 112 UCAS points

Key Features	NTU – Physics (BSc)	NTU – Physics & Astrophysics (BSc)	University of Nottingham – Physics (BSc)	Loughborough Uni – Physics (BSc)
Entry requirements	104 points incl. Physics + Maths	112 points incl. Physics + Maths	A*AA incl. Physics + Maths	ABB incl. Physics + Maths
Placement year	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Water polo club or society	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Not too far (1 hour max)	45 min	45 min	50 min	35 min
LGBTQ+ Community	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Part 2:

**Making the most of Exhibitions, Experience Days
and Open Days**



Exhibitions

- All the universities in the UK, near to you and under one roof
- Information, prospectuses and freebies
- Taster lectures and workshops
- Usually booked by your school, however if not, you can still attend.



How to make the most of exhibitions...

- Do some research before you go. Which courses and universities are of interest to **you**?
- Write a list of questions so you can find out if the things that are important to you are offered by the universities you speak to
- Be enthusiastic and don't be afraid to ask questions



Experience/Taster Days

- Find out what it's like to study your chosen subject at university
- Gain knowledge and skills that look great on your application
- Explore facilities, meet current students and likeminded people.



Open Days

- Meet current students
- Campus and accommodation tours
- Interactive course demonstrations
- Advice and guidance about university life



Open Day

Questions you could ask on the day...

How is the town/city for students?

What are the entry requirements for the course?

How does the application process work?

Does the course offer work experience or study abroad options?

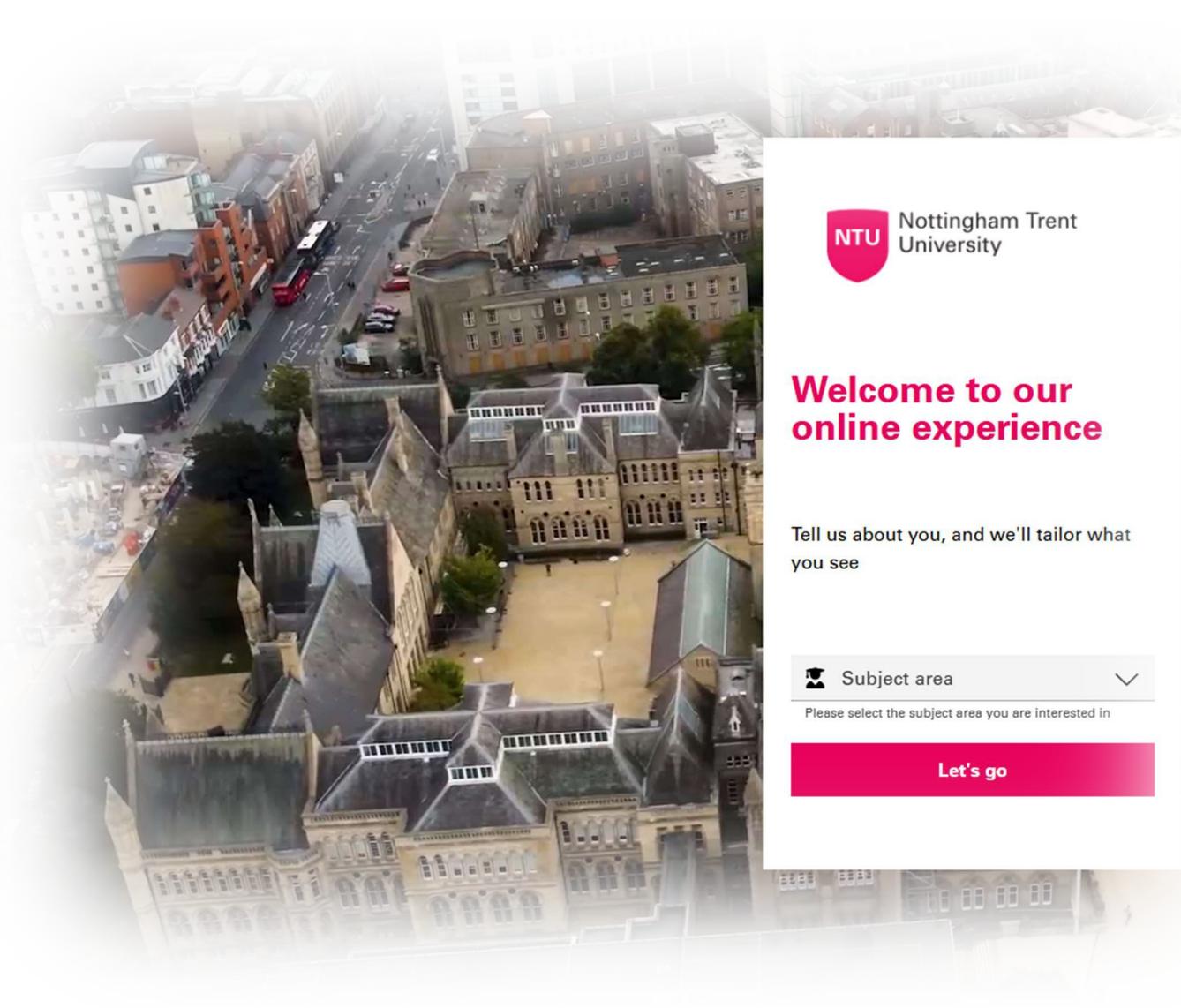
Is this the best course for my career goals?

What sports, societies and clubs are on offer?

What does the course involve, how is it assessed?

Virtual Tours

- Don't fret if you can't visit every choice you have
- Explore campuses and facilities online
- Find answers to your questions



**Welcome to our
online experience**

Tell us about you, and we'll tailor what
you see

 Subject area 

Please select the subject area you are interested in

Let's go

Chat to current students or staff

Last online Yesterday Student



Amira
Nottingham

BA International Business

Hi! I'm Amira a BA International Business student at the city campus of Nottingham Trent University. I'm currently in my sandwich year and doing a project management internship in London! I love helping people a...

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INTERESTS AND HOBBIES
Books · Hiking · Languages · Sweet Treats

[Ask me a question](#)

Student



Ash
Lombardy

BSc Biological Sciences

Hi, I'm Ash, I'm in my final year studying Biological Science with a pathway in Biomedical Science and I'm based on Clifton Campus. I took a gap year before starting university and commuted during my first year. While at NT...

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Gym · Hiking · Jazz · Yoga

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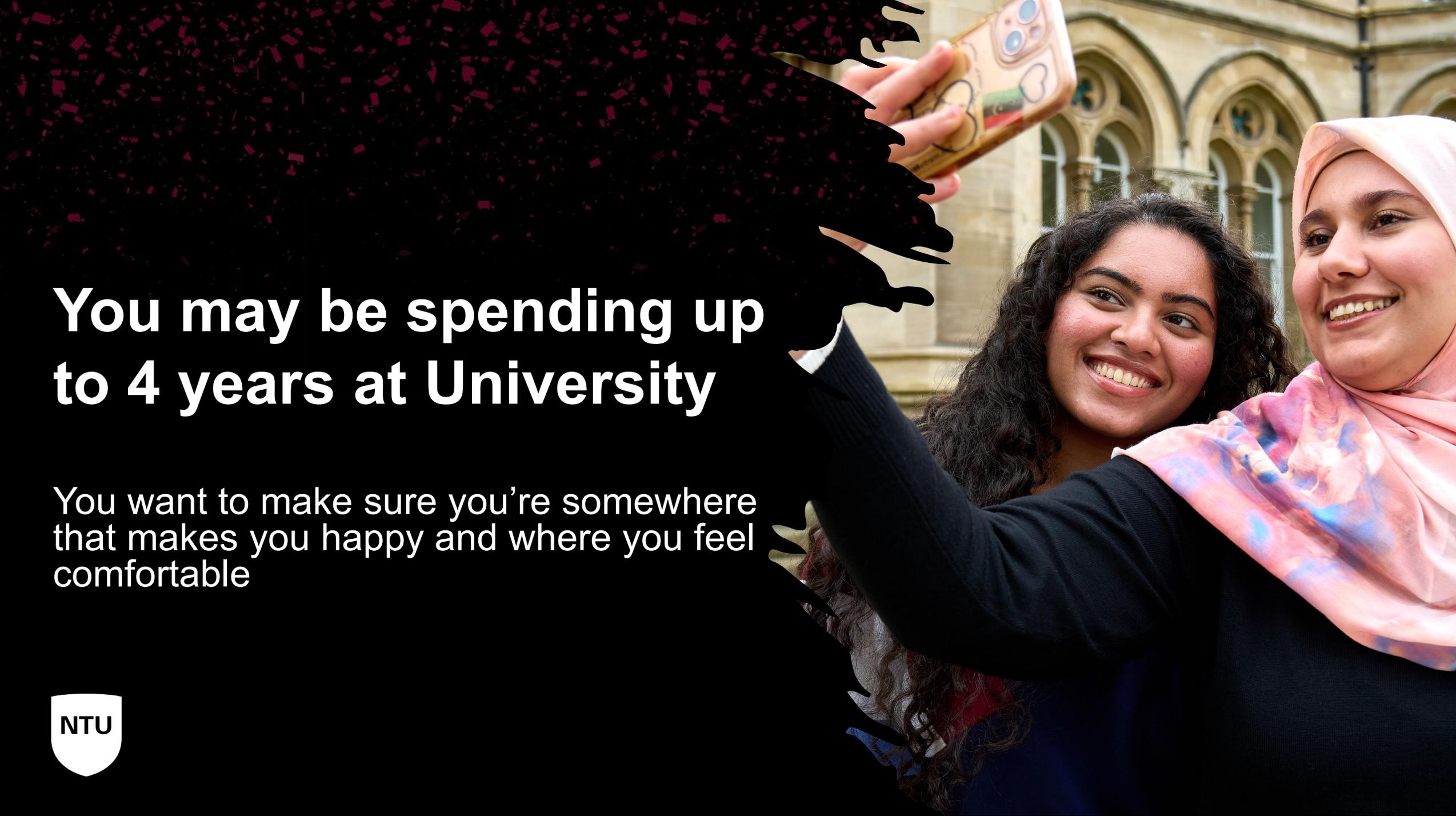


[See more students](#)

Part 3:

The importance of place



A photograph of two young women taking a selfie. The woman on the right is wearing a pink and blue patterned hijab and a black top, holding a smartphone with a colorful case. The woman on the left has long dark curly hair and is also smiling. They are standing in front of a building with large arched windows. The left side of the image is partially obscured by a black silhouette of a hand holding a phone, which is the same phone being held by the woman in the photo. The background on the left is a dark, textured pattern of small red and black squares.

You may be spending up to 4 years at University

You want to make sure you're somewhere that makes you happy and where you feel comfortable



What are the different 'types' of university?

Campus based



City based



Small and specialist



NTU Open Days

Come and see why we've been named University of The Year
5 times in 6 years

Saturday 7 March 2026

Saturday 25 April 2026

Saturday 27 June 2026

*Group bookings and teachers lounge available



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Book your place:



ntu.ac.uk/opendays

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