

Your Guide to The University of Northampton

*We are
a top 50
University**

*Guardian University
Guide 2015



Vice Chancellor's Welcome

We are an award-winning, top 50 university*, a place with a positive attitude and a fresh take on what it is to be a student.

96%
Employability**



Here at the University of Northampton we are committed to providing a student experience that is second to none – one that is rewarding and geared to enhancing life skills, knowledge and employability. 96 per cent of our students are in work or further study six months after graduating** and we are one of just nine UK universities in the top 30† for both student satisfaction and employability.

We offer outstanding opportunities for students to take part in work placements and volunteering opportunities that develop creative thinking, while working towards solutions for social problems. Our distinctive mission combining an excellent student experience, employability and social impact makes the University of Northampton unique in UK higher education with the power to transform your life and realise your true potential.

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Vice Chancellor
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*Guardian University Guide 2014 and 2015.

**HESA Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) Survey 2012/13. July 2014, compared to full university status HEIs for full-time study first Undergraduate degree leavers.

† National Student Survey 2014. The University of Northampton is ranked 34 out of all Higher Education Institutions, and is ranked 26th in the UK for satisfaction when compared to full university status HEIs.



The University of Northampton

At the University of Northampton we are dedicated to ensuring a first class student experience.

At the heart of all that we do and offer is our commitment to transforming lives and inspiring change. We are proud of our ground-breaking new areas of study and our growing reputation for research excellence, with state-of-the-art facilities and technology that ensures all our students have access to extensive libraries, IT suites, studios, innovative learning spaces and laboratories.

University life is spread across two linked campuses, with restaurants, shops, bars, Students' Union and a range of accommodation

options. To ensure we provide the very best, we have invested millions of pounds in facilities and buildings on both campuses.

The University of Northampton is committed to helping students get more than just a good degree. We offer a unique education experience taught using a variety of methods, in innovative facilities and give all students the chance to get involved in a wide range of initiatives and opportunities to improve their employability.

Discover why the University of Northampton is the right choice for you at: www.northampton.ac.uk/study



Academic and Teaching Excellence

The University of Northampton has always prided itself on its teaching excellence and we are committed to providing our students with the very best learning experience possible. This commitment has been repeatedly recognised in the UK National Teaching Awards, with a number of our University staff recognised as National

Teaching Fellows. Experts in their field and actively involved in research, many of our academic staff members are also professional consultants, working within the UK and internationally for private companies, voluntary and charitable organisations, as well as for local and national government departments.

Our main focus is on developing students to think and work independently, teaching them how to research and source information, analyse and question ideas, think creatively and construct logical arguments based on evidence, to support conclusions. Above all, we ensure that students learn how to apply their knowledge and solve problems in the real world. Our courses have the perfect balance of theoretical learning, critical analysis and practical application.



Discover more about our world leading research at: www.northampton.ac.uk/research



Naima Afruz and Yochebel Shungu



Environmental Science BSc (Hons)
Chancellor's Fund Recipients 2013

"The funding awarded to us contributed towards our research trip to Iceland to study volcanoes which was extremely beneficial to our dissertation projects. We are very grateful to the Chancellor's Fund for partially funding our trip and it was just an amazing experience for us both."



Helen Kirkum

Fashion (Footwear and Accessories)
BA (Hons)

"Choosing the University of Northampton has given me so many opportunities and I couldn't have imagined the support that I have received on my course. It has been everything I could have hoped for. I have been fortunate enough to win competitions and scholarships and I am going to squeeze everything I can from my university experience as a whole. I have already been lucky enough to secure work placements with high-profile names in the fashion industry, such as Red or Dead, Lacoste and the Clothes Show Live."

*Real world
degrees*



Employability

We are committed to ensuring that our academic and extra-curricular experiences provide our students with all the knowledge and skills they need to achieve success in their chosen career.

96 per cent of our students from full-time courses are in work or further study six months after graduating*. Our courses are developed in consultation with businesses in order to meet the needs of the industry and we have strong partnerships with some of the country's biggest employers.

Work placements, industry live projects linked to studies and options to study abroad, provide valuable learning opportunities to our students in the workplace. Many of our graduates have started their own businesses across a number of sectors and industries.

The University of Northampton is proud to be shaping the community and preparing our graduates for the future.



Adam Niazi

Accounting and Finance BSc (Hons)

"The academic aspects of my course combined with volunteer roles organised through the University has boosted my confidence, developed my networking skills and enhanced my CV. These experiences helped me to stand out from the crowd when applying for a graduate job as a Business Analyst at Barclaycard.

The networking opportunities available while studying were really beneficial; I'm already creating a little black book of business contacts to help develop my business, Business Creator, which provides aspiring business owners with a complete business solution package for an affordable monthly fee.

The University of Northampton is the place to be for students who want the whole package, a good degree, practical work experience and industry contacts ready for a successful career."

*Source: HESA Destinations of leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) Survey 2012/13. July 2014, compared to full university status HEIs for full time study first Undergraduate degree leavers.

Business Partners

The University of Northampton is committed to supporting the community, using staff and student expertise to provide business and enterprise related advice.

The University Centre for Employability and Engagement (UCEE) work with the public and third sectors to develop strategic partnerships with organisations in local, national and international communities that provide 'win win' relationships for the organisation, its community and stakeholders, the student and the University of Northampton by developing innovative paid and unpaid opportunities for students to gain employability skills and enhance their experience.

Sharing resources, skills, time and expertise, we have a number of community initiatives to work towards meeting a social or environmental need and providing students with the opportunity to develop themselves as leaders of the future in a socially innovative way.

Our partners are varied and include large, national and international organisations such as Macmillan Cancer Care, Rugby Football Union, the Canal and River Trust and Santander. Local schools include The Parker E-Act Academy, The Duston School and others. Other local organisations involved include St Andrew's Healthcare, Northampton Borough Council, Northampton Volunteering Centre, Autism Concern, SSB Youth Group and many others.



Social Entrepreneurship

The University of Northampton is England's leading university for social enterprise*. We develop entrepreneurial skills and enterprising attitudes among our students and staff and strive to deliver a more inclusive society.

Ashoka U, the world's leading network of social entrepreneurs, awarded the University of Northampton the international accolade of 'Changemaker Campus', in recognition of our commitment to social enterprise and the excellence of the opportunities this commitment gives to our students.

We're the first university in the UK and Europe to achieve this honour, and one of only 29 in the world with the 'Changemaker' designation,

*The
UK's first
Changemaker
Campus**

*Ashoka U, 2014

joining prestigious institutions such as Brown University, the University of Colorado and Tulane University.

As a result of our commitment, in 2013 we met our original strategic goal to be the UK's leading university for Social Enterprise – a full two years ahead of schedule and we continue to deliver our strategy with the same drive.

Find out more about how social enterprise will benefit you, your career and community at:
www.northampton.ac.uk/business-and-enterprise/enterprise



*Ashoka U



International Students

Each year the University welcomes more than 1,000 international students from over 100 countries. All students benefit from the unique opportunity to develop international relationships and networks by learning alongside others from a wide range of countries and cultures.

Our international students gain a wealth of experience that employers will value highly: the experience of living, studying and working in the UK, the opportunity to enhance your English and communication skills and the chance to meet and interact with fellow students from all corners of the world.

Graduating with a British education, social ties in the UK and opportunities for networks with British companies, means you will take with you

the advantage of an enriched educational and cultural experience. This is of great benefit to your future, wherever you choose to live.

For many of our international students, studying and living in the UK is a new experience. We have a dedicated team of staff to help students to settle in and a great social programme to enable you to make the most of your time with us.

International Student Support

Our mission is to help every student at the University of Northampton have the best possible university experience. We provide a range of personal support services to ensure that you are supported in all aspects of your university life.

Meet and Greet

The University offers a free Meet and Greet service for international students starting in September and January. Students who sign up for this service will be met at Heathrow Airport by University staff and brought directly to the University by coach.

Welcome Week

This takes place immediately prior to the start of your course and provides information about living in the UK including opening a bank account, obtaining a part-time job and registering with a doctor. Welcome Week also contains a range of social activities to help you relax and meet other students.

Students' Union

The Students' Union provides a range of social and sporting activities, as well as providing advice and guidance on all areas of student life.

Careers Guidance

All students can access our Careers Guidance team to provide advice in achieving career goals, as well as help finding part-time work and volunteering opportunities.

Religious Provision

The University has a Multi-Faith Chaplaincy, comprised of chaplains from a number of denominations and faiths, which serves the whole University community.



Fees and Scholarships 2015/16

Tuition fees cover the cost of a student's academic studies. This usually includes teaching costs, registration and examination fees (some courses may have additional examination charges).

Tuition Fees Per Year

BA/BSc/BEng/LLB	£10,700
MA/MSc	£11,700
MBA	£12,700
Foundation Programme	£9,700
English Language (1 year)	£9,250
English Language (1 term)	£2,800
English Language (6 weeks)	£1,500
International Exchange (1 term)	£3,300

Tuition Fees for EU Students

BA and BSc	£9,000
HND	£7,700
Foundation Degree	£7,700

Postgraduate fees for E.U. students may vary, please visit our website for more details.

International Scholarship Scheme

We are committed to providing opportunity and reward to the best and brightest applicants. With this in mind, we offer a generous scholarship scheme which provides merit-based financial support for non-EU International students. The International Scholarship Scheme can reduce your tuition fees by either £1,000 or £2,000. Full details can be found at www.northampton.ac.uk, where you can also find details of scholarships and bursaries for E.U. students

Living Costs

We are proud to offer excellent value for money when it comes to your cost of living. Despite being located only one hour from London, we are able to offer accommodation that is significantly cheaper than many other UK locations. Guidelines from UK Visa and Immigration state that a student living in Northampton should have at least £820 per month to cover their living expenses.



Location

Northampton has lots to offer, from high energy sports to nationally acclaimed music venues and theatres, to stunning rural walks; all located close to campus. The town centre hosts an array of shops from recognised high street brands to independents. The local area also has a number of out-of-town retail parks and shopping villages offering convenient shopping locations throughout the county. Northampton's market square, which dates back to 1235 and is one of the oldest squares in England, is a focal point for regular outdoor events, hosting music, dance and drama events throughout the year.

Steeped in history, the county of Northamptonshire boasts sweeping gardens and stately homes including Althorp, Holdenby House, Kirby Hall, Boughton House and Rockingham Castle.

Northampton is one of England's most enterprising towns and is centrally located within easy travelling distance of London, Birmingham and other major centres. We are served by five international airports and excellent road and rail links to all parts of the UK and Europe.



Accommodation

We know that finding the right place to live while at university can seem like a daunting task and choosing the right accommodation is one of the most important decisions you will make.

On-Campus Accommodation

Make yourself at home and find the perfect accommodation to suit your needs. With over 1,600 bed spaces spread across both our campuses, the University's Halls of Residence are a popular choice for first year students – offering all you need to relax, make friends, socialise, study and learn. The majority of our rooms are en-suite and all are good quality, secure and affordable, with prices ranging from £60 to £130 per week (for a period of 42 weeks).

Town Centre Accommodation

Opened in early 2014, the St John's Halls of Residences are located in the heart of Northampton and form a key part of the town centre regeneration plan. Each flat contains six or seven rooms and a large communal kitchen with

seating area. Generally flats are mixed gender, although there are options for single gender flats. Laundry facilities are available in Halls and the rental price includes utility bills. The accommodation has Wi-Fi and good travel links and is close to shops, restaurants and supermarkets.

Private Sector Accommodation

Many of our students live off-campus in private rented accommodation. Student properties in Northampton have been accredited for appropriate levels of amenity and safety.

The Accommodation Services Team can provide guidance on finding safe, secure and pleasant accommodation within Northampton.





How to Apply

Once you have decided that you would like to study with us, our aim is to make the application process as efficient and straightforward as possible. In order for us to consider your application, you will need to send us the following documentation:

- Copies of all your academic qualifications. If you have not yet completed these, you will need to state this on your application form and send us your results once you have them.
- Proof of English Language competence. For our undergraduate courses we require applicants to have at least IELTS 6.0 or equivalent and for postgraduate IELTS 6.5. If you have studied in English or in an English-speaking country, you will need to provide evidence of this.
- A personal statement explaining why you would like to study your chosen course and what you plan to do with your qualification.
- A reference or letter of recommendation from one of your academic tutors explaining your academic potential. MBA applicants will be asked to supply two references from current or former employers, and a current CV/résumé.

There are two main ways to apply:

1. Online application

You can apply online via our website www.northampton.ac.uk/international. Applicants for undergraduate courses can also apply online via the University and Colleges Admissions Services at www.ucas.com

2. Using an approved in-country representative

We work with a number of in-country representatives across the world. You will find a list of our approved representatives on our

website: www.northampton.ac.uk/international. All in-country representatives are familiar with our courses and our application procedures. Many have visited the University or are University of Northampton graduates, and can therefore provide first-hand information. They will give you advice and guidance as to the course, and which course will be suitable for you, and will also provide assistance with your application for a student visa.

Our Courses

Selecting the right course for you is a key decision to make. We offer a wide variety of courses and qualifications designed to meet the needs of the workplace.

Accounting and Finance
Acting
Advertising
Architectural Technology
Art
Banking and Finance
Biology
Business and Management
Childhood Studies
Computing and Information Systems
Conservation
Criminology
Dance
Design
Drama
Economics
Education
Engineering

English
English Language Teaching
Entrepreneurship
Environmental Science
Events Management
Fashion
Footwear and Accessories
Finance
Geography
Health
History
Human Bioscience
Human Resource Management
International Development
International Foundation Programme
International Relations
Law
Leather Technology

Logistics
Management
Marketing
MBA
Media
Multimedia Journalism
Nursing
Occupational Therapy
Paramedic Science
Performing Arts
Photography
Podiatry
Politics
Popular Music
Psychology
Sport Science/Studies
Travel and Tourism
Wastes Management

We offer courses within each of these areas, for more information visit:
www.northampton.ac.uk/study/courses