

Frequently asked questions

General

Who can take part in the Award?

This 30 credit Award is available to all registered undergraduate students at the University of Nottingham. Postgraduates who started the Award during their undergraduate course at Nottingham can complete the Award as a postgraduate. To achieve the overall Award will take a minimum of two academic years.

Can I count my credits towards my degree?

No. The Nottingham Advantage Award is in addition to your degree programme and does not count towards your final degree result. However we do make sure that the additional credits you achieve in the Award are shown on your final transcript and included within the graduation programme.

Can I take all 30 credits in one academic year?

No. The Award is aimed at enhancing your academic studies not competing with them. Therefore a maximum of 20 credits per year is allowed.

Why should I take modules in addition to my academic studies?

Modules offered as part of the Award have been chosen to enhance your academic studies. Employers are keen to see how students have developed over their time at University and this Award is just one way of showing directly how a variety of skills have improved your employability and personal growth.

Does it matter which School I'm in?

No. All undergraduate University of Nottingham students are eligible to take the Award irrespective of the School they study in. Some modules however may only be available in certain schools.

Where will the modules take place?

Module locations and timetables will be available online under the relevant module section. Please check you can attend all sessions before applying.

What happens if I withdraw?

If you withdraw from a module you must inform your module leader and the Award team. Failure to do so could result in a fail being attached to the module.

Credits and modules

How many credits is the Nottingham Advantage Award?

It is a 30 credit Award. The credits are in addition, and thus not included, in your main programme of academic study.

How many modules can I take?

The Nottingham Advantage Award offers a variety of modules that are worth 10 credits each. As you will have individual requirements and expectations, the 'pick and mix' approach is designed to allow you to choose modules suitable for your own needs and personal skills development.

Which modules can I use for the Award?

Modules listed on the Award website can be used. Details about the aims, objectives and outcomes of each module are given under each module title.

Who delivers the modules?

Module selections are delivered by module leaders from across the University in places such as Centre for Career Development, as well as several academic Schools.

I don't want to take all 30 credits worth for the Award – can I just do one or two modules?

Yes, all modules will be available to students who just wish to take part in one or two modules alone. However, students who do not complete 30 credits will not receive the Award. They can still mention the modules on their CV however. Where there is high demand for a particular module, preference may be given to students who can demonstrate they wish to take part in the whole Award.

Will the same modules run every term/year?

Depending on tutor availability and timetabling commitments, some modules may be offered every term.

How long will each module take?

Modules studied conform to The University of Nottingham Quality Manual guidelines in terms of module activity time. As a general rule each 10 credit module results in 20 hours contact time, i.e. seminars, tutorials, self-directed work etc. Assessment time should equate to approximately 40 hours and independent study, again, 40 hours.

Assessment

What about assessment?

As the modules are credit bearing, assessment is involved, although this will only take the format of portfolios, journals, presentations etc. There will be no exams.

What marking scheme is being used for modules?

Modules are marked on either a pass or fail basis.

What happens if I hand in a piece of work late?

Each module will have deadlines and these will be stated in the module document you will be provided with when you enroll. Failure to hand in assessments on time may result in a fail mark being attached to the module.

Module completion

I've completed all my assessment requirements. Where do I hand it in?

Your assessment will either be handed in to your module leader or to Olivia Draeger. The module document you will be given when you start the module will explain when and where to hand in your work.

Can I fail?

As credit is being awarded to the module any work that does not meet the learning outcomes of the module will be failed. You can only pass or fail a module as we do not allocate marks or percentages.

When will I know if I've passed a module?

As all assessment has to meet the University Quality Assurance criteria, modules results will be confirmed once they have been considered through an Academic Examination Board. You will be informed via an email if your work has been passed by the Academic Examination Board. Once you have passed a module your result will be shown on your profile on the online careers service database.

Will I get my work handed back to me?

If you wish to collect work submitted as part of the Award then please contact your module leader or Hayley Williams who will inform you of when it can be collected. Generally work can be collected once it has been passed by the Academic Examination Board.

Award support

What support will I get?

You will be supported throughout by the Award team and your module leaders with whom you will have regular contact.

Do I have to tell my personal tutor?

It is a condition of the Award that all students taking part inform their personal tutor of the activities they are involved in. This allows your tutor to write a better reference for you when you leave the University.

Award completion

When will I receive my Award?

Certificates for the overall Award will be presented to students during the annual Celebration Event. All modules taken as part of the Award will be shown on your degree transcript.

Who recognises the Award?

Employers recognise its value and the extra effort that you have made for completing the programme over and above your academic studies. The programme has the support of major employers who endorse its aims.