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Front cover image: Kuala Lumpur skyline.

A photograph of three students sitting on a concrete ledge in front of a modern university building. The building has white walls and orange accents. A large palm tree is in the foreground. The sky is blue with white clouds.

Students catching up between classes on
The University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus.

Welcome to a life-changing experience

Life is full of opportunities. Some we grab with both hands, others simply pass us by. But every once in a while an opportunity comes along that could be life-changing, an unmissable chance to learn about ourselves and the world, to expand our outlook and our networks and to add something attention-grabbing to our CV or portfolio.

The University of Nottingham's International Summer Schools offer you the chance to do all those things.

No matter what subject you are studying, which industry you work in or where you are in the world, if you fulfil the programme entry requirements you are eligible for our Summer Schools.

These two-week programmes based at our campuses in China and Malaysia will provide you with the opportunity to study a new subject, meet people from across the globe and learn 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.

This brochure gives you information about how the Summer Schools work and what you can expect. You will also find further details on our website and if you have any questions at all, please contact us using the details on page 11.

I hope you will consider joining us in 2014. We will do all we can to ensure you have the experience of a lifetime.

Professor Hai-Sui Yu
Pro-Vice-Chancellor
The University of Nottingham

“It’s been a great opportunity for people from different cultures, contexts and disciplines to study and travel together. Given the sweeping trend of globalisation, such a platform for communication is becoming increasingly important.”

2013 Summer School student

About The University of Nottingham



The University of Nottingham Ningbo China.



The University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus.

The University of Nottingham is ranked within the world's top 1% of universities* and is recognised internationally for pioneering research and teaching excellence.

Established in 1881, the University has a history of ground-breaking discoveries that have made a significant impact on the world.

Nottingham has a network of over 230,000 former students in over 190 countries. The University's alumni include top scientists, novelists, business leaders, politicians, diplomats, Olympic medallists and a Nobel Prize winner. In sharing the Nottingham experience, you are joining an extensive global network.

You will leave the Summer School with 10 University of Nottingham credits or a certificate of attendance, depending on whether you decide to take the assessment associated with the programme.

* QS World University Rankings 2013.

An international outlook

Nottingham is an international institution with links in business, industry and education that reach around the world. The University has students from over 150 countries and two overseas campuses – in China and Malaysia – which host the International Summer Schools.

The Malaysia Campus opened in 2000 and became the first branch campus of a British university in Malaysia and one of the first anywhere in the world. Nottingham was also the first foreign university to establish a campus in China when it opened in Ningbo in 2004.

Both campuses are integral parts of the University and provide strong links between the UK and Asia. Combining beautiful landscape, modern architecture and state-of-the-art learning and research facilities, our University is an inspirational place to live, work and study.

“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

About our International Summer Schools

No matter where you live in the world, whether you study or work, you are eligible to take part in one of our International Summer Schools.

Based at our award-winning campuses in China and Malaysia, the Summer Schools will give you the chance to study a new subject overseas while learning about a different culture first-hand. They last two weeks and provide a wonderful introduction to China and Malaysia, two of the most fascinating, dynamic and beautiful countries in Asia.

A choice of programmes is available. These are taught by experienced academics in state-of-the-art facilities and impressive surroundings.

As well as giving you a taste of the most up-to-date teaching and research in these subjects, the programmes also combine social and cultural activities which will take you away from the classroom. These activities are highlights of the Summer Schools and will give you the chance to spend time with fellow students while exploring the local area.

The programmes are open to anyone in the world who fulfils the entry requirements (see page 10).

You can find out more at
www.nottingham.ac.uk/internationalsummerschools

Five reasons to sign up for the Summer School

- Meet new people from all over the world and join a fast-growing global network
- Prove to prospective employers that you are proactive, dynamic and cosmopolitan
- Face an exciting challenge in a supportive environment
- Visit a fascinating country that you might not otherwise see
- Earn additional credits (if you are a University of Nottingham student taking part in the Nottingham Advantage Award)



Students enjoying the nightlife in Ningbo city, China.



Students browsing a street market in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

International Summer School in China

The University of Nottingham Ningbo China is located in Ningbo, one of China's major ports and economic centres.

As a Summer School student you will stay in purpose-built accommodation on the campus. Based in the Ningbo Higher Education Park, this spacious, modern site offers a range of amenities including a library, teaching and IT facilities, accommodation for all students and staff, restaurants and shops, and a dedicated sports complex. Catering facilities are also provided on campus.

Programmes

There are two programmes to choose from, each lasting two weeks, starting on Sunday 22 June 2014 and finishing on Saturday 5 July 2014. Each programme is made up of taught lessons and cultural visits.

English in China Today

This programme will consider globalisation from various aspects, particularly some East Asian perspectives through to the prism of uses of English in China. Proposed sessions with invited expert speakers from around the world will consider:

- English in education in East Asia
- English in the multilingual workplace
- globalisation and world Englishes
- literatures and culture in English
- public linguistic landscapes in China

Participants will gain an insight into the important special case which is China and an understanding of the role of English in globalisation processes and prospects for the 21st century. Projects will involve working with Chinese national informants and partners as well as the study of current Chinese language and culture, with excursions and visits to the countryside as well as to major and provincial cities. For first-time visitors to China this will prove an unforgettably stimulating introduction while those with prior knowledge will substantially deepen their understanding of attitudes and ideologies.

Understanding the Rise of China

This programme is designed to provide students with an overview of the rapid transformation taking place in contemporary China. Topics to be examined include the Chinese political system, economic reform and development, the role of the media and popular culture, population and ethnic minorities, the role of religion, rural China, China's relationship with the world and the challenges China faces for further development.

The course comprises lectures by leading experts, student-led seminars and field trips for the exploration of cultural and social aspects of contemporary China. Courses in Mandarin Chinese will be offered and while no prior experience of Mandarin will be required, students with existing language expertise will also be accommodated.

If you are interested in this course you may want to take a look at the University's School of Contemporary Chinese Studies blog which brings together the views and analyses of students, scholars and experts from diverse communities:

<http://gus.nottingham.edu.cn/blogs/unncscs/>

The cultural and social programme

The opportunity to travel and experience China is a remarkable one. No other country has as much variety, depth and history. As part of our Summer School we include a number of trips that will provide you with a fantastic chance to explore this amazing country at a time of rapid change.

Explore Ningbo

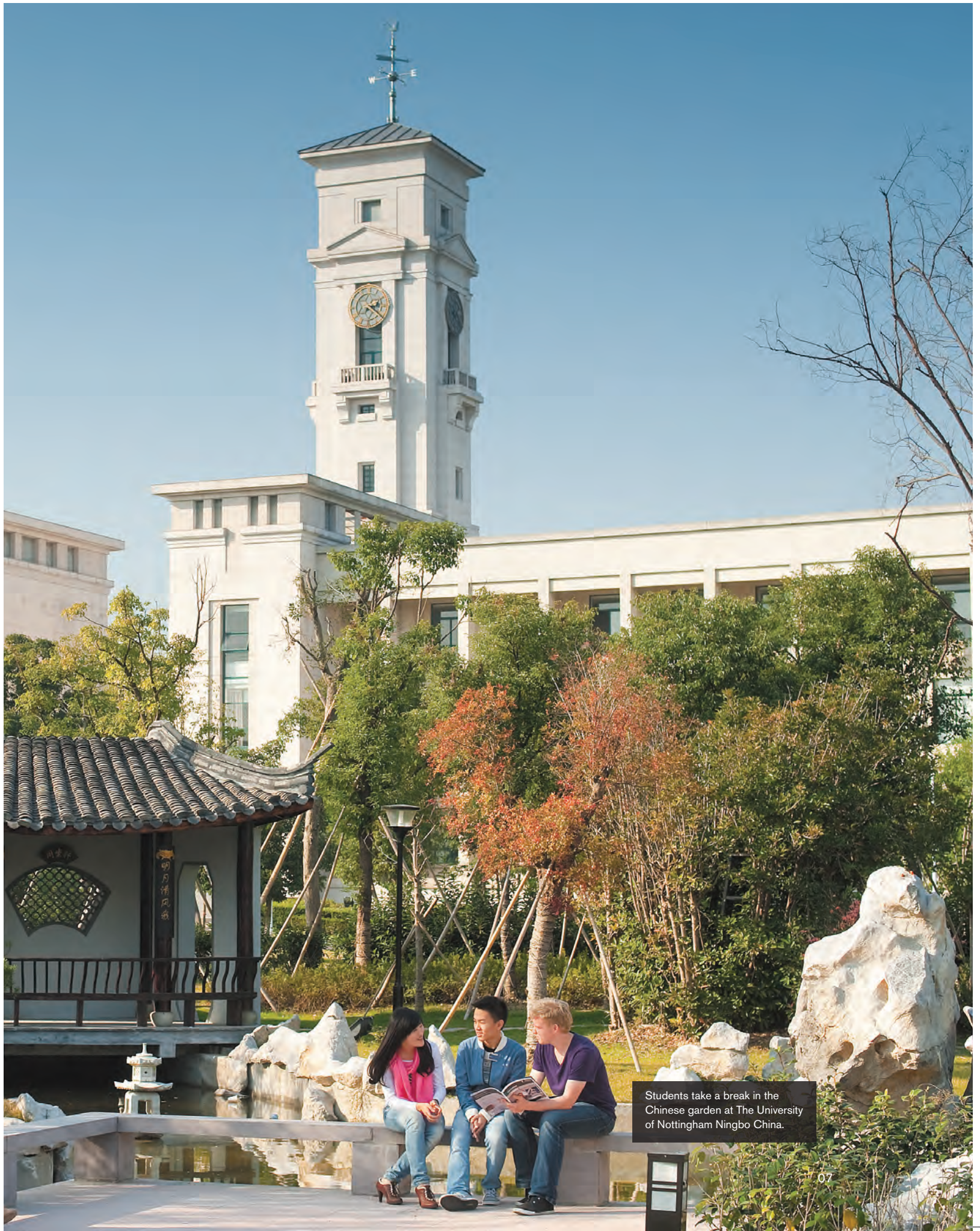
On the doorstep of the campus is the city of Ningbo, which has been described by Wikitravel as "the engine of the economy on the east coast of China". This trip will be an opportunity to familiarise yourself with the local environment and visit the local scenic spot, the Tianyi Library near Moon Lake.

The beauty of Hangzhou

As one of the most renowned and prosperous cities in China for the last 1,000 years, Hangzhou is set in beautiful scenery and is full of historical relics. You will be able to visit some of the city's most popular sites including the lovely West Lake.

The financial heart of China: Shanghai

There will be a trip to Shanghai during the middle weekend, leaving on Saturday morning, giving you two days to experience the delights of this amazing city. Visits and tours will be carefully chosen to relate to the academic themes of the courses on offer in the Summer School.



Students take a break in the Chinese garden at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China.



Students socialising outside at the amphitheatre at the Malaysia Campus.

International Summer School in Malaysia

The University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus is based in Semenyih, 30km south of Kuala Lumpur. It is a self-contained, self-sufficient village situated on an attractive 125-acre site.

As a Summer School student you will have the option of staying in our purpose-built on-campus accommodation. The campus is well-equipped with a range of amenities including a bookshop, cafe, convenience store and sports complex as well as an indoor and outdoor food court.

Programmes

There are three programmes to choose from, each lasting two weeks, starting on Sunday 17 August and finishing on Saturday 30 August 2014. Each programme is made up of taught lessons and cultural visits.

Beginning Creative Writing

This programme introduces students to the process of writing fiction and creative non-fiction by engaging in a variety of forms of reading and writing practice. Activities include creative and analytical responses to published works, writing exercises in fiction and creative non-fiction and revision of work written over the course of the Summer School. The content includes character, narrative and point of view.

Doing Business in Asia

This programme surveys the rapid growth of Asian economies and the distinctive regional models of capitalism and business that have emerged. It also explores the managerial skills required to deal successfully with the specific challenges of Asian business environments and the practices of major Asian companies. The programme includes guest talks from representatives of major companies in the region and lectures from specialist academic staff.

Politics, Culture and the Media in Southeast Asia

Contemporary Southeast Asia is a conundrum. It is one of the fastest growing regions in the world, but that growth is challengingly uneven between powerhouses like Singapore and the less advanced nations such as Laos and Myanmar. The political landscape is a mix of authoritarian or centralised states, such as Vietnam and Burma, and vibrant democracies like the Philippines and Indonesia. Run by experienced regional academics, this course approaches the study of Southeast Asia from three perspectives – international relations, media studies and cultural politics – offering a thorough introduction to the distinctive issues within the region today.

The cultural and social programme

With a landscape of white sandy beaches, metropolitan cities, dense rainforest and a vibrant mix of Chinese, Indian, Malay and tribal influences, Malaysia is a country of diversity and a beautiful place to visit. We have included a number of excursions that will provide you with a fantastic chance to explore this amazing country.

Inclusive excursion

Kuala Lumpur, the city that never sleeps

A city brimming with colour and diversity, Kuala Lumpur, the capital of Malaysia, has enough sites to keep tourists busy for a week, including 66 shopping malls!

Optional excursions*

Paradise island of Malaysia – Langkawi Island (three days, two nights)

Malaysia is not only known to the world for its cultural diversity and tropical forests but it's also famous for its glorious beaches. Langkawi, on the north western shore of Malaysia, is situated where the Indian Ocean narrows down into the Straits of Malacca. It was once a haven for pirates but today serves as a retreat for visitors near and far and is the nearest island with duty free shopping centres.

Malacca historical experience tour (two days, one night)

The world heritage site of Malacca is famous for its multicultural architecture and distinctive local cuisine. It is one of the top tourist spots in Malaysia.

Penang city explorer tour (three days, two nights)

A fascinating fusion of the east and west, Penang embraces modernity while retaining its traditions and old world charm. These are reflected in its harmonious multiracial populace and well-preserved heritage buildings.

Singapore (three days, two nights)

Singapore has become one of the world's most prosperous countries and boasts the world's busiest port. Combining the skyscrapers and subways of a modern, affluent city with a medley of Chinese, Indian and Malay influences and a tropical climate, Singapore offers tasty food, good shopping and a vibrant nightlife scene.

The tour is subject to visa approval for those requiring a visa to enter the country.

Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM)

Located at Bukit Lagong Forest Reserve at about 300 metres above sea level, this famous walkway was constructed in 1992 for the scientific study of flora and fauna. The walkway system spans 150 metres and is suspended between trees at approximately 30 metres above the ground. This is an excellent place to experience a panoramic view of the forest and the Kuala Lumpur area from a distance.

* All optional excursions (except for FRIM) are managed by Boustead Travel. If you are interested in any of the above, please indicate in the online application form by selecting the relevant box. You will be given a more detailed costing once you have confirmed your destination choice. Alternatively, you may also use the free time allocated to visit other places in Malaysia independently at your own expense.

Further information

Costs

China

Each two-week programme costs 9,500 RMB per person (approximately 950 GBP*). If you pay the full fee by 15 March 2014 you will enjoy a 10% early bird discount.

For Universitas 21 and University of Nottingham students the fee is 7,500 RMB per person (approximately 750 GBP*). A deposit of 20% is required on booking. The early bird discount is not available to Universitas 21 and University of Nottingham students.

The cost includes:

- all tuition and classroom support costs
- accommodation on campus for the duration of the programme
- all cultural and social programmes
- breakfast and lunch (Chinese style)

The cost does not include:

- flights
- dinner (which is very reasonably priced in China)
- visas
- insurance (students need to sort out their own overseas travel insurance before they leave their home country)

Malaysia

Each two-week programme costs RM4,750 per person (approximately 900 GBP*). Universitas 21 and University of Nottingham students are entitled to a bursary of RM1,000 (approximately 190 GBP*). Attendees from third world countries or developing nations are entitled to a bursary of RM2,250 (approximately 425 GBP*). A deposit of 20% is required upon booking.

The cost includes:

- all tuition and classroom support costs
- accommodation on campus for the entire duration of the programme (should you choose to stay off campus, any additional cost incurred on accommodation will be self-borne)
- cultural and social programme (apart from optional excursions)
- food during trips which are organised by the University and inclusive in the package

The cost does not include:

- flights
- flight booking and visa charges for optional excursions
- food (which is very reasonably priced in Malaysia)
- accommodation and transportation for optional excursions
- insurance (students need to sort out their own overseas travel insurance before they leave their home country)

* GBP rates are approximate and were correct at the time of print. For up-to-date conversion rates visit www.xe.com/ucc

Dates

China

- Arrive Saturday 21 June 2014
- Depart Saturday 5 July 2014

A free airport pick-up service will be available from both Ningbo and Shanghai airports on Saturday 21 June if you tell us your travel arrangements in advance.

Malaysia

- Arrive Saturday 16 August 2014
- Depart Saturday 30 August 2014

A free airport pick-up service will be available from Kuala Lumpur International Airport on Saturday 16 August 2014 if you tell us your travel arrangements in advance. The airport pick-up will be available at 3pm. There will only be one pick-up time therefore please manage your booking and arrival time accordingly if you wish to take advantage of this service. Should you choose to travel on your own, detailed information on how to travel from the airport to the campus is available on our website. You will need to pay for any costs incurred yourself.

Entry requirements

The programmes are delivered at university undergraduate year 2 level. While no formal academic requirements are necessary, all the programmes are delivered in English and students are expected to have good English language ability of IELTS 6.0, with no less than 5.5 in any element, or equivalent. Anyone fulfilling these entry requirements is eligible to apply, including undergraduates, postgraduates, academics and those in employment in any industry, anywhere in the world. You must be aged 18 or over.

How to apply

You need to complete an application form which can be found at www.nottingham.ac.uk/internationalsummerschools

Places are limited so book as soon as possible.

Find out more

Our website contains detailed information about the Summer Schools:
www.nottingham.ac.uk/internationalsummerschools

You can also follow The University of Nottingham through our social media channels, all of which can be accessed via www.nottingham.ac.uk/connect

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A photograph of a street market stall in Ningbo, China. In the foreground, a woman with dark hair tied back, wearing a plaid shirt over a white t-shirt, is selecting food from a large display of skewered items. The skewers include various meats, vegetables, and seafood. In the background, another woman in a white shirt is also at the stall. The scene is illuminated by warm, golden light, likely from street lamps, creating a hazy, atmospheric effect. The overall mood is lively and inviting.

Students enjoying the delights of a street market in Ningbo, China.