

Faculty of Social Sciences

“The Faculty of Social Sciences at The University of Nottingham is large and diverse with a wide range of subjects across our core research and education activities. Staff are motivated by a natural curiosity about human interests, institutions, and ideas, and the ways in which they interact at the local, national and international level. They develop cutting-edge explanations for a complex set of contemporary social problems using the latest theories and methods, and share their knowledge through excellent teaching, high quality publications, and stimulating external engagements. Joining the faculty means that you will become part of a dynamic and world-leading academic institution that is the UK's truly global university.”

Professor Todd Landman
Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Faculty of Social Sciences

By joining us at The University of Nottingham you will be part of:

- one of the largest and most diverse Faculties of Social Sciences in Europe
- a group of exceptional and highly regarded academic staff
- a team committed to delivering world-leading research and inspirational teaching and learning
- a University with global reach and two international campuses

The faculty offers a friendly and supportive working environment and you will be working alongside creative and inspirational people who are eager to share their expertise and experiences. We are committed to supporting all our staff and to developing our partnerships with funding bodies, government agencies, industry and the wider community in order to create an exemplary environment in which research, teaching and learning, and knowledge exchange all thrive.

Our aim is to be a global leader in our areas of expertise and we will achieve this through targeted strategic investment.

We look forward to you joining our vibrant community and just as we hope that you will leave your mark on the world, your experience in the Faculty of Social Sciences is sure to leave its mark on you.

Social Sciences at Nottingham

The Faculty of Social Sciences is the largest faculty at The University of Nottingham and one of the largest and most diverse in Europe. With over 700 staff including more than 500 permanent academics, more than 16,000 undergraduate, postgraduate taught and research students on two campuses spread across eight schools in the UK, as well as The University of Nottingham Ningbo China (UNNC) and The University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus (UNMC), we are a truly diverse academic community.

The faculty is made up of the following eight schools, based in the UK and at the overseas campuses.

| Schools | UK Campuses | | International Campuses | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|---------|------------------------|------|
| | University Park | Jubilee | UNNC | UNMC |
| Nottingham University Business School | | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ |
| Contemporary Chinese Studies | | ▪ | ▪ | |
| Economics | ▪ | | ▪ | ▪ |
| Education | | ▪ | ▪ | ▪ |
| Geography | ▪ | | ▪ | ▪ |
| Law | ▪ | | | |
| Politics and International Relations | ▪ | | ▪ | ▪ |
| Sociology and Social Policy | ▪ | | | |

University Park Campus

Schools on our award-winning University Park Campus, set within 120 hectares of extensive parkland, are located in the Sir Clive Granger Building (Economics, Geography) and the Law and Social Sciences Building (Law, Politics and International Relations, Sociology and Social Policy).

Jubilee Campus

The faculty's other three schools (Nottingham University Business School, Education, Contemporary Chinese Studies) benefit from being located on our state-of-the-art Jubilee Campus, a modern purpose-built site.

The University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus (UNMC)

Nottingham University Business School, Economics, Education, and Politics and International Relations all have a presence on The University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus.

The University of Nottingham Ningbo China (UNNC)

Nottingham University Business School, Contemporary Chinese Studies, Economics, and International Studies also deliver their activities through The University of Nottingham Ningbo China.

Vision

Our vision is to be recognised as one of the best Faculties of Social Sciences not just in the UK, but internationally as measured by the quality of our teaching and research, as well as our broader contribution to community engagement, public debate and policy making.

We will achieve this via our:

- global reach – delivering social science programmes both in the UK and at The University of Nottingham Ningbo China and The University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus
- talented people – working and learning in a vibrant and supportive academic community
- commitment to inspirational teaching
- outstanding environment and facilities
- world-class centres delivering fundamental and applied research

Research

The faculty is at the forefront of world-changing research, as reflected in the outcome of the 2014 Research Excellence Framework (REF) which has ranked over 96% of our activity of international quality with 74% graded as world-leading or internationally excellent. Our reputation for world-class research has yielded major social science breakthroughs in areas such as international human rights law, geospatial technology, ethical business practices, globalisation and economic policy, and citizenship and transnational migration.

The faculty benefits from support through a team of Social Science Research Business Development Officers and a Social Science Research Development Manager in the University's Centre for Advanced Studies (CAS), which was established in 2010 to provide dedicated support for academic research in the Arts and Social Sciences. CAS helps to foster interdisciplinary excellence, improve engagement with external partners and enhance our reputation as a world-changing research university.

The faculty has a current research portfolio of almost £23m. Around £22m has been secured from UK Research Councils, EU and UK government and charities, with the remainder of funding being from industry and commerce as well as other sources.

The Faculty of Social Sciences is also home to one of the 21 ESRC Doctoral Training Centres awarded in 2011 and one of just 12 DTCs to gain recognition in its own right, rather than as part of a consortium. Over six years, the Nottingham ESRC DTC will receive around £6m from the ESRC, match-funded by partners in industry, non-governmental organisations and the University itself, making it one of the largest single postgraduate social science doctoral training centres in Europe. The Centre will provide financial and research support to around 200 students over its lifetime, undertaking cutting-edge interdisciplinary research covering 12 major thematic disciplines and up to 30 different training pathways.

Teaching

In the Faculty of Social Sciences we value on research-led teaching and learning. Our mission is to:

- promote scholarship awareness
- provide students with opportunities to develop a range of skills that help them with the transition from university study to employment
- encourage a lifelong approach to learning

Our students are taught by academics who are leaders in their fields of research, enabling them to engage creatively with new and exciting ideas; an advantage which is acknowledged and valued by employers worldwide.

Developing the career opportunities for each of our students is at the heart of their experience at the University. The University's Careers and Employability Service is the catalyst for enhancing career development and employability and the faculty benefits from a dedicated Careers and Employability Consultant for the Social Sciences. We have outstanding links with business, the creative industries, and the public sector, and our graduates are highly sought after by leading UK and international employers.

The faculty provides a wide variety of courses, including over 70 undergraduate programmes and more than 100 postgraduate programmes and research opportunities.

The teaching quality for the subjects provided by all eight schools in the faculty have been assessed as 'excellent' in the Government's independent teaching assessments conducted by the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA).

Knowledge exchange

We work with global businesses and regional enterprises in both the private and public sectors to drive innovation into the marketplace. At the heart of everything we do is a commitment to meet the future research needs of society, industry and government.

The faculty collaborates closely with the University's Business Engagement and Innovation Services (BEIS) on business engagement and knowledge exchange objectives, and has a dedicated Social Science Knowledge Exchange Manager to achieve this.

The faculty is also home to The Haydn Green Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship which regularly engages with businesses on a local, national and international level through a number of initiatives and programmes.

The faculty is well partnered with organisations, local and international. The faculty's researchers collaborate with a range of organisations across the public, private and third sectors including with Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust, Commission for Rural Communities, Driving Standards Agency, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, Macmillan Cancer Research, FTSE Group and many others.

Facts

- More than 750 staff including more than 500 permanent academics
- Over 8,600 students including over 5,300 undergraduates, over 2,600 postgraduate taught students and over 600 postgraduate researchers
- Home to one of the 21 ESRC Doctoral Training Centres and one of just 12 doctoral training centres to receive recognition in its own right
- Current total research portfolio of more than £22.7m
- Outstanding links with external organisations, local and international

New investment

The faculty has benefitted from significant investment in its infrastructure. In December 2012, the Chinese Ambassador and Lord Prescott officially opened the Si Yuan Centre, home to the School of Contemporary Chinese Studies. This low-carbon, £4m academic facility is located on the University's Jubilee Campus and provides a peaceful and creative environment for teaching and the study of Chinese language and culture. It will also be used for the display of visiting exhibits and Chinese artefacts and for hosting Sino-UK business engagement events.

The extended and refurbished grade II listed Highfield House

building located on University Park Campus was opened in September 2012. It is home to the Centre for Advanced Studies in Arts and Social Sciences (CAS), the Graduate School and the Arts and Social Science Graduate Centre, which provides dedicated postgraduate facilities to arts and social science students.

The faculty has close links with the Institute of Mental Health which opened its £7m building on the Jubilee Campus in May 2012. The building, which houses state-of-the art office accommodation, teaching and lecture space, incorporates various sustainable technologies and passive design features, and received an 'excellent' rating in line with the Building Research Establishment's Environmental Assessment Methodology (BREEAM).

Reinvestment in existing faculty buildings is also ongoing. The Sir Clive Granger Building has been extensively refurbished and facilities in the Law and Social Sciences Building have also been upgraded.

New/future developments

The faculty has ambitious plans to grow its research and teaching and learning portfolios, not just in size, but also in quality and excellence. The faculty will develop and extend existing collaboration across the faculty and University as well as with local, national and international partners.

Schools in the faculty will continue to deliver and develop excellent provision through innovative teaching and learning techniques within their current courses. In addition, work on developing new and exciting degree programmes will also take place. The School of Sociology and Social Policy is a leading UK school for sociology, criminology, social policy and social work, ranked third in the UK for social policy in *The Complete University Guide 2016*. The School of Geography is developing new degree programmes that build on its strengths in environmental sciences and new joint degrees across schools in the faculty and across the other four faculties in the University will also continue to be developed. For example, the Business School collaborates closely with several schools in the faculties of science and engineering to offer joint degrees 'with entrepreneurship', and the School of Economics and School of Politics and International Relations work with the Department of Philosophy in the Faculty of Arts to develop degree programmes.

Significant investment has been made to create additional centres such as the Nottingham International Law and Security Centre (NILSC), the Centre for the Study of Political Ideologies (CSPI) and the Criminal Justice Research Centre (CJRC), to support the world-leading research activities of the faculty and build on the faculty's portfolio of world-renowned institutes and centres. There continues to be major investment into the research activities of our institutes and centres, for example, the building of behavioural laboratories to support the work of the Centre for Decision Research and Experimental Economics (CeDEx).

Key to all future developments are our academic colleagues, and we are committed to nurturing ambition and talent in our drive to be the best national and international social sciences faculty.