



University of
Northampton

Guide to Top-Up Programmes



How is UON different?

At the University of Northampton (UON), we focus on delivering the things that matter most to international students:

- Innovative teaching in small groups, by accessible and helpful academics, with an industry-focus and practical assignments
- Award-winning student support that caters for your academic development, employability preparation and personal wellbeing, followed by lifelong careers support as a UON graduate
- Not only does Northampton boast lower cost of living compared to larger cities in the UK, but UON offers value for money in both tuition fees and accommodation to help students manage their budgets
- On top of affordable tuition fees, UON offers an international merit-based scholarship that is more generous than the majority of our competitors*
- A great location, offering the benefits of a purpose-built, town centre campus, served by five international airports, at the heart of the road and rail networks with easy access to major cities including London
- Our high graduate employability record is underpinned by our commitment to equipping students with the skills and confidence to take on the challenges of the graduate world - ensuring our students are highly employable, digitally literate, and globally aware.



*Based on UON internal research (March 2024).



Low cost of living



High employment



Student support



Teaching excellence



International scholarships



Superb location

Why choose UON for your top-up?

A top-up degree is the final year (Level 6) of an undergraduate degree course and allows you to top-up your existing qualification to a full BA, BSc or BEng degree.

UON is a great location for your Top-Up studies, being close to major cities, including London, yet with achievable entry requirements, affordable living costs and onward progression to prestigious UK universities for your Master's.

We are also recognised for our outstanding support for students in key areas:

Academic Support

Our dedicated International Student Support Team will help with any issue or guide you to other advisers for specialised assistance. Whether it's referencing, additional study materials, or improving your writing or maths skills, we have helpful and friendly staff to guide you.

Wellbeing

We have an on-campus Medical Centre and will help you register with a doctor, but your mental and emotional health is just as important as your physical health. Our **Counselling and Mental Health Team** offers drop-in sessions and one-to-one appointments. If you are living in our Halls of Residence, our **Residential Life Team** can support you to adapt to UK life and life on-campus.



Language Development

Our Educational Linguistics Team can advise you on how to read academic literature effectively and how to use information obtained from reading to write critically and effectively. You can book an individual one-to-one session with them or attend their workshops and seminars.

Preparing for the next step

Employability skills are embedded into our curriculum. You will have access to an online library of thousands of training videos and courses to boost your skills. The **Student Futures Team** creates opportunities for you to explore social innovation, develop new ideas, gain valuable work experience, meet employers, explore the changing world of work and prepare for your next step after UON.

Our top-up courses



A Top-Up course might suit you if you have already studied at university level and have completed the equivalent of two years of a UK degree.

Our range of Top-Ups is growing all the time, so visit our website for full details:
northampton.ac.uk/course-list/

Accounting and Finance (Top-Up) MSc

**Architectural Technology
(Top-Up) BSc (Hons)**

**Business Data & Information
Systems (Top-Up) BSc (Hons)**

**Commerce and International
Business (Top-Up) BA (Hons)**

Computer Science (Top-Up) BSc (Hons)

**Creative Film, TV & Digital Media
Production (Top-Up) BA (Hons)**

**Early Years, Childhood and Family
Studies (Top-Up) BA (Hons)**

Engineering (Top-Up) BSc (Hons)

**Executive Master of Business
Administration (Top-Up) MBA**

**Fashion, Textiles, Footwear and
Accessories (Top-Up) BA (Hons)**

Fine Art (Top-Up) BA (Hons)

**Fine Art, Painting & Drawing
(Top-Up) BA (Hons)**

Games Design (Top-Up) BA (Hons)

**Global Business Management
(Top-Up) BA (Hons)**

**Graphic Communication
Design (Top-Up) BA (Hons)**

**Human Resource Management
(Top-Up) MA**

Illustration (Top-Up) BA (Hons)

**Interior Architecture & Spatial
Design (Top-Up) BA (Hons)**

**International Accounting
(Top-Up) BSc (Hons)**

**International Banking and
Finance (Top-Up) BSc (Hons)**

International Education (Top-Up) BA (Hons)

International Finance (Top-Up) BSc (Hons)

**International Tourism & Hospitality
Management (Top-Up) BA (Hons)**

Learning and Teaching (Top-Up) BA (Hons)

**Marketing Management
(Top-Up) BA (Hons)**

Music Production (Top-Up) BA (Hons)

**Non-Destructive Testing
(Top-Up) BSc (Hons)**

**PGCE (Top-Up) Primary/
Early Years/Secondary**

Photography (Top-Up) BA (Hons)

Popular Music (Top-Up) BA (Hons)

Product Design (Top-Up) BA (Hons)

**Professional Accounting
(Top-Up) BSc (Hons)**

**Teaching English to Speakers of Other
Languages (TESOL)
(Top-Up) BA (Hons)**

How do our graduates get on?

Graduate progression

International students who complete their Bachelor's degree at UON will have various opportunities open to them after they graduate, including:

- pursuing further education by enrolling in a Master's programme at UON, or any other institution in the UK. This allows you to deepen your knowledge in your field of study and enhance your career prospects. The University of Northampton's International Graduate Scholarship offers a 30% fee discount to UON graduates who studied on-campus in the UK. This scholarship is available if you wish to study a Master's course and have achieved a second class degree.
- opting for the UK's Graduate Route visa, which permits you to stay in the UK for up to two years after graduation to work or seek employment opportunities. This pathway enables you to gain valuable work experience and potentially transition to a work visa or other immigration routes in the UK.
- as an international student, you can consider returning to your home country or exploring job opportunities in other countries, utilising the skills and knowledge acquired during your studies in the UK.

Here are some examples of student success stories at UON.



“ Studying at UON has been an incredibly enriching experience. The teachers are highly professional and provide valuable feedback on assignments and reports, which greatly contributed to my learning. Through the course, I gained extensive knowledge in international business, business strategies, and managing business across cultures. Beyond theoretical understanding, I also developed important practical skills, such as teamwork, academic writing, and research. ”

Mingqiu Li

Commerce & International Business (Top-Up) BA (Hons)



“ My study experience at UON has been very exciting. There were enthusiastic staff all around the campus to provide guidance and support from the very start of my study journey, and it has helped me to get familiar with the new environment. In class, my lecturers have been consistently demonstrating their attentiveness and engaging with students from diverse backgrounds, and fostering an atmosphere that encourages exploration and critical thinking. ”

Zicheng Zhou

Commerce & International Business (Top-Up) BA (Hons)



“ Northampton at night is very quiet and peaceful. I like to look back on life at UON from all the photos and videos my friends and I have taken during my time there - it brings back beautiful memories. I know the time I have spent at UON is all worth it and I have made the best out of it. ”

Sun Ao

International Logistics and Trade Finance (Top-Up) BA (Hons)

Accommodation



Moving overseas is a big step, so it helps if you don't need to worry about where you'll be living. Our Halls of Residence offer all you need to relax, make friends, socialise and study. We take your safety seriously, so all sites have 24-hour security and a dedicated Residential Life Team to support you through any issues you may have.

Value for money

With rents from £93 per week* you could save as much as £2,000 over three years, compared to competitor universities. Accommodation is fully furnished, with all utility bills, personal possessions insurance and University computer network and Wi-Fi access included - so no surprise costs! All that's left for you to pay is for a licence to watch TV if you want one in your own room.

More choice

Many students love the convenience of living on-campus. Our research shows that, taking into account age of accommodation, proximity to campus, cost of least expensive comparable accommodation and ensuite provision, UON offers more affordable accommodation than 70% of our key competitors.**

Whether you want to be on-campus, off-campus, or in the town centre, we have the right option to suit you. What's more, if you choose to live in our off-campus Scholar's Green Student Village, we provide a free weekday bus service to campus. And when it comes to types of room, you're spoilt for choice - with single or twin ensuite rooms (large or small), single or twin studio flats, or shared townhouses.

Private sector accommodation

If you prefer to live in private rented accommodation, our Private Sector Housing Team will provide details of available properties that meet our high safety standards. Regional private sector rents are almost 20% lower than the national average - but remember, you will be responsible for household bills.

*Prices shown are per person/per week (pp/pw) for the 2025 - 2026 academic period.

Prices for subsequent academic periods will be subject to change.

Please note, dependants cannot live in University-owned accommodation.

**UON internal research, 2024.



Waterside Student Village



St John's Halls



Scholars Green Student Village

Each hall of residence offers a variety of affordable, comfortable, and secure room options to suit all budgets and needs, including standard single and twin rooms, en-suite rooms, townhouse rooms, and studio flats.

See a price breakdown below*

Waterside Student Village	
Accessible En-suite	£173 pp/pw
Large En-suite	£181 pp/pw
Small En-suite	£169 pp/pw
Single Studio	£205 pp/pw
Standard Single	£158 pp/pw

St. John's Halls	
Single En-suite	£171 pp/pw
Single Studio	£200 pp/pw
Twin Studio	£139 pp/pw
Standard Single	£142 pp/pw
Twin Room	£103 pp/pw

Scholars Green Student Village	
Single En-suite	£113 pp/pw
Single Studio	£148 pp/pw
Twin En-suite	£93 pp/pw

Entry requirements, Tuition Fees & Scholarships

Entry requirements

To join a BA or BSc Top-Up programme, you must hold an HND or have completed the equivalent of two years UK undergraduate study in a relevant subject area. In addition, you must hold IELTS 6.0 (or equivalent) with a minimum of 5.5 in all bands*. To join our MSc Accounting and Finance Top-Up you will have successfully completed professional qualifications such as AIA, ACA, ACCA, CIMA, ICAP, or CPA Australia, or an international equivalent such as OTHM Level 7 Diploma in Accounting and Finance (RQF).

In addition, you must hold IELTS 6.5 (or equivalent) with a minimum of 5.5 in all bands. We offer Pre-Sessional English Programmes if you have not yet reached this level of English.

Tuition fees

The one-year undergraduate top-up fee for 2025-26 is £17,000.

Scholarships

Our International Scholarship scheme offers a tuition fee reduction of 10%, 20% or 30%. This is awarded automatically based on your academic achievement, so you do not need to apply separately (Terms and Conditions apply).

*Our Commerce and International Business Top-Up and International Banking and Finance Top-Up courses accept students with an overall IELTS score of 5.5, as they include English Language tuition.



How to apply

Once you've decided that you would like to study with us, our aim is to make the application process as straightforward as possible. So we can consider your application, you'll need to include the following documentation:

Your education history

Tell us where you studied, what qualifications you already have and include copies of your certificates or transcripts. If you have studies you've not yet completed, include your predicted result, then send us your final results as soon as you have them.

Proof of English language competence

Please check the course-specific requirements on our website.

A Personal Statement

Explain why you would like to study your chosen course and what you plan to do with your qualification.

A reference or letter of recommendation

If you're still studying or have recently completed your studies, this should be from one of your teachers, explaining your academic potential and suitability for the course. If you're in work, this should be from your employer.

Making your application

Depending on how and what you would like to study with us, there are different ways to apply:



• Our **Principal Regional Representatives** and recognised regional representatives are our preferred method of application and you should take advantage of their services whenever possible:

For enquiries or applications from China, please contact:

Email: China@northampton.ac.uk
WeChat: UONINTOFF

- Click '**Apply Now**' on the course page of our website
- You may also apply for an undergraduate course via **UCAS** at ucas.com.



Ask a student

We think UON is the perfect location to study your UK degree, but don't just take it from us, ask our students! Download the **Unibuddy app** to chat online to UON students who can help answer any questions you may have about studying here.

Our Location

Northampton is centrally located and within easy travelling distance of London, Birmingham and other major cities.

We are served by five international airports and excellent road and rail links to all parts of the UK and Europe.



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