



The University of  
**Nottingham**

# My University Experience

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# My Personal Journey:

**University offer, my chosen firm choice (2021):**  
BEng Civil Engineering with an industrial year at the  
University of Nottingham (A,A,B)

**University entrance (2022):**  
Foundation year in Engineering and Physical Sciences (1  
year), University of Nottingham

**Progression into degree level (2023):**  
BEng Civil Engineering University of Nottingham

**Where am I now (2025)?**  
Finished my first two years of degree-level studies  
Successfully obtained a summer internship with a Civil  
Engineering firm

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## Foundation year in Engineering and Physical Sciences

### (1 year):

A foundation year familiarised me with the university environment and teaching style, allowing me to gain a head start on my degree.

- Flexible entry requirements - BTECS and similar qualifications accepted
- Great transition year to get settled in before starting a full degree
- Equips you with vital skills and tools needed for your future study
- Available not just for engineering but also for schools like medicine, arts and humanities
- Could be used as a direct route into university or an insurance choice to ensure your place at your chosen university

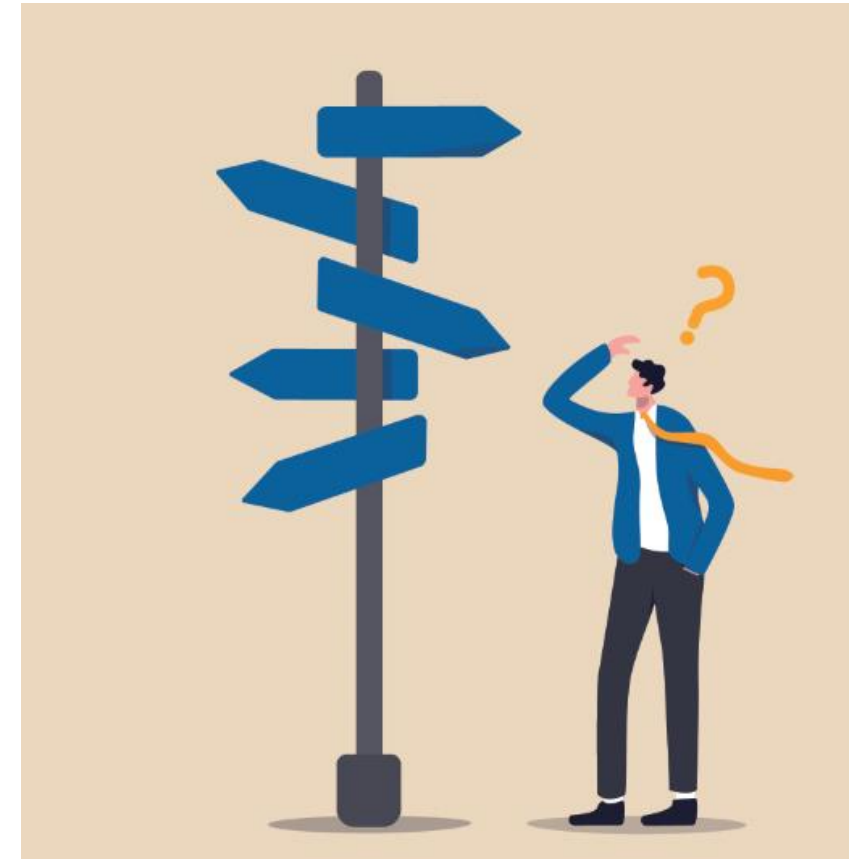


# Choosing the right university and course

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**Stick by your interests, studying for a degree you're uninterested in is hard to succeed in**

- Start by identifying your strengths and interests
- Explore course content, structure and teaching style
- Entry requirements
- Open days
- Think about integrated options (Masters, placement years)
- Although remember, initial choices can be changed further on





# Best parts of university

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**University is a unique environment for exploring new interests, developing resilience and creating amazing memories.**

- Making lifelong friends from diverse backgrounds and places
- Experience personal growth through new challenges and independence
- Develop self-reliance with plenty of support available
- Access societies, networking and opportunities beyond the lecture halls
- Courses actively engage in activities to improve career-ready skills







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