

University of Nottingham Online FAQs

How is University of Nottingham Online different to Digital Nottingham?

It is important to differentiate University of Nottingham Online with the [Digital Nottingham](#) initiative which you may also know about. Digital Nottingham is a Civic and Research initiative where we are forming partnerships with organisations in Nottingham city and the surrounding region to bring transformation, growth and renewal in the fields of data science, innovation and technology. University of Nottingham Online is a Teaching initiative that focuses on expanding our range of courses that are delivered completely online.

Will University of Nottingham Online replace regular teaching? Why are we investing in University of Nottingham Online?

We do not wish to replace our existing way of teaching. Our on-campus students will continue to access teaching and learning as they do today. These students seek an on-campus experience and are typically focussed on achieving a degree qualification within a defined time-period.

University of Nottingham Online will offer courses that are delivered 100% online to a new audience where we currently have very limited reach. Learners will typically be mid-career people that wish to learn new skills as they continue working. They want to learn online and complete short courses in a flexible manner that suits their work, so there will be no requirement for them to come onto campus. They may be anywhere in the world. Employers will also be able to ask their employees to take advantage of our online courses, enabling employees to be reskilled and upskilled as required.

University of Nottingham Online will support the university's long-term sustainability goals through reaching this new audience.

Are we going into competition with the Open University?

Russell Group universities are diversifying their portfolio of courses, and it is now common for leading universities to offer both on-campus courses and those that are delivered completely online. We need to be prepared to match and exceed their offering so we can compete with them and take advantage of the global growth in online learning. Our focus is not driven by the Open University.

Will I be expected to deliver University of Nottingham Online teaching in addition to my current workload?

We appreciate the demands on our colleagues and we do not intend for them to support both University of Nottingham Online courses and existing full-time teaching. We will work closely with each school to ensure any resource requirements are managed carefully so they do not impact on workloads.

There are many opportunities for colleagues to get involved with University of Nottingham Online. If you are interested, please email UoN-Online@nottingham.ac.uk.