



# UNIC parent guide.



# Why choose UNIC and University of Northampton?

## Our teaching is rated



The highest possible mark in the UK Government's Teaching & Excellence Framework.

Easy access to trains which run direct to **London and Birmingham,** with a journey time of **one hour.**

Brand new **£330m** campus.

Internship and **work-placement opportunities.**

## Life in Northampton.

Northampton is situated in the very heart of England, just one hour on the train from central London and Birmingham and close to the historic cities of Oxford and Cambridge. Northampton provides students with a bustling urban experience contrasted with a more relaxed, country atmosphere with lots of green space and parkland. It is the second largest town in England with a population of over 215,000.

The town is home to a variety of cultural, sporting and leisure facilities so your child will never be short of things to do and places to see. The town's multicultural population means the town has several international specialist shops and a wealth of restaurants offering a variety of world cuisines. You will also find that large supermarkets will stock a good variety of international ingredients and foods.

Another great thing about Northampton is it has a relatively low cost of living compared to many of the major UK cities meaning your child's money will go further and they can spend the extra money enjoying the cultural activities and experiences the UK has to offer.

## NavInsure.

We strongly advise that your child takes out adequate insurance when they travel to the UK to study. This will cover things such as cancellation charges, emergency medical expenses and unforeseen problems as well as personal items.

Navitas offers invaluable cover for international students called NavInsure, which is designed specifically for overseas students, and available for either 12 or 24 months.

Although it is not compulsory to take up the Navitas recommended insurance and you are entitled to do your own research into other packages, you can find the full list of benefits of choosing to go with NavInsure and further details on our website: [unic.navitas.com/navinsure](http://unic.navitas.com/navinsure)

## Student support available:

- Orientation activities and schedule
- Welfare support
- Campus and town centre tour
- GP registration
- Police registration
- Tier 4 advice and guidance
- Opening a bank account
- Religious facilities
- Accommodation advice
- Academic monitoring
- On-campus police officers
- Careers advice
- Employability support

## Enrolment and Orientation.

If your child is unable to arrive during enrolment week we advise that you let us know as soon as possible so we can put a plan in place to minimise disruption to your child's learning.

There is strong evidence to show that the later you enrol, the harder it is to excel both academically and socially. For this reason, we strongly encourage all students to arrive within the first week of enrolment and not by the last date stated on the Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS).

## Accommodation options.

**Basset-Lowke Halls of Residence** – the most popular option with UNIC students as it is conveniently located directly opposite the College. Every room has an en-suite and the main utility bills for heating, lighting, water and electricity are included within the student's rent.

**Cost: £110 per week**

More information: [unic.navitas.com/Bassett-Lowke](http://unic.navitas.com/Bassett-Lowke)

**Under 18s** – For those students joining UNIC who are under 18 years of age, the accommodation option is to live with a family member already known to them or a host family. UNIC use Host Family International and bookings can be processed with support from the team.

For further information regarding host families please contact [accommodation@UNIC.northampton.ac.uk](mailto:accommodation@UNIC.northampton.ac.uk)

**Private accommodation** – The University of Northampton Accommodation Office provides a service to assist you in finding your house or flat.

Please go to [northamptonstudentpad.co.uk/Accommodation](http://northamptonstudentpad.co.uk/Accommodation)

## Pre-departure support:

- Airport pick-up service
- Welcome packs for all students
- BRP collection
- Family hotel recommendations (including on-campus hotel)
- Orientation and Welcome Week schedule
- Enrichment Activities and events

## Contact us: [Northampton.ac.uk/unic](http://Northampton.ac.uk/unic)

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We also have a regional office in Nigeria. Please feel free to come and speak to our experts at any time to make the right decision for your child.

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