UCN

OUR NAME IS SHORTER

OUR REPUTATION JUST KEEPS GETTING BIGGER

University College
NORTHAMPTON

UCN AT A GLANCE

A multidisciplinary university college with a commitment to excellence in both teaching and research.

A strong commitment to working with the local and regional business community.

- 7,000 full time students
- 2,000 part time students
- 1,632 rooms in Halls of Residence, most with en suite facilities
- £65 million has recently been invested in student facilities

State of the art facilities in Information and Communication Technologies

Structure:

There are ten Schools of study:

SOCIAL STUDIES

NORTHAMPTON BUSINESS SCHOOL

TECHNOLOGY & DESIGN

ART & DESIGN

LEATHER TECHNOLOGY

EDUCATION

CULTURAL STUDIES

BEHAVIOURAL STUDIES

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

HEALTHCARE EDUCATION

Plus for postgraduate students our Graduate School

Combined Honours Programmes also available

A UNIVERSITY SINCE 1260

It's true!

A university was formed in Northampton in 1260 by scholars who had had a disagreement with the University of Cambridge.

Three years later they were joined by scholars from Oxford University.

Before the university could even begin to get into its stride, the King signed a royal decree, following the Battle of Lewes, dissolving the University at Northampton.
It is fascinating to ponder what might have been if insults (closely followed by arrows) had not flown so soon in the history of that fledgling university.

OUR RECENT HISTORY

- In 1919 a building was suggested for technical education in St George's Avenue.
- 1924, Northampton Technical College was formed
- In 1928, tenders were received for the first phase of the College
- It was1931 when work started in St George's Avenue.
- On the 17th November 1932 this building was opened by the Duke and Duchess of York and the local media was full of speculation about future university education in the town.
- On 17th September 1937 the School of Art was opened in the newly constructed east wing at St Georges Avenue with 327 students.

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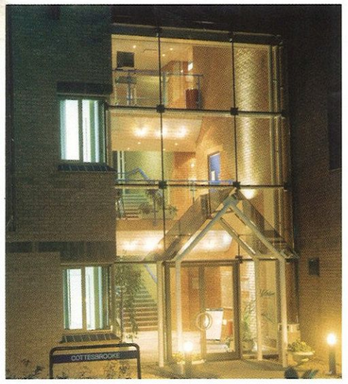
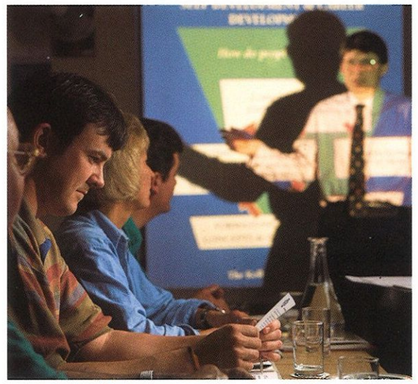




THE HANDBAG THAT BECAME A VERB

- In 1972, Northampton College of Education was founded at the Park Campus and opened by one, Margaret Thatcher, Secretary of State for Education & Science (and her famous handbag).

- Three years later in 1975, Nene College was formed from the amalgamation of the College of Education, the College of Technology and the College of Art. This created a College with a student population of 2,000 with plans to expand this to 3,200 by 1981.

- The three years between 1986 and 1989 were years of continuous and rapid growth.

- By 1988 Nene College had a total of 4,200 full time students.

- In 1989, Nene College became incorporated and positioned itself as a HE institution with university aspirations.

- Four years later in 1993, this was further reinforced by Nene College securing the powers to award first degrees.

- Then, in February 1999, Her Majesty's Privy Council approved our new title, University College Northampton.

NOW, THE FUTURE

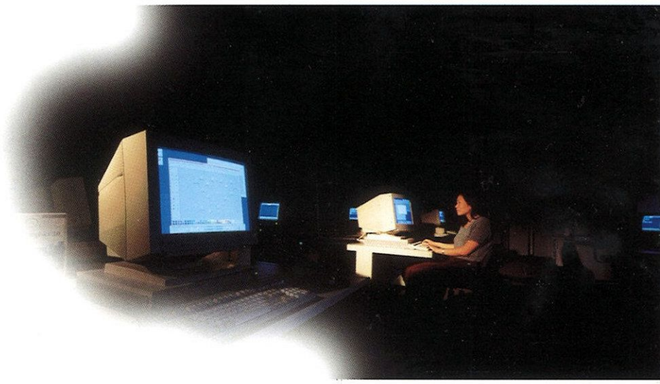
UCN offers students of the new millennium a quality experience through both the course provision and the learning environment.

Our students enjoy a safe, caring and supportive campus life and whilst our benchmarks and expectations are high and teaching is rigorous, they recognise that they are being prepared for their future in an enriched environment.

The future of UCN is a future full of promise and anticipation and one, which will see us move towards full University status in the next few years.

AT UCN WE'RE IN THE BUSINESS OF ENRICHING THE REGION

CHERRY LIELL -
DEVELOPMENT OFFICER



The Northampton Business School is the natural choice for practical business education in the region.

We emphatically enable:

- Individuals to develop their own skills in a wide range of business topics

- Managers to develop their employees into successful, motivated teams

- Companies to maximise the potential of their people

UCN has already expressed its enthusiasm and commitment to the government's new policy to enable universities to contribute to a greater degree to regional economic development through research, innovation, technology transfer and the formation of partnerships in the community, commerce and industry.

Cherry Liell (pictured) UCN's Development Officer, hopes to build on existing partnerships with Charter Members as well as making new contacts.

"There is an impressive amount of expertise within UCN and we are looking for new opportunities to maximise our contribution through partnerships within the region and beyond. Having achieved University College status, we aim to build up our reputation by becoming involved in more activities within the business world"

If you are interested in discussing potential projects please get in touch with the Development Office.

Development Office
Tel: 01604 735500 ext.2716.

WIDENING PARTICIPATION AT UCN

As Higher Education becomes more varied and widely available than ever before, University College Northampton is committed to addressing the continuing social class imbalance that traditionally exists at this level of study.

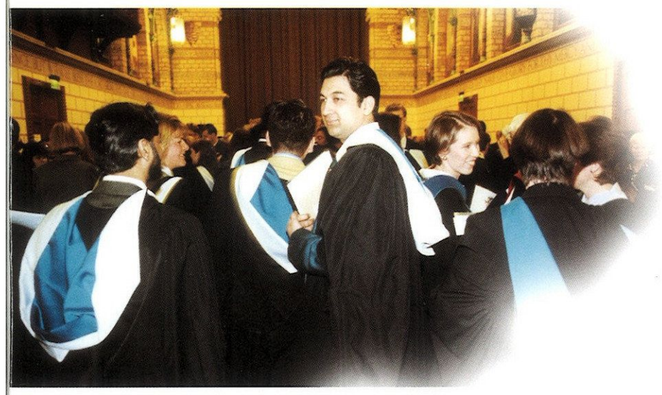
The Widening Participation Unit is the focus for a three-year project whose principal aim is to widen participation in Higher Education throughout Northamptonshire. By working with schools, colleges and the wider community, the Widening Participation Unit targets and encourages individuals who have the academic potential to progress to Higher Education but lack the family tradition (parents and/or siblings have not entered HE).

Activities are designed not only to inform potential students of the opportunities Higher Education can bring them but to also raise aspirations, motivation and confidence.

By removing barriers and providing clear and accessible information on the issues surrounding student life, it is hoped that individuals can make informed decisions that will provide a foundation for their future academic life.

When a student chooses to join UCN, the Widening Participation Unit also works in collaboration with other departments to ensure they encounter a caring and supportive experience of Higher Education.

TEACHING AND LEARNING



Presently we have 7,000 full time students and 2,000 part time students, based on 2 high quality sites.

They study over 100 different degrees and diplomas and enjoy a good balance of academic success, pastoral care and a well-rounded social scene both on campus and in the town of Northampton and the countryside of Northamptonshire.

Undergraduate, Postgraduate and professional courses available

Due to strong local and regional demand, our postgraduate opportunities have grown substantially over recent years and are set to expand further.

You see, we are not just a University College that stands alone and aloof in Northamptonshire, we are increasingly a cogent part of the town and the county and local commerce and industry has recognised the amazing facility that they have on their doorstep.

Admissions Advice
Tel: 0800 358 2232

WORKING FOR

SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIPS

RESEARCH

At UCN we are recognised for the excellence of our research as well as the quality of our teaching.

Research students have access to specific and general support facilities through the Nene Centre for Research, whilst the high quality, Sunley Management Centre on Park Campus, provides specialist facilities for postgraduate management and business courses.

Last year for example, Sunley Management Centre was host to over 60 Human Resource Professionals who gathered to hear speakers from Scania, R Griggs & Co, Brathay Training, MECCA Bingo, HM Treasury, Whitbread and TGI Friday's describe how SMC's expertise had help to develop their organisations.

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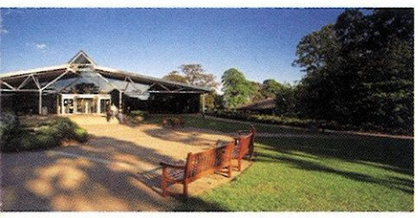

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