

## The University of Northampton Coat of Arms



The themes associated with the Coat of Arms are essentially concerned with the physical location of the University within the Borough of Northampton and the County of Northamptonshire, together with the central activities of the University.

The Borough is depicted in the left-hand supporter, a lion rampant and in the central triple-turreted castle. It is also evident in the similar castle foot-stools for both supporters. The main County reference is in the right-hand supporter of a bull with a golden chain and is depicted in the Tudor rose held by the roebuck. The County colours of blue, green and silver are also a feature of the Coat of Arms.

The linking of Borough and County through the imagery of the River Nene is strongly pursued with two horizontal representations of the river, one on the central shield and one below the supporters.

The University's activities are reflected in the central feature of books of learning and the vocational technology perspective is illustrated by linked cogwheels. The University's concern with learning is nicely encapsulated in the motto 'Ne Nesciamus' – 'Let us not be ignorant'.

Finally, the University's long association with the Worshipful Company of Leathersellers is depicted by the inclusion of the roebuck from its own Coat of Arms.