

PASS 2024 Information Event

Wednesday 8th May



From Newcastle. For the world.

Meet the PARTNERS Team!



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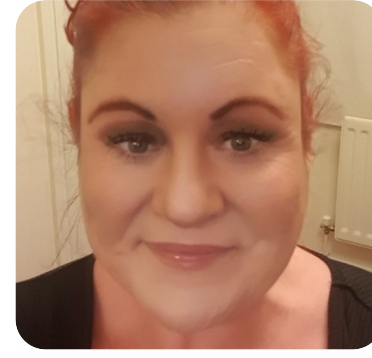
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In Today's Session...

- Your PARTNERS Offer
- Induction Week
- PASS Overview
- Social Activities
- Travel & Accommodation
- Results Day & Important Dates
- Q&A



Your PARTNERS Offer

Your Offer

- The Academic Summer School is for PARTNERS students who make Newcastle University their Firm choice through UCAS.
- Example PARTNERS Offer from UCAS Track:

Text	This offer is subject to you obtaining GCE A level Grades BBC with grade B in History plus successful completion of summer school and acceptance of this offer as your firm choice. The institution regards you as home for fees purposes
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You may have a PARTNERS offer for both Firm and Insurance choices & your subject strand will be based on your Firm choice.

Successful completion of the Summer School

What does this mean?

Submit the PASS Evaluation Form

By 5pm Monday 8th July

Adhere to the Attendee Code of Conduct

Submit your Formative Assessment

As directed by your academic strand leader

Full Engagement with all compulsory sessions, including:

100% attendance at all in-person sessions

100% attendance at all compulsory online sessions

Compulsory elements of the 'HE Skills Module' and 'Careers & Employability Module'

Attendance Monitoring and Absences

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Your attendance will be monitored by your academic strand leader, who will inform the PARTNERS team of any absences.

If you are unwell or unable to attend any compulsory sessions, we usually require evidence to authorise an absence. Any unauthorised absences could affect your completion of the summer school, and therefore your offer.

If you require an absence, **speak to your Academic Strand Leader first:**

You may be able to catch up without an authorised absence, for example, absences from online sessions of your PASS week.

For On Campus Days, we will require evidence and you'll need to submit a PEC (Personal Extenuating Circumstances) form, which will then go through the PEC committee to get approval

Confirming your attendance

- If you have selected Newcastle as firm choice, you will receive an email within 7 days detailing next steps
- You will receive...
 - **Code of Conduct**
 - **Travel & Accommodation Request Form** *(if eligible)*
 - **Academic Timetable**

Look out for deadlines!



PASS Induction Week
(Monday 24th – Friday 26th June)

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- You'll receive access to:
 - Newcastle University account, including email address and IT login
 - Canvas: to access the PARTNERS Hub
 - PASS Checklist
 - Final Timetable
 - Social Activities booking
 - HE Skills Module
 - Careers & Employability module

- Optional Induction Sessions

Optional Induction Week Sessions

Canvas Orientation

Live session hosted by the PARTNERS team to introduce you to Canvas! This will help you find your way round the online platform in advance of your online days of the summer school.

Student Union Extravaganza!

Live session hosted by Newcastle University's Student Union, find out about sports clubs & societies, funding opportunities, support & volunteering.

How will PASS work?

Informal drop in to chat with staff & students about what to expect next week!

Parents, Carers & Guardians Information Event

Find out what the students will get up to during PASS, as well as key dates/info, next steps and support available.

The Summer School

Sunday 30th June – Friday 5th July

What's it all about?

The Summer School is designed to replicate undergraduate study, so the types of activities you will be doing at PASS will be relevant to the degree course you've applied to

There's no expectation for you to have specific knowledge or skills before starting PASS

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As well as an essential part of your offer, it's an opportunity to:

- Develop skills to give you a head-start at University
- Become familiar with University level academic staff, software facilities, teaching styles & assessment methods
- Submit a formative (not assessed) piece of work and get feedback from academic staff
- Make friends before you begin university & explore our campus

PASS Format

2.5 days on campus & 2.5 days online

Days allocated based on subject strand & non-negotiable

Group A

Sunday (PM) , Monday & Tuesday **on-campus**

Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday (AM) **online**

Group B

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday (AM) **online**

Wednesday (PM), Thursday & Friday **on-campus**

Online Days

- Not expected to be at Newcastle campus
- Newcastle University IT Account and Login Details
- IT Helpdesk for queries
- University Email Address
- Microsoft 365
- Online University Library Services
- Keep in touch with your Academic Strand Leader

Online Days

via Canvas:

- Newcastle University's Virtual Learning Environment
 - Browser-based. No specialist software required & accessible via a range of devices.
 - Dedicated smartphone app also available
 - A range of academic engagement facilities
 - Live & recorded lectures, seminars, discussion boards, live chat, quizzes, reading lists, software integrations
- PARTNERS Hub Canvas Course
 - Academic Canvas Course

On Campus Days

Personalised Academic Timetable

Academic Sessions relevant to your degree course

- Lectures
- Group research
- Presentations
- Practical work
- Field Trips
- Using subject-specific facilities

Differing Contact Hours & Independent Study

On Campus Days

Access to University Facilities via University Smartcard

University Gym Access

Library Services, Printing & Photocopying

University Catering Outlets

In-person wellbeing support

Aside from Academic Sessions

HE Skills

(Online Canvas
Module)

Referencing
Independent study
Academic note-taking
Assessment methods

Careers & Employability

(Online Canvas
Module)

LinkedIn
Careers Service intro
Part-time work
'Ask the Experts'
webinars

Social Activities

Campus Quiz
Movie Night
Pizza & Games
City Tour
Hot Choc Café
Wheelchair Basketball

Where to get support & information

ON CAMPUS

PASS HQ – on-campus helpdesk
staffed by PARTNERS Team

Helpdesk Phone

Speak to your Academic Strand
Lead

ONLINE

PARTNERS Hub for Guidance

IT Service Desk Phone

Email your Academic Strand Lead
details released in induction week

Email the PARTNERS team
academicsummerschool@ncl.ac.uk

Wellbeing Support

In person & Online Appointments with Wellbeing Team

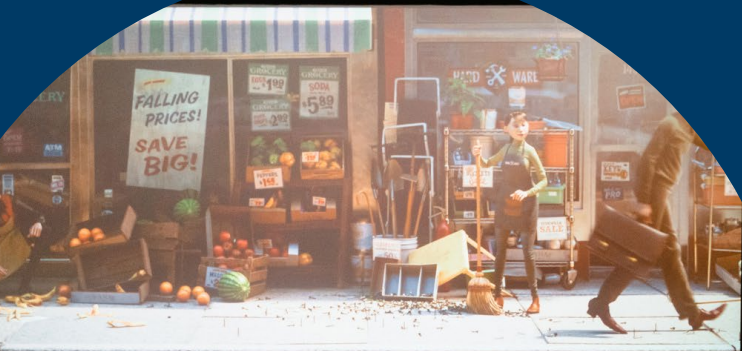
Drop-In or Book in Advance

Allocated a Personal Tutor

Any individual support or accessibility requests, contact us in advance at academicsummerschool@ncl.ac.uk

Social Activities

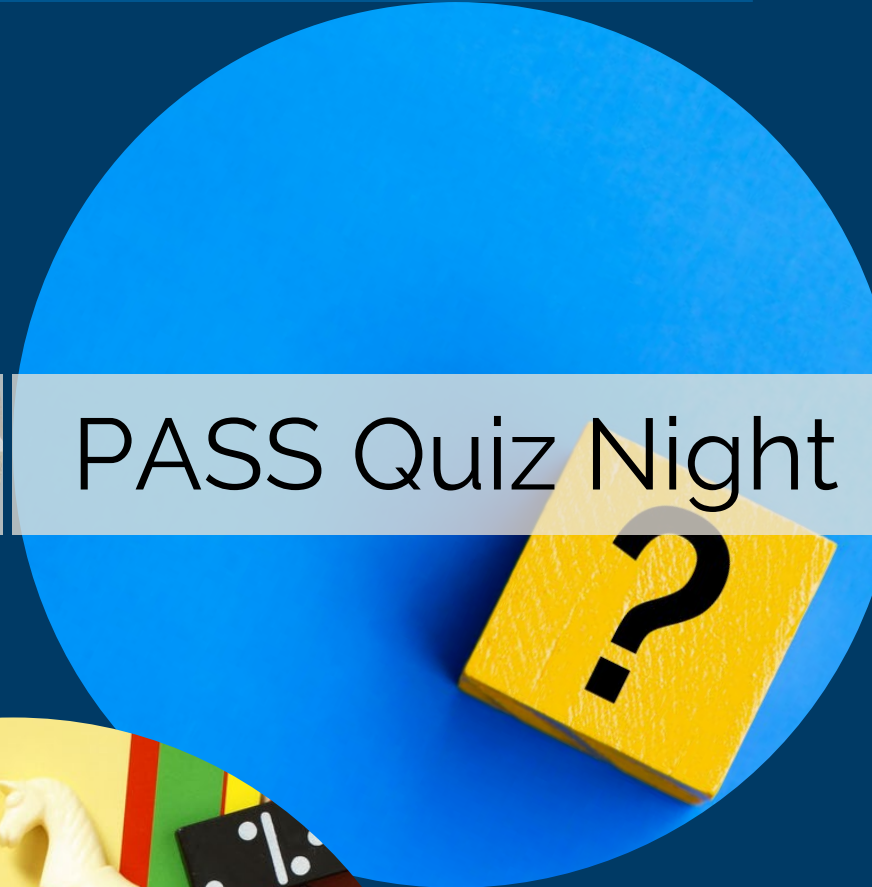




Movie Night



NCL City Tour



PASS Quiz Night



Wheelchair Basketball



Pizza & Games Night



Travel & Accommodation

Travel

- Arrive on campus
 - Sunday 30th June **or** Wednesday 3rd July
 - Registration and Induction Sessions compulsory for all students – commuting and residential
 - Register between 1-4pm (*if local, please arrive closer to 3pm-4pm*)

- *All Students will travel home after second full day on campus*
 - *Tuesday 2nd July **or** Friday 7th July*

Travel Booking or Reimbursement

- PARTNERS Team will contact all students who are eligible for **pre-booked travel**
 - You will receive an email from the PARTNERS team (**once you select us as Firm Choice**) requesting travel details
 - You have the option for us to book your travel (**recommended**) or organise your own travel and have the costs reimbursed after PASS
- If you are a **local student**, you will need to **book your own travel** (bus, metro, trains etc) and the PARTNERS team will reimburse the cost
Collect a travel reimbursement form from the PASS HQ Helpdesk during your on-campus days

Accommodation during PASS

- You're eligible if you can't reasonably commute to the university for a 9am lecture (*based on your home postcode on UCAS*)
- You will receive an email from the PARTNERS team to book your accommodation for your on-campus days
- If you want to take up the offer of accommodation, you'll be staying in university halls of residence on campus (Park View Student Village), free of charge
- Typically, you will be allocated to a single-gender, ensuite flat using the gender information you provided on UCAS/PARTNERS application
 - *If there is a reason why you'd prefer a specific allocation, please get in touch*
 - *E.g. your gender on UCAS doesn't match with your gender identity*

Park View Student Village



Accommodation

- Summer School Staff and University Security on call throughout the night in case of an emergency
- Accommodation keys handed out during registration on first on-campus day
- Students staying in Accommodation must also attend the compulsory Accommodation briefing session and agree to the Accommodation Code of Conduct
 - *Includes separate Under 18 code of conduct must be signed by parent/carer*

Catering

- Breakfast and Evening Meal provided for those in Accommodation
- Lunch vouchers for **all attendees** to spend at university outlets
- Dietary Requirements & Allergies – let us know on the Travel & Accommodation Booking Form
 - *Vegetarian/Vegan options available as standard, but other requirements catered for on request*

Travel & Accommodation – what next?

- If eligible for accommodation & pre-booked travel:
 - Please **read your email carefully** and submit the form **as soon as possible** so we can make arrangements.
 - We recommend allowing the PARTNERS Team to book your travel where possible.
 - If you are a local student, or choose to book your own travel, please check your provisional timetable for details of when you will need to arrive on campus.

Formative Assessment & PASS Results

The Formative Assessment *(not as scary as it sounds, we promise)*

- An opportunity to complete a piece of academic work to prepare you for university level assessment
- An opportunity to receive feedback from academic staff before starting university
- This will not be formally scored/assessed but you may be asked to complete this again if effort is not put into it
- You are not required to prepare for this/learn anything in advance of PASS week – all skills/knowledge required for the assessment will be taught during PASS
- Complete this on time, to the best of your ability, in the way your strand leader has requested
- Don't stress about it! A tiny percentage of attendees fail the assessment, and this is generally because they haven't submitted anything

The Formative Assessment *(not as scary as it sounds, we promise)*

- Subject-Specific Assignment *including:*
 - Exam
 - Essay
 - Lab Report
 - Reflective Piece
 - Presentation
 - Quiz
- Deadlines will vary depending on the subject
 - May be completed during PASS week itself
 - No later than Friday 12th July

If at any point during PASS you're not sure what you need to do...

Please ask as early as possible – we're here to help!

Outcome of the Summer School

Monday 5th August: you will receive an email confirming if you have passed the Summer School, based upon...

**Adherence
to the
Code of
Conduct**

**Completion of
Formative
Assessment**

As directed by your
academic strand
leader

**Engagement
with all
compulsory
online & on-
campus sessions**

**Completion of
PASS Evaluation
Form**

By 5pm Monday
8th July

Out of 1613 attendees at PASS 2023, 96% of students successfully completed the Summer School, allowing them to benefit from the lower offer made in UCAS!



Upcoming Timeline



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May

Complete Code of Conduct &
Travel/Accommodation Form

June

On Course to PASS – Meet your Subject
Strand

Induction Week & Get ready for PASS

July

Attend PASS

Complete Formative Assessment

Complete PASS Evaluation Form

August

PARTNERS Results 5th August

A Level Results Day 15th August

Keep in Touch

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Check your provisional timetable and the PASS website for FAQs