

Provisional
Welcome Week Timetable
Postgraduate Research
Programmes
Academic Year 2011-2012



Find below the Welcome Week timetable for all postgraduate research programmes (PGR) delivered by the International Centre for Cultural and Heritage Studies (ICCHS). Please note this is a provisional schedule, and minor changes may occur in the final timetable. The final timetable will be distributed as part of the Research Student Handbook on Monday, 26 September. All sessions will be delivered in Lecture Theatre 1.46, Bedson Teaching Centre, on the Newcastle University campus unless indicated otherwise.

Monday, 26 September

10:00-10:10	Welcome from Head of School – <i>Peter Stone</i>
10:10-10:20	Welcome from Director of ICCHS – <i>Rhiannon Mason</i>
10:20-11:30	Introduction to ICCHS – <i>Myra Giesen [optional]</i>
11:45-12:30	Introduction to ICCHS Research and staff expertise <i>[recommended]</i>
12:30-14:00	<i>Afternoon Break</i>
13:30- 14:00	Any Queries? – <i>ICCHS academic staff will be available in their respective offices to answer questions</i>
14:00-15:30	Introduction to research programmes and Windsor Terrace tours for new and returning students – <i>Areti Galani, Chester Room, 18 Windsor Terrace [essential]</i>

Tuesday, 27 September

10:00-10:50	Teaching, Learning, and Cultural Diversity at ICCHS <i>[optional]</i>
11:00-11:50	Internationalisation and ICCHS buddy system <i>[optional]</i>
12:00-13:00	<i>Afternoon Break</i>
13:00-13:50	How to give a presentation <i>[optional]</i>
15:00-15:50	Plagiarism <i>[essential]</i>
tbc	Introduction to the Great North Museum (GNM): Hancock and ICCHS Welcome Reception – <i>Steve McLean and ICCHS staff [recommended]</i>

Wednesday, 28 September

10:00-10:50	Teamwork <i>[optional]</i>
11:00-11:50	Briefing on academic writing skills by Alicia Cresswell of the Writing Development Centre <i>[essential]</i>
12:15-13:00	Introduction to Blackboard & ePortfolio – <i>Areti Galani, room 1.06, 18 Windsor Terrace [essential]</i>
13:00-14:00	ICCHS Research Postgraduate welcome reception for new and returning students – <i>Chester Room, 18 Windsor Terrace [recommended]</i>
14:00-15:00	An Introduction to the Library's Resources – <i>Lucy Keating [essential unless you are a Newcastle alumnus/alumna]</i>
15:00-18:00	Faculty Induction - 2nd & 3rd Year Research Students – <i>Robin Humphrey and Laura Leonardo, PG Training Suite, Dayish Building [essential]</i>

Thursday, 29 September

To be confirmed **Study Visits** [optional]

Art Museum and Gallery (AMG) students – *location to be confirmed*

Heritage and Museum Studies students – *Beamish*

Research postgraduate students may join either of the above study visits

15:00-18:00 **Faculty Induction – 1st Year Research Students** – *Robin Humphrey and Laura Leonardo, PG Training Suite, Dayish Building [essential]*

Friday, 30 September

10:00-12:00 **University English Language Assessment (UELA) session*** – [**students with English as their 2nd language only**] [Herschel LT3] You do not need to make an appointment in advance, however, space is limited.

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* Note that other EULA sessions are available on 21-23 September.

See below for description of what to expect for each session:

Monday, 26 September

Welcome from Head of School – *Peter Stone*

Peter will introduce Newcastle University and help place the School of Arts and Cultures into context within the University and the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Welcome from Director of ICCHS – *Rhiannon Mason*

Rhiannon will build on Peter's introduction to welcome you to ICCHS and to the North East. She will touch on the history of ICCHS, its current state of affairs, and future aspirations.

Introduction to ICCHS – *Myra Giesen*

This presentation will help put your programme of study into context with other PGT programmes within ICCHS. It will look at module delivery and the overall time schedule for the year. It includes a breakdown of the Degree Programme Handbook, which include all key topics you need to be familiar with as a student within ICCHS. During this session, a variety of ICCHS Forms, which you will need to complete and return to the ICCHS Office located in room G2, within 18 Windsor Terrace.

Introduction to ICCHS research and staff expertise

During this session, you will learn about some of the ongoing research projects which inform our teaching. This session will help you to know which staff have expertise in the various aspects of museum, gallery, and heritage studies and to find out about new ideas and directions in the field and sector.

Introduction to research programmes and Windsor Terrace tours – *Areti Galani*

During this session, you will meet Areti Galani, the Director of Postgraduate Studies in ICCHS, who will introduce you the academic, administrative and pastoral aspects of the research programmes in ICCHS. You will be given the opportunity to tour Windsor Terrace the home of ICCHS.

Queries

This time has been created to allow students to follow up on any inquiries they may have. Members of staff will be in their respective office.

Tuesday, 27 September

Teaching, Learning, and Cultural Diversity at ICCHS

This session is designed to get you to 1) think about your learning experiences and what has influenced them; 2) identify your own learning styles and strategies; and 3) think about how these compare to other people's experiences and strategies. This session is particularly important given the multicultural backgrounds of ICCHS students; the need to work in teams on the course; and be effective within the sector.

Internationalisation and ICCHS buddy system

This session is a natural follow up to the previous session. You will learn about Newcastle University's internationalisation initiative. This will lead into a discussion about learning in an international classroom and through international examples. Students who signed up to be involved in the ICCHS buddy system will be linked up with their buddies.

How to give a presentation

While at ICCHS, you will give presentations to small and large groups. It is important, therefore, that you feel comfortable speaking in public. This session will raise awareness about making oral presentations. It will cover how to construct an effective presentation and how to deliver it. It will conclude with some PowerPoint tips.

Plagiarism

This session looks at why we need to acknowledge the sources we use when writing and some common reasons why students plagiarise.

Introduction to the Great North Museum (GNM): Hancock and ICCHS Welcome Reception

This reception will include a welcome to the GNM and a drinks reception.

Wednesday, 27 September

Working as a Team

The first part of this session will investigate the advantages & disadvantages of teamwork; the basic stages of team formation; how 'intelligences' and personality type might affect team performance; and how to best value diversity in a team.

Briefing on academic writing skills – *Alicia Cresswell*

This session will offer valuable guidance on the kind of academic writing skills which are expected at postgraduate level in the UK. It will also offer practical tips for writing and studying while on the programmes.

Introduction to Blackboard and ePortfolio – *Areti Galani*

This session will introduce you to Newcastle University's virtual learning environment. It will also cover the Research Postgraduate ePortfolio, which is used to create a portfolio of your work and achievements as well as to facilitate the Research Project Approval and Annual Progress Review processes.

ICCHS Research Postgraduate welcome reception

This is an opportunity to meet ICCHS academics and research students over a cold buffet and drinks reception. New and returning students are all welcome!

An Introduction to the Library's Resources – *Lucy Keating*

Not only will Lucy introduce you to what you might expect to find at the library (e.g., books and journals), she will explore web gateways and other key resources essential to your explorations into the museum, gallery, and heritage sector.

Thursday, 28 September

Study Visits

We have organised these study visits to give you a chance to get to know your fellow students, staff and some of the museums, galleries and heritage of the region. This is an enjoyable way to start thinking about the issues and ideas we will address in the first semester's modules. We will tell you more about the details of these visits at the beginning of the welcome week.

Art Museum and Gallery (AMG) students – *tbc*

Heritage and Museum Studies students – *Beamish Open-Air Museum*

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