



Newcastle University

Study Abroad 2025/26
Application Guidelines and Information



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Introduction

We are delighted to be accepting Study Abroad applications for 2025/2026.

If you choose the beautiful and historic city of Newcastle as your Study Abroad destination, you'll have a unique opportunity to experience university life in the North East of England and to study at an award-winning Russell Group institution famous for academic excellence.

Please read through this document carefully as the information included will be useful in guiding you through the application process and preparing you for your upcoming Study Abroad adventure!

Please contact us with any questions at studyabroad@ncl.ac.uk

We look forward to receiving your application.

Key Terms

Here are explanations for some of the key terms used throughout these guidelines:

Study Abroad

Spending a semester or full academic year at Newcastle University as part of a degree programme in your home country. Study Abroad students are not the same as 'Exchange' students.

Terra Dotta

This is our application portal where students complete and submit their application to Study Abroad at Newcastle University. You will also receive messages and prompts from the Study Abroad team via the Terra Dotta portal prior to your arrival in Newcastle.

Academic Transcript

This is an official university document that lists the classes/modules/courses you have taken. We will ask to see a transcript from your home university as part of the application process. You will need to provide a certified English translation if your transcript is provided in another language. We will also issue you a transcript on completion of your studies here at Newcastle to document the modules (classes) you have completed. Semester One transcripts are released in mid-March and Semester Two transcripts in late June.

Module

At Newcastle University, the term 'module' simply means a course or class. Study Abroad students must study 60 Newcastle credits (30 ECTS) per semester. Please see our [Module Catalogue](#) for more information.

Areas of Study

We offer modules in a great range of academic subjects. Study Abroad students can choose to take all their modules in one subject area or take modules from a range of different subject areas.

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Architecture, Planning and Landscape
Arts and Cultures
Business, Finance and Accounting
Education, Communication and Language Sciences
English Literature, Language and Linguistics
Geography, Politics and Sociology
History, Classics and Archaeology
Law
Modern Languages
Philosophy

Faculty of Science, Agriculture and Engineering

Computing
Engineering
Mathematics, Statistics and Physics
Natural and Environmental Sciences

Faculty of Medical Sciences

Biomedical, Nutritional and Sports Sciences
Psychology
Pre-med and Pre-health





Application Guidance

We normally open our application form in February each year. Please be aware of our application deadlines. If you require a deadline extension, contact the [Study Abroad Team](#) well in advance.

Semester 1 (Fall) Application Deadline: 31st May 2025

Semester 2 (Spring) Application Deadline: 31st October 2025

Eligibility

To be eligible for the Study Abroad Programme at Newcastle University you must:

- Have studied for **at least a year** at your home university prior to enrolment at Newcastle.
- Be **currently enrolled** at your home university.
- Be in good **academic standing** (equivalent to GPA of 2.8).
- Fulfil our English Language requirements if you are a non-native **English** speaker.

If you have questions about your eligibility status, please don't hesitate to contact the [Study Abroad Team](#).

Fees

Unless your home institution has an exchange partnership with us, Study Abroad students are required to pay tuition fees to attend Newcastle University. Our [Study Abroad fees](#) can be found on the website. Students either pay tuition fees to Newcastle University directly or have an arrangement where their home university pays the fees on their behalf.



Application Guidance

To apply for Newcastle University's Study Abroad Programme, please use our online application system:

[APPLY TO STUDY ABROAD](#)

As part of the application process, you must create an account, complete questionnaires and provide supporting documentation. Please finish reading these Application Guidelines before starting your application.

Supporting Documentation

Your application must be accompanied by all the **supporting evidence** requested on the form:

- **Transcript(s)** of studies from your home institution
- **English Language Certificate** – if English is not your native language
- **Personal Statement** – a piece of writing explaining why you wish to Study Abroad at Newcastle University. Please include what you hope to achieve and what you can contribute to our university community. Aim for between 500 to 800 words.
- **Provisional module choices** – suggestions of the classes you'd like to take in Newcastle
- Image of the **passport** page showing your personal details
- Examples of work/portfolio (for Fine Art and Architecture only)





Application Guidance

Module Choices

At Newcastle University, classes are called 'modules'. Students typically study three to four modules each semester. Modules carry different amounts of academic credit and a full semester's course-load at Newcastle University is 60 credits.

We have a specially designed online [Module Catalogue](#) for Study Abroad and Exchange students. It is important that you read the [Module Catalogue Guidance Notes](#) before referring to the Module Catalogue as it explains the terminology used and indicates any exclusions.

Study Abroad students may choose modules across different Schools (in different subject areas) and can select based on individual preferences and academic requirements. We do ask students to indicate module choices to us at the application stage, but students should be aware that **all selections are subject to potential timetabling clashes and module leader approval**. It isn't until students arrive on campus that they formally register for modules. If you need help selecting modules at the Application stage, please do not hesitate to contact the [Study Abroad Team](#) to ask for advice.

Application Decision

We review applications on a rolling basis from the end of March. We aim to provide applicants with our selection decision within three weeks of receiving your application after this time. Successful applicants are asked at this stage to formally accept our offer to study with us but will not be asked to provide any form of financial deposit. Tuition fees are to be paid when you begin your programme of study.



Timeline – Full Year

Here are some of the **key dates** to remember for your application and academic timeline if you are planning on studying with us for a **Full Academic Year (Semester 1/Fall and Semester 2/Spring)**.



31 May 2025

Application deadline

The deadline for submitting your online application if you are planning to study for a Full Academic Year (Semester 1 and 2).



9 – 12 September 2025

International Welcome Week

A week of activities, help and support to help international students get settled into Newcastle and meet new people. These dates are provisional and will be confirmed in your acceptance letter.

9 September 2025



Provisional arrival date

We recommend that you arrive on the Tuesday of this week so that you can take part in the International Welcome Week. Please wait until you receive your acceptance and visa (if applicable) before making any travel plans.

15 – 19 September 2025



Freshers' Week

A week full of social events, fairs and administrative tasks to help all new students get settled in, make new friends and get ready to start their classes.



22 September 2025

Semester 1 classes begin

The teaching start date for Semester 1.

12 December 2025



Classes end for Winter Break

Students will have three weeks for travelling, socializing, relaxing, and preparing for any upcoming exams.



5 January 2026

Exams after Winter Break

Winter Break ends. Exams are scheduled for two weeks.

19 January 2026



Inter-semester break

One week break before Semester 2.



26 January 2026

Semester 2 classes begin

The teaching start date for Semester 2.

20 March 2026



Classes end for Spring Break

Students have a break for travelling, socialising, relaxing and preparing for any upcoming exams.



20 April 2026

Classes resume after Spring Break

Spring Break ends. Classes and exams take place in these final weeks.

29 May 2026



Semester 2 ends

Study Abroad students can return home after this date. Transcripts are released by end of June.



Timeline – Semester 1 Only

Here are some of the **key dates** to remember for your application and academic timeline if you are planning on studying with us for Semester 1 (Fall) only.

Study Abroad students should be aware that ordinarily Newcastle University's Semester 1 runs over Winter break and into January. However, we do allow Semester 1 students to return home in December and, where necessary, undertake 'Alternative Assessments' to complete their studies early. **There is no requirement to stay or return to Newcastle in January** because we appreciate for many students, they will be resuming studies in their home country.



31 May 2025

Semester 1 application deadline

The deadline for submitting your online application if you are planning to study for Semester 1 only.



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Semester 1 classes begin

The teaching start date for Semester 1.

12 December 2025

Semester 1 classes end

The end date for Semester 1 teaching and alternative assessment exams.



5 – 16 January 2026

Assessment Period

You may need to submit assignments electronically during this period. Transcripts are released in mid-March.

Timeline – Semester 2 Only

Here are some of the **key dates** to remember for your application and academic timeline if you are planning on studying with us for Semester 2 (Spring) only.



31 October 2025

Semester 2 application deadline

The deadline for submitting your online application if you are planning to study for Semester 2 only.

21 January 2026



Provisional arrival date

We recommend that you arrive by the Wednesday of this week so that you can take part in International Welcome. Please wait until you receive your acceptance and visa (if applicable) before making any travel plans.



21 – 23 January 2026

International Welcome

A short week of activities, help, and support to help international students get settled into Newcastle and meet new people. These dates are provisional and will be confirmed in your acceptance letter.

26 January 2026



Semester 2 classes begin

The teaching start date for Semester 2.



20 March 2026

Classes end for Spring Break

Students will have an extended break for travelling, socialising, relaxing and preparing for any upcoming exams.

20 April 2026



Classes resume after Spring Break

Spring Break ends. Classes and exams take place in these final weeks.



29 May 2026

Semester 2 ends

Study Abroad students can return home after this date. Transcripts are released by end of June.

English Language Requirements

Please refer to our [government website](#) to clarify whether you need to prove your English Language level.

If you are required to prove your English Language, you can refer to our [English language requirements website](#) for details on how to do so using the correct qualifications for evidence.

For EU nationals coming for one semester on a Standard Visitor visa

You'll need to demonstrate that you have a minimum level of B2 in English. In lieu of a [listed certificate](#), we can accept a confirmation letter from your home university that you meet our language requirements or stating that your degree is taught/assessed in English.

Visa Requirements

You may need a visa to come to the UK to study and this will depend on your personal circumstances. Visit the [UK government's official website](#) to check.

If you need help understanding the information the UK government provides, please refer to our [Visa and Immigration Information](#) webpage or the [UK Council for International Student Affairs](#) website.

For help understanding the new ETA process, please refer to the [UK government's official website](#) and our [Electronic Travel Authorisation](#) webpage.

You should carefully check what you need and research the **cost**, **requirements**, and **timescales**.

We will automatically send you the relevant letter for either a Standard Visitor visa or a Student Route visa.

Extend Your Study

If you are a Semester 1 (Fall) only student and wish to extend your stay for the next semester, you will need to meet the requirements and apply for a Student Route Visa. Approval from Newcastle University and your home institution is also needed.

You will need to notify the Study Abroad team by 31 October 2025.

Arrival Dates

For students joining us in September there are two weeks of welcome activities for you to get involved with before classes start.

For students joining us in January there is a single week of activities prior to starting class.

Refer to the Timeline for your semester for recommended arrival dates.

For those flying into Newcastle Airport during designated times, staff will be there to provide a warm welcome and to provide [transport to university accommodation](#).

Students should not make travel arrangements until the Study Abroad team have provided instruction to do so.



International Welcome Week

Our *International Welcome Week* programme has been designed to support new international students as they adjust to their new life in Newcastle. *International Welcome Week* runs in **September for Semester 1** and in **January for Semester 2**.

During *International Welcome Week* there will be:

- Talks to help prepare you for your upcoming studies
- Sessions to introduce you to the local area and surrounding region
- Opportunities to socialise and meet new students
- Fun activities and events to keep you busy while you settle in
- Workshops where you will officially register for modules/classes

We have a dedicated webpage for [International Welcome Week](#) that is updated before the start of each new semester. The Study Abroad team will provide information, advice and guidance both in pre-departure, on arrival and throughout term.

Arriving in Newcastle

Our nearest airport is **Newcastle International Airport** (15 minutes by car to campus, 20 minutes by Metro to Campus).

Our nearest train station is **Newcastle Central Station** (5 minutes by car to campus, 5 minutes by Metro to Campus).

If you arrive within the designated times of our bookable [Meet & Greet service](#) during International Welcome Week, Newcastle University staff will be waiting for you at the airport arrivals lounge and will help transport you to your accommodation.

If you arrive outside of these times or into the train station or another UK airport, you must organise transportation to your accommodation independently. The Study Abroad Team will provide advice prior to travel.

Students should not make travel arrangements until the Study Abroad team have provided instruction to do so.



Accommodation

Applicants who wish to apply for University accommodation will be instructed on how to do this after they have been offered a place to study at Newcastle University. This will be in Summer for students arriving in September and in Fall for students arriving in January. We have a [wealth of accommodation options](#) in Newcastle, varying in price, style and location.

Student rooms are designed for single occupancy living and offer a private place to sleep and study. Some rooms have en-suite bathrooms but if not, you'll share a bathroom with approximately 4-6 other students in your 'flat'. You will also share a communal space and kitchen area with your new 'flatmates'. Heating, lighting, water and free Wi-Fi are included as standard.

Housing in Newcastle is amongst the most affordable in England (ranging from **£130 to £190 a week**) so this means you'll have more money to spend on social activities, travel and shopping!



Why Newcastle?

Cultural City

Newcastle offers a diverse cultural scene, architectural beauty, history and a world-famous nightlife. The city has excellent transport links and London is only a 3-hour journey away by train. From the city centre, it is only a short bus or train ride to the countryside, where you can explore the area's breath-taking scenery and coastline.

Find out more about [Life in Newcastle](#).

Sporting City

This city is not only home to Newcastle United Football Club and St. James' Park, but also the Falcons and Eagles; top-tier rugby and basketball teams. Newcastle University is also one of the UK's top universities for sport, offering fantastic facilities and a range of athletics clubs. Find out more about [Sport](#).

Student City

Newcastle is ranked as one of the UK's top student cities, offering a range of culture and entertainment. The Newcastle University Students' Union (NUSU) is run by students, for students. They provide lots of opportunities to get involved in clubs, societies and volunteering.

Find out more about [NUSU](#).

