Study Abroad

AT NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY, ENGLAND
Welcome to Newcastle

Newcastle is regarded as the capital of the North East of England. It’s a lively, student-friendly, cosmopolitan city, located beside one of the North’s major rivers, the Tyne. Here are 10 reasons why our students consider Newcastle their second home...

1. Newcastle is a vibrant and lively city, rich in history and culture

2. Everything is within walking distance so you’re never far from what’s going on

3. World-class music, comedy, cinema, nightlife, food, shopping and sport are available right in the city centre

4. We are ranked 3rd in the UK for Sustainable Development (THE Impact Rankings 2021)

5. Stunning countryside and World Heritage Sites are only a bus ride away and it's just 25 minutes to the beach

6. Our friendly, multicultural city attracts students from 120 different countries!

7. Newcastle has one of the lowest costs of living in the UK

8. One in six people in Newcastle is a student, so you’ll be in good company

9. Along the River Tyne, you’ll find iconic bridges and international arts venues, restaurants and bars which form the Quayside

10. There are excellent rail transport links in the city centre with other UK cities and we have our own international airport
Getting here
Newcastle is well connected, with a train station, coach station, international airport and even a ferry terminal. So, wherever you live, we’re closer than you think!

By train
Newcastle’s train station is right in the city centre, so once you get off at Newcastle, you’re never far from home...
- Edinburgh 1 hour 30 minutes
- Manchester 2 hours 35 minutes
- London 2 hours 50 minutes
- Birmingham 2 hours 50 minutes

By plane
Loads of UK flights land at Newcastle Airport, which is a few miles outside the city. You can fly here in no time and hop on the Metro (Newcastle’s light rail system) for the 20-minute trip to the city centre.
- London 1 hour 15 minutes
- Bristol 1 hour 5 minutes

They say:
We asked current students to rate the top 5 reasons you should choose Newcastle:

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These are our top 5 reasons you should choose Newcastle:

We’re ranked top 150 universities in the world (#134 in 2022) QS World University Rankings
We’re also one of the top-performing universities for sports in the UK Consistently Top Ten in the British Universities & Colleges Sports
Multi-award-winning Careers and Library Services
World-class learning environment
Our Business School is in the 1% of business schools worldwide to hold triple accreditation

Why Newcastle?

EDINBURGH 1h 30 mins
AMSTERDAM 1h 30 mins
NCL
NEWCASTLE
BRISTOL
MANCHESTER 2h 35 mins
PARIS 1h 50 mins
BYZantium 1h 50 mins
LONDON HEATHROW
BIRMINGHAM 2h 50 mins
LONDON 2h 50 mins
NEWCASTLE
BRISTOL
MANCHESTER
EDINBURGH
BARCELONA 2h 30 mins
PARIS 1h 50 mins
AMSTERDAM 1h 30 mins

At NCL, we believe in the power of place. That’s why we’ve chosen Newcastle as our home. It’s a city with a rich history, a vibrant culture, and a dynamic economy. It’s also a city that’s easy to get to, whether you’re coming from the UK or further afield.

Affordability
Newcastle is one of the most affordable cities in the UK. With a range of accommodation options and a wide variety of eating out places, you can enjoy a great lifestyle without breaking the bank.

World-class reputation
Newcastle is home to a world-class business school that’s accredited by three of the most prestigious business accreditation bodies in the world. This accreditation is a testament to the quality of our education and the excellence of our graduates.

City-centre campus
Newcastle is a compact city, with everything within walking distance. Whether you’re studying, working or soaking up the local culture, you’ll never be far from the action.

Legendary nightlife
Newcastle is known for its vibrant nightlife, with a range of bars, clubs and venues to suit all tastes. Whether you’re looking for a quiet drink or a wild night out, you’ll find it here.

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Sports in the UK
Newcastle is home to a world-class sports facility that’s home to our award-winning careers and library services. It’s a place where you can excel in your studies and pursue your passions.

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Supporting our students

While your academic achievements are important to us, so is your personal wellbeing. Study Abroad students are supported by a superb array of services available at the University.

Pre-Departure support
Our committed Study Abroad Team have lots of experience in preparing students for their overseas experience. We will provide the information, advice and guidance you need from application to arrival in order to make the whole pre-departure process straightforward and stress-free. Study Abroad students can take advantage of our ‘Airport Meet & Greet’ service, and alongside other friendly university colleagues we’ll plan a range of welcome activities and events for you in the first few weeks of term so you’ll be feeling confident and settled by the time classes begin.

Health and Wellbeing
We want you to reach your full potential with us, so when life gets a bit challenging, our Student Wellbeing services can offer support including:
- counselling
- mental health support
- disability support
- specialist learning support
- financial support
- faith and spirituality support, including opportunities for prayer, worship and meditation

Online platform TalkCampus also offers peer support 24/7, and our INCLude app has been developed to help you create positive habits and great coping skills.

Library Services
We hope you’ll spend a good amount of time in the university’s library since our award winning service is one of the best in the country! Our main library, the Philip Robinson, is open 24/7 during term time and offers 1680 study spaces and 24 group study rooms available to book online.

Language Resource Centre
If you’d like to learn a new language or keep up your current languages while Studying Abroad at Newcastle, then you can join our award-winning Language Resource Centre. We provide self-study materials in over 150 languages, from Arabic to Zulu, including over 3,000 international films. We run taster and improvement sessions and you can partner with a native speaker to practice your conversation skills.

Careers Service
Newcastle University’s Careers Service is one of the best, largest and most innovative in the UK and can help Study Abroad students develop career planning strategies and identify ways to enhance their employability. They offer:
- one-to-one sessions with a professional careers advisors
- cv/resume checking
- customized skills development sessions
- networking events

Study Abroad in Newcastle
We also encourage students to visit the Maths-Aid drop-in Centre, run by the School of Mathematics, Statistics and Physics which provides free maths and stats assistance for students from any subject area. For students with Specific Learning Difficulties, such as Dyslexia and ADHD, appropriate accommodations, including extra time during exams, can be arranged for you.

Study support
Study Abroad students are welcome to access our Writing Development Centre inside our main campus library and take advantage of academic writing tuition and support for students from any discipline.

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Student life

Our vibrant student city is waiting to welcome you! With so many ways to enjoy your spare time, you’ll be making memories that last a lifetime.

Social and Cultural Programme

The university offers a complimentary social and cultural programme to help Study Abroad students make the most of their semester or year in England. Students will attend live sporting and performance events, hike ancient trails, roam castle ruins, sample regional foods and visit the famous landmarks and attractions that make England’s North so special!

Sports Centre

Every sport and fitness activity has an ideal setting and here at Newcastle, you’ll find we’ve covered all the bases. With a recent £30 million investment in our facilities, the university offers exceptional environments for all of our Study Abroad students’ sporting needs. Ranked in the top ten British Universities and Colleges Sport league for four consecutive years, Newcastle is one of the best places to study when it comes to taking part in sport.

Students’ Union (NUSU)

Our large Students’ Union plays a major part in shaping your Newcastle experience. The Students’ Union headquarters are located in the heart of campus, inside a beautiful five story building containing restaurants, a large grocery store, coffee shops, concert space, a bar, study space, and an advice centre.

NUSU organise varied volunteering opportunities for students each year and run the ‘Give it a Go’ programme which offers hundreds of discounted activities over term-time. NUSU also oversee the running of over 160 student societies ranging from Surfing, Comedy, Bee-keeping and Baking and we encourage Study Abroad students to join as many as they can!

Entertainment

Newcastle is well known for its fantastic nightlife and this is one of the reasons the city is always voted as one of the UK’s greatest student hubs. There’s a great mix of bars, pubs and clubs across the city, boutique bowling alleys, live music venues, late-night cafés, theatres, cinemas and restaurants to suit every budget. There are many cultural attractions to visit too: The Great North Museum, which is on campus, has a planetarium and an interactive model of Hadrian’s Wall among other collections.

There are a variety of art galleries close to campus, including the Hatton Gallery where Fine Art students exhibit their work, and the famous Baltic Centre for Contemporary Arts on the south side of the River Tyne.

For live music enthusiasts, weekly acoustic sessions are held in the Students’ Union and there’s the lunchtime concert series LIVE in the beautiful and historic King’s Hall. Off campus, you’ll discover world-famous acts performing at the Utilita Arena, the Sage Gateshead and the 02 Academy. Smaller venues like The Cluny, the Cumberland Arms and the Tyne Bar champion up-and-coming and local musicians throughout the week.

Cafés and restaurants

You don’t even need to leave campus for a delicious snack or meal in Newcastle. There are 16 cafés and restaurants on campus providing a wide range of nutritious, sustainable and Fairtrade products. Whatever your tastes, you’ll enjoy the range of meal options here at Newcastle - although don’t return home without trying British favourites, fish and chips and sticky toffee pudding!

Off-campus, students choose from 600+ fantastic eateries that can be found across the city.
Your studies

Areas of study:

- Agriculture
- Animal Science
- Archaeology
- Architecture
- Arts and Cultures
- Biomedical Science
- Business and Finance
- Classics
- Computing
- Engineering
- English Literature, Language and Linguistics
- Film
- Geography
- Global Studies
- History
- Law
- Mathematics and Statistics
- Media
- Modern Languages
- Music
- Natural and Environmental Sciences
- Philosophical Studies
- Physics
- Politics
- Psychology
- Sociology

There’s a long tradition of excellence in teaching at Newcastle University and this has been recognised in external surveys and assessments by students.

Newcastle University’s teaching staff are leaders in their field, providing outstanding experience for visiting students. Learning will supported by specialist subject facilities, including:

- high specification labs and clinical skills suites
- studios and rehearsal spaces
- on-campus museum and art gallery
- two commercial farms and a biological field station
- a sea-going research vessel, coastal station and marine lab
- a £350 million urban regeneration project, Newcastle Helix.

Study Abroad students normally register for three or four modules (classes) over a semester. Most students attend for one semester (starting in either September or January) although some choose to stay the full academic year. Provisional module selections are made during the application process but students will confirm choices on arrival in Newcastle. Our Module Catalogue (Class List) contains more than 900 modules in a range of subject areas.

Study Abroad students transfer the academic credits they earn in Newcastle back to their home institution. Newcastle University will issue students with an official Academic Transcript on completion of the programme.

The Study Abroad Team encourage applicants to contact them with any questions about module choices and availability.
studyabroad@ncl.ac.uk

Having lectures, workshops, fieldtrips, practical, and other different types of sessions really helped me to engage with lecture materials that were given out. The lecturers were also very open to questions and replied promptly to inquiries.

Julieta, Study Abroad Student

Studying Biomedical Sciences at Newcastle was a great experience – the skills I learned in this new academic environment will surely help me in my future schooling and career. I loved Newcastle’s campus and facilities.

Maddie, Study Abroad Student
Once you are accepted to Study Abroad at Newcastle University, you will apply for housing. Study Abroad Students tend to stay in University Housing – residence halls that are within walking distance of the town and campus. Our residences are moderately priced compared to most in the UK and all offer single occupancy, so you can enjoy the privacy of your own personal space. Each bedroom comes equipped with a bed, a desk, a chair, a wardrobe and shelving for your books and belongings. Some rooms have en-suite bathrooms but if not, you’ll share a bathroom with approximately 4-6 other students in your ‘flat’. Most residences don’t offer a meal-plan; instead you will cook in a shared kitchen and enjoy mealtimes with your new ‘flatmates’.

www.ncl.ac.uk/accommodation/

I will never forget the British friends I have made. My flatmates were very welcoming and choosing to spend time with them rather than in my room made my experience so much more enjoyable.

Nicole, Study Abroad Student

ResLife programme

The Residence Life Team at Newcastle University aims to support all of our students within University-owned and managed partnership accommodation to make your living experience the best it can be.

The team aim to create a sense of belonging and community through an organised events programme that includes photo/scavenger hunts and inter-hall competitions, to movie nights and cooking classes. You’ll benefit from free interactive ‘ResLife Hacks’ on topics such as healthy living, drug and alcohol awareness, finances and budgeting, safety and security, sustainability and handling difficult dialogues and situations.
There’s enough in Newcastle to keep you busy all year round but don’t let our city-centre attractions stop you exploring further afield. Newcastle is the ideal base for discovering the North East of England. These are just some of our favourite places…

Soak up some culture
The city has a wealth of opportunities to indulge your intellectual side and is alive with art and creative energy too. There are numerous theatres including the gorgeous Theatre Royal for everything from ballet to musicals. Catch a performance at the Sage Gateshead, a world-class concert hall home to the Northern Sinfonia, and browse modern art at BALTIC, an art gallery in a former grain mill.

Explore the Ouseburn
The Ouseburn valley is the creative heart of Newcastle. Set in picturesque surroundings, Ouseburn is a former industrial area that has been regenerated. Now home to studio spaces, independent bars and restaurants, and popular live music venues, the Ouseburn is perfect for catching up-and-coming local and international bands.

Coastal towns
Just 25 minutes away by Metro, Whitley Bay and Tynemouth are easily accessible and provide a wealth of seaside delights: boasting a ruined priory, three Blue Flag beaches, fish and chips, surf lessons, ice cream, an aquarium, craft markets and more...

Take a surf lesson
Tynemouth Longsands is the go-to destination for many of the UK’s top pro surfers. This curved golden beach is a popular place to learn to surf and a number of qualified surf schools provide lessons for people of all abilities. If you don’t fancy getting wet, watch the action from the brilliant beach front cafés.

Stroll along the prom
Grab a bag of chips from Whitley Bay seafront and enjoy them as you stroll along the prom. Alternatively, the long and relatively empty beaches are great for kite flying, Frisbee and volleyball. If you’re feeling brave, Whitley Bay also has a sea swimming club.

Angel of the North
Take a trip to see one of the North’s most iconic landmarks. Antony Gormley’s super statue has been welcoming visitors to the region for nearly 25 years.

Hadrian’s Wall
Hadrian’s Wall marks the edge of the Roman frontier. The Wall is still visible in places in the city but the best way to experience this World Heritage Site is to set off into the countryside, where forts like Housesteads and Birdoswald give a glimpse into life in Roman Britain.

Durham
15 minutes on the train takes you to the World Heritage Sites in Durham, with its quaint streets and spectacular castle and cathedral.

Alnwick Castle
Based in Northumberland, Alnwick Castle transports you back in time. Explore the castle’s cellars, museums and art collection. If the castle looks familiar, you might recognise it from the first two Harry Potter films!

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Top tips
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Alreet pet? Friendly greeting
Craic Enjoyable conversation. As in ‘it was good craic’
Howay man! Come on! As in ‘howay man, let’s get gannin’
Why aye! Of course!
Stottie Round flat bread native to Newcastle
Bait/bait box Food/lunch box
Champion! As in ‘you’re going to Newcastle University? Champion!’
Toon Army Newcastle United football supporters
Canny Great/good

At Newcastle, we’re famous for our ‘Geordie’ dialect. Here’s our guide to deciphering the phrases that you might hear when you join us…

the lingo...
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