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 4th in the UK for Sustainable Development (THE Impact Rankings 2023)
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

Why Newcastle?

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- legendary nightlife
- everything in walking distance
- affordability
- worldwide reputation
- city-centre campus

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- we’re also one of the top-performing universities for sports in the UK Consistently Top Ten in the British Universities & Colleges Sports
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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.

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.

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.

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

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Student life

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 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 O2 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 be 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.

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The Study Abroad Team encourage applicants to contact them with any questions about module choices and availability.

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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’.

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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.

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Top tips for exploring Newcastle and beyond

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 cafes.

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!

the lingo...
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
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