

Global Opportunities | Student Success

Information booklet



Why Newcastle University?

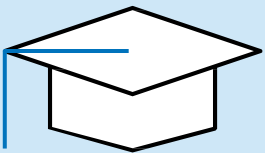
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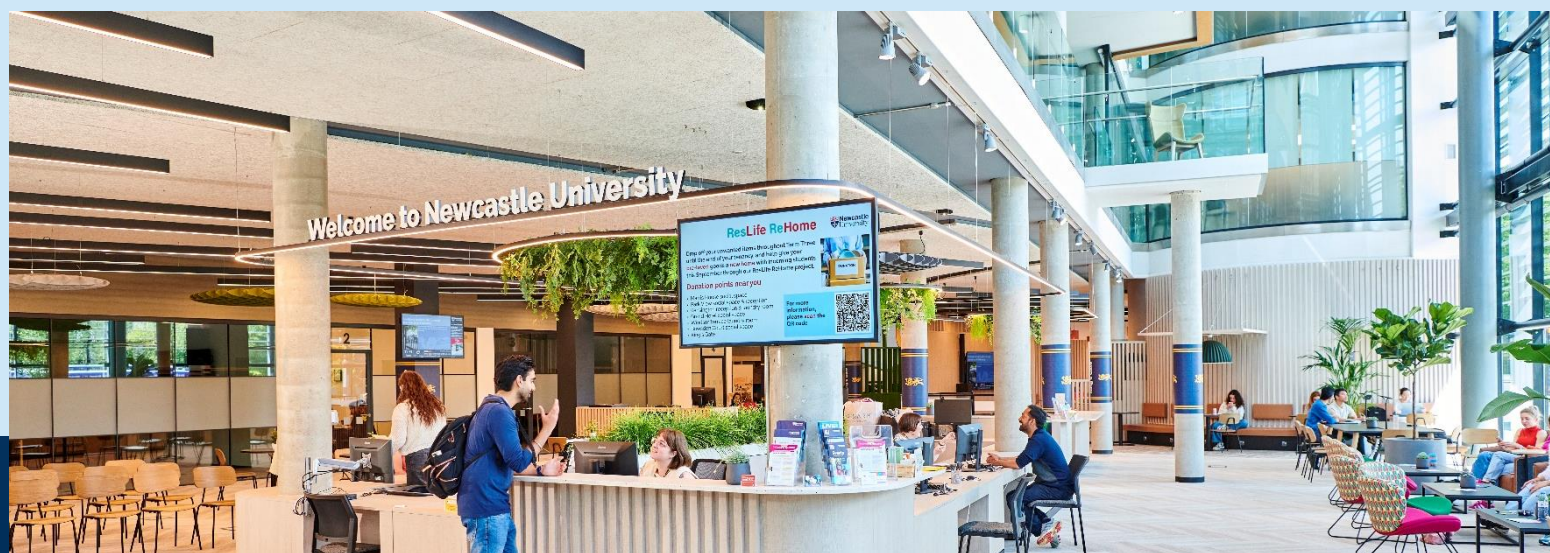
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5 QS Stars
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Welcome

Welcome to Newcastle! We are looking forward to hosting you and hope your time with us is enjoyable. To make your transition to life here in the UK as smooth as possible, we've put together some top tips and general advice for you to consider.

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Immigration & visas

You may need a visa for studying in the UK - this will depend on your personal circumstances and the passport you hold. 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.

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

ETA

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

Support

If you still have questions about your visa or need immigration advice, please direct your queries to Newcastle University's Visa Support Team. You can complete [this form](#) and select 'Student Resources and Records' followed by 'Visa Support' so your query goes directly to the Visa Support Team.

If you are a semester-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 approval from your home institution is also needed). You will need to notify us by 31 October.



Registration & Student Portal



You'll use the Student Portal throughout your time at Newcastle.

This is where you can access your timetable, results, registration information and report absences resulting from illness, and to submit a [Personal Extenuating Circumstances \(PEC\)](#) form if necessary.

You will receive an email regarding registration. This message will contain details of how to log in to your University email account. When you access your University mailbox there will be an email with instructions for accessing our Student Portal.



[Refresh my Actions](#)



My Timetable

Your timetable will be available 24 hours after you have registered online. For some programmes a first year student's timetable may be incomplete until Welcome Week



My Requests

Manage your PECs, absence requests, visa support, personal information change requests and download documents

Manage

My Profile

Manage your personal information, bank details and complete your career and student union questionnaires.

Certificate of Registration

Download your Certificate of Registration

My Programmes, Modules & Results

My Programmes, Modules, Results and Module engagement data

Library and IT Services

View your library account, print credits and get IT support.

Health and Wellbeing

Get Health and Wellbeing support and view my Student Support Plan

Useful Links

Complete student worker and voter registration forms, view MyCareer services and the campus map



Module registration

- Modules aren't guaranteed: The modules you selected during your application may change depending on availability – modules are only confirmed after you arrive in Newcastle.
- Prerequisites may apply: For some higher-level modules, you may need to show you have the required background knowledge.
- Changes can happen: We try to deliver modules as described, but sometimes updates are necessary. This means:
 - the Module Catalogue may change
 - individual modules may not run or may be unavailable
 - you may need to meet prerequisites to enrol

Questions about modules?

- Contact your [School Exchange Coordinator](#)
- [Email us](#) for help.

How to register?

- You'll register during a meeting with your School Exchange Coordinator.
- You'll confirm your chosen modules then.
- If needed, your Coordinator will sign your Learning Agreement.

Module Fair (Humanities & Social Sciences)

- Some students will be required to attend the Module Fair to register for modules in the Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences. You can speak with staff from different schools and request permission to take the modules you're interested in.
- **We'll let you know if you need to come along**

English Language requirements

Requirements

- If English isn't your first language; you must provide an accepted [English language test or qualification](#).
- IELTS One Skill Retakes and Duolingo are accepted.
- Typical score needed:
 - Overall IELTS score of 6.5 (or equivalent).
 - At least 5.5 in each skill:
 - Writing
 - Reading
 - Speaking
 - Listening
 - Some courses may have different requirements. Always check the individual course page for details.
- Ongoing support:
 - [Language Resource Centre](#)
 - Free English for Academic Purposes (EAP) classes are available throughout the year.
 - You can attend, Classes / Workshops / Interactive lectures





Alternative assessments

Types of assessment:

- There are [different types of assessments](#) depending on your modules
- You will receive support to help you succeed

Academic support available:

- [Academic Skills Kit](#) (ASK): Guidance on exams, presentations, and academic life
- [Academic Skills Team](#): offers help (online / in person) with:
 - note-taking
 - Understanding UK marking & expectations
- Extra help:
 - Ask your Personal Tutor for advice
 - Join academic writing support groups and online sessions
 - Access other resources to build confidence in assessments

Alternative assessments (semester 1 only)

- Available for exchange students from outside the EU studying only Semester 1.
- Let's you complete assessments before leaving in December (no need to return in January).
- May include:
 - Early exams before departure
 - Essays submitted at the end of term or online in January
 - You must confirm details with each module leader.

Exam availability:

- You must be available during official exam periods.
- Assessments may include in-person exams and coursework submissions.

Exam dates:

- Semester 1: 6 January 2027 – 20 January 2027 (including Saturday 10 & 17 January)
- Semester 2: 10 May 2027 – 28 May 2027 (including Saturday 15 May & 22 May)
- Resits: 9 August 2027 – 20 August 2027

Assistance & Support

You might need support at different points during your time at Newcastle — and that's completely normal. We've got a range of people and services here to help you.

Look at the list below to find out who to contact, depending on what you need

Urgent help!

Health, Safety & Wellbeing emergencies

- ncl.ac.uk/wellbeing/

Administrative

Relating to your exchange

- [Global Opportunities](#)
- [Book an appointment](#)

Academic

Academic School – module support

- Academic questions
- Timetables
- Assessment & exams

School Exchange Coordinator

Lecturers & School office

[Contact details](#)

Student Services

Student Services Helpdesk is currently located in King's Gate, Level 1.

The Student Services helpdesk operating hours are currently as follows but may be subject to change:

- 09:30 to 16:30 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
- 10:00 to 16:30 on Wednesday only.
- Telephone lines +44 (191) 208 3333
- You can also use the web enquiry form.

Student Health & Wellbeing

- Here at Newcastle University, we have a wonderful [Student Health and Wellbeing Service](#) who are ready to support you during your time with us.
- A range of trained professionals can help you with any sort of issue you may have – from exam stress to mental health support. The service is free, and located in King's Gate, the home of Student Services.



Additional assistance

- [Students' Union](#)
- [UKCISA](#) – support for international students in the UK



Additional information

Right to study check

The University must confirm your right to study in the UK (required by the UK Home Office). All exchange students who are not UK or Irish nationals must complete this check.

- What you need to do:
 - Provide copies of your immigration documents and upload to the Student Portal
- Where you will find it:
 - When you log in to the Student Portal – it will show you an outstanding task if you still need to complete it.
- More information – Your Visa & Right to Study

Working as an international student

- You can work for Newcastle University (e.g. on campus jobs or as a student ambassador).
- You can also look for part-time work alongside your studies.
- Requirements:
 - Check your visa conditions (there may be limits on hours and type of work you can do)
 - You may need to register for an NI number (can be applied online)
 - Right to work check – legal requirement to prove your identity (passport)

Learning agreement

Many students (especially those with Erasmus funding) need a Learning Agreement for their home university.

- To have this signed contact your School Exchange Coordinator – they will help you review and sign it.
- Global Opportunities do not sign learning agreements

Careers support

To help you find part-time jobs and give advice.

Contact: Careers Services

Accommodation



1

Full year exchange

Joining us for a full year means you are **guaranteed University accommodation** and are eligible for Advanced Booking. This means you can reserve a room through our Accommodation portal when it opens.

You can find more information on full year exchange accommodation on our [webpages](#).

2

Semester exchange

- Joining us for a semester means you are **not** guaranteed University accommodation.
- You will be able to try reserve a room through our Accommodation portal when it opens and our Accommodation Team can support you in finding accommodation in the city.
- You can find more information on part year exchange accommodation on our [webpages](#).

3

Private accommodation

Private accommodation options:

- You can choose to rent privately in areas around the city centre.
- Use NUSU Rooms to Rent to find listings from current students.
- You can also look through social media and informal networks.

Before you rent:

- Make sure you understand UK housing laws and regulations
- Read the NUSU Housing Guide for helpful advice.

Get support:

- You can book a free Housing Advice appointment at the [Student Advice Centre](#).

Other accommodation providers:

- You may also explore options with:
 - Unite Students
 - Student Cribz
 - UniHomes
 - Erasmus Living



Language Resource Centre

Our [Language Resource Centre](#) can help you improve existing language skills or learn a new language while you're here at Newcastle.

The Centre offers various language practice sessions (including English) led by native-level students, either one-to-one or in groups. Weekly sessions provide an informal and relaxed way to practice your language skills. These are free and open to all students

- 80 PCs with language learning software
- 40 satellite channels in 16 languages
- 800 foreign language films (8,000+ films & TV programmes available online)
- online English language study materials
- distance and online learning resources.



NUSU

Newcastle University Students' Union ([NUSU](#)) is a great resource for students at the University and is the hub for **sports clubs and societies**. We suggest you have a look at the "Give it a Go" scheme, which allows you to try different activities offered across the University without committing to joining a club or society long-term. NUSU also offers support via services like the Student Advice Centre.



Societies include Musical Theatre, Social Tennis, Yoga, Beach Cleaning, Fellwalking, Jazz Orchestra, Cheese & Wine Society.

Joining a society is a great way to meet new people, and there are over 160 societies at Newcastle available to join. You can explore your options at the Clubs and Societies Fair, which is run at the beginning of each semester.





Sports Centre

The Newcastle University [Sports Centre](#) offers a range of sports and exercise opportunities for students at the University. You can have a look at the range of membership options available and see what might suit you best. You can choose from a variety of fitness classes, participate in an intramural sport, visit the gym, or take part in a sports club.

Joining a sports club is a great way to meet new people. There are also over **60 different sports clubs** at Newcastle. You'll be able to browse all your options at the **Clubs and Societies Fair**, which runs at the beginning of each semester.



Sports Clubs include: SubAqua, Dance, Canoe, Cheer, Lacrosse, Skydiving , Taekwondo, Netball.





Healthcare in the UK

You can register with a local doctor, known as a General Practitioner (GP), while studying at Newcastle. Our Student Health and Wellbeing Service has further information about how to register with a GP.

- Students in the UK on a [Student Route visa](#) who have paid the [Immigration Health Surcharge \(IHS\)](#) can use the NHS (National Health Service).
 - Dental work or eye tests are **not free**
- EU / EEA students
 - If you've paid the IHS, you may be able to get a refund. You can find details on how to apply on the [UK Government website](#).

Emergencies

The emergency services can be contacted by calling 999. Newcastle's Emergency Department and Minor Injuries Department are both housed in the [Royal Victoria Infirmary](#). This hospital is next to our campus, in the city centre.

You can also call 111 to receive non-emergency medical advice or use their online platform. Download the NHS app to receive general health advice.

To learn more about health and healthcare services for international students in the UK, please see [here](#).

Practical Information

Newcastle's campus has **24/7 security services** – security are always present on campus and can be identified easily by their uniform. Download the **SafeZone App** to access instant emergency support and notify campus security. With just a tap, you can request help, report an incident, or 'check-in' if you are feeling unsafe. **All emergency services (fire, police, ambulance) can be contacted by calling 999.**

Affordability

Newcastle is an affordable city with lots of [local services](#)

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Where is Newcastle?

Newcastle is a well-connected city with great links locally, domestically and internationally, making it a great place to live and study. The Metro rail network connects the region from the city centre to the airport and to the North Sea coast. Newcastle Central Train Station is connected to most major cities and Newcastle International Airport has direct flights to many different countries.



Fastest journey times by train ([trainline.com](https://www.trainline.com))

Birmingham: 2 hours 50 minutes

Edinburgh: 1 hour 25 minutes

London: 2 hours 35 minutes

Manchester: 2 hours 15 minutes



UK and popular airports with direct flights to Newcastle include:

Amsterdam: 1 hour 20 minutes

Dubai: 6 hours 50 minutes

Dublin: 1 hour

London Heathrow: 1 hour

Paris: 1 hour 50 minutes

Navigating Newcastle

Look at at our [Belong Blog](#) for the University's City Guide.

Things to do!

Newcastle United, a well-known football team, play their home games at St James' Park, the eighth-largest football stadium in the UK. Match days can get extremely busy in the city centre. Buying tickets for matches can be difficult, but worth it. Newcastle also has many museums, exhibitions and galleries, many of which are free. The Baltic, located on the Quayside, and the Laing Art Gallery, in the city centre, are worth-visiting.



Angel of the North, Gateshead

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Look at <https://belong.ncLac.uk> for University's City Guide.

Places to see & things to do

- See the Angel of the North
- Walk along the Quayside and across the Gateshead Millennium Bridge
- Visit the historic Newcastle Castle
- Picnic in Exhibition Park
- Explore the woodland trails of Jesmond Dene
- Visit the Quayside or Tynemouth Sunday Markets
- See the cows on Town Moor
- Fish and chips at King Edwards Bay
- Surf or relax on the beach at Tynemouth Longsands
- Visit Tynemouth Priory and Castle
- Walk to St Mary's Lighthouse at low tide
- Explore bars and music venues in Ouseburn Valley
- Try street food at Grainger Market
- Visit exhibitions at BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art
- Watch football at St James' Park

Longsands Beach, Tynemouth



Global Opportunities

Explore our website:

<https://www.ncl.ac.uk/mobility/study-abroad-in-newcastle/join-us-on-an-exchange-programme/>

Contact us:

Email: global.opportunities@newcastle.ac.uk



Meet with us online:



Online booking

