History and Politics & History

Induction week

Monday 18 September - Friday 22 September 2023
Welcome to the School of History, Classics & Archaeology!

INDUCTION AND OUR COMMUNITY

It is a pleasure to welcome you to our community of staff and students in HCA. This week, you will learn about your new programme, meet your personal tutor, and take part in lots of social and enrichment activities to help you settle in to the school. Please attend all the relevant sessions. We hope you enjoy the induction week activities that we have on offer!

CANVAS

In addition to the programme below, there are useful materials available on the HCA Community on Canvas, our virtual learning environment that you will use throughout your studies here. Please take the time to look through this important information and get used to the Canvas interface.

GETTING READY FOR TEACHING NEXT WEEK

The sessions this week will help get you ready for next week, but also make sure you look up your timetable on timetables.ncl.ac.uk or on the Newcastle University app.

GET IN TOUCH IF YOU NEED ANYTHING

If you have any queries at all do not hesitate to contact the School Office at Room 1.01, Armstrong Building. You can also call on 0191 208 7844 or email historical@ncl.ac.uk.

We hope you have a great start to your Newcastle experience!

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Monday 18 September

09.00-10.00
Stage 1 welcome talk
Herschel Building, Curtis Auditorium
General welcome and information session led by Head of Subject and Degree Programme Directors.

10.00-1.00
Personal tutor meeting
Time and location on Canvas
1-hour session to introduce you to your personal tutor and get you started in your university life.

2.00-4.00
Study abroad and placements briefing
Armstrong Building, room 2.16
Optional session on opportunities to study abroad and undertake placements during your degree. Open to Stage 1 and Stage 2 students.
The Castle, Newcastle

This trip will introduce you to the history of the 12th century Norman fortress which commands dramatic views over the city and the River Tyne. Although threatened by demolition from railway interests in the 1840s (a viaduct now runs through the site), the Castle has become a symbol of Newcastle and its layered past.

This trip is a guided tour of the Castle, taking in the dungeon, chapel, and prison. For many visitors, the highlight is the view of Newcastle and Gateshead from the roof of the Keep.

IMPORTANT DETAILS

Please make your own way to the Castle, which is located on St Nicholas Street. There will be four tours starting at 10 am, 11 am, 12 pm, and 1 pm.

Sign-up sheets for your tour will open on Wednesday 13th September at 9am. You must complete the online form by 12 noon Monday 18th September.

Please gather for your tour under the arch of the Black Gate 10 minutes before departure.

Please click here to access the online form.
Wednesday
20 September

10.00-12.00
Stage 1 module fair
Herschel Building, Learning Lab 1

*Want to take modules in other subjects?*

In Stage 1, you have the option to take 20 credits outside of the school of History, Classics and Archaeology. This fair will provide more information about the modules available within the Faculty and an opportunity to speak to members of staff who teach them.

*You do not need to attend this if you are happy with your current modules and do not want to take a non-HCA module.

5.00-7.00
Welcome reception
King’s Hall, Armstrong Building

3.00-5.00
History society social
Armstrong building, room 1.06

Feel free to pop in and meet the student-run History society, with snacks and refreshments provided.
WELCOME RECEPTION

For all new Stage 1 students in History, Classics & Archaeology

WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2023
5 - 7 PM | KING'S HALL
GROUND FLOOR, ARMSTRONG BUILDING

Wine, soft drinks, and nibbles
Thursday 21 September

9.00-10.00
Peer Mentor Meeting
Hershel Building G.LT1

All new undergraduate students are assigned a peer mentor (who is also a student within the School) upon arrival at University. The goal of peer mentoring is to enable all students to make a smooth transition to feeling at home and settle into the University community. You will have been introduced to your peer mentor during the Welcome Talk and now you have the opportunity to have an informal chat.

VL12 Politics and History
4.00-6.00
Welcome reception with drinks and pizza.
Henry Daysh Building, 4th Floor, Politics Common area

You have been invited by the Politics department to attend their welcome reception. Feel free to pop along to meet the Politics Academic staff and students.
Friday 22 September

Have a free day - enjoy the city, campus, and your new community, and we'll see you on Monday 25th September for the start of teaching!