

PASS 2025 Information Event

Thursday 8th May





Meet the PARTNERS Team!













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In Today's Session...

- Your PARTNERS Offer
- Induction Week (23rd June)
- PASS Overview
- Social Activities
- Travel & Accommodation
- Results Day & Important Dates
- Q&A



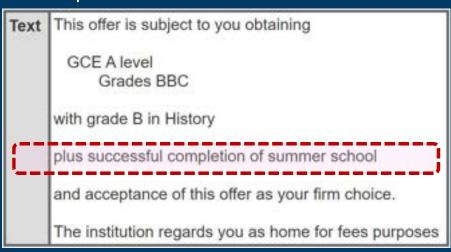




Your Offer

 The Academic Summer School is for PARTNERS students who make Newcastle University their Firm choice through UCAS.

• Example PARTNERS Offer from UCAS Track:



You may have a PARTNERS offer for both Firm and Insurance choices & your subject strand will be based on your Firm choice.



Successful completion of the Summer School

What does this mean?

Adhere to the Attendee Code of Conduct

Submit your Formative Assessment

As directed by your academic strand leader

Submit the PASS Evaluation Form

By 18th July

Full Engagement with all compulsory sessions, including:

100% attendance at all in-person sessions 100% attendance at all compulsory online sessions Compulsory elements of the 'HE Skills Module' and 'Careers & Employability Module'



Attendance Monitoring and Absences

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Your attendance will be monitored by your academic strand leader, who will inform the PARTNERS team of any absences.

If you are unwell or unable to attend any compulsory sessions, we usually require evidence to authorise an absence. Any unauthorised absences could affect your completion of the summer school, and therefore your offer.

If you require an absence, speak to your Academic Strand Leader first:

You may be able to catch up without an authorised absence, for example, absences from online sessions of your PASS week.

For On Campus Days, we will require evidence and you'll need to submit a PEC (Personal Extenuating Circumstances) form, which will then go through the PEC committee to get approval



Confirming your attendance

- If you have selected Newcastle as firm choice, you will have received an email this week detailing next steps:
- You have received...
 - Code of Conduct
 - Academic Timetable
- Look out for Travel and Accommodation request form coming soon





PASS Induction Week (Monday 23 - Friday 27 June)

- You'll receive access to:
 - Newcastle University account, including email address and IT login
 - Canvas: to access the PARTNERS Hub
 - PASS Checklist
 - Final Timetable
 - Social Activities booking
 - HE Skills Module
 - Careers & Employability module

Make a start on:

HE Skills Module Careers & Employability Module

Optional Induction Sessions



Optional Induction Week Sessions

Canvas Orientation - Tues 24th June

Live session hosted by the PARTNERS team to introduce you to Canvas! This will help you find your way round the online platform in advance of your online days of the summer school.

Parents, Carers & Guardians Information Event – Weds 25th June

Find out what the students will get up to during PASS, as well as key dates/info, next steps and support available.





What's it all about?

The Summer School is designed to replicate undergraduate study, so the types of activities you will be doing at PASS will be relevant to the degree course you've applied to

There's no expectation for you to have specific knowledge or skills before starting PASS



What's it all about?

As well as an essential part of your offer, it's an opportunity to:

- Develop skills to give you a head-start at University
- Become familiar with University level academic staff, software facilities, teaching styles & assessment methods
- Submit a formative (not assessed) piece of work and get feedback from academic staff
- Make friends before you begin university & explore our campus



PASS Format

2.5 days on campus & 2.5 days online
Days allocated based on subject strand & non-negotiable

Group A

Sunday (PM), Monday & Tuesday on-campus Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday (AM) online

Group B

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday (AM) **online** Wednesday (PM), Thursday & Friday **on-campus**



Online Days

- Not expected to be at Newcastle campus
- Newcastle University IT Account and Login Details
- IT Helpdesk for queries
- University Email Address
- Microsoft 365
- Online University Library Services
- Keep in touch with your Academic Strand Leader by email



Online Days

via Canvas:

- Newcastle University's Virtual Learning Environment
- Browser-based. No specialist software required & accessible via a range of devices.
- Dedicated smartphone app also available
- A range of academic engagement facilities
- Live & recorded lectures, seminars, discussion boards, live chat, quizzes, reading lists, software integrations

- PARTNERS Hub Canvas Course
- Academic Canvas Course



On Campus Days

Personalised Academic Timetable

Academic Sessions relevant to your degree course

- Lectures
- Group research
- Presentations
- Practical work
- Field Trips
- Using subject-specific facilities

Differing Contact Hours & Independent Study



On Campus Days

Access to University Facilities via University Smartcard

University Gym Access

Library Services, Printing & Photocopying

University Catering Outlets

In-person wellbeing support



Aside from Academic Sessions

HE Skills

(Online Canvas Module in your own time)

Referencing
Independent study
Academic note-taking
Assessment methods

Careers & Employability
(Online Canvas Module in

your own time)

LinkedIn
Careers Service intro
Part-time work
'Ask the Experts'
webinars (live session)

Social Activities

Campus Quiz Movie Night Pizza & Games City Tour Hot Choc Café Wheelchair Basketball



Where to get support & information

ON CAMPUS

ONLINE

PARTNERS Hub for Guidance

PASS HQ – on-campus helpdesk staffed by PARTNERS Team

IT Service Desk Phone

Helpdesk Phone

Email your Academic Strand Lead details released in induction week

Speak to your Academic Strand Lead

Email the PARTNERS team academicsummerschool@ncl.ac.uk



Wellbeing Support

In person & Online Appointments with Wellbeing Team Drop-In or Book in Advance

Allocated a Personal Tutor

Any individual support or accessibility requests, contact us in advance at academicsummerschool@ncl.ac.uk



Social Activities







Wheelchair Basketball!

Pizza & Games Night!





Travel for on-campus days

- Arrive on campus
 - Sunday 29 June or Wednesday 2 July
 - Registration and Induction Sessions compulsory for all students commuting and residential
 - 2 Registration Slots on your arrival day:
 - Between 10am-12pm with Induction 12-1pm
 - Between 1-4pm with Induction 4-5pm
 - All Students will travel home after second full day on campus
 - Tuesday 1 July **or** Friday 4 July



Travel Booking or Reimbursement

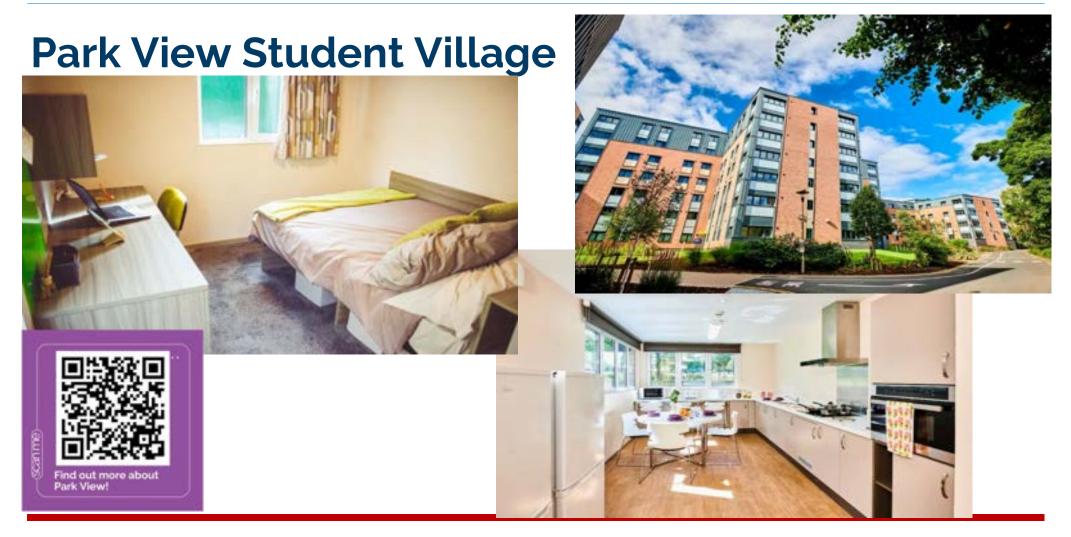
- PARTNERS Team will contact all students who are eligible for pre-booked travel
 - You will receive an email from the PARTNERS team (once you select us as Firm Choice) requesting travel details
 - You have the option for us to book your travel or organise your own travel and have the costs reimbursed after PASS
- If you are a local student, you will need to book your own travel (bus, metro, trains etc) and the PARTNERS team will reimburse the cost
 - Collect a travel reimbursement form from the PASS HQ Helpdesk during your on-campus days



Accommodation during PASS

- You're eligible if you can't reasonably commute to the university for a 9am lecture (based on your home postcode on UCAS)
- You will receive an email from the PARTNERS team to book your accommodation for your on-campus days
- If you want to take up the offer of accommodation, you'll be staying in university halls of residence on campus (Park View Student Village), free of charge
- Typically, you will be allocated to a single-gender, ensuite flat using the information you provided on UCAS/PARTNERS application
 - If there is a reason why you'd prefer a specific allocation, please get in touch
 - E.g. your gender on UCAS doesn't match with your gender identity







Accommodation

- Summer School Staff and University Security on call throughout the night in case of an emergency
- Accommodation keys handed out during registration on first oncampus day
- Students staying in Accommodation must also attend the compulsory Accommodation briefing session and agree to the Accommodation Code of Conduct
 - Includes separate Under 18 code of conduct must be signed by parent/carer



Catering

- Breakfast and Evening Meal provided for those in Accommodation
- Lunch vouchers for all attendees to spend at university outlets
- Dietary Requirements & Allergies let us know on the Travel & Accommodation Booking Form
 - Vegetarian/Vegan options available as standard, but other requirements catered for on request



Travel & Accommodation – what next?

- If eligible for accommodation & pre-booked travel:
 - Please read your email carefully and submit the form as soon as possible so we can make arrangements.
 - Let us know if you would like us to book your travel, or if you would prefer to book this yourself and have the cost reimbursed after the Summer School.
 - If you are a local student, or choose to book your own travel, please check your provisional timetable for details of when you will need to arrive on campus.





The Formative Assessment (not as scary as it sounds, we promise)

- An opportunity to complete a piece of academic work to prepare you for university level assessment
- An opportunity to receive feedback from academic staff before starting university
- This will not be formally scored/assessed but you may be asked to complete this again if effort is not put into it
- You are not required to prepare for this/learn anything in advance of PASS week all skills/knowledge required for the assessment will be taught during PASS
- Complete this on time, to the best of your ability, in the way your strand leader has requested
- Don't stress about it! A tiny percentage of attendees fail the assessment, and this is generally because they haven't submitted anything



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- Subject-Specific Assignment including:
 - Exam
 - Essay
 - Lab Report
 - Reflective Piece
 - Presentation
 - Quiz
- Deadlines will vary depending on the subject
 - May be completed during PASS week itself

If at any point during PASS you're not sure what you need to do...

Please ask as early as possible – we're here to help!



Outcome of the Summer School

Monday 4 August: you will receive an email confirming if you have passed the Summer School, based upon...

Adherence to the Code of Conduct

Completion of Formative Assessment

As directed by your academic strand leader

Engagement
with all
compulsory
online & oncampus sessions

Completion of PASS Evaluation Form

By 18th July

At PASS 2024, 98% of students successfully completed the Summer School!



Upcoming Timeline





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May

Complete Code of Conduct & Travel/Accommodation Form

June

On Course to PASS – Meet your Subject Strand

Induction Week & Get ready for PASS

July

Attend PASS Complete Formative Assessment Complete PASS Evaluation Form

August PARTNERS Results 4 August A Level Results Day 14 August



Keep in Touch

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Check your provisional timetable and the PASS website for FAQs



Thank you!

