



# PASS 2025 Information Event

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May



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# Meet the PARTNERS Team!



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# In Today's Session...

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





# Your PARTNERS Offer

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# 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:

<b>Text</b>	This offer is subject to you obtaining  GCE A level Grades BBC  with grade B in History  <div>plus successful completion of summer school</div> and acceptance of this offer as your firm choice.  The institution regards you as home for fees purposes
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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 18<sup>th</sup> 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  
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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)

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- 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> June**

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



# The Summer School

Sunday 29 June – Friday 4 July

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## 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

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# 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

PASS HQ – on-campus helpdesk  
staffed by PARTNERS Team

Helpdesk Phone

Speak to your Academic Strand  
Lead

## ONLINE

PARTNERS Hub for Guidance

IT Service Desk Phone

Email your Academic Strand Lead  
*details released in induction week*

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](mailto:academicsummerschool@ncl.ac.uk)

# Social Activities



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Movie Night!

NCL City Tour!



PASS Quiz Night!



Wheelchair Basketball!



Pizza & Games Night!



# Travel & Accommodation

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# 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*



# Park View Student Village



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# 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 on-campus 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.



# Formative Assessment & PASS Results

# 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 & on-  
campus sessions**

**Completion of  
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*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!

