

# NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL



ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE



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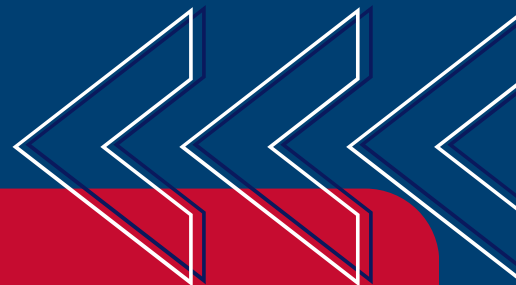
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# All about Football



## Football

The men's football programme offers a fantastic development pathway for every player, with outstanding opportunities to thrive. These pathways include:

**BUCS**

**NORTHERN LEAGUE**

**NORTHERN ALLIANCE**

## Your weekly schedule:

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
Training		BUCS Match Day	Training		Northern League/ Alliance Match Day	

Alongside weekly S&C sessions.

## Scholarships

We have a range of scholarships available from direct cash instalments, reduced academic grade offers and support services including medical support, sports psychology, S&C, academic flexibility and gym memberships.

## High Performance Athletes

Subject to the course that you have applied to, you may be considered for a lower grade offer due to your Performance Athlete Status. This would be considered by the Director of Football and Performance Sport team and will be communicated in your UCAS offer if applicable.

# Our Coaching Staff



## Neil Baistow - Director of Football & Men's Head Coach



### Coaching Career

Neil started out coaching for Newcastle Council Football Development Scheme. He then moved to Tyne Met College to take up the role of Head Coach, working on both the men's and women's programmes. Alongside this, he worked for Newcastle United Academy for over 5 years. He took up the role at Newcastle University as Director of Football in 2015. Neil is a UEFA A licence holder who has also managed Newcastle United Women's Team.

### Major Achievements at Newcastle University

Neil has led the men's football programme on an upward spiral since his appointment culminating in promotion to BUCS Premier League in 2020 having won BUCS 1A on numerous occasions. The team performed well and finished as runners-up in 2023. The team progressed well through the local non-league pyramid resulting in promotion to the Northern League. This allows students the opportunity to play in the prestigious FA Vase competition. Over the years, the team has enjoyed success in winning cup competitions regularly.

### Philosophy

Neil's playing philosophy at Newcastle University is based around a quick attacking passing style of football. The aim is to dominate possession and control the game with this. The team will attempt to be organised in all moments of the game and strive for high standards on and off the pitch. Neil has created an environment that is professional with all players expected to work hard to push to achieve team targets. He also understands that player development is central to the programme and that encourages opportunities for players to achieve and progress through the squads.

# Our Facilities

As a member of the football club, you will have access to our modern facilities and equipment. BUCS fixtures will be played at the newly upgraded Cochrane Park. We run a comprehensive Strength & Conditioning programme overseen by UKSCA accredited Strength & Conditioning Coach, Ross Drummond.



## Ross Drummond

Ross is a UKSCA accredited coach, holds a MSc in Strength and Conditioning and has delivered to multi-sports for over 8 years. Ross has held positions with the English Institute of Sport, RFUW, Swim England and Sunderland Ladies FC. Alongside the full-time position at the University, Ross works with Newcastle Swim Team, overseeing delivery of all swim squads: ages 10yrs up to and including the performance squad 18yrs+.

# Our University



Newcastle University is a world-leading university and a founding member of the Russell Group, representing the UK's top higher education institutions. As a world top 125 university (QS World University Rankings 2023), Newcastle University inspires the minds of thousands of students from over 140 countries and delivers an outstanding learning experience that equips students for future success. Newcastle University has been rated 5th in the UK for Student Life (Whatuni Student Choice Awards 2022) and is considered a top 20 university in the UK (Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2023).

# Our City



Voted as one of the UK's greatest student cities, Newcastle is a big city in a small space with a sizeable student population of around 42,000. The city has a proud reputation for sport and is home to several professional sports teams, such as: Newcastle United, Newcastle Falcons and the Newcastle Eagles. Newcastle's reputation for a great nightlife is well-known and with its thriving arts and culture scene too, there's something different to do every day of the week. A combination of the fastest growing football programme in the country, a world class education and nationally renowned social life, makes this programme the place to be!

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