

Newcastle University Orientation



Just as a reminder...

In case of a fire alarm, please remain calm and exit the building to your nearest fire assembly point, which is **directly outside of the Urban Sciences Building**.

There will be a formal **International Welcome Celebration** happening on Friday at 2pm, with speakers, games, and pizza!

If you have questions at any point throughout the week, please ask someone at our **Help Desk** who will be happy to help.

Introduction

Welcome to Newcastle University!

In this presentation, we will cover key information about studying at Newcastle, including...



**Getting
around**



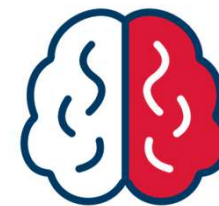
**Key
facilities**



Communications



**Student
Services**



Academic life



Student life

Education for Life: Develop your skills and attributes

At Newcastle, you'll be supported to make the most of your university experience and develop the skills and attributes that will help you succeed in your studies and beyond.

Personalised support

A dedicated **Academic Adviser** and a wider **network of support** from across the university.

Tools to guide your development

My Progress, our online platform to help you set goals, reflect on your progress and track your development.

Opportunities to grow

Develop the skills and attributes employers need, on your course, through exciting extra curricular activities and paid on-campus work.



The graduates who secure the best opportunities are often those who **understand their strengths, demonstrate their abilities with confidence** and **show the impact they're ready to make**.

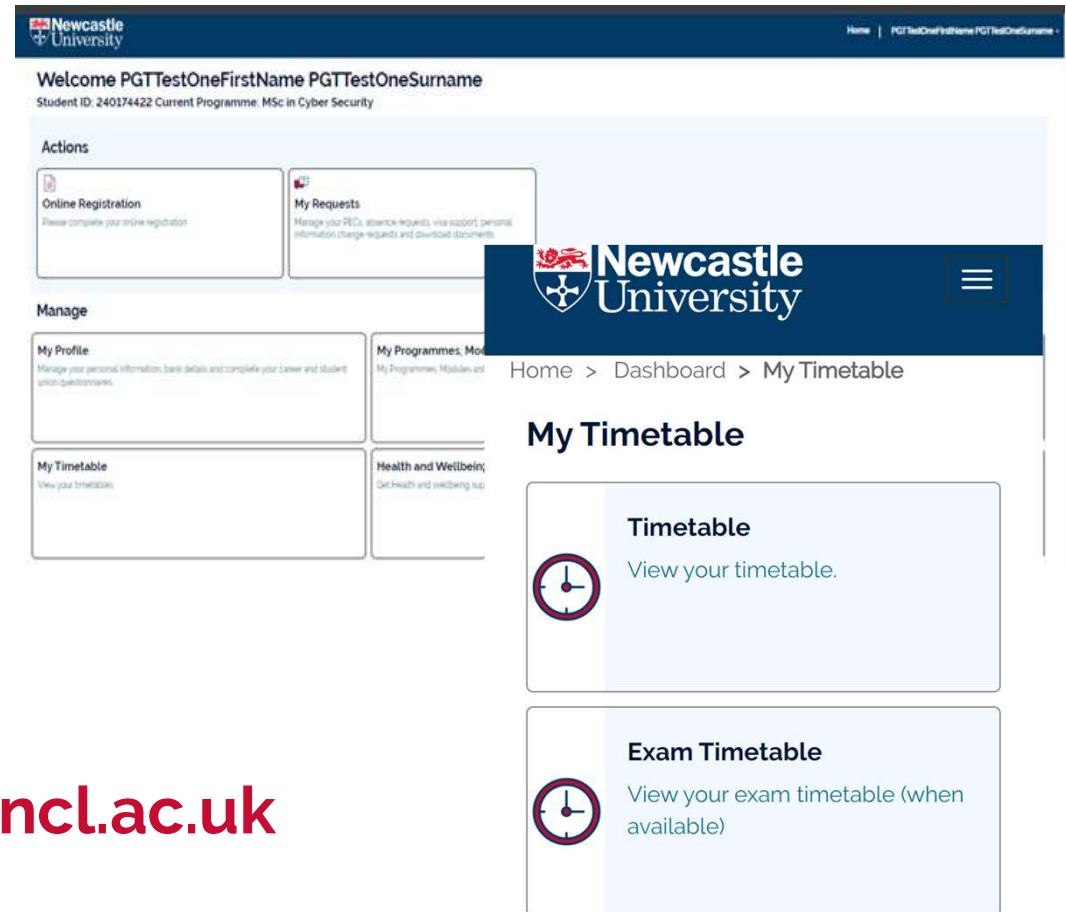
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Student Portal

The Student Portal lets you:

- view and select module choices
- submit a Personal Extenuating Circumstances (PEC) request
- submit an absence request
- view your teaching and exam timetables
- view the campus map
- ...and more!

studentportal.ncl.ac.uk

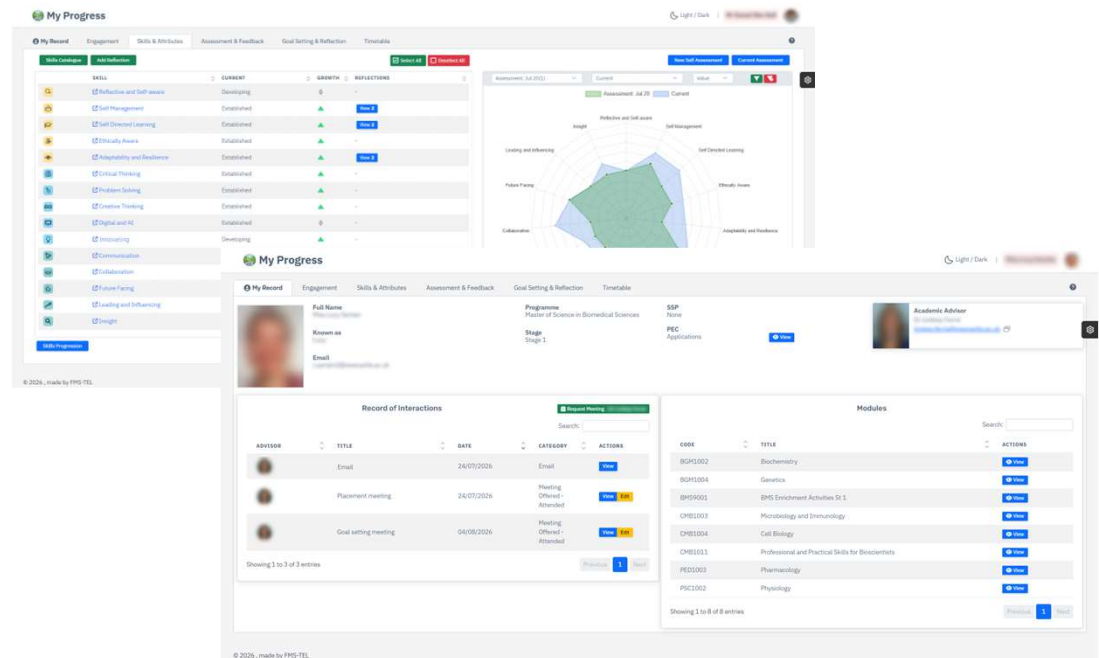


My Progress

My Progress helps you reflect on and set goals for your academic journey.

- Record meetings with your Academic Adviser
- View assessment-related information and feedback
- Engagement data on your studies
- Evaluate your skills and find opportunities to develop them

myprogress.ncl.ac.uk



Student Services and support

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Student Services

You can access Student Services at **Reception (Level 1, King's Gate)**. They can help you with your problem or signpost you to the right service.

Student Services can help you with...

Finance

Budgeting
Hardship support
Making payments
to the University

Academics

Registration
Changes of study
circumstances

Wellbeing

Mental health
support (including
counselling)
Chaplaincy
Disability support

Careers

CV advice
Starting your own
business
Discussing career
plans

Visas

Immigration rules
Renewing your
visa

...as well as other administrative queries (paperwork, bank letters, council tax exemption certificates, etc.)

If you're not sure where to get help, come to Reception, and they can direct you to the right place.

Support for student parents and carers

Wellbeing Services offers some support for students with dependants:

ncl.ac.uk/wellbeing/our-support/student-carers-support/

NU Parents is a supportive network for staff and postgraduate students who are parents:

newcastle.sharepoint.com/hub/NUParents/Pages/Default.aspx

The Students' Union has some information for student parents and carers:

nusu.co.uk/support/community/carers

Newcastle Council provide guidance on childcare and family support:

newcastlesupportdirectory.org.uk/



Support for disabled students

Request support and find information from the University here:
ncl.ac.uk/wellbeing/disability-support/



Financial support

- You may be able to access funding to fund your support needs (such as equipment/software) through the University, charities, or the Disabled Students' Allowance.
- A Disability Advisor can help you find funding (request support from the above link)

Learning Adjustments

- The University can support students with adjustments through a Student Support Plan (SSP). SSPs can support students with chronic conditions, mental/physical health conditions, neurodivergencies, and more. **You don't need a diagnosis to access the University's disability support.**

The Students' Union helps disabled students get involved in university life:
nusu.co.uk/support/wellbeing/disability-support

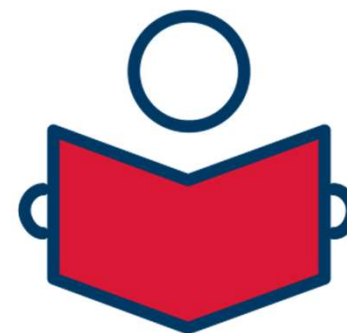
Other support

The Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Toolkit provides resources to create an inclusive campus and diverse world: ncl.ac.uk/who-we-are/equality/

- How to be an ally, what protected characteristics are and, current EDI projects of the University, set up to further support and empower marginalised groups.

The University has resources to support students with the high cost of living in the UK: ncl.ac.uk/students/cost-of-living-support/

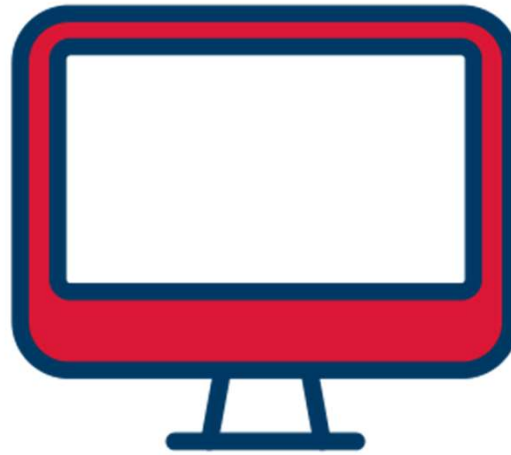
The Students' Union has a Multicultural Welcome Guide: nusu.co.uk/support/community/bame



Communications

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Check your emails!



This is how the University and Students' Union communicates with you.

Your new Student Homepage

Your go-to place for everything you need at Newcastle.

Find:

 quick links to popular tools and services

 information about your studies

 support and wellbeing

 life at Newcastle

 jobs, careers and your future

 latest notices and events

 Plus, look out for the **Student Life newsletter** in your inbox every fortnight.



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Getting updates

Newsletters and updates

You will receive weekly newsletters and updates from the University and Students' Union through your university email address during term time.

These include important updates, signposting to key resources, and events taking place.

Read these!

Academic communications

Your School will tell you how they communicate with you during induction week. This might be through Canvas, Microsoft Teams, or your student email address.

If you're not sure, ask your School staff or module leaders.



Hi Student,

We hope that the assessment period is going well and that you're looking forward to summer – it's nearly here!

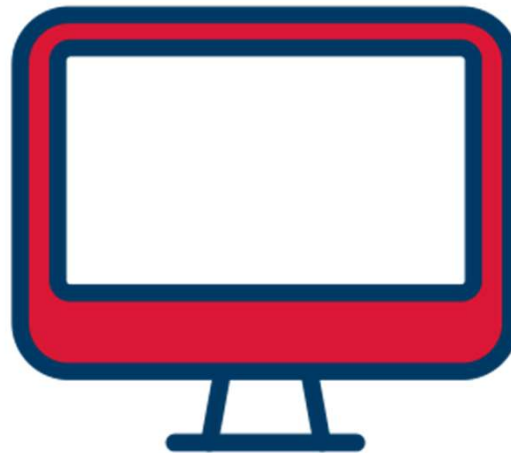
Check out advice from Estrella, our Student Content Creator, on how to **make the most of your break!** Our Careers Service is here to support with any **interviews, tests and assessment centres** you may be preparing for during this time.



Academic life

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Remember: check your emails!



Your School and academic staff will usually communicate with you via email.

Terminology

Even if you have studied at college/university before, you might find we use some different terminology at Newcastle. Some key terms include:



School

The academic unit that delivers your degree programme. Schools are part of one of three Faculties.

Academic Adviser

A member of academic staff assigned to support you. They will be your first point of contact for most questions.

Peer mentor

(for undergraduate students) A student in a later stage of your degree programme who offers you advice in your first year.

School office

The administrative centre of your School. Learn where this is!

Induction

Information sessions and online materials delivered at the beginning of the year to prepare you for your studies.

Registration and induction

To access most University facilities, you need to **register online** then collect your smartcard:

ncl.ac.uk/student-welcome/register/

You must complete the 2026 New Students' Induction on Canvas:

ncl.instructure.com/courses/74620

You can find information on your School induction here:

ncl.ac.uk/student-welcome/first-few-weeks/inductions/

Academic culture

Academic culture in the UK might look different to what you're used to.

- Academic culture in the UK values traits such as **critical thinking**, **integrity**, and **independent working**.

The **Academic Skills Kit** has information on what to expect: ncl.ac.uk/academic-skills-kit/collections/academic-culture-uk/

They also have resources on improving your **academic English**: ncl.ac.uk/academic-skills-kit/collections/academic-culture-uk/english-language-support/

Digital/online resources are used extensively. You should familiarise yourself with Canvas: ncl.ac.uk/academic-skills-kit/information-and-digital-skills/canvas/

Artificial Intelligence

Generative AI **can't replace your own thinking.**

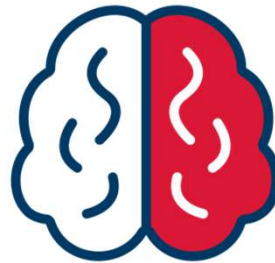
When used properly, AI can be a helpful tool that supports your learning. Misusing AI may be **academic misconduct**. There are serious consequences to academic misconduct.

Read through the University's guidance before using AI in your studies:

ncl.ac.uk/academic-skills-kit/good-academic-practice/artificial-intelligence/

Ethical ways to use AI academically include:

- acknowledging and referencing where you use AI;
- evaluating AI outputs critically;
- using AI to support with routine tasks (such as debugging or structuring ideas).



When using AI avoid:

- claiming you created AI-generated work;
- using AI to avoid learning how to carry out a task or technique;
- entering personal or sensitive information into AI tools.

Grades

A word of warning...

The grading system may be different to what you're used to. **70% is excellent.**

Approximate undergraduate degree classifications
(40% is a pass)

First Class Honours (1st): 70%

Upper Second Class Honours (2:1): 60%

Lower Second Class Honours (2:2): 50%

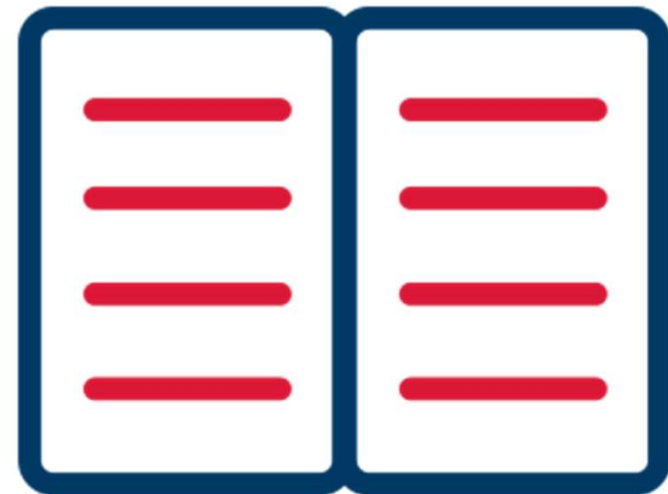
Third Class (3rd): 40%

Approximate Master's degree classifications

Distinction: 70%

Merit: 60%

Pass: 50%



Getting around campus

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Campus map

The campus map has information on room locations, food and drink, microwaves, prayer spaces, nursing spaces, and more.

ncl.ac.uk/students/life-at-newcastle/campus-map/

You can access the Campus Map on the Student Portal.

The Students' Union offers campus tours:

nusu.co.uk/activities/giveitago/events



Key facilities

King's Gate



Health and
Wellbeing

Accommodation

Finance

Visas

Careers

Libraries



Study spaces

Book collection

Academic Skills Kit

IT support

Sports Centre



Gym

Fitness classes

Sports halls

Exams

Students' Union



Clubs and societies

Support and advice

Food

Social and study
spaces

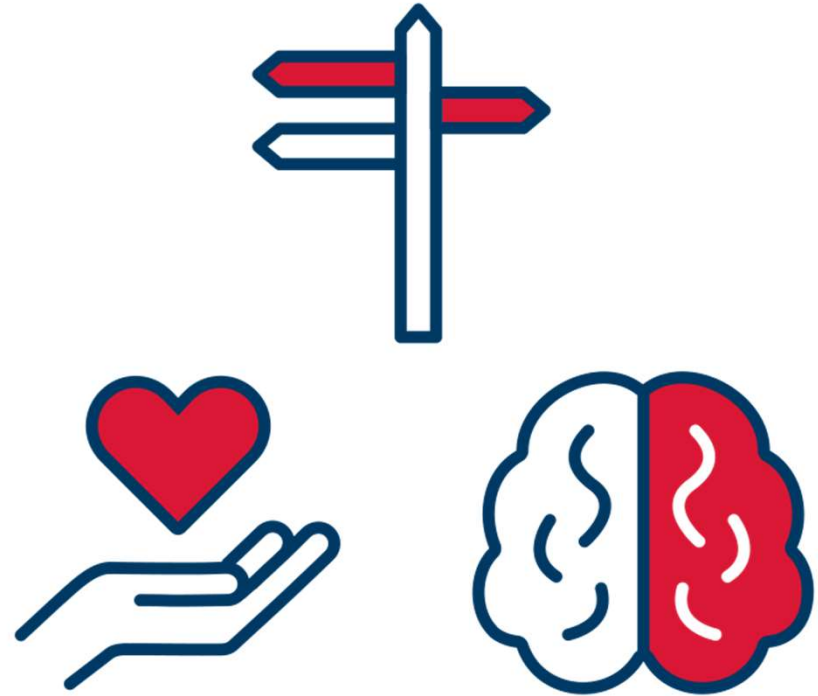
Representation

Student Health Hub

If you have a health or wellbeing related concern, the **Student Health Hub** is open **9.30am-12.30pm** every **Friday** at **Level 2, King's Gate**.

This is a **walk-in service** run by Newcastle and Northumbria Universities and the NHS. You can access support for:

- physical health;
- mental health;
- domestic and sexual violence;
- drug or alcohol use;
- academic stress;
- disability support;
- ...and more.

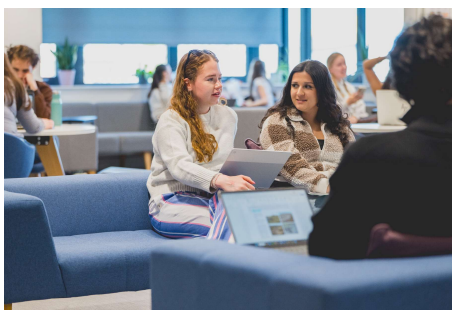
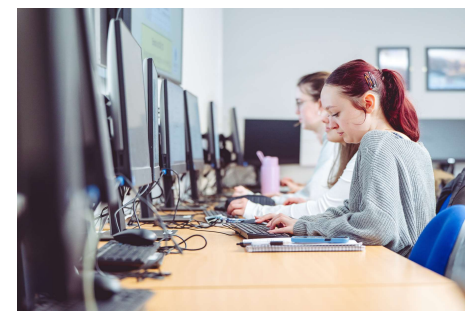


ncl.ac.uk/students/support-wellbeing/student-health-hub/

Study spaces

ncl.ac.uk/students/study-space-finder/

You can find study spaces and computer clusters in many University buildings and the Students' Union. There are also plenty of cafes nearby!



Libraries

All university libraries have study spaces, computers, and printing/photocopying facilities.

Philip Robinson Library

Main campus library containing texts for all subjects except medicine and law. IT support can be found here. Open 24/7 during term time.

Marjorie Robinson Library Rooms

Study spaces for silent and collaborative work.

Law Library

In Newcastle Law School. Contains specialist law texts.

Walton Library

On the 5th floor of the Medical School. Has resources for Medicine, Dentistry, Psychology, and Biomedical Sciences.



Food on campus

Bites Café

Dental School

Business School Café

Business School

Catalyst Café

Catalyst Building

Chicken Shack

Hadrian Building
All meat here is halal

Co-op (supermarket)

NUSU

Courtyard

Old Library Building

Daysh Café

Henry Daysh Building

The Grand

Opposite King's Gate

Kimchi Planet

NUSU

Luther's (Wetherspoons)

NUSU

Mi Cha

NUSU

Robinson Library Café

Philip Robinson Library

Shijo

NUSU

Sports Café

Sports Centre

Urban Café

Urban Sciences
Building

Walton Library Café

Walton Library



ncl.ac.uk/catering/eat/
nusu.co.uk/spaces/food-drink/

Student life



Societies

Student-led groups where you can meet other students

- A Capella Society
- Islamic Society
- Emergency Medicine Society
- LGBTQ+ Society
- Yoga Society
- ...and more

nusu.co.uk/activities/societies/a-z

Volunteering

One off volunteering opportunities or long-term projects

nusu.co.uk/volunteering

Part time work

Work opportunities on campus – speak to the Careers Service

ncl.ac.uk/careers/find-jobs/part-time-jobs/jobs-on-campus/

Sports

Compete with sports clubs, play recreationally, or compete in intramural leagues

ncl.ac.uk/sport/

Give It A Go

Students' Union program for low-cost one-off events

Events coming up

International Welcome Celebration

18 September. 2-4.30pm. Frederick Douglass Centre. Free food and games—come along to meet new friends!

Bank letter collection

ncl.ac.uk/student-welcome/when-you-arrive/finance-and-bank-accounts/

15-25 September.
Lindisfarne Room.

Smartcard collection

ncl.ac.uk/student-welcome/when-you-arrive/

15-25 September. Lindisfarne Room.

Wellbeing Health Fair

ncl.ac.uk/student-welcome/when-you-arrive/accessing-healthcare/

15-25 September. Boiler House.

Students' Union Big Welcome

21 September – 11 October

nusu.co.uk/welcome

Social events and activities. Attend a fair or get a ticket to free and discounted events to meet new people.

Sports, Societies, and Volunteering Fair

nusu.co.uk/welcome

23 September. University Sports Centre. Find out some of the things you can get involved with while at university.

BioBlitz

25 September. Drummond Quad.

ncl.ac.uk/sustainable-campus/events/event-items/bioblitz/

Meet new people and learn more about nature on campus.