





The University of Newcastle INFORMATION SHEET 2014

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General Background Top 100	The University of Newcastle is a comprehensive, international university and one of Australia's leading research institutions. It operates on two main campuses in Newcastle (Callaghan) and the Central Coast (Ourimbah). Both campuses are set in natural bushland on the beautiful East coast of Australia. The University of Newcastle is ranked in the top 10 research Universities in Australia, and ranked in the top 100 Universities in the world for engineering/technology and computer sciences (Shanghai Jiao Tong University rankings 2007). The University offers extensive undergraduate and postgraduate programs including most of the professional degree programs such as Law, Architecture, Medicine, Engineering, Teaching, Surveying, Social Work, Science, and Nursing. As well, we offer a vast array of courses in disciplines such as Business, Economics, Computing, Fine Art, Modern Languages, Classics, History, Mathematics, Nutrition and Dietetics, Sociology and Anthropology, Philosophy, Communications, and Tourism and Hospitality, to name just a few.		
Total Number of Students	The student population is just over 30,000 including some 6,000 international students from more than 80 countries studying both on and off-shore.		
University Website	http://www.newcastle.edu.au/		
Study Abroad Website	http://www.newcastle.edu.au/students/int	ternational/our-programs/study-abroad/	
City of Newcastle	http://www.visitnewcastle.com.au/	http://www.visitnewcastle.com.au/	
APPLICATION PROCEDUR	RES		
Application Form and Deadlines	http://www.newcastle.edu.au/students/intabroad/how-to-apply.html	ternational/our-programs/study-	
Deddinies	*Note: Applications after the deadline cannot be	guaranteed.	
GPA Requirements	Minimum GPA 2.5 / 4 or equivalent		
High School Students	Completed high school with grades appropriate for entry into basic undergraduate programs. Students are limited to introductory (first year) subjects.		
Supporting Documents	You must provide original or certified copies of all directly from the International Office of a partner		
	 An official transcript of your student reco Evidence of English Proficiency as per po Exchange students must have a support nomination. This must be sent from you Copy of passport 	olicy (see "English Proficiency" below) cing cover letter from home institution confirming	

English Proficiency

PLEASE REFER TO THE ENGLISH POLICY www.newcastle.edu.au/policylibrary/000104.html



Quick Guide to Undergraduate English Proficiency Equivalences			
IELTS	Paper-Based TOEFL	CB TOEFL	I-TOEFL
6.0	525	203	80
(No subtest below 6.0)	(4.0 TWE)	(4.0 TWE)	(No subtest below 20)

- A German DAAD with scores 'B' and above is accepted.
- A LETTER CONFIRMING ENGLISH PROFICIENCY FROM A PROFESSOR <u>IS NOT</u> ACCEPTABLE.

Tel: 61 2 4921 2079

Application Procedure



Applications can be mailed, faxed, or scanned to the Study Abroad & Exchange section (**Do not send any applications to the Schools or Faculties**):

Study Abroad & Exchange International Office The University of Newcastle CALLAGHAN NSW 2308

Fax: 61 2 4960 1766 Email: <u>Study-Abroad@newcastle.edu.au</u>

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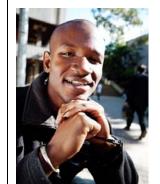
Students Under 18 Years

http://www.immi.gov.au/students/students/575-2/eligibility-student-18.htm

For further information please contact International-advisors@newcastle.edu.au

WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Course Information



Study Abroad & Exchange students are free to study nearly any course offered in the Bachelor of Arts, Business, and Science (and much more). To find out information about classes, please visit the following links:

Areas of Study: http://www.newcastle.edu.au/what-can-i-study/ Course Handbook: http://www.newcastle.edu.au/course/search/

Timetable: http://webapps.newcastle.edu.au/timetables/class_times/classtimes.cfm

Please remember that our academic calendar is as follows:

Semester 1*(February-June)
Semester 2*(July-November)
Trimester** 1 (Jan -Apr)
Trimester** 2 (May - Aug)
Trimester** 3 (Sept - Dec)

*All undergraduate level courses and most postgraduate level courses run on a semester basis.

**No concurrent enrolment is allowed in semester and trimester courses.

Due to reasons such as timetable clashes, suitability, etc., it is recommended that students select as many courses as possible for approval. **Approval does not involve enrolment** (see "Class Enrolment and Registration" information below).

Note: Courses and timetables for 2014 will not be available for viewing until the end of October 2013.

Due to this, students will only receive a CONDITIONAL COURSE APPROVAL with their offer before this time. The courses listed on the offer letter are approved only on the basis that they are time-tabled to run by their specific faculty in October of the preceding year. It is the students responsibility to check the online course handbook for updates after this time and if new course approvals are required email Study-Abroad@newcastle.edu.au after October.

Restricted Areas of Study

Medicine

Study Areas that require Special permission:



- Architecture

- -Communication
- Law (Courses from years 1 to 3, run for a full year)
- Physiotherapy
- Nutrition and Dietetics
- Speech Pathology
- Courses that have 'requisites' (See Course info below)
- Courses that require work experience / placement.

Course Guides/Syllabus



More comprehensive course information may be obtained by contacting the School directly. Please go to the following webpage, select a School, and click on the 'Contact Us'

http://www.newcastle.edu.au/faculty/index.html

To find out which School teaches a specific class, details are provided at the online course descriptions: http://www.newcastle.edu.au/course/

Class Enrolment and Registration



Enrolment information will be provided after the offer acceptance is received. Also, there will be enrolment sessions and assistance during Orientation Week (The week before commencing classes). The University of Newcastle has a very flexible enrolment system and all efforts are made to accommodate Study Abroad and Exchange students in their 'approved' classes.

Before enrolling in classes, it is strongly recommended that students check the 'assumed knowledge' and 'course requisites' listed in the online undergraduate handbook. Students should have approval from their home institution before participating in any course.

Full time Academic Load

The standard workload is 40 units (4 courses) per semester.

The minimum workload is 30 units (3 courses) per semester.

University Dates



Please visit the following link for other term/year dates:

http://www.newcastle.edu.au/dates/index.html

SEMESTER 1, 2014

Semester 1 Orientation Monday 24 February to Friday 28 February 2014

Semester 1 commences Monday 03 March 2014

Semester 1 Recess (includes Easter) Friday 18 April to Sunday 27 April 2014

Semester 1 resumesMonday 28 April 2014Semester 1 concludesFriday 06 June 2014

Mid Year Examinations Tuesday 10 June to Friday 27 June 2014

SEMESTER 2, 2014

Semester 2 Orientation Monday 21 July to 25 July 2014

Semester 2 commences Monday 28 July 2014

Semester 2 Recess Monday 22 September to Friday 03October 2014

Semester 2 resumesTuesday 07 October 2014Semester 2 concludesFriday 07 November 2014

End of Year Examinations Monday 10 November to Friday 28 November 2014

CREDIT/GRADING SYSTEM

Grading System



Academic Marking Guide*

The University of Newcastle grade	%	Equivalent USA Grade	European Credit Transfer System
High Distinction (HD)	85+	A+	A
Distinction (D)	75-84	А	В
Credit (C)	65-74	В	С
Pass (P)	50-64	С	D
Fail (F)	<50	F	F

The above marking equivalences and credit equivalences should be taken as a guide only. Individual assessments will be made of each student record.

Credit Equivalence



Credit Equivalence Guide*

The University of	Equivalent USA	European Credit Transfer
Newcastle credit value	credit value	System – credit value
80	24	60
60	18	45
40	12	30
20	6	15
10	3	7.5

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	L & ACCOMMODATION (Temporary and Permanent)
Pre-departure, Arrival and Orientation	Useful advice and information that will help you prepare for your travel and arrival can be found at the following link: http://www.newcastle.edu.au/students/international/student-support/arrival/
Commencing Students	General info to assist you with preparing for classes can be found at at: http://www.newcastle.edu.au/students/new/
On-Campus	The newly refurbished Student Accommodation Hub (formerly Evatt House) is now open and all
Accommodation	initial enquiries about on campus student accommodation and information about off campus student accommodation should be directed to the Student Accommodation Hub.
	For further advice please contact: AccommodationEnquiry@newcastle.edu.au
	If a student wishes to live on-campus it is strongly recommended that they apply early and follow the steps at the following link: http://www.newcastle.edu.au/service/accommodation/on-campus/prospective-
	residents/How-to-apply/
	Information about the residences on-campus can be found at: http://www.newcastle.edu.au/service/accommodation/on-campus/index.html
	Please be aware that places are limited and demand constantly high. Therefore, there is no guarantee of success and it is recommended that students also look into off campus accommodation as a backup.
Off-Campus	For those students who do not get placed on campus or don't want live on campus, the
Accommodation	Accommodation Service has an comprehensive database and accommodation guide, which offers access to an abundance of quality housing that surrounds the University and Newcastle area. Consequently there is an opportunity for students to live closer to the beach and night life. For more information visit: http://www.newcastle.edu.au/service/accommodation/off-campus/index.html
Tumm !	Temporary Accommodation guide:
	http://www.newcastle.edu.au/students/international/student- support/arrival/temporary-accommodation-newcastle.html
	Further enquiries can be directed to AccommodationEnquiry@newcastle.edu.au
MISCELLANEOUS	
Study Abroad Tuition Fees	http://www.newcastle.edu.au/students/international/our-programs/study-abroad/ *The Study Abroad program has a fixed cost and you can take between 30 – 50 units per semester.
	* If you are coming to the University of Newcastle via a partner institution or agent, please see your Student Advisor. * Exchange students are exempt from tuition fees (a nomination from your home institution is
Student Service and	required for the fee waiver to apply). From semester 1, 2014 a Student Services and Amenities fee (SSAF) will be introduced to improve
Amenities Fee	the services offered to all students. The SSAF fee for a full year is AU\$264 or AU\$132 per semester. For full details, please refer to http://www.newcastle.edu.au/students/services-
	and-amenities-fee/index.html
	Please note that this fee is not covered by any University research higher degree scholarship. Off-campus, online and distance students are also required to pay a service and amenities fee.
Compulsory Overseas Health Cover	The University of Newcastle's preferred OSHC provider is Allianz Global Assist. The current cost is AU\$259 for one semester or AU\$562 for two semesters. Cost of cover for year abroad which
(OSHC)	crosses separate academic years (ie. July-June) will cost AU\$605. The difference in cost reflects the additional months of cover required (February-November = Visa length 13 months, July-June = Visa length 14 months)
	If you haven't been contacted to collect your OSHC card within two weeks after O'Week, please contact the OSHC officer at the Hunter HUB or email ksmith@worldcare.com.au to ensure you will receive your card. DO NOT WAIT until you are sick or in an emergency .
	If you are not applying for a student Visa, you will be responsible for organising your own Health Cover as provider organised OSHC is only available to students on a student Visa. For further information please visit Worldcare Overseas Health Cover https://www.oshcallianzassistance.com.au/
University Health Service	The University Health Service is a fully accredited general practice staffed by doctors and nurses who understand the medical problems of students. The Health Service provides both emergency and routine medical care to all students and staff as well as visitors. For more info, visit http://www.newcastle.edu.au/service/health/

International Student The University's International Student Support Team provides a range of welfare and support services, which are designed to give you access to information that will make your time at the Advisors university a rich and academically rewarding experience. The team also offers practical and personal support to students who find themselves in unfamiliar circumstances and who need local advice and help. Their contact email is international-advisors@newcastle.edu.au and more information can be found at http://www.newcastle.edu.au/students/international/student-support Disability Support The Disability Support Service offers practical assistance and advice to students with a permanent or temporary disability or medical condition. If students are experiencing difficulties with their studies due to the effects of their disability they can register with the Disability Support Service. Students must provide appropriate documentation and may be eligible for a range of support and assistance. For more info, visit http://www.newcastle.edu.au/service/disability/ The Counselling Service is available to students free of charge, on a confidential basis at each of Counselling Service the campuses of the University of Newcastle. Counselling Service staff are available to clarify and resolve a range of issues, which might otherwise interfere with academic or personal effectiveness. For more info visit http://www.newcastle.edu.au/service/counselling To study in Australia you will require a student visa. When you apply to study at the University of Student Visa Newcastle and have been issued with a Letter of Offer, you need to 'Accept' the offer (Details will be provided in Letter of Offer). Once you have accepted the offer you will be issued by email, an electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCOE). This verifies to the Australian Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) that you are a legitimate student. To find out how to apply for a student visa, other visa options or have further visa enquiries, please visit: Australian Government http://www.immi.gov.au/students/index.htm The University of Newcastle is a multi-campus institution located across five sites worldwide: Campus Map & Location Newcastle, Central Coast, Port Macquarie, and Sydney CBD in Australia, and Singapore. Information Study Abroad and Exchange students are welcome to undertake courses in Newcastle (Callaghan Campus), and if required due to course availability, at the Central Coast (Ourimbah Campus). http://www.newcastle.edu.au/location/ Safety on Campus The University of Newcastle takes safety very seriously. The international student safety campaign Think Before is designed to sharpen safety skills when travelling late at night and is an initiative that is promoted by police in all states and territories of Australia. For more information on the Think Before campaign and how to stay safe as an International student please visit: http://www.thinkbefore.com/ The University of Newcastle is now on Facebook! It's never been easier to get connected and stay updated with the University of Newcastle. Our web, mobile and social networking tools bring the **ENGAGE WITH US** university experience directly to you, so you can access the things you want wherever you want. For more information, photos and events or to give feedback or comment please visit: 📑 匡 🔼 🎇 🧿 🔊 >More http://www.newcastle.edu.au/socialmedia/ WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOUR STUDENTS TO PARICIPATE IN THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM iLEAD Program iLEAD provides students with an opportunity to gain experience and skills in leadership and international awareness: http://www.newcastle.edu.au/students/study-abroad/ilead/ Why should Study Abroad and Exchange students participate in iLEAD? The program has been shortened for Study Abroad & Exchange students to complete in Free to participate, extracurricular program with no exams! Participate in interactive Leadership and Skill Building Lectures Partake in volunteering opportunities in the Newcastle community Take part in activities, meet Australian students, and promote their home institution Students receive an iLEAD Completion Certificate http://www.newcastle.edu.au/location/newcastle/top10city/index.html **ABOUT NEWCASTLE**

