SUMMER DOWN UNDER 2026



Our Program

What is the Summer Down Under Program?

The Summer Down Under Program is a six-week study abroad experience hosted by the University of Newcastle, running from Sunday, 24 May to Saturday, 4 July 2026. Designed to give students a taste of international study, the program enhances academic journeys at a university ranked among the world's top 1%. It takes place across two campuses: the Callaghan campus, set in 140 hectares of picturesque bushland with award-winning architecture, and the NUSpace campus, located in the heart of Newcastle's CBD, overlooking the harbour and close to white sand beaches. Newcastle itself is celebrated for its vibrant culture, stunning coastline, affordability, and welcoming community. Throughout the program, students are embraced by university staff and locals, and can immerse themselves in Australian culture through a range of organised activities and excursions.

Note: as the program takes place during Australian winter, participants are advised to bring warm clothing.

What's included?

- On-Campus accommodation
- 1-2 academic courses with field trips
- Orientation & Graduation Ceremony
- Full access to campus facilities, including gym access
- · Excursions and cultural activities
- Wi-Fi and Opal Card (AUD \$20)
- Academic Transcript (Credit transfer eligibility)
- · Certificate of completion

Campus Experience

- · Callaghan Campus:
 - Set in 140 hectares of bushland with award-winning architecture, close to beaches and the city centre.
- NUSpace City Campus:
 - Located in the heart of Newcastle CBD, overlooking the harbour and near white sand beaches.
- Student Life:
 - Access to gym, library, cafes, shops, and vibrant campus events.

Accommodation and Services

- · Housing:
 - Gold-accredited <u>on-campus accommodation</u> with 24/7 security, Wi-Fi and a supportive ResLife program.
- Local Transport
 - There are a range of transport options to get to The University of Newcastle including free shuttle buses, regular train, and bus services.
 - Includes AUD \$20 Opal Card for public transport (top-ups not included)
- Orientation & Welcome
 - The Orientation & Welcome session includes fun activities and local excursions, helping students settle in and explore Newcastle and its surroundings.

What's not included?

- Flights
- Travel insurance
- Meals
- Opal Card top-ups
- Personal expenses

Entry Requirements

- Minimum GPA of 2.0/4.0 or equivalent
- Proof of English proficiency required where not your first language
- Prerequisites or assumed knowledge may apply for some courses

Program Fees

AU\$6,999 (≈ US\$4,600) - 10-Unit Program AU\$8,999 (≈ US\$5,900) - 20-Unit Program

Apply:

newcastle.edu.au/summer-down-under



For further details or enquiries contact:

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Academic Offering

Choose 1 or 2 Courses from 30+ options

Each course = 10 units (≈ 3 US credits / 7.5 ECTS)

Explore Culture & Identity

- ABOR1110 Blak Australia (formerly 'Introduction to Aboriginal Studies)
- ABOR1420 Yarning, Media and the Arts
- HIST1051 The Australian Experience
- INDO1110 Indonesian Language and Culture Beginners

Shape a Sustainable Future

- MNGT1001 Introduction to Management and Sustainability
- ENVS2008 The Sustainable Society
- IREL2003 The International Politics of Climate Change and the Future World
- THHE2002 Tourism and Intercultural Encounters

Lead in Business & Innovation

- BUSN1002 Business Communications
- BUSN2001 Ethical Principles for Responsible Business
- ECON1111 Economics for Business Decisions
- MKTG1001 Foundations of Marketing

Inspire Through Education

- EDUC1101 Curriculum Pedagogy and Assessment
- EDUC3514 Primary Kinetics 1
- EDUC3800 Intercultural Understanding for Educators
- EDUC3802 Applied Learning in Diverse Contexts
- EDUC3801 Global Education Pedagogies
- EDUC3810 Teaching Science with The Creative Arts

Understand the Human Mind

- PSYC1010 Psychology Introduction 1
- PSYC1200 Foundations of Psychological Practice
- PSYC2300 Cognitive Psychology
- PSYC2500 Introduction to Mental Health and Mental Disorders

Advance in Health & Sport

- EXSS2222 Applied Sport Science
- HUBS1108 Fundamentals of Human Anatomy
- HUBS1401 Human Bioscience
- HUBS2601 Human Infection and Immunity

Create, Perform, Communicate

- CMNS1031 Communication Skills
- DESN1700 Digital Photography
- MUSI2421 Ensemble Performance and Musicianship

Discover the Science of Life

- BIOL1001 Molecules, Cells and Organisms
- BIOL1002 Organisms to Ecosystems
- CHEM1010 Introductory Chemistry I

Build with Technology & Data

- INFT1004 Introduction to Programming
- MATH1110 Mathematics for Engineering, Science and Technology I
- SENG1110 Object Oriented Programming
- STAT1070 Statistics for the Sciences

Note: Course offerings are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, please refer to newcastle.edu.au/summer-down-under







More Midyear Session courses available at:

newcastle.edu.au/current-students/study-essentials/enrolment/midyear-session

