

Information for current UON Singapore students seeking to transfer to study in UON Australia

Want to study at the University of Newcastle in Australia?

Did you know that if you are a current student studying at UON Singapore, you are eligible to apply to transfer your studies to UON Australia? It is an exciting opportunity and you will be sure to learn new skills, have many rewarding new experiences, make new friends and have first-hand experience of a new culture!

But before you submit your application for a transfer, there are things you need to know and consider. This sheet is to help ensure that you have all the necessary knowledge and information to help you make this important decision.

When can I start studying in Australia?

Students can apply to transfer at any point during their studies. The undergraduate program terms at UON Australia are different from UON Singapore. Undergraduate programs at UON Australia run in semester mode (2 semesters in a year), whereas undergraduate programs at UON Singapore run in trimester mode (3 trimesters in a year). You may choose to transfer at the start of either semester 1 or semester 2.

The Master of Business Administration runs in trimester mode at UON Australia, but the dates of these terms are different to UON Singapore. You may choose to transfer in any trimester. For information on the term dates, please refer to: <http://www.newcastle.edu.au/current-students/study-essentials/key-dates>.

Holders of a student visa in Australia are required to be enrolled as full-time student. The standard full-time load is 40 units per semester and 30 units per trimester, and it is strongly recommended that you do not exceed this amount.

Term dates for 2020:

Semester 1 commences: 24 February 2020

Semester 1 concludes: 20 June 2020

Semester 2 commences: 20 July 2020

Semester 2 concludes: 14 November 2020

Trimester 1 commences: 28 January 2020

Trimester 1 concludes: 24 April 2020

Trimester 2 commences: 11 May 2020

Trimester 2 concludes: 07 August 2020

Trimester 3 commences: 24 August 2020

Trimester 3 concludes: 20 November 2020

How much will it cost?

The International undergraduate program course fees are slightly higher compared to UON Singapore course fees. Information on how to calculate fees is located at this website:

<http://www.newcastle.edu.au/current-students/support/fees-and-scholarships/international-students> .

Fees will vary according to the courses you choose; the approximate annual fees for **2020** are:

| Program Name | Indicative Annual Fees in AUD (rounded) based on 80 units |
|---|---|
| Bachelor of Business (40027) | AUD\$29,260 |
| Bachelor of Commerce (40029) | AUD\$29,225 |
| Bachelor of Communication (11496) | AUD\$33,955 |
| Bachelor of Construction Management (Building) (Honours) (12331) | AUD\$30,890 |
| Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Civil) (in teach-out) (12288) | AUD\$36,345 |
| Bachelor of Civil Engineering (Honours) (40054) | AUD\$36,480 |
| Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Electrical) (in teach-out) (12295) | AUD\$36,620 |
| Bachelor of Electrical and Electronic Engineering (Honours) (40066) | AUD\$36,600 |
| Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Mechanical) (in teach-out) (12300) | AUD\$36,600 |
| Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering (Honours) (40061) | AUD\$36,070 |
| Bachelor of Information Technology (11497) | AUD\$34,105 |
| Master of Business Administration (40137) | AUD\$38,300 |

You can estimate the costs for later years based on these rates. Please note that International Student course fees are adjusted annually so it is recommended that you refer to the correct Fees Schedule.

The fees listed above are in Australian dollars (AUD). Tuition fees for courses are set according to their academic subject area. A student's program fee may vary depending on their course selection.

The tuition fees cover teaching costs only. You also need to plan for international and domestic travel costs, accommodation and meals, books, living costs and overseas student health cover charges. Find out more about living costs at <http://www.newcastle.edu.au/international/before-you-leave/finances>.

You will receive two bills - one for your tuition fee and one for your Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF). International tuition fee bills are issued in the week leading up to each semester/trimester. If you enrol after this time, you will receive your bill in the week after your enrolment. UON Australia will send an email to your student account each time a bill is generated. Bills can be viewed and paid by logging into myHub through myUON.

Program and courses

Programs offered in UON Australia have greater individual courses and majors. Detailed information on various programs can be found at: <http://www.newcastle.edu.au/degrees>.

- Program structure
- Majors
- Entry criteria, including assumed knowledge and recommended studies;
- Course information, including details of core, directed and elective courses for your program.

It is recommended that you familiarize yourself with your program enrolment requirement and the availability of courses before you arrive and refer to the Program Handbook. See www.newcastle.edu.au/degrees

English Proficiency requirement

Due to visa requirements, students from certain countries are required to submit a copy of an English language proficiency test such as an IELTS, TOEFL, PTE, OET or CAE dated within 2 years of their intended Semester or Trimester start date in Australia. You can refer to this website for more information <https://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/500->.

Yes, I want to apply to transfer! What do I need to do?

It is important to give yourself plenty of time for the application process, visa and travel arrangements, accommodation arrangement and to plan your studies. Ideally, you should submit your application (with a certified copy of your passport) at least four months before your intended commencement date.

The international undergraduate application form and brief guide could be found here: http://www.newcastle.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/385921/Transfer-to-Australia-Application-Form.pdf

You are required to submit the application form to UON Singapore office. The form will be forwarded to UON Australia International Admissions for processing. You do NOT need to provide a copy of your academic transcript.

On receipt of your application, the International Admissions team will assess your application and provide a Letter of Offer that details the number of courses that you will be required to complete when you transfer and the remaining duration of your program. Please note that if you are currently enrolled in courses at UON Singapore, the number of courses and remaining duration will be based on the assumption that you pass your current courses. If you do not pass these courses the remaining duration of study may increase.

If you wish to continue with the transfer, you will need to fill out the 'Offer Acceptance Form' and provide any documentation requested in the Letter of Offer and return it to International Admissions.

You are required to fill up your name according to how it appears on your travelling document/ passport, and your local address, and where your visa will be processed, i.e., if student applies visa for his/her studies to Australia in Singapore, address in '2. Contact Details Home Address' needs to be a Singapore address.

It is an Australian student visa requirement for all International students to have valid Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) for the duration of their student visa. Current UON Singapore students are charged a deposit for visa length OSHC. Alternatively, students may choose to arrange their own OSHC and will not be required to pay a deposit. The University and the Australian Department of Immigration and Border Protection will require you to provide evidence of this coverage if you have chosen to arrange your own OSHC.

Upon receipt of your written acceptance of the offer and payment of your OSHC (if applicable) or evidence of self-arranged OSHC, the University will issue the Confirmation of Enrolment (COE), which you must present to the Australian Diplomatic Post in order to obtain a student visa to study in Australia.

Upon receipt of your COE for your studies in Australia before the census date of the term, you must immediately drop any courses that you have enrolled in Singapore and inform PSB Program Executive about your transfer to Australia.

For dropping of courses after census date which may involve academic penalty, you must immediately write to Singapore-enrolments@newcastle.edu.au and copy PSB Program Executive to request for manual dropping of the course without academic penalty. If you drop a course(s) after the census date, you will not receive refund of the tuition fees. A copy of your COE must be attached for record purposes.

Student visa requirement:

You can refer to this website for more information: <http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Stud>

You are strongly advised to use an agent to facilitate your visa application. Education agents located in Singapore who are contracted to UON Australia are listed at <http://www.newcastle.edu.au/international/uon-in-your-country/education-agents>

Flight arrangement

The University strongly suggests that you seek advice about booking an air ticket as soon as you receive your COE and have completed your current UON Singapore courses. You should organise your travel arrangements to ensure you attend the Orientation week which is one week prior to the commencement of the term.

On-campus accommodation

You must submit an application for on-campus accommodation as soon as possible after you have accepted your Letter of Offer to study at UON Australia. There is a non-refundable processing fee of \$100. Please note no refund is made if your application is unsuccessful or should you change your mind.

Where you choose to live will depend on the campus on which you are located. The UON Australia has campuses at Callaghan (the main campus), a smaller campus at Ourimbah, located 88kms south of Callaghan half way between Newcastle and Sydney, and a campus in Sydney. Your Letter of Offer will indicate the campus at which you will be attending.

The University of Newcastle has a variety of on-campus accommodations to suit different students' needs. Aside from on-campus accommodation, there are other types of accommodations available. You may refer to <http://www.newcastle.edu.au/international/before-you-leave/accommodation> for more information.

What support services are available to me when I arrive?

- (i) The UON Australia provides specific assistance to support its international students. For more information, please refer to <http://www.newcastle.edu.au/students/international/student-support/>
- (ii) Information about general Student Support available is at:
 - a. <http://www.newcastle.edu.au/current-students/support>
- (iii) The Student Central provide a one-stop shop to access student services at four campus locations. Each location offers a place for you to work on, submit and collect your assignments, meet friends, grab something to eat and get advice and referrals from trained staff about issues relating to your studies. Information on student hub, services and locations is available at this website: <http://www.newcastle.edu.au/students/hubs/>
- (iv) Orientation Week (O-Week) is the first week of the university year and is just as important as your first week of lectures. Find out all the information you need about O-week activities, information sessions and workshops and more at <http://www.newcastle.edu.au/students/international/student-support/arrival/orientation.html>

What else do I need to know?

Before You Leave Home:

<http://www.newcastle.edu.au/international/before-you-leave>

Arrival:

<http://www.newcastle.edu.au/international/before-you-leave/register-your-arrival>

Temporary Accommodation – Newcastle (Students who do not have pre-arranged long-term accommodation should book somewhere to stay temporarily while they find a suitable place to live):

<https://offcampusaccommodation.newcastle.edu.au/pages/short-stay-accommodation>

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How will I enrol?

A. International Admissions will notify you when you are able to enrol in courses. You will continue to enrol via MyHub in semesters or trimesters depending on your program. Note that you will also need to register in tutorials or seminars. More information is available at <http://www.newcastle.edu.au/current-students/learning/enrolment-and-course-information/how-to-enrol>

Q. What exams will I need to undertake?

A. Examinations are conducted at the end of every semester. Not all courses have formal examinations. More information is available at <http://www.newcastle.edu.au/current-students/learning/assessments-and-exams>

Q. Do I need to apply for credit for my UON Australia studies?

A. No, your current program of enrolment will continue if you are remaining in the same degree. If you are transferring to a different degree, an assessment of credit will be made at the time of your application to transfer.

Q. Can I work on part-time basis in Australia?

A. You must enrol and commence your studies before you undertake any part-time work. As an International student holding a student visa, you are allowed to work part-time for a maximum of 40 hours per two weeks while your courses are in session and unlimited hours during semester breaks and vacation periods.

For more information, refer to <http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Stud/More/Work-conditions-for-Student-visa-holders>

Summary

Stage 1 – Applying for a place in a program (Submission of application form to UON Singapore)

Stage 2 – Your application is assessed (Process by International Admission (IA) in UON Australia)

Stage 3 – Review your Letter of Offer (will be sent to your student mail from IA)

Stage 4 – Acceptance of Offer and Payment of Deposit (Complete and return the Offer Acceptance Form to IA)

Stage 5 – Issuance of eCOE – Confirmation of Enrolment (process by IA) for application of a student visa

Stage 6 – Applying for a student visa (Refer to Page 4)

Stage 7 – Travelling to Australia and arranging accommodation

Stage 8 – Arriving in Newcastle

Still have questions? Please contact Singapore Admissions at Singapore-Admissions@newcastle.edu.au or +65 6221 3306.

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