WHERE WILL NEW TAKE YOU?
New can’t happen without understanding. It can only happen with empathy and compassion for humanity. A degree in community services allows you to understand, predict, explain and nurture human behaviour. You will use your skills to help improve all aspects of society. This includes citizenship, infrastructure, the environment, the economy, social justice and mental health. In a time when vulnerable communities around the world are truly struggling, help make the world a better place.

**TOP 150**

in the world for Sociology

**TOP 200**

in the world for Geography

**94.4%**

employment rate for Social Science graduates

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1 QS World University Rankings by Subject 2018
2 QILT data employment rates 2017
NEW SPEAKS OUT

Bachelor of Development Studies/Bachelor of Laws (Honours) student Irini’s drive to enable positive social change is unstoppable. Recently honoured as Newcastle’s Young Citizen of the Year (2018), Irini has represented the University of Newcastle in multiple international forums, debating, challenging issues and forging global connections. She was chosen for the Work to Change the World Program – an internship offered by Humanitarian Affairs in Thailand – where she made it possible for nearly 200 international students to attend an academic leadership forum at the United Nations. She represented Australia at the London International Model United Nations, and at the 7th University Scholars Leadership Symposium in Hanoi, Vietnam. Irini collaborates globally to explore new solutions to our greatest social challenges.

Irini
Bachelor of Development Studies/Bachelor of Laws (Honours)
NEW LIFESTYLE
Our coastline is world famous. Enjoying downtime at Newcastle’s pristine beaches and three coastal baths is made easy with long stretches of uncrowded sand, accessible public transport, and plenty of free parking. A creative hub, Newcastle is home to the bright ideas of countless innovators and entrepreneurs. Enjoy a dynamic art and music scene, chilled-out cafes, eclectic markets, micro-breweries and small bars. The people are friendly, the beaches are picture perfect and the coffee culture is taken seriously.

CAMPUS LIFE
On campus, you have access to a wide range of cafes, food outlets and bars. The University is also home to over 150 clubs, societies and social groups - offering an opportunity to meet new people, socialise, and be part of something new. The Forum, our on-campus gym, has something for everyone including a 50-metre indoor pool, cardio and strength training zones, rock-climbing wall, cycle zone, group fitness classes and multi-purpose courts.

ACCOMMODATION
While the thought of moving away from your home town to study might seem daunting, we’re here to make this transition as easy as possible. We offer students secure, affordable and comfortable accommodation while studying.

YOUR PATHWAYS
We are proud to be the largest provider of enabling programs in Australia.

If you do not have the qualifications required for direct entry, we offer you the opportunity to access university studies, regardless of your background or level of previous education. The programs are offered free of charge and upon successful completion, you’re guaranteed entry to selected undergraduate degrees at the University of Newcastle.

• Newstep - aged 18-20 years
If you were unable to complete Year 12 due to adverse circumstances or missed the chance to get the marks needed for university entry, our Newstep program offers another pathway for you.

• Open Foundation - aged 20 years+
If you are seeking a new career direction, considering attending university after time in the workforce or looking to further pursue your interests, our Open Foundation program can help make this happen.

• Yapug - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students
Yapug is a pathway program designed to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people gain skills for entry into undergraduate degrees.

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newcastle.edu.au/study/community-services
newcastle.edu.au/accommodation
newcastle.edu.au/enabling
STUDENT JOURNEY

Your journey as a university student begins the minute you gain entry into a degree program.

Whether you choose to go directly into the workforce once you complete your bachelor (or undergraduate) degree, or continue studying is up to you. The options available to continue studying are vast. Even if you decide to take a break from studying, you can always come back if you would like to specialise in a new area, learn more, or refine a specific skill set.

Upon completion of your bachelor degree, you may wish to further your study with Honours - an additional year of study dedicated to research on a specific area of interest. Honours programs are highly regarded, they can enhance career prospects and prepare you for a Higher Research Degree. Your next step in studying may include earning a Master of Philosophy or a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in your area of choice. In doing so, you will open up incredible opportunities to advance your career, champion breakthrough discoveries and solve the world’s greatest challenges.

Additional coursework (non-research) prospects are also available after completing your bachelor degree. The University of Newcastle offers over 70 postgraduate degree options to expand your career options and follow a path with the potential to make a global impact in your field of choice.

STUDY ABROAD

Are you adventurous? Keen to see the world and continue your studies at the same time?

Studying overseas is an experience that will stay with you forever. It’s a chance to open up your world, expand your academic horizons and connect with people from around the globe. Whether it be a semester exchange, a short course or even an internship, there is an overseas experience out there to suit everyone.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Through our scholarship programs, we are able to open up a world of possibility for those who might have all the talent in the world, but sometimes lack the opportunity to develop and explore it.

Our scholarship programs provide:

- scholarships for academic achievement
- support for individuals with financial hardship and educational disadvantage
- support for Indigenous students
- opportunities to travel, perform, play sport, relocate, or gain global experience

Many of our scholarships have been created as a result of generous philanthropic donations to the University of Newcastle, from individuals and organisations who share our belief that everyone with talent and dedication deserves the chance to pursue their dreams.

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For Chezarne, undertaking a Bachelor of Development Studies majoring in Environmental Sustainability has meant a better understanding of people and their power to create change.

Chezarne is making positive changes at a grassroots level, with a philosophy to normalise an alternate way of production and consumption. She supports many community-led initiatives including volunteering with Feedback Organic Recovery: Urban Farming, an organisation working to reduce food waste in local restaurants by converting it to compost for use on an urban farm, ultimately providing organic produce back to the community.

Chezarne
Bachelor of Development Studies
Ma & Morley Scholar
Development, poverty, inequality and environmental sustainability are some of the most important issues in the world today.

You will focus on key global issues in a local, national and international context. You could find yourself employed by the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, helping developing countries address their internal constraints to trade. On a local level, you could work with an Indigenous community to interpret cultural messages on environmental sustainability. No matter your focus, when you study a Bachelor of Development Studies, you will go on to make a positive difference in the world.

This degree places a strong focus on both field trips and work placement. Carrying out fieldwork in places like the historically significant and sacred Aboriginal Baiame Cave in the Upper Hunter, you’ll have the chance to develop research skills by interpreting the local environment. You can choose to further your expertise in community development with a 12-week work placement as part of your degree. The opportunity for a global experience is also available with international work placement in countries such as Ecuador, the Philippines, Singapore, India, Japan, China, Malaysia, South Africa or Sweden.

NEW CONTRIBUTES

Sociologist Dr David Farrugia is supporting the development of strong regional communities. His study focuses on how youth in regional areas are responding to conditions of high unemployment and industrial restructuring.

In 2016, Dr Farrugia received the Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Early Career Researcher Award to support his research. He continues to work on the three-year project which aims to design welfare interventions and social policies that support marginalised young people, enabling them to build fulfilling employment futures. While the project is set in regional Australia, Dr Farrugia recognises the importance of these focal points in broader social and economic contexts.

Dr David Farrugia
ARC DECRA Fellow,
School of Humanities and Social Science
Developing solutions to some of the world’s key issues has always been a focus for Lisa. During her time undertaking a Bachelor of Development Studies, she was recognised for her academic achievements and was one of the standout students awarded the prestigious New Colombo Scholarship. Through the scholarship, Lisa was able to travel to the Philippines to learn how to effectively work with communities to design and implement programs which spark positive change. One particular issue Lisa concentrated on was access to clean water and appropriate sewage and sanitation systems. With a desire to develop solutions to improve these conditions, Lisa’s goal is to take what she has learnt in the Philippines and implement it through work in the field of international development.

Lisa
Bachelor of Development Studies (Honours), 2017
BACHELOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCE
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2018 SELECTION RANK
60.25 | Median 69.25

SPECIALISE
Specialise in one of the following majors:
- Criminology
- Global Indigenous Studies
- Human Geography and the Environment
- Human Resources Management and Industrial Relations
- Human Services
- History
- Leisure and Tourism Management
- Linguistics
- Politics and International Relations
- Psychology Studies
- Sociology and Anthropology

COMBINE THIS DEGREE WITH
- Bachelor of Development Studies
- Bachelor of Laws (Honours)

CAREER EXAMPLES
- Social Researcher
- Case Manager/Worker
- Health Promotion Officer
- Foreign Affairs and Trade Officer

Are you interested in society and what makes humanity tick? Social science is the study of social relationships, structures and issues.

Learn how to craft strategies and solutions to various social challenges, understand different cultures and areas of sensitivity, and develop ethical awareness while learning about the constructs that make the world go round. With 11 diverse areas of study, you are able to pursue what interests you by specialising in your chosen field. This degree empowers you to design and determine your own future. Explore the exciting complexities of the social world in which we exist.

As part of this degree you will have the option to complete an 80-hour work placement with organisations involved in social research, education, human resources or community service.

NEW INFORMS

An accomplished researcher in the sociology of youth, Professor Pam Nilan works on the international stage, collaborating with colleagues in Indonesia, Fiji, Spain and France. Professor Nilan has devoted much of her academic career to studying young people and has undertaken global research with the support of a number of grants. Following on from leading previous studies and projects, Professor Nilan is currently a Chief Investigator on an Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Grant – Fostering Pro-Environment Consciousness and Practice: Environmentalism, Environmentality and Environmental Education in Indonesia. The project aims to foster environmental awareness in Indonesia by investigating how some people have become environmentally aware, and through the evaluation of various environmental education and activism projects.

Professor Pam Nilan
Academic,
School of Humanities and Social Science
Sometimes it's the simplest of things that can make the biggest impact. Bachelor of Social Science graduate, Ella, has always had a passion for working with and helping people. After deciding to bolster her community service background with theoretical knowledge through study, it wasn’t long until Ella was making a local impact. In her first year of study, she founded her own volunteer-based community project – Wings and Strings – aimed at sourcing donations of feminine hygiene items for women experiencing homelessness, domestic violence or financial hardship in Newcastle and the Hunter. As an Aboriginal woman, Ella said a highlight of her degree was being able to study though the University’s Indigenous institute – Wollotuka. Making a difference can be easy, you just need the passion and drive to make it happen.

Ella
Bachelor of Social Science, 2017
With a career in social work, you will have endless opportunities to make a difference.

Support and help resolve personal and social relationships between individuals, families, groups, organisations and communities. There is a strong demand for qualified social workers and job opportunities are broad and incredibly rewarding. Participate in processes of social change, tackle structural disadvantage, and create opportunities for others to achieve their goals with a truly rewarding career in social work.

Through this degree, you will benefit from the support of our dedicated professional experience unit who ensure each student graduates work-ready and certified by the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW).

REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE
Your work readiness will be strengthened by in-demand industry experience throughout your program of study including:
• a minimum of 1,000 hours of supervised field education placements
• industry-engaged simulation learning, project-based work and research with industry partners
• opportunities for collaborative cross-disciplinary learning and community engagement such as the Law on the Beach clinic

2018 SELECTION RANK
73.05 | Median 81.98

CAREER EXAMPLES
• Case Manager
• Child Protection Officer
• Community Development Worker
• Social Worker

ACCREDITATION
• Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW)
JOHN’S STORY

John always knew he wanted to go to university – he just didn’t know what he wanted to study. Inspired by his mother who worked in a similar field, he eventually decided on a Bachelor of Social Work at the University of Newcastle. John was awarded an academic scholarship which helped him prepare for life as a student. Now in his third year, he’s embracing every experience he can. While on placement at Wyong Hospital, he has been able to gain practical skills through hands-on learning with qualified social workers. With a desire to help people, John is enjoying supporting clients and families while gaining real-world experience.

John
Bachelor of Social Work (Honours)
RELATED DEGREES
You may also be interested in the following degree that touches on the Community Services study area.

BACHELOR OF
PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE

Psychological science is a fascinating area which examines the cause of human behaviour. This understanding is then used to solve practical problems that will positively impact the lives of others. The need for psychology expertise is growing in popularity, with demand for psychologists predicted to increase by 140% over the next 10 years. This degree can be applied in a broad range of industry sectors, enabling you to choose the career path that’s right for you.

For further information on this program refer to the Health and Medical Services brochure or visit newcastle.edu.au/study/health-and-medical-service

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Spanning 145 countries, the University of Newcastle’s global alumni network is making a positive difference to the world.

This diverse group of global professionals also provide invaluable support for our students – sharing their time and expertise and offering exclusive opportunities. Whether it’s through a mentoring program, internship or attending a networking event, you’ll be inspired and empowered by those who’ve blazed the trail before you. And, when you graduate, you too will join this outstanding group of over 142,000 alumni around the world. Because wherever you are, whatever you’re doing, you are always new.

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