RACHAEL EMPOWERS CLIENTS

A proud Indigenous woman, Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) alumnus Rachael came to the University of Newcastle through the Wollotuka Institute. Each internship and work placement Rachael completed has had a profound impact on her career path, inspiring her to reduce the social stigma around mental illness, and to guide clients to achieve goals they set for themselves. Rachael says the University’s focus on educating students to be job-ready upon graduation helped her find her current job at headspace Maitland, a youth mental health and counselling centre. In the future, Rachael plans to bring her love of fitness and her passion to improve mental healthcare access together to help Indigenous communities be healthier.

Rachael
Bachelor of Social Work (Honours), 2018
COMMUNITY SERVICES

Are you curious about how different people interact, and the way society operates? A degree in community services allows you to understand, predict, explain and nurture human behaviour. You will use your skills to improve all aspects of society. This includes citizenship, infrastructure, the environment, economy, social justice and mental health. You’ll have the chance to address social challenges in local and global communities, creating positive change at a ground level, to help make the world a better place.

newcastle.edu.au/study/community-services

DEGREE OPTIONS
- Bachelor of Development Studies
- Bachelor of Social Science
- Bachelor of Social Work (Honours)

ALSO CONSIDER
- Bachelor of Psychological Science

TOP 150
in the world for Sociology¹

TOP 200
in the world for Geography²

92.9%
of Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) graduates employed within four months²

¹ QS World University Rankings by Subject 2019
² 2018 Graduate Outcomes Survey
YOUR PATHWAYS
We’re proud to be the largest provider of enabling programs in Australia.

If you don’t have the qualifications required for direct entry, you can still have the opportunity to access university studies, regardless of your background or level of previous education, through our pathway programs. 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
  If you were unable to complete Year 12 or missed the chance to get the marks needed for university entry, our Newstep program offers another pathway for you.

• Open Foundation
  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. Study online, part-time or full-time.

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

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LIFESTYLE
Our coastline is world famous. Enjoying downtime at one of 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 all that Newcastle has to offer – 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 – giving you the chance to regularly participate in fun activities.

Callaghan has an on-campus gym – The Forum – which also features a secondary location just 500 metres from NeW Space. Facilities across both sites include a 50-metre indoor pool, cardio and strength training zones, rock climbing wall, cycle zone, group fitness classes and multi-purpose courts.

The new covered outdoor recreation area (CORA) at the Central Coast campus provides a great place for students to be active, social and engaged all year round.

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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.

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YEAR 12 SUBJECT SPOTLIGHT
EARLY ENTRY PROGRAM
We believe that your ATAR doesn’t define who you are – it is your unique passions, abilities and ambitions that matter. Our Year 12 Subject Spotlight program rewards you with an early offer for your hard work and strong results in individual subjects related to your degree. So, you can take some of the stress out of your final school exams, knowing your ATAR isn’t all that matters. There is no separate application for the program – simply apply through UAC to qualify.

You can find more information on subjects aligned to specific degrees online.

newcastle.edu.au/subject-spotlight
STUDY ABROAD
Are you keen to take your studies around the world?
When you study here, you’ll have the chance to travel and get credit for your degree at the same time. There are opportunities for international experiences across every area of study, whether it’s an overseas exchange program, study tour or work placement. Discover new cultures, try new food, and make friends from all over the world. With more than 100 partner universities spanning all major continents, it really is the chance of a lifetime.
newcastle.edu.au/studyoverseas

GRADUATE WORK READY
Sometimes it’s best to dive straight in. That’s why exciting industry experience and work-integrated learning is at the core of all our degrees. Our strong partnerships with local and global organisations ensure everything you study is shaped by the real world and you graduate ready for a career in your field. Our Career Services Team are also on hand to help you out with everything from resumes and employment workshops to advice on your career goals.

THE MA & MORLEY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
Danielle has always had a desire to enact social change and so after hearing a talk at an Open Day at The University of Newcastle, she knew the Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) program was for her. A regular volunteer and activist, Danielle spends a lot of time patiently educating others on human rights and social justice issues. Currently working in mental health as a support facilitator, Danielle has seen the impact that systemic and structural disadvantage can have on vulnerable people. In particular, this work highlights for Danielle the reality of intergenerational trauma and stigma faced by people with mental illness. Through both her work and her studies, Danielle’s passion for social justice and her desire to enact positive change continues to grow. After completing her degree, Danielle intends to pursue postgraduate study with aspirations to one day work for the United Nations.

Danielle
Bachelor of Social Work (Honours)
Ma & Morley Scholar

SCHOLARSHIPS
Our University is home to many talented, enthusiastic and diverse students – just like you – and providing equity of access to higher education is fundamental to who we are. It doesn’t matter what your background is or what your circumstances are, we want to give everyone the chance to go to, and thrive, at university.
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.
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SHAPING FUTURES SCHOLARSHIPS
The Shaping Futures Scholarship Fund provides support for students who are most in need – helping them to overcome disadvantage to pursue and maintain their achievements.
Scholarships are offered to academically gifted students facing educational disadvantage such as financial hardship, relocation from a regional or remote area, a long term or recurrent medical condition or illness, carer or sole parenting responsibilities, an asylum seeker recently completing a University of Newcastle enabling program, or a combination of these factors.

ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SCHOLARSHIPS
The Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Scholarships were established through contributions from the University, industry donors, community organisations and the annual Reconciliation Scholarship Dinner Dance.
These scholarships provide Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students financial support to assist with completing their studies.
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DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

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 local, national or international contexts. 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 Indigenous communities 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. Your fieldwork, in places like the historically significant and sacred Aboriginal Baiame Cave in the Upper Hunter, will give you the chance to develop research skills by interpreting the local environment. You can choose to develop 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.

2019 SELECTION RANK
78.30 | Median 84.20

SPECIALISE
Specialise in one or two of the following majors:
• Cultures and Citizenship
• Environmental Sustainability
• Globalisation and Economic Development
• Urban and Regional Development

CAREER EXAMPLES
• Community Development Worker
• Multicultural Community Liaison
• Urban Planner
• Youth Worker

COMBINE THIS DEGREE WITH
• Bachelor of Social Science
• Bachelor of Business
• Bachelor of Laws (Honours)
• Bachelor of Global Indigenous Studies

As Professor of human geography and Director of the Centre for Urban and Regional Studies at the University of Newcastle, Professor Simon Springer is working towards equality and social justice at a local and global scale.

He’s not alone, however, and thinks of his work as “part of a larger tapestry being woven by many different scholars” all working towards this shared goal. Professor Springer focuses on the field of critical human geography, specifically anarchist geography, but says the term anarchist is often misunderstood.

“Most people assume it means mayhem, violence, and chaos, when in fact, at the core of anarchist ideas are the concepts of cooperation, voluntary association, and mutual aid.”

Professor Simon Springer
Professor of Human Geography
Director of the Centre for Urban and Regional Studies
CHEZARNE’S STORY

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.

She is passionate about restructuring agricultural processes, food distribution and the underlying power structures in agribusiness that reinforce inequalities and negatively impact planetary health.

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

Make your mark by crafting strategies and solutions to various social challenges, develop your cultural understanding, ethical awareness and knowledge of the constructs that make the world go round. Pursue what interests you and choose your specialisation from 11 diverse areas of study. 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. The placement is compulsory for students who major in Human Services.

2019 SELECTION RANK
60.90 | Median 70.00

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

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

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

SEARCHING FOR ANSWERS UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

Armed with insatiable curiosity, an immense respect for the dead, and much expertise, forensic anthropologist, and criminologist Dr Xanthé Mallett brings to Newcastle her constant quest for truth and justice.

From fresh crime scenes and natural disasters through to ancient cold cases and cyber crime, Xanthé is determined to uncover what occurred and maximize dignity for both deceased victims and those left behind.

Xanthé is internationally renowned for her work across several areas of research related to both forensic anthropology and criminology.

A passionate educator, Xanthé is a lecturer in Criminology at the University.

Dr Xanthé Mallett
Senior Lecturer
School of Humanities and Social Science
JADE’S STORY

For Jade, studying a Bachelor of Social Science majoring in Global Indigenous Studies has meant international opportunities and insights. Fascinated by social relationships, structures and complexities, she has embraced the chance to take her studies around the world – completing a semester abroad in Columbia, South Carolina as well as cultural immersion trips to Canada and Japan.

“I’ve been able to travel places I never thought I would go, and build friendships with people from vastly different backgrounds to myself.”

Passionate about working in a community setting, Jade hopes to use the knowledge and experience she’s gained throughout her degree to tackle ecological, social and economic challenges.

Jade
Bachelor of Social Science
With a career in social work, you will have the opportunity 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).

2019 SELECTION RANK
73.00 | Median 83.30

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

ACCREDITATION
- 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.
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 (Honours) at the University of Newcastle. John was awarded an academic scholarship which helped him prepare for life as a student.

Now in his fourth 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)
You may also be interested in the following degree that touches on the Community Services study area.

**BACHELOR OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE**

Psychological science is fascinating, examining 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-services

Spanning 134 countries, the University of Newcastle’s global alumni network is making a positive difference to the world.

This diverse group of global professionals provide invaluable support for our students by sharing their time and expertise. Whether it’s through a mentoring program, industry experience or attending a networking event, you’ll be inspired and empowered by those who have blazed the trail before you. And, when you graduate, you too will join this outstanding group of over 143,000 alumni around the world. Because wherever you are, whatever you’re doing, you are always part of our global alumni community.

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**IF YOU’RE READY TO CHASE YOUR DREAMS AND THRIVE, NOW IS THE TIME. FIND YOUR NEW.**

For full information and to find out how to apply, visit newcastle.edu.au/study