

STUDY AREA

COMMUNITY SERVICES



THE UNIVERSITY OF
NEWCASTLE
AUSTRALIA



CHEZARNE CULTIVATES CHANGE

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 passionate about food distribution and restructuring agricultural processes. By normalising alternate ways of production and consumption, Chezarne is already making positive changes from a grassroots level. She also volunteers with many community-led initiatives including Feedback Organic Recovery: Urban Farming. The organisation works to reduce food waste in local restaurants by converting it to compost for use on an urban farm. The farm then ultimately provides organic produce back to the community.

Chezarne
Bachelor of Development Studies



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

TOP 150

in the world for Hospitality and Tourism Management¹

No. 1 IN NSW

for learner engagement (Social Work)²

88.4%

of Social Work graduates found employment within four months³

DEGREE OPTIONS

Bachelor of Development Studies
Bachelor of Social Science
Bachelor of Social Work (Honours)

ALSO CONSIDER

Bachelor of Psychological Science

¹ ShanghaiRanking's Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2019

² QS World University Rankings by Subject 2019

³ QILT Graduate Outcomes Survey 2017 - 2019

YOUR JOURNEY STARTS HERE

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, microbreweries 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.

Great health and fitness facilities await you at The Forum University (Callaghan) and Harbourside (Newcastle City). You'll find a 50m indoor heated swimming pool, fitness classes, state-of-the-art equipment, indoor courts and casual or structured social sport competitions all year. No matter which campus you study at, there's always something happening during the semester. There are plenty of events from Orientation Party to festivals and local gigs. You could attend study workshops, guest lectures or kick back and enjoy watching a movie by moonlight.

newcastle.edu.au/uonstudentliving

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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FREE 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 still have the opportunity to access university studies through our pathway programs, 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 over 40 undergraduate degrees at the University of Newcastle.

- **Newstep**
If you didn't complete Year 12, or missed the chance to get the marks needed for university entry, our Newstep program offers the perfect pathway between secondary schooling and university. Study on campus at Newcastle or the Central Coast.
- **Open Foundation**
If you've never studied at university before and you're considering a degree qualification after time in the workforce or caring for family, or just looking to further your interests, our Open Foundation program can help make this happen.
- **Yapug - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students**
Yapug is a pathway program providing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with skills for entry into undergraduate degrees, including a pathway into Medicine. Start your university experience in a culturally appropriate learning environment, supported by Indigenous peers and staff.

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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 across all major continents, it really is the chance of a lifetime.

newcastle.edu.au/studyoverseas

CAREER-READY GRADUATES

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

You might be bursting with new ideas, passion and potential. But without support, attending university can sometimes seem impossible.

The University of Newcastle's scholarship programs have been designed to provide this support and give you the opportunity to develop your talent and explore your potential.

We have over 1,000 individual scholarships on offer including:

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

Visit the website to find a scholarship that fits for you

newcastle.edu.au/scholarships

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 TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SCHOLARSHIPS

The Aboriginal and 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 Torres Strait Islander students financial support to assist with completing their studies.

newcastle.edu.au/scholarships

BACHELOR OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

 newcastle.edu.au/degrees/bachelor-of-development-studies

Study important issues in the world today.

Development, poverty, inequality and environmental sustainability are some of the key issues we face today. In this program, you will learn about the causes and complexities of these issues at a local, national and international level in order to tackle them and create a better world for future generations.

You could find yourself employed for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade helping developing countries address their internal constraints to trade, or working with an Indigenous community to interpret cultural messages on environmental sustainability.

This degree places a strong focus on hands-on learning, with field trips, work placements, and global experiences available throughout the program. You could find yourself interpreting the local environment at the Aboriginal Baiame Cave in the Upper Hunter, or doing a work placement in Ecuador, India, the Philippines, Japan, South Africa or Sweden.

If you would like to develop your expertise in community development, you can also complete a 12-week work placement as part of your degree.

2020 SELECTION RANK

79.00 | Median 87.25

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

COLLABORATING TO ACHIEVE EQUALITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

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





JAKE'S STORY

Traveling the world and discovering what is unique to different countries has always been a passion for Jake. However, seeing the poor living standards of some of the communities he visited left him with a desire to help.

It was these experiences that led Jake to the Bachelor of Development Studies at the University of Newcastle, where he's studying some of the key issues the world is facing and discovering how he can make a difference in the world.

As part of his studies, Jake has been able to learn more about Indigenous land management. He even attended a cultural burn which was an eye-opening experience for him.

Outside the classroom, Jake is applying his learning to his work as an out of home residential youth carer, and hopes to use his degree to secure work with the United Nations or a non-profit organisation where he can help as many people as possible.

Jake

Bachelor of Development Studies

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

 newcastle.edu.au/degrees/bachelor-of-social-science

Are you interested in society and the inner workings of humanity?

Explore the complexities of the social world in which we live by analysing the social structures, issues and relationships that are at the core of society. Develop your cultural knowledge, problem-solving abilities and other transferrable skills, and make your mark by crafting strategies and solutions to various social challenges. Pursue what interests you and choose a specialisation from 11 diverse areas of study. This degree empowers you to design and determine your own future.

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.

2020 SELECTION RANK

62.00 | Median 73.65

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, criminologist and author 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

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK (HONOURS)



newcastle.edu.au/degrees/bachelor-of-social-work-honours

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.

Throughout this degree, you will complete 1,000 hours of placement supported by our dedicated professional experience unit, who ensure each student graduates work-ready and certified by the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW).

2020 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. With a desire to help people, he decided on a Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) at the University of Newcastle, and was awarded an academic Scholarship.

As part of the program, John completed two placements, one in a hospital and one with a not-for-profit organisation. These diverse experiences allowed him to learn from qualified social workers, build on his skills, and put theory into practice in real-world situations.

John was able to secure a temporary job from one of his placements, and hopes it will turn into a permanent job so he can continue supporting families and start a fulfilling career as a Social Worker.

John

Bachelor of Social Work (Honours), 2019

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 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-service



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#UONalumni

Spanning 144 countries, the University of Newcastle's global alumni network is making a positive difference to the world.

This diverse group of global professionals provides 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'll be in good company. You will join this outstanding group of over 148,000 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.**

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

