INFORMATION FACT SHEET 2027-2028

UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE AUSTRALIA

STUDY ABROAD AND EXCHANGE STUDENTS



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ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

KEY DATES

	Orientation	Term Start	Term End	Exam Period
Summer Down Under 2027	18-20 June	21 June	30 July	2 Aug - 6 Aug*
Semester 2, 2027	9-13 Aug	16 Aug	12 Nov	15-26 Nov
Semester 1, 2028	14-18 Feb	21 Feb	19 May	22 May - 2 June
Summer Down Under 2028	16-18 June	19 June	28 July	31 July - 4 Aug*
Semester 2, 2028	7-11 Aug	14 Aug	10 Nov	13-24 Nov

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**Most SDU courses do not include exams. Students enrolling in courses with an in-person exam will require a one-week extension beyond the program dates.*

NEWCASTLE CAMPUSES



Callaghan

Our main campus, where the majority of courses are offered, and where our on-campus accommodation is located.



Newcastle City

Our City campuses (NUspace and Q Building) are located 20 minutes by our free shuttle bus from the Callaghan campus.

UNIVERSITY LIFE

There is always something happening on our campuses! Check out What's on plus all the Clubs and Societies you can join while studying at the University of Newcastle: **https://www.newcastle.edu.au/current-students/uni-life**

ACCOMMODATION

On-Campus Accommodation

Students wishing to apply for on campus accommodation are encouraged to apply for accommodation as soon as possible, regardless if they have received a letter of Offer into the Study Abroad or Exchange Program. On-Campus accommodation is not guaranteed, places are limited and highly competitive. Students can apply for on-campus accommodation online. Accommodation is bundled for Summer Down Under Program participants. Visit: **https://www.newcastle.edu.au/campus-life/accommodation**

Off-Campus Accommodation

The University's Student Living team also offers support for those wishing to live off-campus. You may contact the Accommodation Support Officer at **accommodationsupport@newcastle.edu.au**.

COURSES

A full time study load at the University of Newcastle is 30-40 units per semester. Students are able to view courses available for their study term using the course handbook: **newcastle.edu.au/course**.

To find out how to search for courses, please use one of the below guides:

- **Video course guide**
- **Written course guide**

Students are able to take courses from across different disciplines. Please note health courses may be restricted for study abroad and exchange students.

Enrolment Rules - If you are interested in taking a course with an enrolment rule, use this pre requisite waiver guide to complete this waiver form. We will then seek permission from the course coordinator for you to take the course.

Course Levels - Courses are generally numbered by year level – 1000 for first year, 2000 for second, and so on – while 5000 and 6000-level courses are postgraduate.

Restricted Courses - Many courses in the handbook will have 'EP' in front of the course code, e.g. EPHUMA1000. These courses are not available to Exchange or Study Abroad students. Some health courses are also restricted for exchange students.

Postgraduate Courses - Some postgraduate courses (particularly in Business) are offered in trimesters. Trimester dates can be found here.

APPLICATION DETAILS

DEADLINES

	Nomination Deadline	Application Deadline
Semester 1 (Jan-May)	October 15	October 30
Semester 2 (Aug-Nov)	April 15	April 30
Summer Down Under (Jun-Jul)	May 1	May 1

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Academic Requirements

- Undergraduate: Minimum GPA of 2.0/4.0 or equivalent.
- Postgraduate: Completed bachelor's degree in a relevant field.
- Gap Year: Submit your high school transcript for case-by-case assessment.

English Entry Requirements

Study Abroad and Exchange Students are required to meet the University's English Language Proficiency Policy. Please refer to the English Language Proficiency Procedure for all pathways to meet English, including minimum subtest score requirements.

	IELTS Academic	TOEFL iBT	Duolingo English Test
Undergraduate / Gap Year	6.0	70	110
Postgraduate	6.5	85	120

Alternative ways to meet English

- Study Abroad / Exchange students from the countries detailed in this table can provide evidence of CEFR equivalency of B2 or higher from their home university – please email study-abroad@newcastle.edu.au for a letter template.
- Proof of Successful completion of a minimum 1 year full time equivalent study at an Australian Bachelor-equivalent level (AQF7) or above wholly conducted and assessed in English at a recognised institution.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

How to Apply

Please follow this application guide when applying to the University of Newcastle. Decide on the specific courses you wish to study and complete the online application form: https://www.newcastle.edu.au/study/international/admissions.

You will need to upload certified copies of the following in your application:

- An official transcript of your current student record
- Evidence of English proficiency
- Copy of your passport

Exchange students must be nominated by their home institution before applying. If you need help with the application, contact study-abroad@newcastle.edu.au.

Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)

Having OSHC for the full duration of your student visa is a visa requirement (some country exemptions may apply). Please note that travel insurance or university insurance is not the same as OSHC. The University of Newcastle can arrange OSHC for you through Medibank if selected on your application. The cost is approximately $430–$480 per semester, with the exact amount listed in your offer letter. Alternatively, you may arrange your own OSHC through an approved Australian provider, in line with government regulations. Students participating in programs that do not require a student visa are not required to obtain OSHC; however, private health and travel insurance is strongly recommended.

Next Steps After Receiving Your Offer Letter

1. **Review Your Offer** - Check that your offer details and fees are correct. If anything seems wrong, contact ia@newcastle.edu.au.
2. **Conditional Offers** - If your offer is conditional, read it carefully and submit the required documents as soon as possible.
3. **Deposit Payment** - Your offer will state any required deposit. This must be paid to receive your ***Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE)***.
4. **Acceptance and Documents** - Complete and sign Sections 6 and 7 of your offer letter, then upload the signed copy to the Application Portal. If arranging your own Overseas Health Cover, upload your policy certificate too.
5. **Need Help?** If you're having trouble meeting your offer conditions, contact ia@newcastle.edu.au to discuss your options.

Student Visa Requirements

To apply for a student visa, you must have:

- A Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) - issued after acceptance of documents and payment of any deposit required.
- Proof of Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC). Note, if OSHC is being arranged by the University this information will be detailed on your CoE as your proof.

University of Newcastle staff are not permitted to provide visa advice. For details on visa types, costs, applications, and processing times, visit the Department of Home Affairs (https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/).



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