

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDENT GUIDE



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The Wollotuka Institute acknowledges the traditional Aboriginal owners of the lands within our footprint areas – The Awabakal Nation, The Darkinung Nation, The Biripai Nation, The Worimi Nation and The Wonnarua Nation. We also pay respect to the wisdom of our Elders past and present.



FROM THE COVER

Katherine

Bachelor of Music

Katherine is an Aboriginal (Woppaburra - Keppel Islands QLD) and Torres Strait Islander (Argun Tribe - Badu Island) woman.

WELCOME TO THE WOLLOTUKA INSTITUTE

For more than 30 years, the Wollotuka Institute has operated as a support centre for Indigenous students studying at the University of Newcastle.

Our work has seen us forge a reputation as a leader in Indigenous education in Australia and we continue to play a pivotal role in leading self-determination and social justice.

We are proud to provide unparalleled leadership and champion the need for academically enriching and culturally affirming education for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples at a local, national and international level.

When you come to Wollotuka, you will be supported by experienced staff, Elders, cultural leaders and fellow students who will help ensure your success during your time at the University of Newcastle.

From the enabling pathway program – Yapug – to providing services and assistance during your undergraduate or postgraduate degrees, Wollotuka will encourage and help guide you throughout your studies.

Above all, we provide an inclusive, culturally safe environment where you can come for support, advice, collaboration and knowledge-sharing. The space is one where you can connect with other students and community – a home away from home while studying at the University of Newcastle.

**THE WOLLOTUKA
INSTITUTE IS COMMITTED
TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF
INDIGENOUS EDUCATION
AT A LOCAL, NATIONAL
AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL**



THE WOLLOTUKA CULTURAL STANDARDS

The Wollotuka Cultural Standards reflect and embrace the cultural essence of our goals. These Cultural Standards help to define and guide how we operate and inform our relationships with students, the community and the University.

newcastle.edu.au/cultural-standards



OUR CULTURAL STANDARDS ARE CLUSTERED UNDER FIVE DISTINCT DOMAINS

- 1 Cultural Celebration
- 2 Community Responsiveness
- 3 Academic and Research
- 4 Respect and Honouring
- 5 Inter-Institutional Relationships

Our Cultural Standards are structured to recognise and respectfully acknowledge the cultural diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

They aim to positively position us so we can continue to play a leading role in the growth of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander higher education locally, nationally and internationally.

They are designed to enhance and improve the quality of education and learning opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians and their communities.

OUR LOCATIONS



Wollotuka operates across all University of Newcastle campuses located on different Aboriginal countries on the east coast of Australia.

University of Newcastle campuses are welcoming, inspiring and collaborative environments.

 newcastle.edu.au/campus

NEWCASTLE CAMPUS CALLAGHAN

Our Newcastle campus is a central hub for education, humanities, social science, and the rapidly growing field of Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Medicine (STEMM), as well as Nursing and Health. The region's largest hospitals, the Hunter Medical Research Institute, schools, early childhood facilities, and local defence and industrial hubs are all in close proximity to our campus. This central location offers endless opportunities to engage with industry and leaders in your field of study, while developing practical skills through work-integrated learning. Our global research partnerships mean we're perfectly placed to deliver innovation with impact and a hands-on, technology-rich student experience.

NEWCASTLE CITY CAMPUS

In the heart of Newcastle CBD, our City campus provides an integral link with industry in creativity, business and law. The campus is a vibrant hive of innovation right on the doorstep of the city centre. Our state-of-the-art NeW Space building delivers a 'next generation' university experience, while our Innovation Hub is where you can engage with entrepreneurs, innovators, startups and developers to produce ideas that challenge the conventional. Our expansion into Honeysuckle will become the home of the creative industries and will enrich the student learning experience with specialised studios and technologies, while also offering shared spaces for students, staff, industry and community to enjoy.

CENTRAL COAST CAMPUS OURIMBAH

Our Central Coast campus is proud to celebrate 30 years of world-class teaching, learning and research – offering a broad range of specialised degrees and excellent student support services. The social, community-based learning hub inspires local students to make a difference on a global scale. The flexible study options available exclusively at the Central Coast campus take advantage of booming local industry – with a particular focus on education, humanities and social sciences, nursing, food, health and sport science. In addition to you having access to top-quality research and testing facilities, our strong regional partnerships will ensure that your learning is embedded with hands-on experience.

PORT MACQUARIE CAMPUS

Our Port Macquarie campus provides programs to help meet the growing needs of the Mid North Coast region. Industry partnerships foster top-quality student experiences and hands-on training offers active roles within local education and healthcare facilities.

We acknowledge the traditional Aboriginal owners of the lands on which our offices are located:

The Pambalong Clan of the Awabakal Nation
Newcastle (Callaghan) campus

The Awabakal and Worimi Nations
Newcastle City campus

Darkinung People
Central Coast (Ourimbah) campus

Biripai People
Port Macquarie campus

STUDENT LIFE

While your education should be the primary focus during your time at the University of Newcastle, finding the right study-life balance is also important.

 newcastle.edu.au/campuslife

CAFES AND LIVE MUSIC

Whether it's a good coffee to kick-start your day, a game of pool with friends, a cold drink after a long day of lectures or a tasty meal, we've got you covered with a wide range of cafes, food outlets and bars on campus. And you don't have to venture too far to catch some of the world's biggest musicians and bands. Chances are you'll find a gig at Callaghan's Bar on the Hill or even Newcastle's iconic Cambridge Hotel.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

The University is home to over 150 clubs, societies and social groups who are always looking for new members. Are you a budding mountaineer? Art appreciator? A diver? Dancer? Anime enthusiast? Be part of something new, something exciting. Challenge yourself, or just have fun.

newcastle.edu.au/clubs

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

No matter which campus you study at, there are always events happening during the semester. From Orientation to Autonomy Day and plenty of parties in between, there is no shortage of social activities. Take part in study workshops, get involved in health and fitness programs, attend presentations from international scholars, or simply kick back and enjoy a great film at Movies by Moonlight.

GETTING AROUND

We aim to make transport on and off campus simple.



Access via train is available for both Callaghan (Warabrook station) and Central Coast campuses (Ourimbah station) and if you're studying at NeW Space, the Newcastle Light Rail's Civic stop is right at our doorstep.



Beautiful bike paths make riding around campus fun, and our bike hubs at Callaghan and NeW Space offer showers and secure storage.



A free city shuttle also runs between Callaghan and NeW Space every 30 minutes during semester.



STAY ACTIVE

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.

theforum.org.au

We also offer a number of sporting ovals which can be used for a wide range of activities, and shared paths make walking, jogging and cycling around campus easy.

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.

ACCESSIBILITY

We are committed to providing an equitable learning environment for all future and current students – including those with a disability or medical conditions that may affect their participation, engagement or learning opportunities.

Our AccessAbility initiative aims to support students to reach their full academic potential and create an environment that promotes independence and success.

newcastle.edu.au/current-students/support/accessibility

INDIGENOUS COLLECTIVE

The Indigenous students' collective (UONISC) are advocates for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at the University of Newcastle. They have monthly meetings which members and non-members are welcome to attend and over the course of the year there are also information sessions and events held. Our aim is to assist the University in becoming more culturally inclusive. The aim of the group is to engage and empower students, so they can take pride in their identity while studying at the University of Newcastle. Membership is free and is open to everyone.

WOLLOTUKA STUDENT BBQS

Wollotuka provides students with a weekly BBQ lunch held in the common area of the Birabahn building, Callaghan. Lunches are regularly held at other campuses as well.

MENS' GROUP

Strength and support for health and wellbeing is found through open discussion with peers in culturally-safe spaces. Our Men's Group provides a relaxed support network to assist students in balancing culture, personal and university life. Registration forms are available from reception at the Wollotuka Institute at the beginning of each Semester.

WOMENS' GROUP

Our Indigenous Women's Group provides a place for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to come together, have a yarn, hold events and create community. You can stay up to date through the Wollotuka Indigenous Women's Group Facebook page.

SERVICES ON HAND

There are a wide range of shops and services available to make campus life easier, including:

- bank
- medical centre and pharmacy
- post office
- book shop and other retailers
- childcare
- counselling

For more information on the shops and services available on each campus, visit newcastle.edu.au/services



ACCOMMODATION

While the thought of moving away from your hometown 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. Whether it's on campus accommodation that you're after or a house off campus for you and your friends, we have an option that will fit.

 newcastle.edu.au/accommodation

HOUSING OPERATION OF THE YEAR AWARD 2017

Asia-Pacific Student
Accommodation Association

LIVING ON CAMPUS

If you want to meet lifelong friends, get involved in social activities, and enjoy countless amenities at your fingertips, on campus accommodation might be for you.

There are a range of facilities and living environments available to students – including those with special needs – at our Newcastle and Central Coast campuses.

When you live on campus, you'll be able to access world-class student living, 24/7 security, 24-hour support and wellbeing services, academic support, a dedicated Health and Wellbeing Coordinator and our exciting and unique ResLife Program.

WHERE CAN I LIVE?

With nine different residences to choose from across our Callaghan and Ourimbah campuses, you're sure to find the right fit. Whether you're looking for private accommodation or shared rooms and facilities, fully-catered, semi-catered or self-catered living, we've got plenty of options.

Your accommodation costs cover a number of facilities and services including 24-hour security, internet access, two swimming pools, a large communal kitchen, laundry facilities and socialising equipment in common rooms across the precinct such as televisions, table tennis and foosball. Students living on campus at Callaghan also have exclusive access to a free shuttle bus to the nearby shopping precinct.



LIVING OFF CAMPUS

If off-campus accommodation is more suitable, either by yourself or with friends, we can help you find the right place.

Our off-campus accommodation service offers free advice to students about shared housing and has a database of current rooms, apartments and houses that are available to rent.

offcampusaccommodation.newcastle.edu.au

EXCELLENCE IN STUDENT EXPERIENCE 2016

Asia-Pacific Student
Accommodation Association



DURUNGALING HOSTEL

Durungaling Hostel provides exclusive accommodation for Indigenous students studying at TAFE or University. To be eligible applicants must be current students and of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent.

This fully-catered student accommodation offers 10 single rooms containing a king single bed, air conditioning and a desk, along with common amenities including shared lounge and dining room and study room with four computers.

For more information contact Stephen Mundine on (02) 4952 4062 or durungaling@ahl.gov.au

ENTRY OPTIONS

SCHOOL LEAVERS

If you're coming to university straight after finishing high school, there are a number of entry options available to you.

If you do not get what you need for entry into your degree, there are alternate entry options detailed in this brochure.

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE (HSC)

If you're completing or have recently completed your HSC or equivalent, you may be eligible to receive an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) which can be used as a basis to gain entry into university. The ATAR is a number between 0.00 and 99.95 that ranks how you performed in the HSC compared to other students.

The Selection Ranks (SR) listed in this publication are a combination of ATAR and adjustment points (previously called bonus points). As a HSC student, you may be eligible for a maximum 12 adjustment points added to your ATAR.

newcastle.edu.au/schoolleaver

NON-SCHOOL LEAVERS

Looking to apply for university but you haven't completed the HSC within the last 12 months? That means you're considered a non-school leaver.

HAVE YOU STUDIED BEFORE?

You can be considered for admission into an undergraduate degree on the basis of:

- your performance in the HSC or equivalent – irrespective of when you gained the qualification
- completed or partially completed higher education studies
- TAFE or other qualifications – Certificate IV or higher (Certificate III is accepted for limited programs)
- overseas qualifications equivalent to Australian studies
- post-secondary professional qualifications
- performance in alternative entry programs like Newstep or Open Foundation.

If you have more than one of the qualifications listed above, they may all count towards your application.

newcastle.edu.au/nonschoolleaver

ENTRY HELP

We have a range of entry help schemes that may help you secure your place here.

Educational Access Scheme

Get up to four adjustment points if you have experienced educational or other disadvantage.

Elite Athlete Program

Get up to four adjustment points by applying as an elite athlete.

Regional and Rural Students

Get up to five adjustment points if you went to a regional or rural school in selected postcodes.

Year 12 Subject Spotlight

Get an offer to study based on your performance and strong results in the lead up to the HSC in individual subjects related to your degree.

Year 12 Adjustment Points Scheme

Get up to four adjustment points based on your HSC results in particular subjects.

Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS)

A way to receive an offer based on factors in addition to your ATAR or SR.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Admissions Scheme

This scheme helps Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants gain entry into our degrees. When you complete your UAC application, make sure you indicate that you are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander. You'll be invited to participate in selection interviews and have access to advice and support to help with your application.

Credit Transfer

If your TAFE or other qualification is similar to the degree you want to study, you can make the most of your previous studies through credit transfer. You may be granted credit for up to two years of your degree.

**OVER
1,000
INDIGENOUS
ENROLMENTS**

- the first Australian University to reach this milestone¹

Taylah

Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Aboriginal Professional Practice
Completed Yapug, 2015

PATHWAYS

ADMISSION SCHEMES

- Tafe Guaranteed Entry
- Year 12 Subject Spotlight Program

PATHWAY PROGRAMS

- Yapug
- Newstep
- Open Foundation

OTHER ENTRY PROGRAMS

- Newcastle Law School Indigenous Early Entry Scheme
- Miroma Bunbilla Program

We are proud to work with the University to support the advancement and leadership of Indigenous education at a local, national and international level and continue to draw strength from culture, communities and past journeys.

The University of Newcastle is the largest provider of enabling programs in Australia. If you don't 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 UNIVERSITY OF
NEWCASTLE HAS
BEEN A LEADER IN
INDIGENOUS EDUCATION
IN AUSTRALIA FOR
MORE THAN 30 YEARS**

YOUR GUARANTEED PATHWAY TO A UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE DEGREE

Upon successful completion of Yapug, Newstep or Open Foundation, you will be guaranteed early entry into selected degrees at the University of Newcastle.

You will also be able to use your final grades from the program for competitive admission to all other University of Newcastle degrees including Medicine. Your application is free of charge and made directly to the University*. Please note, to apply for Medicine via the Miroma Bunbilla program the University of Newcastle only accepts recognised Indigenous enabling programs (Yapug and TRACKS (UNE)) for consideration of Academic eligibility.

Yapug, Newstep and Open Foundation are also recognised as an entry qualification for many universities and training providers around Australia.

*A UAC application is required to study a Bachelor of Midwifery

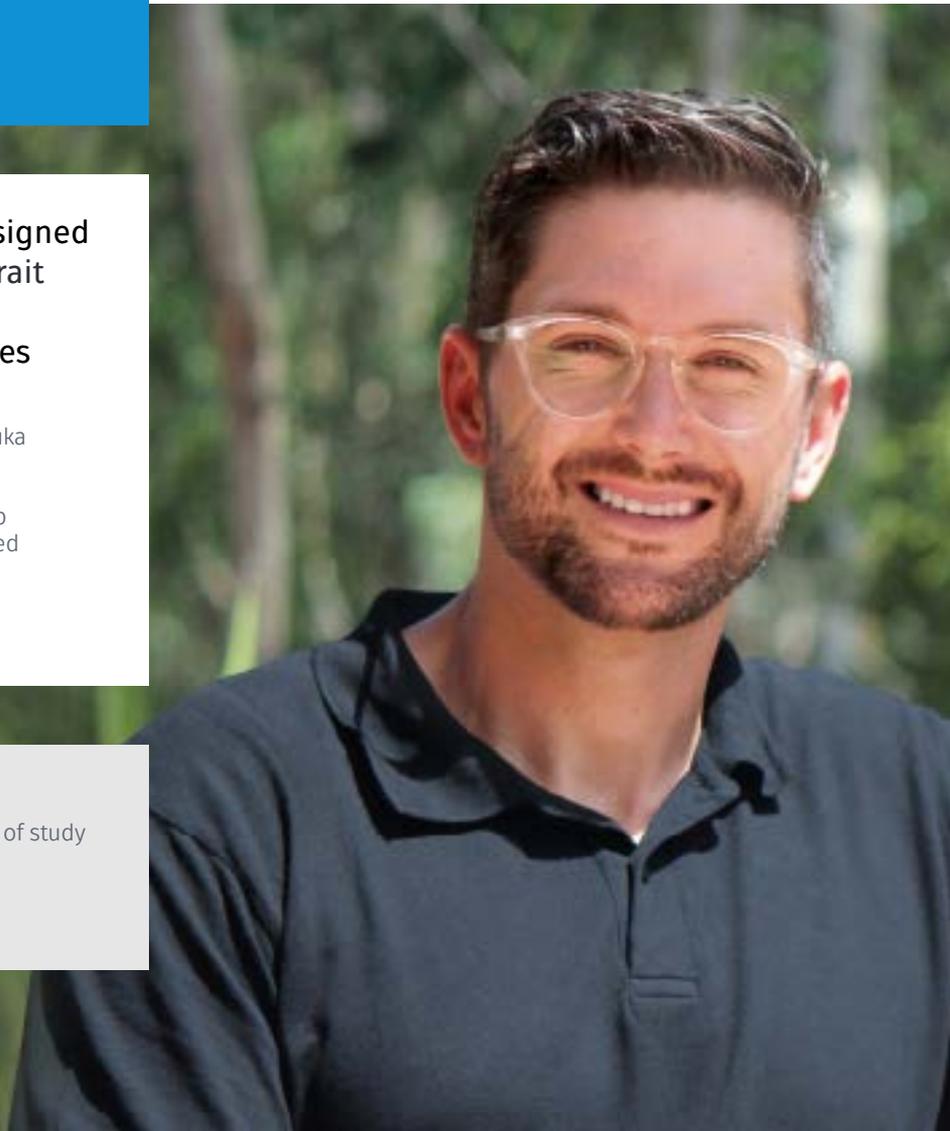
Yapug is a pathway program designed to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people gain skills for entry into undergraduate degrees at the University of Newcastle.

Delivered in partnership between the Wollotuka Institute and English Language Foundations Studies Centre (ELFSC), Yapug is a one-year program that is designed to help you develop the academic skills and self-discipline required for success in undergraduate study.

 newcastle.edu.au/yapug

To be eligible for this program, you must be:

- turning 18 years of age or more in the year of study
- of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent (see Establishing Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status).



WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

To successfully complete Yapug, you're required to complete course areas with a combined total of 80 units. It's important to consider what degree you'd like to study upon the completion of Yapug, as the courses you choose can help prepare you for that area of study.

Program structure

Semester one

- Aboriginal Tertiary Foundation Studies 1 (10 units)
- Yapug only Directed Course (10 units)
- Directed Course/s (20 units total)

Semester two

- Aboriginal Tertiary Foundation Studies 2 (10 units)
- Yapug only Directed Course (10 units)
- Directed Course/s (20 units total)

Courses

Yapug only directed courses

- Community and Research
- Professional Practice
- Introduction to Health Professional Studies
- Health Sciences

Directed courses

- Australian History
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies
- Business Management
- Chemistry and the Life Sciences
- Design Drawing
- Design in Society/Graphic Design Fundamentals
- Environmental Science
- Extension Mathematics
- Foundations in Education
- Information Technology
- Intermediate Mathematics/Statistics
- Introductory Mathematics
- Introduction to Engineering
- Language and Linguistics
- Law
- Literature and Film
- Media and Communications
- Physics
- Science Essentials for Nursing and Midwifery
- Social Enquiry/Sociology
- Studies in Health Science
- Studies in Science
- Visual Art

“As a mature age student, the Yapug pathway program gave me the confidence to start a university degree and equipped me with essential skills required for success in my studies.

I don't think I would have managed without it!”

James

Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine (Joint Medical Program)

Ma & Morley Scholar

Completed Yapug, 2018

FLEXIBILITY TO SUIT YOUR LIFESTYLE

Studying at university requires a significant commitment of your time, so we offer full-time and part-time delivery options for Yapug in order to best balance your study with work, social and family commitments.

Full-time

If you have few commitments outside of study, work part-time, or not working at all, Yapug full-time is for you. You're going to have to make your studies your number one priority. By doing so you'll complete the program quickly.

Duration 1 year (2 Semesters, February - November)

Face-to-face 12 hours per week

You'll be required to attend all classes during business hours. You can expect to be on campus two to four days a week.

Out-of-class study 18-20 hours per week

Part-time

If you have full-time work, family or carer commitments, Yapug part-time is for you. Studying part-time allows you to balance your studies with your busy lifestyle.

Duration 2 years (3-4 Semesters, February - November)

Face-to-face 6 hours per week

Choose between day or night classes (or a combination of both). You can expect to be on campus one to two days a week.

Out-of-class study 10-14 hours per week

SUPPORT

When you embark on the Yapug pathway program, you will benefit from a range of support services offered by the Wollotuka Institute. Some of the key services offered include counselling, tutorial assistance, a well-equipped resource centre, audio and visual materials on Indigenous topics and issues, health support, and cultural programs.

**YAPUG HAS
BEEN PROVIDING
ABORIGINAL AND
TORRES STRAIT
ISLANDER STUDENTS
A PATHWAY INTO
UNIVERSITY FOR
OVER 20 YEARS**

NEWSTEP

OPEN FOUNDATION

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.

newcastle.edu.au/newstep

To be eligible for this program, you must:

- have attempted Year 12
- be an Australian citizen or permanent resident currently living in Australia.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

To complete Newstep, you are required to successfully complete a combined total of 80 units across course areas. It's important to consider what degree you'd like to study upon completion, as the courses you choose can help prepare you for future study.

Program structure

Semester one

- Academic Literacies 1 (10 units)
- Three courses of your choosing (10 units each)

Semester two

- Academic Literacies 2 (10 units)
- One course of your choosing (10 units each)
- One course of your choosing (20 units each)

Courses

Semester one options

10 Unit Courses

- Advanced Mathematics 1
- Fundamental Mathematics
- Studies in Science
- Studies in Health Science
- Australian Culture and Society

- Applied Legal Studies
- Film Studies
- Information Technology
- Design Drawing
- Introduction to Linguistics

Semester two options

10 Unit Courses

- Advanced Mathematics 2
- Applied Mathematics
- Introduction to the Life Sciences
- Media and Communications
- Design in Society
- Research in Action
- Graphic Design Fundamentals

20 Unit Courses

- Australian History
- Literature and Film
- Social Enquiry
- The Study of Language
- Science for Nursing and Midwifery
- Physics
- Introduction to Chemistry and the Life Sciences
- Environmental Studies
- Business Organisation and Management

FLEXIBILITY TO SUIT YOUR LIFESTYLE

The Newstep timetable is flexible, so you can choose from a range of available class times to suit your situation.

Full-time

Duration 1 year (2 Semesters, February - November)

Face-to-face 12 hours per week

Out-of-class study 18-20 hours per week

If you are seeking a new career direction, considering attending university or looking to further pursue your interests, our Open Foundation program can help make this happen.

newcastle.edu.au/openfoundation

To be eligible for this program, you must:

- be an Australian citizen or permanent resident currently living in Australia.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

To successfully complete Open Foundation, you're required to complete two course areas, each worth 20 units, for a combined total of 40 units. There are lots of courses to choose from, however they do vary depending on the location and delivery of your studies.

FLEXIBILITY TO SUIT YOUR LIFESTYLE

Studying at university requires a significant commitment of your time, so we offer three flexible delivery options to choose from in order to best balance your study with work, social and family commitments.

Part-time | Face-to-face

If you have work, family or carer commitments, Part-time Open Foundation is for you. Studying part-time allows you to balance your studies with your busy lifestyle.

Duration 1 year (2 Semesters, February - November)

Face-to-face 6 hours per week

Choose between day or night classes (or a combination). You can expect to be on campus one to two days a week.

Out-of-class study 10-14 hours per week

Intensive | Face-to-face

If you have few commitments outside of study, are not working or only work part-time, Intensive Open Foundation is for you. You'll make your studies your number one priority. By doing so you'll complete the program in half the time.

Duration 6 months (1 Semester, July - November)

Face-to-face 12 hours per week

You'll be required to attend all classes during business hours. You can expect to be on campus two to four days a week.

Out-of-class study 18-20 hours per week

Online | Anywhere, anytime

If you're independent, self-motivated and looking for the ultimate in flexibility, Online Open Foundation is for you. Learning online is usually more challenging than face-to-face study and can take more time on a weekly basis.

Duration 1 year (2 Semesters, February - November)

Face-to-face 2 hours of online tutorials per week through UOnline. You're also invited to attend optional face-to-face days twice a semester in Newcastle.

Out-of-class study 18-20 hours per week

INDIGENOUS EARLY ENTRY SCHEME

The University of Newcastle Law School recognises the need to increase the representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Australian legal profession and allied fields.

The Indigenous Early Entry Scheme offers Indigenous students the opportunity to gain early entry to the law program – sometimes even before beginning your final HSC exams. The program combines academic study with professional legal training, including experience with real clients at the University of Newcastle Legal Centre.

If successful, not only will you get early entry into this degree, you will have access to:

- a guaranteed place in University accommodation at the Callaghan campus
- a pre-law orientation program
- a mentoring scheme pairing new Indigenous students with senior Indigenous students and legal practitioners
- support services available via Wollotuka

Selection process

- all complete applications will be considered
- selected students will be shortlisted for an interview
- interviews will be scheduled around September each year and will be held either in person or via Skype with a University panel
- successful applications will be offered a place in the Bachelor of Laws (Honours) Combined program when the UAC Round 1 Offers are released

newcastle.edu.au/nlsiee

MIROMA BUNBILLA PROGRAM

We are proud that more than 100 Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander doctors have graduated from the University of Newcastle - University of New England's, Joint Medical Program.

Each year, up to 17 places are available for admission into the Joint Medical Program for applicants of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent. There is a separate admission process for candidates applying via this scheme.

Applicants are required to:

- meet the minimum academic requirements
- submit an application to UAC
- complete the Miroma Bunbilla application form
- submit their Confirmation of Aboriginality and supporting documentation
- undertake the Multiple Skills Assessment and Personal Qualities Assessment
- attend the Miroma Bunbilla Program (a mandatory series of pre-admission activities)

Please note you are not required to sit the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Test (UMAT).

Admission enquiries: jmpadmissions@newcastle.edu.au

newcastle.edu.au/miroma-bunbilla

TAFE GUARANTEED ENTRY

Want to take your TAFE qualification to the next level?

Many successful students come to university after completing TAFE studies. That is why guaranteed entry into a number of our undergraduate programs is offered to people who have previously completed a Certificate IV, Diploma, or Advanced Diploma* through the TAFE Guaranteed Entry program. In addition, you could also be eligible for credit towards your degree – this means shorter study time and the chance to dive into your new career sooner.

*Please note that completed TAFE qualifications must be AQF level IV (Certificate IV), AQF level V (Diploma), or AQF level VI (Advanced Diploma) to be eligible for guaranteed entry.

YEAR 12 SUBJECT SPOTLIGHT EARLY ENTRY PROGRAM

We believe that your ATAR does not define who you are – it is your unique passions, abilities and ambitions that matter.

The 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.

newcastle.edu.au/subject-spotlight

SCHOLARSHIPS

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

With the help of our scholarship program, you have the opportunity to develop your talent and explore your possibilities.

There are hundreds of scholarships on offer, including:

- 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. Apply today.

 newcastle.edu.au/indigenous-scholarships

UAC EQUITY SCHOLARSHIPS

The Indigenous Accommodation Scholarship aims to support Indigenous students who are relocating from a remote or regional area to study at the University of Newcastle.

newcastle.edu.au/indigenous-accommodation-scholarship

The Indigenous Education Scholarship aims to support Indigenous students with the costs of University study, particularly for those who face financial disadvantage and who are relocating from a remote or regional area.

newcastle.edu.au/indigenous-education-scholarship

The scholarships are annual, and students should apply via the UAC Equity Scholarships application to be considered for Indigenous Education and Accommodation Scholarships.

Your Student Advancement Officer can assist you with seeking financial support during your university journey. The team are also here to assist students with the application process – from finding appropriate scholarships, to filling out the application and providing useful tips and preparation techniques for interviews.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SCHOLARSHIP

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarship was established through contributions from the University, industry donors, community organisations and the annual gala.

The scholarship provides a benefit of \$10,000 each year, paid as \$5,000 each semester after the census date. The scholarship is ongoing for the remaining length of the program at the time of award for up to a maximum of four years.

To be eligible to apply for this scholarship you must meet the following criteria:

- be enrolled in any year of an undergraduate degree program at the University of Newcastle
- be enrolled full-time
- demonstrate academic progress either by the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) or equivalent required for entry for commencing students, or a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.0 for continuing students
- identify as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and be recognised as such by your community





THE MA & MORLEY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Ma & Morley Scholarship Program aims to inspire, educate and cultivate the next generation of globally aware and socially conscious Australian leaders – and help them change the world.

The Program was established through a generous \$26 million commitment by Chinese entrepreneur Jack Ma, in honour of his lifelong friendship with respected Novocastrian Ken Morley.

Ma & Morley Scholars receive:

- Up to \$75,000 in financial assistance
- Global immersion experiences
- Enrichment and values-based leadership program
- Lifelong bonds and friendships

newcastle.edu.au/ma-morley

After completing the University of Newcastle's Yapug pathway program in 2018, Kieran is now on his way to reaching his goal of becoming a doctor as he undertakes the Joint Medical Program.

The Wiradjuri man from Dubbo is no stranger to determination, having already overcome significant hardship to get to where he is today.

“My main motivation for entering the program was to be more than what I was becoming at home.”

“My early childhood had all the right ingredients for a failed adulthood, including alcoholism, domestic violence and the Department of Family and Community Services,” Kieran said.

“I wanted to break this cycle and be a good, strong male role model for my kids when I have them, and to my siblings coming up behind me. Becoming a medical doctor is something I never thought possible.

“After working for the New South Wales Government for seven years and doing some good work in the community I was determined to be more and maximise my potential. That’s when I decided to become a doctor to help my people and, with some research, discovered Yapug and the Joint Medical Program.

I think I would have set myself up to fail if I tried to enter an undergraduate degree without doing Yapug first. It’s provided me with the tools and mindset to ensure my success in my undergraduate degree,” Kieran explained.

In recognition of his potential and strong sense of social justice, Kieran was awarded a 2019 Ma & Morley Scholarship to help him along his journey.

“This scholarship will allow me to leave my job and focus all my time on my undergraduate degree to get the best marks possible. Being able to learn from socially conscious leaders and like-minded people will also give me skills and ideas that I can implement back in my community when I finish my degree.”

Kieran

Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine (Joint Medical Program)

Ma & Morley Scholar

Completed Yapug, 2018

INDIGENOUS STUDENT SUPPORT

Wollotuka supports innovation, entrepreneurship and collaboration to facilitate the achievement of quality outcomes – preparing Indigenous graduates who will make a difference in our communities and across the globe.

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INDIGENOUS TUTORIAL PROGRAM

The goal of the Indigenous Tutorial Program (ITP) is to help you identify and address your academic assistance needs and become self-directed, independent learners and critical thinkers.

ITP is an academic support program available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students enrolled at the University of Newcastle.

To be eligible for tuition under ITP a student must identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and be able to provide a Confirmation of Aboriginality (see Establishing Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status).

TURUKILLIKO ACADEMIC AND SOCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAM

The Turukilliko program is designed to support you during your transition to university study by providing a variety of academic, social and cultural experiences. You will also be linked to a mentor who will listen, guide and help promote your growth as a future leader.

All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students are eligible to participate in the Turukilliko program which will commence in Semester 1 each year. Please see the Student Advancement team for more information on the Turukilliko Academic and Social Support Program.



David Yapug

INDIGENOUS STUDENT ADVANCEMENT

The Student Advancement team collaborates with all faculties across all campuses of the University of Newcastle.

The Student Advancement team can provide you with proactive advice and guidance on programs, courses, scholarships and University support services. They are your key contact for all things relating to individual student success. The team will provide you with opportunities to network with other like-minded Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and assist you in achieving your academic goals.

WOLLOTUKA TAKES A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO ENGAGING WITH INDIGENOUS STUDENTS AND SUPPORTING THEIR EXPERIENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY



James is a Gumbaynggirr man from Bowraville, a graduate of the Yapug enabling program, current Bachelor of Teaching (Primary) student, and Student Ambassador for Wollotuka.

Throughout his degree, he has already been able to experience a number of exciting opportunities offered through Wollotuka and the University. Not only has he attended national and international education conferences and participated in international study tours, he's also had the opportunity to engage with leading Indigenous educators and researchers.

“I’ve had the freedom to develop academically and intellectually, while also maintaining and strengthening my identity as an Indigenous person.

“This wouldn't be possible without the cultural understandings, academic development, tutoring, scholarships and engagement, provided by staff and community at the Wollotuka Institute and the University of Newcastle.”

James

Bachelor of Teaching (Primary)
Completed Yapug, 2014

EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS

CAREERTRACKERS PARTNERSHIP

CareerTrackers is a national non-profit organisation with the goal of enabling Indigenous students to attain industry experience while studying at university.

Wollotuka entered into a 10-year partnership agreement with CareerTrackers in February 2016 which formalises the solid partnership to improve placement for Indigenous interns with Australia's leading corporate and not-for-profit organisations. This includes organisations such as Qantas, Life without Barriers, Telstra, GHD and Lend Lease.

Through the CareerTrackers program, students undertake an internship for a minimum of 12 weeks each year throughout their degree, working with their manager and a Student Advisor to ensure success both academically and in their professional development.

The success of CareerTrackers has been recognised by employers, governments and, most importantly, Indigenous communities throughout Australia.

 careertrackers.org.au



“AN INTERNSHIP IS A ROCKET SHIP TO A VERY DIFFERENT FUTURE.”

Michael Combs
CareerTrackers Founder & CEO



A proud Gamilaraay woman, Chloe is on her way to completing her Bachelor of Teaching (Humanities) (Honours) at the University of Newcastle.

Throughout her studies, she's had the opportunity to participate in the CareerTrackers program – completing a number of internships in the corporate sector. CareerTrackers links Indigenous university students with employers for paid, multi-year internships, with an end goal of converting an internship to a full-time position upon graduation.

“This program has enabled me to develop transferable skills used in my university studies and my internship. CareerTrackers has opened up opportunities for me that I never thought I would achieve such as working in a large corporate company or even working in Sydney.”

Chloe has a special interest in project management and hopes to one day use her skills while working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

“I feel CareerTrackers has taken me one step closer to this goal. This is a great program that provides Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students with amazing opportunities.”

Chloe
Bachelor of Education (Secondary) (Honours)
Completed Yapug, 2014

ESTABLISHING ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STATUS

Your Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage is something that is personal to you.

You do not need a letter of confirmation to identify as an Indigenous person or to access the Student Advancement team at Wollotuka.

However, you may be asked to provide proof or confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander heritage when applying for Indigenous-specific services or programs such as:

- school programs and scholarships for Indigenous students
- grants (such as Indigenous housing loans, research and study grants)
- university courses (with specific positions for Indigenous students)
- Centrelink and housing assistance (Indigenous-specific)
- employment (Indigenous identified positions)

Find out more about Establishing Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status on the AIATSIS website

aiatsis.gov.au/research/finding-your-family/before-you-start/proof-aboriginality

Wollotuka has developed guidelines outlining the types of acceptable documents you will need to provide for establishing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status.

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BACHELOR OF GLOBAL INDIGENOUS STUDIES

Do you want to work effectively with local and global communities, and use Indigenous knowledge systems to respond to ecological, social and economic challenges?

newcastle.edu.au/degrees/bachelor-of-global-indigenous-studies

The Bachelor of Global Indigenous Studies delivers a core focus on ensuring a strong student understanding of culture, history and politics. With a number of majors to choose from, this degree is designed to deliver culturally aware and innovative social advocates and is open to all students.

CAREER EXAMPLES

The Bachelor of Global Indigenous Studies opens doors for jobs in a range of areas in both Indigenous and non-Indigenous organisations internationally. Graduates will pursue rewarding careers in Indigenous affairs and beyond.

Some typical positions include:

- Community Development Worker
- Cultural Heritage Conservationist
- Digital Media Content Producer
- Global Development Worker
- Organisational Cultural Diversity Practitioner
- Policy and Research Officer
- Program Innovation Consultant
- Social Enterprise Founder
- Startup Entrepreneur

COMBINE THIS DEGREE WITH

- Bachelor of Development Studies
- Bachelor of Laws (Honours)

GLOBAL INDIGENOUS STUDIES ELECTIVES

Your chosen program of study may allow you to study an elective. Electives are courses you can choose outside the core, compulsory and directed courses in your degree. They can be chosen from all courses available at the University that do not have any other conditions (such as a program requisite) applied to them.

The Wollotuka Institute offers a range of Global Indigenous Studies courses you can choose from.

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| ABOR1110 | Introduction to Aboriginal Studies |
| ABOR1370 | Working with Aboriginal Communities |
| ABOR1390 | Australian Aborigines and Human Rights |
| ABOR1420 | Communicating with Aboriginal People Across Genres |
| HUMA1100 | Aboriginal Languages: New Approaches |
| ABOR2022 | Aboriginal Cultural Immersion |
| ABOR2241 | Aboriginal Political Protest |
| ABOR2243 | Indigenous People, Global Warming and the Environment |
| ABOR2244 | Reconciling Australia's Colonial Past and Present |
| ABOR2440 | Aboriginal Health Past and Present |
| ABOR3024 | Aboriginal Community Development and Advocacy |
| ABOR3080 | Indigenous Research |
| ABOR3251 | International Indigenous Comparative Studies |
| ABOR3080 | Human Rights and the World's Indigenous Communities |
| ABOR3440 | Indigenous Health Around the World |



PHD AND RESEARCH MASTERS

Your academic journey doesn't have to end with undergraduate studies. We welcome the opportunity to support new Indigenous Masters or PhD students who are looking to expand upon their education.

Umuliko Indigenous Higher Education Research Centre is the primary focus of research and research training at Wollotuka and will provide you with the cultural, personal and research support needed to complete your research degree.

If you have already completed an undergraduate degree, there are a number of higher degrees by research available through the University and two programs specifically available through Umulliko.

- PhD or Masters in Philosophy (Aboriginal Studies)
- PhD or Masters in Philosophy (Aboriginal Health Studies)

During your studies, we are able to provide a range of material resources such as financial assistance, study rooms, professional development workshops, conference attendance support, and statistical support.

For more information on PhD and Research Masters visit newcastle.edu.au/indigenous-phd

Umuliko logo by Kevin Duncan, a Kamilaroi Aboriginal artist from the NSW Central Coast.

The logo incorporates elements from Aboriginal law and culture and promotes the identity of Umulliko.



Dr Michelle Bovill is exploring culturally responsive approaches to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women successfully quit smoking during pregnancy.

A Wiradjuri woman who grew up on Worimi land, Dr Bovill's PhD research engaged six Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services in NSW, SA and Qld to co-develop and pilot ICAN QUIT in Pregnancy. Dr Bovill uses her standpoint as an Indigenous woman and applies Indigenous research methodologies to health research.

“My research aims to privilege the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women to address appropriate strategies which enhance the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and their babies.”

Dr Bovill's research has highlighted the need for Aboriginal health research to be community driven and built on the empowerment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

“Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women want to quit smoking during pregnancy and often make several quit attempts during the course of pregnancy. However, limited evidence in this space has been driven by the community interest and needs.”

Dr Bovill's research will continue to address smoking during pregnancy. Supported by an NHMRC four-year Early Career Researcher Fellowship, she will explore non-pharmacological approaches to smoking cessation in partnership with Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services in NSW.

Dr Michelle Bovill

PhD in Aboriginal Health, 2018

Master of Social Science, 2008

Bachelor of Arts (Honours), 2007

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