

FIND YOUR PATH TO UNI



THE UNIVERSITY OF
NEWCASTLE
AUSTRALIA

OPEN FOUNDATION

18+

years of age



Australian citizen
or Australian
permanent resident

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IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A CAREER CHANGE OR DIDN'T GET THE MARKS FOR YOUR DREAM DEGREE, OPEN FOUNDATION CAN GET YOU STARTED.

Open Foundation provides you with a taste of what university is like. It is free and flexible. This program is offered both face-to-face (at our Newcastle and Central Coast campuses) and via online study.

Open Foundation is designed for people turning 18+ in their commencing year of study who wish to gain the knowledge and skills for successful entry into an undergraduate degree program.

Open Foundation not only helps you gain entry to university, it helps you to develop the skills needed for successful study at a university level regardless of your background or previous level of education. We want to give you every chance to succeed:



Guaranteed entry into 40+ degrees upon successful completion



Flexible study options:
6 months full-time (1 semester)
or 1-2 years part-time (2+ semesters).



Study on-campus in Newcastle or the Central Coast



Study some or all of your courses online

YOUR GUARANTEED PATHWAY TO A DEGREE

Upon successful completion of Open Foundation, you will be guaranteed entry into over 40+ degrees at the University of Newcastle.

You'll also be able to use your final grades from the program to obtain an admission rank for competitive admission to all other University of Newcastle degrees including Medicine. Your application is free of charge and made directly to the University*.

Open Foundation is also recognised as an entry qualification for many other universities and training providers around Australia.

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

"In 2018 I decided to enrol in Open Foundation, graduating in 2019 with an equivalent ATAR of 90. I have no doubt that if I did not do Open Foundation, these results would not be possible because it gave me the skills to study at university. It not only helped me academically, it also helped me find a direction in life."

DANIEL,
BACHELOR OF LAWS/BACHELOR OF ARTS.
COMPLETED OPEN FOUNDATION, 2019.



FLEXIBILITY TO SUIT YOUR LIFESTYLE

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



Study Load

	Part-time <i>2 – 4 semesters of study</i>	Full-time <i>1 – 2 semesters of study</i>
IS IT FOR ME?	<p>If you have work, family or carer commitments Part-time Open Foundation is for you.</p> <p>Studying part-time allows you to balance your studies with your busy lifestyle.</p> <p>Go with Part-Time if you can only dedicate up to 20 hours to study per week. Including all class, study time and assignments.</p>	<p>If you are wanting to start your degree ASAP, have few commitments outside of study and are not working or only working casually, Full-time Open Foundation is for you.</p> <p>Go with Full-Time if you can dedicate 20 to 40 hours to study per week. Including all class, study time and assignments.</p> <p>Centrelink - If you are planning to study a full time load you may be eligible for Centrelink StudyAssist payments.</p>
COURSE OPTIONS	To complete Open Foundation, you are required to successfully complete 40 units. The distribution of these units differs depending on your preferred delivery mode.	
TEACHING TIME	2 - 6 hours of class time per week for 10-20 units of study.	6 - 12 hours of class time per week for 30-40 units of study.
OUT-OF-CLASS STUDY	8-14 hours per week Out-of-class study time should be spent reading your course materials, researching, completing assignments, participating in your class discussion boards (for online courses) and revising for your exams.	14-28 hours per week
HOW TO MAKE YOUR CHOICE	You don't have to choose your study mode right away, you can apply for Open Foundation and once accepted, you can decide on a study load that suits you.	
	Throughout your program you'll have the flexibility to change your study load depending on what else comes up.	



Location Options

	Flexible delivery On campus Newcastle <i>Callaghan</i> Central Coast <i>Ourimbah</i>	Online Study from <i>anywhere, anytime</i>
IS IT FOR ME?	<p>Get valuable weekly face-to-face time with our support and academic staff. Plus you'll get to enjoy the University of Newcastle's modern study spaces, student events and social scene at our campuses.</p> <p>If you can get to a campus 2-4 times a week we recommend you take all of your courses on campus.</p> <p>If you can only travel to a campus 1-2 times a week you can study on campus with our flexible delivery options or study one of our online courses.</p>	<p>If you're independent, self-motivated and looking for the ultimate flexibility, Online Open Foundation is for you.</p> <p>Please note that learning online is usually more challenging than face-to-face study and can take more time on a weekly basis.</p> <p>Choose Online if you can't make it to campus at all during the Semester.</p> <p>You'll need to have access to a computer and fast internet.</p>

WHAT YOU'LL STUDY

To successfully complete Open Foundation, you're required to complete 40 units of courses, related to the degree you wish to study. There are lots of courses available, however they do vary depending on your availability and location. Visit our website to get an idea of the courses that fit your career choice.

COURSE NAME	CAMPUS LOCATION		
	Newcastle (Callaghan)	Central Coast (Ourimbah)	Online
Academic Literacies and Language Support			
Academic Literacies and Language Enhancement For Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students	●		
Reading Writing and Critical Thinking	●	●	
Research in Action			●
Business and Entrepreneurship			
Managing People in Organisations	●	●	●
Managing a Project in Marketing	●	●	●
Computing, Maths and Technology			
Information Technology	●	●	
Fundamental Mathematics	●	●	●
Intermediate Mathematics	●	●	●
Applied Mathematics	●	●	●
Extension Mathematics	●		●
Statistics	●	●	
Communication and Creative Industries			
Design Drawing	● (Newcastle City Campus)	●	
Design in Society	● (Newcastle City Campus)	●	
Graphic Design Fundamentals	● (Newcastle City Campus)		
Media and Communication Studies	●	●	
Education			
Foundations in Education: Introduction	●	●	●
Foundations in Education: Contemporary Issues in Schooling	●	●	●
Engineering			
Introduction to Engineering	●		

For comprehensive information on each course including introductory videos, sample timetables and recommended studies, visit newcastle.edu.au/openfoundation

COURSE NAME	CAMPUS LOCATION		
	Newcastle (Callaghan)	Central Coast (Ourimbah)	Online
Health and Medical Services			
Introduction to Human Bioscience	●	●	●
Science Essentials for Nursing and Midwifery	●	●	●
Bioscience Essentials for Nursing and Midwifery	●	●	●
Psychology and Human Behaviour in Everyday Life			●
Law			
Law in Australia	●	●	●
Law in Action	●	●	●
Science and the Environment			
Introduction to Biology	●	●	
Environmental Biology	●	●	●
Environmental Ecology	●	●	●
Foundations in Chemistry	●	●	●
Physical and Organic Chemistry	●		
Physics Essentials	●		
Modern Physics	●		
Society and Culture			
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies: Cultures and Histories	●		
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies: Contemporary Issues	●		
Australian History to Federation	●	●	●
Australian History from Federation to Present	●	●	●
Screen and Cultural Studies	●	●	
English Literature Foundations	●	●	
Creative Writing Foundations	●	●	
Language in Society	●	●	●
Foundations of Linguistics	●	●	●
The Sociological Gaze	●	●	●
Sociological Insights	●	●	●

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