

INFORMATION GUIDE 2026-2027



UNIVERSITY OF
NEWCASTLE
AUSTRALIA

STUDY ABROAD AND EXCHANGE STUDENTS



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ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

SEMESTER DATES

	Orientation Week	Semester Start	Semester End	Exam Period
Semester 2, 2026	10-14 August	17 August	13 November	16-27 November
Semester 1, 2027*	18-22 January	25 January	23 April	26 April - 7 May

*Dates for Semester 1, 2027 not confirmed (as at October 2025)

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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.



Central Coast

Our Central Coast campuses (Gosford and Ourimbah) are located an hour away from Newcastle. It isn't recommended to enrol in courses here..

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.

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 accommodationssupport@newcastle.edu.au.

newcastle.edu.au/accommodation

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

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.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Semester 1 (Jan-May) - October 30
Semester 2 (Aug-Nov) - May 31

English Entry Requirements

Study Abroad and Exchange Students are required to meet the University's [English Language Proficiency Policy](#). Some English language proficiency test score requirements can be found in the table below. Further accepted qualifications and test results can be found in the [English Language Proficiency Procedure](#).

	IELTS Academic	TOEFL iBT	Duolingo English Test
Undergraduate / Gap Year	6.0 (minimum subtest 6.0)	70 (minimum subtest R16, L16, S18, W21)	110 (minimum subtest 110)
Postgraduate	6.5 (minimum subtest 6.0)	85 (minimum subtest R16, L16, S18, W21)	120 (minimum subtest 110)

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.

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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