STUDY AREA

SOCIETY
AND CULTURE

THE UNIVERSITY OF
NEWCASTLE
AUSTRALIA
SAMANTHA DEFIES LIMITS

Samantha believes in the power of words to change the world. Her dream of becoming an author stems from her desire to inform world issues and shine a light on human rights and individual freedom. Born with a radial limb deficiency, Samantha says her disability taught her how to be resilient, but she wasn’t going to let it limit what she could achieve. Currently studying a Bachelor of Arts, Samantha believes that through her learning and education she can create positive change, which will not only benefit today’s global community but future generations as well.

Samantha
Bachelor of Arts
Ma & Morley Scholar
SOCIETY AND CULTURE

Art, language, history, English and writing, Indigenous studies, politics, and religion. There's so much to explore in the area of society and culture, and even more career pathways for you to follow. Develop diverse skills across a broad range of subjects, or hone in on a specialisation that suits your interests. Whether you want to become a curator, creative director, producer, translator, journalist, community development manager, or cultural heritage conservationist a degree in the area of society and culture will help you get there.

newcastle.edu.au/study/society-and-culture

DEGREE OPTIONS

Bachelor of Arts  
Bachelor of Global Indigenous Studies  
Bachelor of Music  

ALSO CONSIDER  
Bachelor of Development Studies  
Bachelor of Laws (Honours) Combined  
Diploma in Languages

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE IS RANKED 207 IN THE WORLD

TOP 150  
in the world for Sociology

84.8% of students satisfied with teaching quality (Humanities, Culture and Social Sciences)

1 QS World University Rankings 2020  
2 QS Rankings by Subject 2019  
3 QILT Student Experience Survey 2017 - 2018
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.

newcastle.edu.au/enabling

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
‘Speaking up for what’s right even when it’s not your fight’ sums up Bryson’s approach to life. He is a passionate advocate for LGBTQIA+ issues and climate justice. Bryson was named 2015 Regional Youth Services Awards Young Person of the Year for speaking out about his experiences as a young disabled man and an advocate for intersectionality. Bryson began volunteering with the ACON in Sydney and Newcastle in 2017. He went on to become a peer facilitator for ACON’s SPARK project to educate and mentor young men about sexual health. His workshops focus on education about preventing HIV transmission and helping people understand their place in their community. Bryson plans to continue tackling difficult issues through his Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws studies.
Bryson
Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Laws (Honours)

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
Enrich your mind and develop transferrable skills with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

If you want to expand your knowledge of the past and present world, hone your critical thinking and communication skills, and be inspired, then a Bachelor of Arts is for you. You will be guided by scholars of international standing as you delve into your passions and develop soft skills to prepare you for the workplace. With a broad range of majors, minors and learning streams, this degree allows you to test out your interests and design a program best suited to what you want to study and where you want to go in life. Graduating with a Bachelor of Arts, you will posses a rich, up-to-date skill set ideal for a diverse range of employment contexts, both present-day and yet to come.

2020 SELECTION RANK
62.00 | Median 70.93

SPECIALISE
Choose from diverse majors to develop your core skills:
- Creative and Performing Arts
- Education
- English and Writing*
- Film, Media and Cultural Studies*
- French Studies*
- German
- Global Indigenous Studies*
- History*
- Human Geography and the Environment
- Japanese Studies*
- Linguistics
- Politics and International Relations
- Psychology Studies*
- Sociology and Anthropology*

*Majors available to study entirely online.

CAREER PATHWAYS
Employment options for graduates are linked with your chosen areas of specialisation and may include roles in local, state and commonwealth public service, non-government organisations, higher education, media and communications, arts and cultural organisations. You may also work in other diverse sectors which are increasingly calling for employees possessing skills developed by the Bachelor of Arts.

COMBINE THIS DEGREE WITH
- Bachelor of Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Bachelor of Laws (Honours)
- Bachelor of Science
- Bachelor of Music

REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE
Enjoy opportunities to apply your learning to the real world through our work experience programs. You will develop key skills through work-integrated learning, independent projects and placements to help you reach your career goals.
Do you want to work effectively using Indigenous knowledge systems?

You could find yourself in a range of professions that use critical Indigenous knowledge to address the pressing challenges facing the world right now. Choose a major to direct your learning, and complement your studies with a professional placement. Graduate as a more culturally aware social advocate, ready to apply your knowledge in the workplace. This program is open to all students.

2020 SELECTION RANK
62.00 | Median 68.75

SPECIALISE
Choose from diverse majors to develop your core skills:
- Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- Film, Media and Cultural Studies*
- Global Indigenous Studies*
- Governance, Policy and Political Economy
- Human Geography and the Environment
- Human Resource Management and Industrial Relations
- Human Services
- Sociology and Anthropology

*Majors available to study entirely online.

CAREER EXAMPLES
- Cultural Heritage Conservationist
- Digital Media Content Producer
- Global Development Worker
- Organisational Cultural Diversity Practitioner
- Social Enterprise Founder
- Startup Entrepreneur

COMBINE THIS DEGREE WITH
- Bachelor of Laws (Honours)
- Bachelor of Development Studies

THE WOLLOTUKA INSTITUTE
You will be supported by our world-renowned Wollotuka Institute, with access to a number of support services and resources to help ensure success.

The Wollotuka Institute has been a leader in Indigenous education in Australia for more than 30 years. Through student support, teaching services, research and more – the Institute is committed to the advancement of Indigenous education at a local, national and international level.

newcastle.edu.au/wollotuka
You may also be interested in one of the following degrees that touch on the Society and Culture study area.

**DIPLOMA IN LANGUAGES**

Learning one or more foreign languages develops in-demand skills and opens many doors to diverse careers, travel and other unique opportunities including teaching overseas. You can study the Diploma in Languages in conjunction with an undergraduate degree, finishing with two qualifications in less time.

For further information on this program visit
newcastle.edu.au/degrees/diploma-in-languages

**BACHELOR OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES**

Development, poverty, inequality and environmental sustainability are some of the most important issues in the world today. You will focus on key global issues in a local, national or international context. No matter your focus, when you study a degree in Development Studies you will go on to make a positive difference in the world.

For further information on this program refer to the Community Services brochure
or visit newcastle.edu.au/study/community-services

**BACHELOR OF LAWS (HONOURS) COMBINED**

Our Bachelor of Laws (Honours) degree is your entry to a career as a lawyer, or a range of other professions where a passion for justice and attention to detail are key. This degree is offered as a combined program, which means you undertake your degree in conjunction with another degree, and receive two qualifications in only five years of study.

For further information on this program refer to the Law brochure
or visit newcastle.edu.au/study/law

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