




The University of Newcastle Study Abroad and Exchange INFORMATION SHEET 2015











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General Background	<p>The University of Newcastle is a comprehensive, international university and one of Australia's leading research institutions. It operates on two main campuses in Newcastle (Callaghan) and the Central Coast (Ourimbah). Both campuses are set in natural bushland on the beautiful East coast of Australia. The University of Newcastle is ranked in the top 3% of Universities in the world (Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2012 & QS World University Rankings 2012), in the top 10 research Universities in Australia, and ranked in the top 100 Universities in the world for engineering/technology and computer sciences (Shanghai Jiao Tong University rankings 2007). The University offers extensive undergraduate and postgraduate programs including most of the professional degree programs such as Law, Architecture, Medicine, Engineering, Teaching, Surveying, Social Work, Science, and Nursing. As well, we offer a vast array of courses in disciplines such as Business, Economics, Computing, Fine Art, Modern Languages, Classics, History, Mathematics, Nutrition and Dietetics, Sociology and Anthropology, Philosophy, Communications, and Tourism and Hospitality, to name just a few.</p>		
Total Number of Students	The student population is just over 30,000 including some 6,000 international students from more than 80 countries studying both on and off-shore.		
University Website	http://www.newcastle.edu.au/		
Study Abroad Website	http://www.newcastle.edu.au/studyabroad		
Video links	City of Newcastle University of Newcastle UoN Student Testimonials		
APPLICATION PROCEDURES			
Application Form and Deadlines	www.newcastle.edu.au/international/study-with-us/study-abroad-and-exchange/apply-now		
GPA Requirements	Minimum GPA 2.5 / 4 or equivalent		
High School Students	Completed high school with grades appropriate for entry into basic undergraduate programs. Students are limited to introductory (first year) subjects.		
Supporting Documents	<p>You must provide original or certified copies of all application documents, unless these are sent directly from the International Office of a partner institution or an authorized representative.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An official transcript of your student record • Evidence of English Proficiency as per policy (see "English Proficiency" below) • Exchange students must have a supporting cover letter from home institution confirming nomination. This must be sent from your International Office. • Copy of passport 		







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<p>English Proficiency</p> 	<p>PLEASE REFER TO THE ENGLISH POLICY www.newcastle.edu.au/policylibrary/000104.html</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="432 331 1370 465"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="4">Quick Guide to Undergraduate English Proficiency Equivalences</th> </tr> <tr> <th>IELTS</th> <th>Paper-Based TOEFL</th> <th>CB TOEFL</th> <th>I-TOEFL</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>6.0 (No subtest below 6.0)</td> <td>525 (4.0 TWE)</td> <td>203 (4.0 TWE)</td> <td>80 (No subtest below 20)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A German DAAD with scores 'B' and above is accepted. A LETTER CONFIRMING ENGLISH PROFICIENCY FROM A PROFESSOR IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. 	Quick Guide to Undergraduate English Proficiency Equivalences				IELTS	Paper-Based TOEFL	CB TOEFL	I-TOEFL	6.0 (No subtest below 6.0)	525 (4.0 TWE)	203 (4.0 TWE)	80 (No subtest below 20)
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<p>Application Procedure</p> 	<p>Applications can be mailed, faxed, or scanned to the Study Abroad & Exchange section (Do not send any applications to the Schools or Faculties):</p> <p>Study Abroad & Exchange International Office The University of Newcastle CALLAGHAN NSW 2308 AUSTRALIA</p> <p>Tel: 61 2 4921 2079 Fax: 61 2 4960 1766 Email: Study-Abroad@newcastle.edu.au</p>												
<p>Students Under 18 Years</p>	<p>Students that are under 18 years of age have specific visa requirements. For further information please contact International-advisors@newcastle.edu.au</p>												
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<p>Course Information</p> 	<p>Study Abroad & Exchange students are free to study nearly any course offered in the Bachelor of Arts, Business, and Science (and much more). To find out information about classes, please visit the following links:</p> <p>Areas of Study: www.newcastle.edu.au/international/study-with-us/study-abroad-and-exchange/before-you-apply Course Handbook: www.newcastle.edu.au/course/ Timetable: http://webapps.newcastle.edu.au/timetables/class_times/classtimes.cfm</p> <p>Please remember that our academic calendar is as follows: Semester 1* (February-June) Trimester** 1 (Jan –Apr) Semester 2* (July-November) Trimester** 2 (May – Aug) Trimester** 3 (Sept – Dec)</p> <p>*All undergraduate level courses and most postgraduate level courses run on a semester basis. **No concurrent enrolment is allowed in semester and trimester courses.</p> <p>Due to reasons such as timetable clashes, suitability, etc., it is recommended that students select as many courses as possible for approval. Approval does not involve enrolment (see "Class Enrolment and Registration" information below).</p> <p>Note: Courses and timetables for 2015 will not be available for viewing until the end of October 2014.</p> <p>Due to this, students will only receive a CONDITIONAL COURSE APPROVAL with their offer before this time. The courses listed on the offer letter are approved only on the basis that they are time-tabled to run by their specific faculty in October of the preceding year. It is the student's responsibility to check the online course handbook for updates after this time and if new course approvals are required email Study-Abroad@newcastle.edu.au after October.</p>												
<p>Restricted Areas of Study</p>	<p>Medicine. Nutrition and dietetics</p>												
<p>Study Areas that require Special permission:</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Architecture - Communication - Design - Law (Courses from years 1 to 3, run for a full year) - Physiotherapy - Speech Pathology - Courses that have 'requisites' (See Course info below) - Courses that require work experience / placement. 												
<p>Course Guides/Syllabus</p> 	<p>More comprehensive course information may be obtained by contacting the School directly. Please go to the following webpage, select a School, and click on the 'Contact Us' http://www.newcastle.edu.au/faculty/index.html</p> <p>To find out which School teaches a specific class, details are provided at the online course descriptions: http://www.newcastle.edu.au/course/</p>												

<p>Class Enrolment and Registration</p> 	<p>Enrolment information will be provided after the offer acceptance is received. Also, there will be enrolment sessions and assistance during Orientation Week (The week before commencing classes). The University of Newcastle has a very flexible enrolment system and all efforts are made to accommodate Study Abroad and Exchange students in their 'approved' classes. Before enrolling in classes, it is strongly recommended that students check the 'assumed knowledge' and 'course requisites' listed in the online undergraduate handbook. Students should have approval from their home institution before participating in any course.</p>																								
<p>Full time Academic Load</p>	<p>The standard workload is 40 units (4 courses) per semester. The minimum workload is 30 units (3 courses) per semester.</p>																								
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PREDEPARTURE, ARRIVAL & ACCOMMODATION (Temporary and Permanent)	
Pre-departure, Arrival and Orientation	Useful advice and information that will help you prepare for your travel and arrival can be found at the following link: www.newcastle.edu.au/students/international/student-support/arrival/
Commencing Students	General info to assist you with preparing for classes can be found at at: www.newcastle.edu.au/students/new/
On-Campus Accommodation 	<p>The newly refurbished Student Accommodation Hub is now open and all initial enquiries about on campus student accommodation and information about off campus student accommodation should be directed to the Student Accommodation Hub.</p> <p>For further advice please contact: AccommodationEnquiry@newcastle.edu.au</p> <p>If a student wishes to live on-campus it is strongly recommended that they apply early and follow the steps at the following link: http://www.newcastle.edu.au/international/before-you-leave/accommodation</p> <p>Information about the residences on-campus can be found at: www.newcastle.edu.au/future-students/uon-student-living/where-can-i-live</p> <p>Please be aware that places are limited and demand constantly high. Therefore, there is no guarantee of success and it is recommended that students also look into off campus accommodation as a backup.</p>
Off-Campus Accommodation 	<p>For those students who do not get placed on campus or don't want live on campus, the Accommodation Service has a comprehensive database and accommodation guide, which offers access to an abundance of quality housing that surrounds the University and Newcastle area. Consequently there is an opportunity for students to live closer to the beach and night life. For more information visit: http://uonservices.org.au/accommodation/off-campus or email offcampusaccommodation@newcastle.edu.au</p> <p>Temporary accommodation guide: http://www.uonservices.org.au/accommodation/off-campus/where-can-you-live/temporary-accommodation-1 Further enquiries can be directed to AccommodationEnquiry@newcastle.edu.au</p> <p>Homestay accommodation guide: www.newcastle.edu.au/international/before-you-leave/accommodation/homestay</p>
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Study Abroad Tuition Fees 	<p>www.newcastle.edu.au/international/study-with-us/study-abroad-and-exchange/before-you-apply/program-costs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *The Study Abroad program has a fixed cost and you can take between 30 – 50 units per semester. * If you are coming to the University of Newcastle via a partner institution or agent, please see your Student Advisor. * Exchange students are exempt from tuition fees (a nomination from your home institution is required for the fee waiver to apply). * Please note that the fees on the webpage are for 2014 and are subject to change for 2015.
Student Service and Amenities Fee	<p>From semester 1, 2014 a Student Services and Amenities fee (SSAF) will be introduced to improve the services offered to all students. The SSAF fee for a full year (2014 rates) is AU\$281 or AU\$140.50 for partial fee. For full details, please refer to www.newcastle.edu.au/students/services-and-amenities-fee/index.html</p> <p>Please note that this fee is not covered by any University research higher degree scholarship. Off-campus, online and distance students are also required to pay a service and amenities fee.</p>
Compulsory Overseas Health Cover (OSHC) 	<p>The University of Newcastle's preferred OSHC provider is Allianz Global Assist. The current 2014 rate is AU\$322 for one semester or AU\$644 to AU\$694 for two semesters.</p> <p>If you haven't been contacted to collect your OSHC card within two weeks after O'Week, please contact the OSHC officer or email oshcnewcastle@allianz-assistance.com.au to ensure you will receive your card. DO NOT WAIT until you are sick or in an emergency.</p> <p>If you are not applying for a student Visa, you will be responsible for organising your own health or travel cover, as provider organised OSHC is only available to students on a student Visa. For further information visit Allianz Global Assistance OSHC: www.oshcallianzassistance.com.au</p>
University Health Service	<p>The University Health Service is a fully accredited general practice staffed by doctors and nurses who understand the medical problems of students. The Health Service provides both emergency and routine medical care to all students and staff as well as visitors. For more info, visit http://www.newcastle.edu.au/service/health/</p>

<p>International Student Advisors</p> 	<p>The University's International Student Support Team provides a range of welfare and support services, which are designed to give you access to information that will make your time at the university a rich and academically rewarding experience. The team also offers practical and personal support to students who find themselves in unfamiliar circumstances and who need local advice and help. Their email is international-advisors@newcastle.edu.au and more info can be found at http://www.newcastle.edu.au/international/while-you-are-here</p>
<p>Disability Support</p>	<p>The Disability Support Service offers practical assistance and advice to students with a permanent or temporary disability or medical condition. If students are experiencing difficulties with their studies due to the effects of their disability they can register with the Disability Support Service. Students must provide appropriate documentation and may be eligible for a range of support and assistance. For more info, visit http://www.newcastle.edu.au/service/disability/</p>
<p>Counselling Service</p>	<p>The Counselling Service is available to students free of charge, on a confidential basis at each of the campuses of the University of Newcastle. Counselling Service staff are available to clarify and resolve a range of issues, which might otherwise interfere with academic or personal effectiveness. For more info visit http://www.newcastle.edu.au/service/counselling/</p>
<p>Student Visa</p>  <p>Australian Government</p>	<p>To study in Australia you will require a student visa. When you apply to study at the University of Newcastle and have been issued with a Letter of Offer, you need to 'Accept' the offer (Details will be provided in Letter of Offer). Once you have accepted the offer you will be issued by email, an electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCOE). This verifies to the Australian Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) that you are a legitimate student. To find out how to apply for a student visa, other visa options or have further visa enquiries, please visit: http://www.immi.gov.au/students/index.htm</p>
<p>Campus Map & Location Information</p> 	<p>The University of Newcastle is a multi-campus institution located across five sites worldwide: Newcastle, Central Coast, Port Macquarie, and Sydney CBD in Australia, and Singapore.</p> <p>Study Abroad and Exchange students are welcome to undertake courses in Newcastle (Callaghan Campus), and if required due to course availability, at the Central Coast (Ourimbah Campus). http://www.newcastle.edu.au/location/</p>
	<p>The University of Newcastle is now on Facebook! It's never been easier to get connected and stay updated with the University of Newcastle. Our web, mobile and social networking tools bring the university experience directly to you, so you can access the things you want wherever you want. For more information, photos and events or to give feedback or comment please visit: http://www.newcastle.edu.au/socialmedia/</p>
<p>iLEAD Program</p> 	<p>WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOUR STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM</p> <p>iLEAD provides students with an opportunity to gain experience and skills in leadership and international awareness: http://www.newcastle.edu.au/students/study-abroad/ilead/</p> <p>Why should Study Abroad and Exchange students participate in iLEAD?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The program has been shortened for Study Abroad & Exchange students to complete in one semester • Free to participate, extracurricular program with no exams! • Participate in interactive Leadership and Skill Building Lectures • Partake in volunteering opportunities in the Newcastle community • Take part in activities, meet Australian students, and promote their home institution • Students receive an iLEAD Completion Certificate
<p>ABOUT NEWCASTLE</p> 	<p>http://www.newcastle.edu.au/location/newcastle/top10city/index.html</p>