# 2020 STUDY ABROAD AND EXCHANGE GUIDE



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# WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE

The University of Newcastle's \$95 million NeW Space facility (pictured) harnesses the latest technologies and innovation in teaching and learning to deliver an exceptional student experience. It is home to our world-class business, law and creative industries schools.



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# **UON AT A GLANCE**



 1. QS World University Rankings 2020
 2. Lonely Planet's Top 10 Cities 2011
 3. Times Higher Education Golden Age University 2019

 4. Lonely Planet's Top 10 Cities 2011
 5. Excellence in Research Australia, 2018
 6. Times Higher Education Asia-Pacific University Rankings 2019.

 7. National Geographic Smart Cities 2017
 8. 2019 Good Universities Guide
 9. QS World University Ranking by Subject 2019.
 10. Salesforce 31.01.19.

 11. Shanghai Ranking's global ranking of academic subjects 2019.
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# **KEEN TO SEE AUSTRALIA** AND CONTINUE YOUR STUDIES AT THE SAME TIME?

Studying abroad at the University of Newcastle is an experience that will stay with you forever. It's a chance to open up your world, expand your academic horizons and connect with people from around the globe.

The University of Newcastle is ranked in the top 10 in Australia by QS World University Rankings 2020. You'll attend a world-recognised institution only moments from some of the most beautiful beaches in the world. A rising smart city, Newcastle is famous for its relaxed, coastal lifestyle. A creative hub, it's also known for its thriving restaurant and bars scene, dining and arts culture, museums and three coastal baths.

With over 37,000 students, and state-of-the-art facilities including our newly opened \$95 million New Space facility, the University of Newcastle offers students

a world-class academic experience. Whether you're interested in studying business and law, education and arts, engineering, architecture, health and medicine or science – there is a program to suit you.

So, if you're ready to form a global network of new friends, and study and live with a dynamic community of students from all over the world, take the leap.

The experience of a lifetime awaits you at the University of Newcastle.



### NEW SOUTH WALES (NSW)

NEWCASTLE
 CENTRAL COAST
 SYDNEY

#### AUSTRALIA

NSW

## **CLIMATE**

Enjoy moderate winters and long, warm summers, with an average summer temperature of around 28 degrees Celsius. Ideal weather to enjoy some of Australia's best beaches and vibrant coastal lifestyle.

#### DRIVE TIME BETWEEN LOCATIONS

Sydney > Central Coast Sydney > Newcastle Newcastle > Central Coast 1 hr 30 min 2 hrs 30 min 1 hr

The University of Newcastle is located on the sunny east coast of Australia. Our two Newcastle campuses – Callaghan and the City campus – are just two hours north of Sydney. They're also only a short day-trip from the Hunter Valley vineyards and the stunning natural beauty of Port Stephens, Barrington Tops National Park and Lake Macquarie.





#### GETTING TO KNOW NEWCASTLE

Smaller than Sydney, Newcastle is a favourite for those in search of a city vibe that is not overwhelming.

Our coastline is world famous, and access to 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.

Living here means enjoying a world-class cultural experience — award-winning restaurants, designer boutiques, museums and theatres — without the gridlock and stress of a larger city. Known for its laid-back, coastal lifestyle, Newcastle also boasts a dynamic art and music scene, chilled-out cafes, eclectic markets, micro-breweries and small bars.

And with a comparatively low cost of living, it's not surprising Newcastle was selected as one of the top 10 cities in the world by Lonely Planet.

The locals are friendly, the beaches are picturesque, and the coffee culture is taken seriously. All this, and you're still just two hours from Sydney.

# THINGS TO DO

Whether you're looking for the classic beach lifestyle or the pulse of the city, you'll never run out of things to do in Newcastle. Here are some unmissable experiences.

**STOCKTON SAND DUNES** They are the largest sand dunes in the Southern Hemisphere, so think of them as the desert by the sea. Race over the dunes on a quad bike or go on a sandboarding tour – it's an essential adventure.

#### **GETTING AROUND**

Newcastle is easily accessible by air, rail, boat and interstate or local coach services. The city offers a range of public transport services, cycle ways and walking tracks.



WHALES AND DOLPHINS Watch friendly dolphins playing all year round or catch the breathtaking whale migration in the winter months.

#### BEACHES

Stretching to the top of Newcastle's peninsula, discover kilometres of clean, white-sand beaches where students and locals relax, swim, surf and explore – including global surfing destination Merewether Beach.

#### **TOP LOCATIONS**

Newcastle is an easy day trip away from the stunning natural beauty of Port Stephens, Barrington Tops National Park, Lake Macquarie and the world-famous vineyards of the Hunter Valley.

#### **DARBY STREET**

A favourite with the locals, Darby Street is a colourful blend of great cafes, boutique stores, art exhibitions and over 30 bars and restaurants.



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#### **STUDENT EXCHANGE AND STUDYING ABROAD**

There are international study opportunities across every area of study at The University of Newcastle, so figuring out what you can apply for can be overwhelming.

There are two programs to consider – **Exchange** and **Study Abroad**.

#### THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Students from one of our 180 exchange partner universities located across 30 countries are welcome to study at The University of Newcastle for one or two semesters, then transfer credits back to their home university. Nomination needs to come from the students' home university.



THE STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

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Students from non-exchange partners are welcome to study at The University of Newcastle for one or two semesters, then transfer credits



#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

	Semester 1 (Feb intake)	Semester 2 (July intake)
Nomination period (exchange only)	Aug - 30 Oct 2019	Feb - 30 April 2020
Application deadline	30 Oct 2019	30 April 2020
Orientation	Mid Feb 2020	Late July 2020
Semester period	Late Feb to early June 2020	Late July to early Nov 2020
Exam period	Early June to late June 2020	Early Nov to late Nov 2020



#### THE APPLICATION PROCESS

- 1. Nomination by Home University (exchange only)
- 2. Decide on the courses you wish to study
- 3. Prepare the supporting documents for application:
  - An official transcript of your current student record
  - Evidence of English proficiency as per English Proficiency Policy
  - Copy of your passport
- 4. Submit your application online with uploaded supporting documents
- 5. Receive and review your offer
- 6. Accept the offer and make payment
- 7. Arrange your visa and accommodation

#### ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Consider this table your quick guide to English proficiency equivalences:

	IELTS	Paper- based TOEFL	Internet- based TOEFL
Undergraduate and gap year students	6.0 (no subset below 6.0)	500 (4.5 TWE)	64-78 (No subset below: R: 13-18 L: 12-19 S: 18-19 W: 21-23)
Postgraduate students	6.5 (no subset below 6.0)	550 (4.5 TWE)	83-93 (No subset below: R: 19-23 L: 20-22 S: 20-24 W: 24-26)

R: Reading L: Listening S: Speaking W: Writing

Some programs have different requirements. Please refer to the English Proficiency Policy on our website for further accepted qualifications and Postgraduate English Proficiency requirements.



#### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

- **Undergraduate admissions:** Students are required to have a minimum GPA of 2.5/4 or equivalent. Students should have completed at least one year of full-time study at a university or other institution of higher education.
- **Postgraduate admissions:** Students are required to have a completed bachelor degree in a relevant discipline.
- Gap year admissions: Students are required to submit a completed high school transcript to be assessed on a case by case basis.

PROGRAM	Fees to the University of Newcastle	
Exchange	Nil	Students coming to The University of Newcastle as part of the Exchange Program should consult their International Exchange Advisor at their home university regarding fees prior to arrival. Exchange students are required to pay the Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) charge.
Study Abroad	AU\$9200* per semester (40 units)	This fee does not include international and domestic travel, accommodation, meals, text books, living costs, any special excursion costs, personal spending, Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) or the Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) charge.
	AU\$8350* per semester (30 units)	

\* Tuition fees only. This is the 2020 rate and the rate for subsequent years is subject to change.

#### **TUITION FEES**



#### OVERSEAS STUDENT HEALTH COVER (OSHC)

OSHC is insurance to help international students meet the cost of any medical and hospital care they need while in Australia. OSHC also pays limited benefits for pharmaceuticals and ambulance services.

It is a condition of your Australian student visa that you are covered by one of the Australian OSHC providers outlined by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing. All students undertaking formal studies in Australia (and their dependents) must maintain OSHC for the duration of their time in Australia. The University of Newcastle's preferred OSHC provider is Allianz Global Assistance and you will be notified of the cost on your letter of offer.

## HOUSING OPERATION OF THE YEAR AWARD 2017

Asia-Pacific Student Accommodation Association

#### **COST OF LIVING**

In addition to tuition and fees, you will be responsible for other living costs during your time in Australia, including accommodation, food, clothing, transport, entertainment, and incidental expenses like books, equipment required for your studies, internet and sporting memberships.

Before granting a student visa, the Australian Government department of Immigration and Border Protection will require you to show or declare that you have enough funds to pay for your expenses while in Australia. The good news is, housing rental is cheaper in Newcastle than all state capital cities.\* \*numbeo.com

#### ACCOMMODATION

Every student needs secure, affordable and comfortable accommodation when they are studying. Whether it's on-campus accommodation that you're after, a house off-campus for you and your friends, or our Homestay program that fits your needs, we have services to help you find the right place.

Our range of accommodation options for students are all within walking distance to classes at Ourimbah and Callaghan, or just 20 minutes via free express shuttle to our Newcastle City campus.



# EXPLORE YOUR STUDY OPTIONS

Sometimes you might not know what courses you want to take, but you know what fields you're interested in. Explore our study options and discover what excites you most.

Learn more:

ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

When you study accounting and finance, you develop an in-depth understanding of the complex finance industry. Improve your strategic problem-solving skills and gain real-world, practical experience – so you're ready to work in a wide range of industries all around the world. With many economic challenges ahead, your skills will be in high demand.



## ARCHITECTURE, BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION

Our architecture, building and construction courses will give you the skills to imagine and shape better environments for living, working and playing – from houses to multistorey high-rises, factories or freeways. You may use your creative flair and imagination and move into fields such as architecture or industrial design, or use your logic, planning and rational thinking and move into a field like construction management or civil engineering.

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#### BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Do you want to share your ideas with the world? Our business and entrepreneurship courses will arm you with the practical skills, entrepreneurial flair and network connections to grow your ideas, and launch your career in almost any industry. Finance, manufacturing, health, utilities, government, trade – it's really up to you. Our courses are more dynamic, flexible and hands-on than ever before.



## COMMUNICATION AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

Are you a creative thinker and innovator? Do you love to tell stories? When you study courses in communication and creative industries, you can choose to focus on art, design, media, journalism, public relations, architecture and much more. And, you can take advantage of our state-of-the-art facilities and creative spaces to hone your skills. If you have big ideas to share with the world, perhaps this is the study area for you.



#### **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

When you study community services you learn to understand, predict, explain and nurture human behaviour. You will use your skills to improve all aspects of society. This includes citizenship, infrastructure, the environment, the economy, social justice and mental health. At a time when vulnerable communities are truly struggling around the world, it couldn't be a better time to help make the world a better place.



#### COMPUTING, MATHS AND TECHNOLOGY

The computing, maths and technology industries are at the cutting-edge of new thinking, and are central to the way we work, learn, communicate, socialise and entertain ourselves. Our courses will help you develop technology and systems to aid advancements in almost any area you can think of. You could work for a big global corporation like Google or Apple. Or you could start a business of your own and become one of the world's most innovative entrepreneurs.



#### EDUCATION

Do you want to inspire the next generation of young minds? A good teacher can change lives and truly impact the communities in which they live. Our education courses will give practical experience and globally transferrable skills – setting you up for a long and rewarding career in the education industry.



#### ENGINEERING

The role of an engineer is ever-changing. They have a critical part to play in overcoming the unprecedented challenges our world now faces. Challenges like food and water security, climate change, data security and our ageing population. As the top ranked university in Australia for Engineering satisfaction and skills, a member of the Global E3 and associate member of the Group of Eight, you are definitely in the right place to develop world-changing solutions.



#### HEALTH SERVICES

Studying health services could be your chance to improve, extend or save lives. The world needs new health professionals to provide life-changing preventative and restorative treatments, and there's a wide range of dynamic and interesting professions to choose from. Whether you're interested in nursing, human bioscience, human nutrition and public health, or lab-based research, the opportunities in this field are endless.



Law is for those who are interested in using legislation to create real change. This means advocating for systemic change which can transform the lives of many. Our Law courses teach the principles underlying the Australian legal system and allow you to specialise in a range of areas.



#### SCIENCE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Studying a course in the area of science and the environment can help you be part of solving the world's greatest challenges. You can learn how to approach demands like the increasing need for energy, land, food and water. You'll also have the chance to connect with leading researchers and gain valuable hands-on experience through lab and field work.



#### SOCIETY AND CULTURE

Are you passionate about exploring everything that humanity offers? In this area of study, you'll gain an understanding of language, people, histories, societies and culture. These areas are the key to world change. Without it, creating a humane, equitable and innovative society is virtually impossible. This area offers you a mix of subjects and specialities that you can tailor to your interests.

#### **APPLY NOW**

To apply for The University of Newcastle's Exchange or Study Abroad Program, visit **newcastle.edu.au/ studyabroad**. If you still have some questions, email an enquiry to **study-abroad@newcastle.edu.au** 





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