Facts

- Language of instruction: English
- Number of students enrolled: 35,000
- Number of campuses: 5
- Academic year: February – November
- Autumn Semester Equivalent: July - November
- Spring Semester Equivalent: February - June

The University has 4 Australian campuses and 1 Singapore campus. The main Callaghan campus is 12km west of the city of Newcastle. The extensive green campus is one of the most naturally beautiful campuses in Australia.

Things to do

Newcastle is the second largest city in New South Wales and voted one of the top 10 places to visit in the world in 2011 by The Lonely Planet guide. A lively port city on a breathtaking stretch of Australia’s coastline, Newcastle combines a country setting with all the advantages of city living, such as restaurants, cafes, parks and gardens, theatres, art galleries, shopping centres and nightclubs.

Newcastle is the surfing capital of Australia, with 10 beaches within walking distance of the city centre. The city also offers outstanding natural attractions including the Bogey Hole, the Stockton Sand Dunes and the Merewether Ocean Baths. A few kilometres south is Australia’s largest seaboard lake, Lake Macquarie, scene of many national and international sailing events.

Travel opportunities

Newcastle is close to Sydney by road or rail and is less than 2 hours flight from Melbourne. New South Wales offers an abundance of natural attractions, including the awe inspiring landscapes of the Outback and spectacular National Parks. Less than one hour’s drive to the north of Newcastle is the impressive harbour of Port Stephens, a popular centre for big game fishing, sailing, surfing, and sailboarding. To the west are the internationally famous wineries of the Hunter Valley, many of them more than a century old. And to the south is the beauty and beaches of the Central Coast.

Climate

Newcastle has a very favourable temperate climate with warm to hot summers 25-40°C (Dec-Feb) and mild winters 8-10°C (Jun-Aug).

Finance 2015/16

Bursaries from the University of Nottingham available for those accepted to study abroad at Newcastle University:

- International Office Travel Bursary (means-tested): £750 or £500 depending on household income

Approximate living costs per semester:

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Approximate living costs compiled from student surveys and partner university website.

Newcastle has a lower cost of living than most cities in Australia, including Sydney and Melbourne. Accommodation and food in particular are cheaper.

Accommodation

- On campus accommodation:The Newcastle residential colleges are located on the main Callaghan campus. However, places are limited for exchange students. A range of academic, sporting and social activities are organised throughout the academic year for all residents.
- Off campus accommodation: Many exchange students prefer to live in the centre of Newcastle, close to the beaches. The University’s database has a variety of private rented accommodation available for students. Listings are advertised on the database by other students, people in the community and real estate agents.

Further accommodation information is available from: http://www.newcastle.edu.au/service/accommodation/

Further information

www.newcastle.edu.au/students/international/our-programs/study-abroad/

2014-2015 application success rate: 33% (percentage of students placed out of total applications to this partner)