University of Newcastle
Newcastle, Australia
www.newcastle.edu.au

Facts

- Language of instruction: English
- Number of students enrolled: 38,000
- Number of campuses: 6
- Academic year: February – November
- Autumn Semester Equivalent: July - November
- Spring Semester Equivalent: February – June

Newcastle’s main campus is in Callaghan, 12km from Newcastle city centre, and comprises 140 hectares of natural bushland. It has extensive sporting facilities.

The University has 4 Australian campuses and 1 Singapore campus. 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 seaside 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 2018/19

Bursaries available:

- Global Travel Bursary (means-tested): £750 dependent on household income for students beginning their studies in 2016. Students who started their studies before 2016 should see the finance webpage, as the award criteria differs (available to students classed as Home Students for fees purposes and accepted to study abroad as part of the University-wide exchange programme).

Approximate living costs per semester:

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<th>Cost Description</th>
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<td>Return flight from UK (av. 26 hours)</td>
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Approximate living costs compiled from external sources and the 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

Application success rate:

2016/17 = 50%
2017/18 = 29%

(percentage of students placed out of total applications to this partner)