Info sheet for International Study Abroad and Exchange Students 2025/2026

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University Information

Semester Dates 2025 / 2026		**Orientation Week**	**Semester Start**	**Semester End**	**Exam Period**
	Semester 2, 2025	14 - 18 July	21 July	31 Oct	3 – 15 Nov
	Semester 1, 2026	19 January	27 January	24 April	27 April – 8 May

https://www.newcastle.edu.au/dates

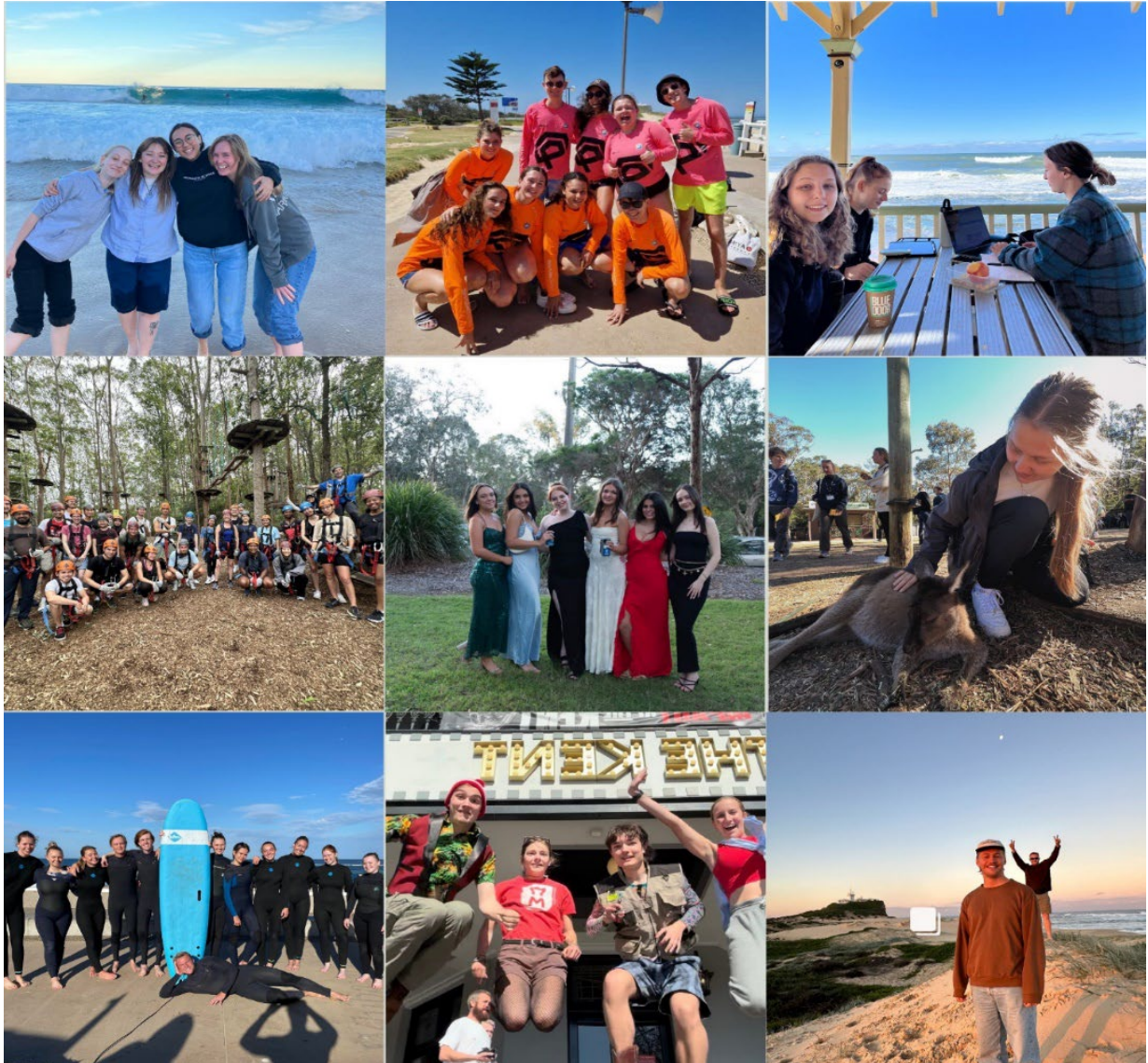|	
Campuses	The below University of Newcastle campuses are available for exchange students to study at. ***Callaghan campus:*** this is our main campus, where the majority of courses are offered, and where our on-campus accommodation is located. ***City campuses:*** our city campuses are located a 20 min bus ride from the Callaghan campus. Students can catch the free shuttle bus and walk to Nuspace from there. Q Building is an additional 5- minute walk away. ***Ourimbah campus:*** this campus is located an hour away from Newcastle. We do not recommend that students take courses offered at Ourimbah.
Accommodation	***On-Campus Housing*** Students wishing to apply for on campus accommodation are encouraged to apply for accommodation as soon as possible, regardless if they have received a letter of Offer into the Study Abroad or Exchange Program. On-Campus accommodation is not guaranteed, places are limited and highly competitive. Students can apply for on-campus accommodation online: https://www.newcastle.edu.au/study/student-living ***Off-campus Accommodation*** https://www.newcastle.edu.au/study/student-living/off-campus-accommodation
Courses	A full time study load at The University of Newcastle is 30-40 units per semester. Students are able to view courses available for their study term using the course handbook:http://www.newcastle.edu.au/course. To find out how to search for courses, please use one of the below guides: - Video course guide - Written course guide Students are able to take courses from across different disciplines, please note health courses may be restricted for exchange students. **Enrolment Rules:** If you are interested in taking a course with an **enrolment rule**, use this pre requisite waiver guide to complete this waiver form. We will then seek permission from the course coordinator for you to take the course. **Campuses:** students can take courses from across Callaghan and City campuses, there is a free shuttle bus between them. ***Course Levels:*** 1000 level courses are typically taken in 1st year, 2000 level in 2nd year etc. 5000 and 6000 level courses are postgraduate courses. ***Restricted Courses:*** Many courses in the handbook will have 'EP' in front of the course code, e.g. EPHUMA1000. These courses are not available to Exchange or Study Abroad students. Some health courses are also restricted for exchange students. ***Postgraduate Courses:*** Some Postgraduate courses (particularly Business) are offered in trimesters. Trimester dates can be found HERE

Application Information

Nomination Deadlines and Process (Exchange ONLY)	*Semester 1 (Feb- June)- 30th Oct* *Semester 2 (July-Nov)- 30th April* Advisor to fill out and return Nomination Form (excel spreadsheet) to study-abroad@newcastle.edu.au. Students will be contacted via email with Application process once nomination is received.
Application Deadlines	*Semester 1 (Feb- June)- 30th Oct* *Semester 2 (July-Nov)- 30th April* *Deadlines are flexible for partners.*
Entry Requirements	*Undergraduate admissions:* Students are required to have a minimum GPA of 2.0/4.0 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.
English Language Requirements	Exchange and Study Abroad Students are required to meet the Universities English Language Proficiency Policy. Some English language proficiency test score requirements can be found in the table below. Further accepted qualifications and test results can be found in the Procedure.

	IELTS	Toefl (IBT)	Duolingo English Test (DET)	PTE Academic
Undergraduate / Gap year	6.0 (No subtest less than 6.0)	64-78 (No subtest less than: R: 13-18 L: 12-19 S: 18-19 W: 21-23)	110	50
Postgraduate	6.5 (No subtest less than 6.0)	83-93 (No subtest less than: R: 19-23 L: 20-22 S: 20-24 W: 24-26)	120	58

	Alternate ways to prove English requirements: • Study abroad / exchange students from the following countries *in the table* can provide evidence of CEFR equivalency of B2 or higher from their home university – please email study-abroad@newcastle.edu.au for a letter template. • Proof of Successful completion of a minimum 1 year full time equivalent study at AQF7 or above wholly conducted and assessed in English at a recognised institution. – please email study-abroad@newcastle.edu.au for a letter template.
Application Instructions	Please follow this application guide when applying to UON. Decide on the specific courses you wish to study and complete the online application form: https://www.newcastle.edu.au/study/international/admissions You will need to upload certified copies of the following in the Application form: • *An official transcript of your current student record* • *Evidence of English proficiency as per English Proficiency Policy* • *Copy of your passport* Exchange students need to have been nominated by their home institution prior to submitting this form Should you have any trouble completing this form, please email study-abroad@newcastle.edu.au
Overseas Health Cover (OSHC)	It is a condition of your student visa to have OSHC for the duration of your student visa. Some countries may be exempt. Please note that travel insurance and your university insurance ***is not the same as OSHC.*** The University of Newcastle can arrange OSHC for you if you tick yes on your application form. UON has a preferred agreement with Medibank which will cost approximately $430 - $480 for a semester. The exact cost will be listed on your offer letter. If you wish to purchase your own OSHC, it needs to be issued by an approved Australian provider as per Australian Government Regulations.
Accepting Your Offer	Once you have received your offer letter, please complete the following; **1.**Review your offer letter to ensure that your offer details and fees are correct. If you believe any information is incorrect, please contact ia@newcastle.edu.au. If your offer is "conditional," you will need to provide extra documents, please read your offer letter carefully and submit these as soon as possible. **2.** If you submitted courses in your application, the approved ones will be listed in your offer letter, please check which courses you were approved for.

	3. Your offer letter will state any deposit you need to pay. This amount will need to be paid in order for you to receive your Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE). **4**. Please complete and sign Section 6 and 7, and upload a copy of your signed acceptance to the Access Portal. If you are organising your own Overseas Health Cover, please upload a copy of your policy certificate as well. If you are having difficulties meeting the conditions of your offer, please contact ia@newcastle.edu.au to discuss your options. Once you have accepted your offer and provided the necessary documents and payment, you will be issued with a CoE.
Applying for your VISA	In order to apply for a student visa you will need a Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) as well as proof of your OSHC. ***Students should not apply for a Visa until they have these 2 documents.*** UON staff are legally unable to advise on visas, for any information regarding types of Visas, costs, applications and processing time, please direct your query to the Department of Home Affairs directly: https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/
University Life	There is always something happening on our campuses! Check out What's on plus all the **Clubs and Societies** you can join while studying at the University of Newcastle https://www.newcastle.edu.au/current-students/uni-life
Approximate Costs	Accommodation: approx. $280 per week (on campus accommodation fees) Health Insurance: approx. $450 for a semester Student visas: $2000 General Living: approx. $200 per week This is a general guide and will vary according to your personal lifestyle
Obtaining your Official Transcript	At the end of the semester, students will be sent an email after the fully graded date to access their certified digital transcript through the My eQuals portal, a secure and trusted provider of certified digital documents. Students will have the opportunity to send their official transcript to their home university through the My eQuals portal.

Student Testimonials

"The best thing about my time in Newcastle has been the environment, and the people - I like how chill it is here, the people are really relaxed. I feel really comfortable going anywhere in Newcastle. It has been a really good life lesson, learning a new culture, I got to see many new perspectives from the people I have met here. It has impacted how I see myself and where I see myself in the future."

Della, Taylors University, Malaysia

Check out other Testimonial videos and stories here