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In person

Newcastle campus – Callaghan	International Office The University of Newcastle Hunter Building Callaghan NSW 2308
Central Coast campus – Ourimbah	Student Hub The University of Newcastle Chittaway Road Ourimbah NSW 2258

Open days, exhibitions and interview sessions

In Australia

The University of Newcastle will be holding the following Open days:

Newcastle campus – Callaghan	Saturday 20 August 2016
Central Coast campus – Ourimbah	Saturday 13 August 2016

For further information call +61 2 4921 5000 or visit www.newcastle.edu.au.

Overseas

For details of the University of Newcastle's overseas agents/representatives, visit www.newcastle.edu.au/students/international.

Important dates

For the majority of undergraduate programs, the academic year at the University of Newcastle is divided into two 13-week semesters with a four-week break in between.

Semester 1, 2016 (February/March)

Airport Reception Service (Newcastle airport) Available all year on request
International Student Orientation Week commencing 20 February 2017
Semester Monday 27 February – Friday 23 June 2017

Semester 2, 2016 (July)

Airport Reception Service (Newcastle airport) Available all year on request
International Student Orientation Week commencing 17 July 2017
Semester Monday 24 July – Friday 24 November 2017

An enrolment and orientation program for international students is held before the beginning of each semester. Students are required to attend orientation.

The majority of programs start in semester 1. However, some programs may start in semester 2. Refer to the 'Table of courses' starting on page 37 or check the International Undergraduate Prospectus, available from the University.

Academic calendar

For important dates concerning teaching periods, study breaks and vacation periods, check the main University calendar at www.newcastle.edu.au/service/dates.

ABOUT

The University of Newcastle (UON) is the university of choice for people who strive to challenge the status quo and believe that regardless of background a world-class education is for everyone. Excellence, equity and innovation are in our DNA, offering you a rich university experience and an extraordinary opportunity to achieve your full potential.

We are ranked in the top 3 per cent of universities in the world (according to the latest QS World University Rankings and the *Times Higher Education* World University Rankings), and when you study with UON you will be exchanging ideas with some of the brightest minds from across the globe. Our internationally recognised teachers, researchers and facilities will inspire, support and encourage you to make your mark on the world.

Our degrees are embedded with work-integrated and experiential learning to prepare you for the careers of tomorrow. Our focus is to lead you on to greatness, and this approach has been praised by our students who have voted us in the top 10 of Australian universities for quality teaching, graduate satisfaction and the development of skills valued by employers.

UON has three main campuses located on the beautiful New South Wales coast – at Newcastle, the Central Coast and Port Macquarie – and our presence in Singapore and Sydney is growing rapidly. With over 40,000 students from 122 countries, the UON learning community is vibrant and dynamic, offering you real-world experiences that will take you anywhere.

Your future starts at UON.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Read section 3 in Part 1 for general information about admission requirements, including English language proficiency.

Admission requirements are the minimum qualifications you need before you can be selected for admission to a course of study.

As an international student completing one of the following qualifications in 2016, you will apply for admission through UAC and will generally be selected on the basis of your performance in these studies (ie your ATAR or equivalent):

- an Australian Year 12 qualification (either outside or in Australia)
- an International Baccalaureate
- a New Zealand National Certificate of Educational Achievement Level 3.

When assessing your application, UON may take any or all of your qualifications or attempts at study into account.

Limited ATAR

The University accepts the NSW Limited ATAR for admission purposes – read section 8.6.

Additional selection criteria

In addition to achieving the standard of performance required for admission, for certain courses you must also satisfy any additional selection criteria, such as a personal statement, questionnaire, portfolio of work, audition, interview or test. These criteria are taken into account either instead of, or in conjunction with, your ATAR or equivalent.

Details of additional selection criteria and how applicants can meet these requirements are outlined in the course descriptions on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/international/course-search.

If you are undertaking your Year 12 studies offshore and are applying for a course that has additional selection criteria that you will find difficult to meet, email ia@newcastle.edu.au.

International applicants applying for admission on the basis of qualifications other than those listed above must apply directly to the University, not through UAC. For details, visit www.newcastle.edu.au/students/international/our-programs/how-to-apply.

Offers made to applicants who have an ATAR (or equivalent) below the cut-off

UON has alternative pathways for admission, which may allow applicants to receive an offer to a course even though they have an ATAR or equivalent below the cut-off. These include the Regional and Rural Preference Scheme and the Year 12 Bonus Scheme.

Regional and Rural Preference Scheme

The University's Regional and Rural Preference Scheme awards four bonus points to 2016 NSW HSC students who attend schools within a defined postcode boundary.

The scheme includes schools and TAFE colleges with postcodes in the Hunter, Central Coast, Central West, Northern Rivers, mid-North Coast, New England, Western Plains and Broken Hill mail centres. The scheme applies to all undergraduate programs except B Medicine (Joint Medical Program).

No application is necessary for this scheme. For further information, call +61 2 4921 5000.

Year 12 Bonus Scheme

The University has introduced the Year 12 Bonus Scheme to reward high-achieving Year 12 students and to address national skills shortages. For details on which HSC subjects and bands attract bonus points in specific programs, visit www.newcastle.edu.au/future-students/undergraduate-study.

STUDENTS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

Before you are granted a student visa, the Australian Government must be satisfied that you have appropriate accommodation, support and general welfare arrangements in place for the period that you will be under 18 years of age while in Australia.

UON may accept responsibility for welfare arrangements for international students who are under 18 years of age.

For information on accommodation, support and general welfare arrangements or any restrictions that may apply, visit www.newcastle.edu.au/students/international/student-support.

AREAS OF STUDY

The University offers a wide range of undergraduate courses in:

- Architecture/Building/Design
- Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
- Business and Commerce
- Computing
- Creative Industries
- Education
- Engineering/Surveying
- Health*
- Information Technology
- Law*
- Music
- Nursing
- Science.

For course descriptions, visit the international course search on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/international/course-search. For information on course structures, visit www.newcastle.edu.au/future-students. An *International Undergraduate Prospectus* can also be obtained from the University.

* Apply directly to the University for Health and Law programs.

TUITION FEES

For information about tuition fees, refer to the 'Table of courses' starting on page 37 or visit the international course search on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/international/course-search.

Tuition fees are calculated based on the subjects selected (eg BIOL1010) within each degree program (eg B Science) and are set according to their academic subject area. Your program fee may vary depending on your subject selection. Tuition fees are reviewed annually and are subject to change.

The tuition fees cover teaching costs only. The fees listed in the 'Table of courses' are a guide only and do not include international and domestic travel, accommodation and meals, books, living costs, the Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) or Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) charges.

A deposit is payable on acceptance of an offer of a place in a degree program. The deposit will be used to pay the OSHC and SSAF and the balance will be put towards the cost of your first semester tuition fees. If the total cost of your tuition fees exceeds the deposit amount, you are responsible for payment of the extra cost of the tuition. Subsequent payments are due once you complete the enrolment process for each semester and tuition fees have been calculated. You will be issued with an invoice stating the amount due for that semester.

Student Services and Amenities Fee

All international students will be required to pay a Student Services and Amenities Fee in 2017. The maximum amount in 2016 was A\$290 per year (indexed annually).

Fees policy

All fees must be paid in full and on time. Non-payment of tuition fees by the due date will result in the termination of a student's enrolment. More information can be found in the University's refund policy at www.newcastle.edu.au/policy/O00770.html and the student indebtedness policy at www.newcastle.edu.au/about-uon/governance-and-leadership/policy-library/document?RecordNumber=D09_1765P.

LIVING EXPENSES

Read section 7.3 for general information about living expenses.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Read section 7.4 for general information about scholarships.

SPONSORED STUDENTS

Read section 7.5 for general information about sponsored students.

OVERSEAS STUDENT HEALTH COVER

Read section 2.6 for general information about Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC).

UON's preferred provider is Allianz Global Assistance. For further information, visit www.oshcallianzassistance.com.au.

The University has a preferred arrangement in place with Allianz Global Assistance to help students streamline this process. The University will deduct the cost of your health insurance from your deposit.

Students on certain scholarships and those with reciprocal health insurance arrangements in their home country are exempt from this requirement. If you are a Norwegian student, for example, you are exempt from health cover as this is provided under the National Health Insurance Scheme.

HEALTH SERVICES ON CAMPUS

The health service provides medical centres staffed by doctors and nurses at our Newcastle and Central Coast campuses. Students can make an appointment to see a general practitioner about any health issue. Specialist mental health services, including a psychiatrist, are available at Callaghan.

WORKING WHILE STUDYING

Read section 2.5 for general information about working while studying. For further information, call the University on +61 2 4921 5000 or visit www.newcastle.edu.au/international/while-you-are-here/employment.

PREPARING FOR STUDENT LIFE

In order to study in Australia, you must hold a valid student visa. If you come to Australia on a tourist visa and subsequently enrol at UON, you must convert your tourist visa to a student visa immediately. The University cannot make representations to the Department of Immigration and Border Protection with respect to visas of overseas students.

If you are offered admission, it will be to a full-fee program for students wishing to undertake studies at an Australian educational institution. The offer will not be to a scholarship, employment or immigration program.

As an international student, you must enrol in your program full-time. If you enrol in less than the required full-time load, you will be considered by Department of Immigration and Border Protection to be in breach of your

student visa conditions. As an international student you must fund your entire studies independently and leave Australia when your studies are complete and/or when your student visa expires, or when you cease to be eligible for a student visa. Visit www.border.gov.au/Trav/Stud for further information.

ACCEPTANCE, ENROLMENT, ORIENTATION AND DEFERMENT

Read section 6 for general information about acceptance, enrolment, orientation and deferment.

Acceptance

You will have seven days from the date of offer to accept your offer. To accept your offer follow the instructions in the information booklet enclosed with your offer letter. If you do not comply with the requirements listed for your program, your offer may lapse and you may not be permitted to enrol.

Enrolment

Enrolment at the University is carried out online. Instructions are provided at www.newcastle.edu.au/current-students/support/new-students/orientation/getting-started-undergrad/orientation-undergraduate-international/enrolment. Information will also be provided during orientation.

Orientation

Orientation is a fun and relaxed introduction and welcome to university life and facilities on the Newcastle and Central Coast campuses. You will also be able to meet faculty staff and ask them questions. For further information, visit www.newcastle.edu.au/international/while-you-are-here/orientation.

Students enrolling in programs offered by the Faculty of Health must attend an extended orientation up to three weeks before lectures start. Further information will be provided after you accept your offer.

Deferment

You will have seven days from the date of offer to defer your offer. UON accepts applications to defer the commencement of most of its undergraduate courses for a maximum period of one year. You can only defer offers on the grounds of compassionate or compelling circumstances.

If you want to defer your offer, contact International Admissions for information before accepting or deferring your offer. If the University does not receive your request for deferment within seven days of your offer letter, the offer may lapse and you may be required to re-compete for a place.

STUDENT SUPPORT

All international students can access a wide range of support services at both the Newcastle and Central Coast campuses. For information about these services, visit www.newcastle.edu.au/international/while-you-are-here/support.

Specialised services include:

- temporary accommodation
- reception service (free from Newcastle airport, charge applies from Sydney airport)
- counselling
- learning support
- welfare.

To arrange airport reception from either Newcastle or Sydney airports, email international-advisors@newcastle.edu.au.

ACCOMMODATION

Living on campus is a great way to make the most of university life. You'll have an opportunity to make new friends and get involved in a number of social, cultural and sporting activities while living in a unique residential community.

In 2015 a new residential development was opened. It consists of 778 rooms across four residential buildings, offering multi-room, apartment-style student accommodation. These rooms are in addition to almost 1,000 rooms across four residential colleges at the Newcastle campus, including Barahineban, Edwards Hall, Evatt House and International House, bringing the total number of on-campus rooms at Callaghan to 1,691. Blue Gum House is the residential college at our Central Coast campus and offers 26 rooms.

Each college has a unique atmosphere and offers a choice of either private or shared facilities, single study rooms, twin share or share units with communal areas. All rooms are fully furnished and you can choose from either fully-catered, semi-catered or self-catered. Meals on demand from the dining hall are also available for self-catered rooms.

On-campus residents are supported by ResLife, a program which provides welfare support, encourages personal development and values the strength of the residential community.

The demand for on-campus accommodation is high. Do not wait until you receive your university offer to apply. Applications open Saturday 1 October 2016.

To find out more about on-campus accommodation, visit www.newcastle.edu.au/future-students/study-at-uon/accommodation-options/uon-student-living, email uonstudentliving@newcastle.edu.au or call +61 2 4913 8888.

STUDENT AND CAMPUS SERVICES

UON has a range of student support services. These include counselling, chaplaincy, academic assistance and learning support, and employment and career advice. Campus facilities include a medical centre, computing centre, sporting and recreation facilities, and a childcare centre.

The university supports a variety of student organisations, clubs and societies to encourage students to become involved in campus life.

For more information on UON student and campus services, visit www.newcastle.edu.au.

For students with disabilities and special needs UON has dedicated support services, call +61 2 4921 5000 for more information.