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Open days, exhibitions and interview sessions

In Australia
The University of Newcastle will be holding the following Open days:
Newcastle – Callaghan campus Saturday 19 August 2017
Central Coast – Ourimbah campus Saturday 12 August 2017
For further information call +61 2 4921 5000 or visit newcastle.edu.au.

Overseas
For details of the University of Newcastle’s overseas agents/representatives, visit newcastle.edu.au/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, 2018 (February)
Airport Reception Service (Newcastle airport) Available all year on request
International Student Orientation Week commencing 19 February 2018
Semester Monday 26 February – Friday 29 June 2018

Semester 2, 2018 (July)
Airport Reception Service (Newcastle airport) Available all year on request
International Student Orientation Week commencing 23 July 2018
Semester Monday 30 July – Friday 30 November 2018

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; refer to the course search at uac.edu.au/international/course-search. For courses starting in Session 2, check the course search on UAC’s website at uac.edu.au/international/course-search for course updates, including new and cancelled courses. Also refer to 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 newcastle.edu.au/dates.

ABOUT
Welcome to new
Now, more than ever, the world needs new thinking, new ideas and new approaches to face the challenges of tomorrow. Whether it’s a new perspective or a bold new plan for change, new takes the right people to chase it and the right place to cultivate it. At the University of Newcastle (UON), our degrees are shaped around global learning, work placements and entrepreneurial approaches to study – all designed to help students bring their new to the world. From international exchanges that make your mark on the world stage to opportunities to create a social enterprise around your passion, we offer a supportive learning environment that is innovative and future focused.

Among the world’s best
UON is ranked in the top 250 universities globally by Times Higher Education (2016–2017) and QS World University Rankings (2017), and has 13 disciplines ranked in the world’s top 200 by QS (2017).

At UON, you’ll also have the opportunity to benefit from world-class research and innovation that creates new thinking, new ideas and new breakthroughs, both in Australia and around the world. Connecting your degree with research that delivers impact is a part of the UON experience, and we’re proud that our researchers rank among the world’s best.

Real-world experiences
Real-world, practical experience is embedded into all of our degrees. Our Work Integrated Learning programs are based on strong partnerships with leading local and global organisations and challenge and inspire students to acquire practical workplace skills – and to bring fresh new perspectives to their work.

Entrepreneurship opportunities
Many of our degree programs are entrepreneurial and innovative in approach, helping students bring their ideas into reality. Students may choose to participate in our Innovation, Start-Ups and Entrepreneurship course, or learn how to get their ideas off the ground with our Innovation Hubs or Student Enterprise Club.

Experiences across the globe
We are passionate about growing and nurturing globally experienced students, rich in cultural and social awareness, who may ultimately contribute to solving some of the world’s biggest challenges. Whether it is overseas learning, study tours or international work placements, we offer global opportunities across every area of study.

New ways of teaching
We embrace novel approaches to learning and teaching in the classroom. Our ‘Ripped classrooms’ enable a dynamic and collaborative way of teaching and more interactive learning, and prepare our students for the workplace they’ll be joining.
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Read section 6 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 2017, 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 (IB) Diploma
- a New Zealand National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) 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 3.4.

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 portfolio of work or an audition. 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 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.

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 published cut-off. These include the Regional and Rural Bonus Points Scheme and the Year 12 Bonus Points Scheme.

Regional and Rural Bonus Points Scheme

UON’s Regional and Rural Bonus Points Scheme supports students from regional and rural Australia by awarding bonus points to 2017 HSC students who attend schools within a defined postcode boundary.

The scheme applies to all undergraduate programs available as per the course search at uac.edu.au/international/course-search.

No application is necessary for this scheme. For further information, visit newcastle.edu.au/future-students/undergraduate-study/getting-in-from-high-school.

Year 12 Bonus Points Scheme

UON has introduced the Year 12 Bonus Points Scheme to reward high-achieving Year 12 students and to address national skills shortages. Visit newcastle.edu.au/future-students/undergraduate-study for details on which Year 12 subjects and band levels attract bonus points in specific programs.

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 newcastle.edu.au/international/study-with-us/how-to-apply.

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 newcastle.edu.au/international/while-you-are-here/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 uac.edu.au/international/course-search. For information on course structures, visit newcastle.edu.au/degrees. 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, visit the international course search on UAC’s website at 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 entries in the course search 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 OSHC and the 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 2018. The maximum amount in 2017 was A$294 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 newcastle.edu.au/policy/000770.html and the student indebtedness policy at newcastle.edu.au/about-uon/governance-and-leadership/policy-library/document?RecordNumber=D09_1765P.

LIVING EXPENSES

Read section 8.3 for general information about living expenses.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Read section 8.4 for general information about scholarships.

SPONSORED STUDENTS

Read section 8.5 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 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 Norwegian National 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 6595 or visit 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 the 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 provided to you 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 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 at the Newcastle – Callaghan, Newcastle City and Central Coast locations. You will also be able to meet faculty staff and ask them questions. For further information, visit 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. 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 UON Global for information before accepting or deferring your offer. If the University does not receive your request for deferment within seven days of your offer, 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 directly at both the Newcastle and Central Coast campuses. For information about these services, visit 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
- language and learning support
- student welfare.

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

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, a computing centre, sporting and recreation facilities, and a childcare centre.
The university supports a variety of student organisations, clubs and societies for students to become involved in campus life.
For students with disabilities and special needs UON has dedicated support services.
For more information on UON student and campus services, visit newcastle.edu.au/future-students or call +61 2 4921 5000.

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. With all costs included, and the convenience of living so close to class, the distinctive world of on-campus living is more affordable than you may think.
UON has a total of nine residences and over 1,700 beds at the Newcastle (Callaghan) and Central Coast (Urmihbah) campuses, including the new (2015) residential precinct at Callaghan consisting of four multi-storey buildings, and apartment-style units. Another four residential colleges are available at Callaghan, including Barathineh, Edwards Hall, Evatt House and International House. Blue Gum House is the established residential college at our Central Coast (Urmihbah) campus, offering 26 ensuite rooms.
Each residence has a unique atmosphere and offers a choice of accommodation options, with either private or shared rooms and private or shared facilities. All rooms are fully furnished and you can choose from either full or semi-catered, or self-catered for more independence.
On-campus residents are supported by an integrated ResLife Programs that offers strong academic and social support and a wide variety of fun activities to cater for all tastes. Living on campus is a perfect transition for students leaving home for the first time or who are arriving from other towns, cities or countries.
The demand for on-campus accommodation is high. Do not wait until you receive your university offer to apply. Applications are expected to open in October 2017.
To find out more about on-campus accommodation, visit newcastle.edu.au/future-students/study-at-uon/accommodation-options/uon-student-living, call +61 2 4913 8888 or email uonstudentliving@newcastle.edu.au.