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RETURN TO LEARNING TASTER PROGRAMME

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What are Taster Courses?

Short, FREE events and courses in a wide range of degree subjects, which can help you find out more about the subject and what it could be like to study at Northumbria University.

Who are the courses for?

The courses are for people who are:

- thinking of returning to learning after a break from education
- already on an Access course
- looking to change career
- up-skilling to help career progression

Priority will be given to people who meet the above criteria.

What will it cost me?

Nothing, all the courses are free.

Can I apply for as many sessions as I like?

As spaces are limited and the bookings outstrip availability you will be allowed to book a maximum of three sessions/events per academic year (September–July).

Do I need any particular qualifications or experience?

No, however, you will need to be thinking about returning to study.

Will I be able to use any University facilities?

You will be able to use the University Library for reading, but not borrowing however, you must bring proof of identity with you, including photo ID. Refreshments can be obtained from the Students' Union and other catering outlets on each campus.

How do I book a place on a course?

Just complete and return the booking form at the back of this brochure or book online using www.northumbria.ac.uk/rtl. Places are limited, therefore early booking is advisable. Telephone bookings will only be accepted if applying within a few days of the course commencement.

If you are allocated a place on a course and find you are unable to attend, we need to be contacted as soon as possible, to allow other people the opportunity to be offered the place. If you fail to attend on more than two occasions, the Return to Learning Service reserves the right to refuse any further bookings.

Who can I talk to if I need more information?

Northumbria University's Return to Learning Service staff are happy to provide information and advice about these activities or any other Northumbria University programmes. Whether you are just thinking about returning to learning, already studying an Access course, looking to change career or up-skill to help career progression we can provide you with information, advice and guidance to help you decide on your next step.

We offer a variety of friendly, supportive and free services including:

- One-to-one Guidance Interviews
- Open Days and Evenings

For future information, please contact the Return to Learning Service on:

Tel: 0191 227 4323

Email: er.rtlservice@northumbria.ac.uk

Website: www.northumbria.ac.uk/rtl

We look forward to hearing from you.

BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

REF T01: WHAT ON EARTH IS ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH?

Date: Wednesday 16 November

Time: 10am – 1pm

Venue: Newcastle City Campus

Who is the course for?

This short course will be of interest to people looking to return to learning to study Environmental Health at undergraduate level.

What will it cover?

In this session the fascinating and diverse world of the environmental health profession will be explored. Find out what happens when the lid is lifted on your local chippy.

REF T02: WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A GEOGRAPHY OR AN ENVIRONMENTAL DEGREE?

Date: Wednesday 2 November

Time: 1pm – 4pm

Place: Newcastle City Campus

Who is the course for?

Do you wonder what all the fuss is about with climate change? Are you interested in how we can respond to poverty and how development can be more sustainable? If so then studying for a degree or postgraduate qualification in geography or environmental science may be for you.

What will it cover?

This taster course provides an overview of some of the current developments in these fields and the types of careers our students enter.

This practical session will:

- look at the characteristics of geographers and environmental managers
- explore the careers open to graduates in these subjects
- hands-on experience of environmental decision-making



EDUCATION

REF T03: ENCOURAGING MEN INTO PRIMARY

Date: To be confirmed
Time: 9.30am – 3.30pm
Venue: Coach Lane Campus

Who is the course for?

This course will be of interest to men considering a career in primary education.

What will it cover?

During the course you will be able to explore your own aspirations and ensure that you are well informed about the demands of teaching.

Advice and guidance on how to submit a valid application for a teacher training course will also be given.

REF T04: SO YOU WANT TO TEACH

Date: To be confirmed
Time: 9.30am – 3.30pm
Venue: Coach Lane Campus

Who is the course for?

This course is for anyone who may be considering a career in teaching.

What will it cover?

- What does it mean to be a teacher?
- What qualities and skills do teachers need?
- How do the needs of learners vary?
- How to apply for a Teacher Training course.



ENGINEERING

REF T05: MECHANICAL ENGINEERING - WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?

Date: Wednesday 12 October
Time: 9.30am – 12.30pm
Venue: Newcastle City Campus

Who is the course for?

This session will be of interest to individuals who are considering applying for a Mechanical Engineering degree.

What will it cover?

During the first part of the session you will hear details of two specific areas in the mechanical engineering programme – energy and mechanics. This will be followed by observing two practical experiments which will give you a better understanding of the theoretical knowledge learnt during the first part of the session.

REF T06: FROM HEAT ENERGY TO ELECTRICAL POWER

Date: Wednesday 5 October
Time: 1.30pm – 4.30pm
Venue: Newcastle City Campus

Who is the course for?

This session will be of interest to individuals who are considering applying for a Mechanical or Electrical Engineering programme.

What will it cover?

How can heat be transformed to energy? The question will be answered during this taster session by observing a mini power plant that produces electrical power, by burning natural gas. It will also highlight the various components of the power plant and show how electricity is produced from gas.

REF T07: MAKING THINGS WORK - DESIGNING MECHANICAL SYSTEMS

Date: Wednesday 26 October
Time: 9.30am – 12.30pm
Venue: Newcastle City Campus

Who is the course for?

For those people interested in studying a degree in Product Design Technology or Mechanical Engineering and want to find out more.

What will it cover?

Through activities and demonstrations, the session will provide an introduction to the processes used in designing products and systems, as well as how engineers make everyday activities possible. It will also illustrate how engineering will contribute to a sustainable future.

HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE AND JOINT HONOURS

REF T08: SO YOU WANT TO BE AN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST?

Date: Wednesday 16 November
Time: 10am – 1pm
Venue: Coach Lane Campus

Who is the course for?

For those considering a career in Occupational Therapy or wanting to know more about the profession.

What will it cover?

This taster will provide you with some invaluable information and cover the following areas:

- Philosophy of occupational therapy – the meaning and value of activity in maintaining wellbeing
- Explanation and exploration of the role of the occupational therapist in health and social care
- Preparation for training and entry requirements.

REF T09: SO MUCH MORE THAN A MAGIC SPONGE!

Date: Wednesday 16 November

Time: 1.30pm – 4.30pm

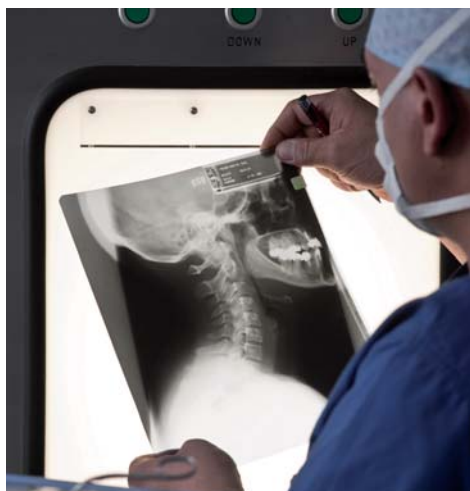
Venue: Coach Lane Campus

Who is the course for?

This course is for anyone who is considering Physiotherapy as a career.

What will it cover?

The course aims to inform participants about the breadth and scope of physiotherapy as a career. It will use a mixture of presentations and practical sessions to introduce some of the subject areas that a physiotherapy student would study at university. Entry requirements for the physiotherapy course at Northumbria and information about the course structure will also be given.



REF T010: THE ROLE OF THE OPERATING DEPARTMENT PRACTITIONER

Date: To be confirmed

Time: To be confirmed

Venue: Coach Lane Campus

Who is the course for?

For those considering an alternative career in healthcare who wish to gain more insight into the role of the registered operating department practitioner within the operating theatre and other critical care areas.

What will it cover?

Operating department practitioners are a vital part of the multidisciplinary team, based predominantly in the operating theatre. This session will provide an insight into what members of this unique and challenging profession do as part of that team.

As well as an insight into the operating department as a workplace, there will be an opportunity to discuss the role of the operating department practitioner, course requirements, and opportunities for employment on completion of the Diploma of Higher Education in Operating Department Practice (Dip HE ODP) programme.

REF T11: SO YOU WANT TO BE A NURSE OR MIDWIFE?

Date: November – To be confirmed

Time: To be confirmed

Venue: Coach Lane Campus

Who is the course for?

Those people interested in finding out about studying nursing and midwifery at Northumbria University.

What will it cover?

This integrated session will give an understanding of the role and function of the healthcare professional. You will also hear a presentation from a team member for each individual nursing strand professional group – Adult; Child; Learning Disability; Mental Health; Midwifery.

The session will give you the opportunity to hear:

- An overview of the course
- A discussion in relation to entry to the courses
- Guidelines to help to prepare for interview
- A question and answer session

REF T12: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL WORK

Date: To be confirmed

Time: To be confirmed

Venue: Coach Lane Campus

Who is the course for?

For those considering a career in social work or wanting to know more about the profession.

What will it cover?

Does a 'Big Society' still need social workers?

We will explore 'what is social work' and you will hear information about the Social



Work undergraduate programme as well as the Masters in Social Work at Northumbria University.

The session is designed to help you decide whether social work is for you. It will give you the opportunity to find out:

- What is it like to be a student on the programme
- Information on course entry requirements, bursaries and fees
- Opportunities for employment and career development

REF T13: BROADENING KNOWLEDGE, OPENING DOORS: THE JOINT HONOURS PROGRAMME

Date: Thursday 1 December

Time: 10am – 1.30pm

Venue: Coach Lane Campus

Who is the course for?

Anyone considering a career in Health, Education or Social Care. The Joint Honours programme gives the opportunity to study two disciplines which can lead to a range of careers working with children, young people or adults in supportive, advisory or management roles. It might also direct you to postgraduate study in areas such as teaching, social work, career guidance, management and leadership.

What will it cover?

The options open to you at Northumbria within the Joint Honours programme including:

- Childhood Studies
- Guidance and Counselling
- Early Years
- Disability Studies
- Health in Contemporary Society

You will also find out about course entry requirements, the application process and experiences of current students.

HUMANITIES

REF T14: INTRODUCTION TO CREATIVE WRITING

Date: Wednesday 19 October

Time: 10am – 1pm

Venue: City Campus

Who is the course for?

Those wishing to gain an insight into how creative writing is taught at Northumbria University.

What will it cover?

This session is designed to provide the space for thinking and writing creatively. It will give you the opportunity to write a short piece of prose or poetry and be encouraged to think critically about the work of other students, as well as receiving feedback on your own work.

You will also be able to find out about course entry requirements and the application process.

LAW

REF T15: GETTING AWAY WITH MURDER

Date: Wednesday 7 September

Time: 3pm – 5pm

Venue: Newcastle City Campus

Who is the course for?

Anyone interested in studying law, whether or not they intend to go into practice as a lawyer.

What will it cover?

An introduction to the law of murder, including an explanation of the concept of 'malice aforethought', and the various defences that could be used to avoid liability, including diminished responsibility, insanity, self-defence, loss of control, necessity and even intoxication.



The session examines several real cases including Peter Sutcliffe (the Yorkshire Ripper), Tony Martin (the Norfolk farmer who shot and killed a burglar), and Kiranjit Ahluwalia (the abused wife who killed her husband and whose story was featured in the film *Provoked*). Other questions raised during the session include:

- How does the criminal law deal with euthanasia and 'mercy killings'?
- What sentence do convicted murderers receive?
- Should English law copy the American system and have 'degrees' of murder?

LIFE SCIENCES

REF T16: SPORT MANAGEMENT - COME JOIN THE BIGGEST ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY IN THE WORLD

Date: Wednesday 2 November

Time: 10am – 1pm

Venue: Newcastle City Campus

Who is the course for?

For people thinking about returning to study a course in sport management. This session will provide an exciting insight into the undergraduate and postgraduate courses offered at Northumbria.

What will it cover?

London 2012 and other major events are creating jobs for those interested in playing an active role in the ongoing development of sport in the UK. Sport managers are therefore required to help run sport at grassroots and professional level throughout the UK.

The session will include discussions on:

- The importance of Sport within the UK economy and how a sport degree can lead to exciting roles in Sport Event Management, Marketing, Media roles and exclusive appointments within professional sport.
- How qualifications and management experience from others industries can be applied to allow individuals to excel and grow within sport.



Employment status Please indicate your employment status by ticking the relevant boxes below:

Currently studying, please state course and institution.....
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Employed (Please tick below)

- 16 hours or more per week
- Less than 16 hours per week
- Self-Employed
- Threatened with redundancy

Registered Unemployed (Please tick below)

- 0 – 6 months
- 7 – 12 months
- 13 – 36 months
- 37 months +

What is or was your occupation?

I have never been in a position to work (for example, family responsibilities or ill health)

Ethnicity

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Black/Black British Caribbean | <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed White & Black Caribbean |
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Your data will be held in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. It will be retained by the University and may be shared with the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) to help monitor the effectiveness of our activity. Northumbria University may use this data to provide you with information relating to the University.

If you WISH TO receive further information from Northumbria University please tick this box

Please return completed forms to:

Taster Courses, Return to Learning Service, Northumbria University,
First Floor, Trinity Building, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 8ST

Places are limited, therefore early booking is advisable.

