

Study Abroad

Newcastle upon Tyne



"It's just like a big family here and the teachers are really nice. Newcastle is such a great place, full of culture and new experiences."

welcome

Welcome to Northumbria

Studying abroad at Northumbria gives you an unmissable opportunity to spend an unforgettable semester or year in England. Northumbria University is based in Newcastle upon Tyne, a popular university city bustling with life and cultural activity, located in one of England's most beautiful and historic regions.

Our campuses offer you a welcoming environment, a taste of British university life and a varied academic programme that meets your interests and academic needs. Since the programme began, the most popular feature has been the Colloquium on British Culture – a series of weekly excursions which tell the story of England's long and varied history.

If you are a student, parent or adviser and would like to know more, please feel free to contact us using the contact details which can be found at the end of this brochure.

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The Northumbria Experience

The Old and the New

Northumbria University takes its name from the ancient Anglo-Saxon kingdom of Northumbria which was at the height of its powers in the seventh century AD.

Northumbria is a large, modern university with a broad range of practical programmes in professional, career-based and liberal arts subjects.

The main campus is based in the lively university city of Newcastle upon Tyne. Northumbria University is one of the largest in the UK, with over 30,000 students, of whom around 3,000 are international students.

A Name for Quality

The University's high standards in teaching and student support consistently place it among the top 'new' universities in the UK.

Why Study Abroad at Northumbria?

This programme offers you:

- A semester or year in one of England's most popular student cities
- The chance to discover England's culture and history
- A dedicated study abroad team
- A safe, supportive environment
- On-campus accommodation
- High-quality teaching
- A wide choice of subject areas
- Easy access from Newcastle airport to many European capitals and other major cities
- An ideal location for trips to Scotland, York, Durham, etc.

Student City

Known as the capital of England's North East, Newcastle has a population of approximately 300,000. With over 42,000 students Newcastle is one of the UK's most popular university cities.

It has a dramatic location on the River Tyne, about 10 miles from the coast and lies at the heart of one of Britain's most beautiful and historic regions.

Northumbria University is ranked 21 out of 111 universities for student experience.* We are located in the best place for city life^, packed with bars, pubs and clubs, Newcastle is more than a great night out. Boasting a combination of friendly culture, rich history, fantastic coastlines and sporting passion, Newcastle can rival any city in the world.

It is a compact city, easy to get around and with its own underground metro train system.

A Brief History

AD 122	Completion of Emperor Hadrian's Wall, the World Heritage Site northern frontier of the Roman Empire, which ran from Newcastle to the Lake District.
697	The Lindisfarne Gospels are created by the monks of Lindisfarne (Holy Island), only 50 miles from campus.
1080	The 'New Castle' is built by the son of King William the Conqueror, giving the city its name, and you can visit it to this day.
1600	Queen Elizabeth I awards the city of Newcastle its royal charter.
2001	The opening of the futuristic Millennium Bridge by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II spanning the banks of Newcastle and Gateshead.

* Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey 2014 ^ WhatUni Student Choice Awards 2014 (Best City Life)

About Newcastle upon Tyne

World Class Culture

Newcastle is known for its warm and friendly welcome, with a well-established reputation as the best place for city life, and in recent years, Newcastle and Gateshead, Newcastle's companion town just across the River Tyne, have seen massive cultural regeneration and investment. There's the award-winning Gateshead Millennium Bridge, and The Sage Gateshead, an outstanding centre for music.

You'll find public art in the streets and modern art galleries housed in converted flour mills and biscuit (cookie) factories. These new contemporary landmarks have established their own iconic status that rivals that of the historic architecture of the area.

There are so many attractions in Newcastle, Gateshead, the coast and the surrounding countryside, there's always something new to experience.





“Thank you for giving us a taste of Newcastle’s history and taking us to some cool places!”



Alnwick Castle



Tynemouth Beach, only 30 minutes by Metro from City Campus

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Discovering the Region

A Taste of British Culture

For those interested in British history and culture, our most popular class Colloquium on British Culture includes a programme of weekly field trips to local places of interest.

The programme includes visits to:

- Durham Cathedral
- The Theatre Royal in Newcastle, to see performances by the Royal Shakespeare Company
- The Lake District
- Castles at Warkworth, Dunstanburgh and Alnwick
- Hadrian’s Wall, England’s northern frontier of the Roman Empire

Newcastle is an ideal location if you are interested in British culture. For centuries the Border country has played a pivotal role in Anglo-Scots history, both in its local context and on a national scale. The county of Northumberland and the city of Newcastle boast many sites, buildings, museums, castles, cathedrals and churches that provide an inexhaustible resource for the visitor and the student.

Newcastle itself is also ideally positioned for anyone wishing to explore further afield. To the north of the city the England-Scotland border is easily reachable by public transport, as are York (one hour), Edinburgh (90 minutes) and London (three hours) by train.

The colloquium is provided free of charge to students on a fee-paying study abroad programme. Students on a fee-free exchange programme will be subject to a small charge to cover costs.

Castles Galore!

Over its long and eventful past, Northumberland witnessed countless border battles between Scotland and England. Not surprising, therefore, that it has more castles than any other part of England.

Want to go Places?

If you want to go further afield at weekends and in vacations, Newcastle has excellent travel connections by road, rail and air.

By Train

Approximate travelling times:

London, 3 hours

Edinburgh, 90 mins

York, 1 hour

By Sea

There is also a ferry port nearby with sailings to the Netherlands.

By Air

There are direct flights from Newcastle International Airport to:

- Paris
- Barcelona
- Budapest
- Amsterdam
- Prague
- Nice
- Dublin
- Rome

- Spain
- Brussels
- Greece
- London
- Dubai
- Copenhagen
- Cork
- Milan
- Krakow



Study Abroad Programme

Who is it for?

This programme is open to undergraduate students from any country. Most of our students enrol through affiliated partner schools, but it is designed for any student who wishes to follow a credit-based programme over a semester or year.

How the programme works

1. You must take between 40–60 UK credits per semester. Modules (classes) range from 10–20 credits, meaning you can take between two and six classes per semester. Your module choices must be approved by your home institution.
2. Classes are available in all of the subject areas shown on the adjoining page. Within each subject area a wide range of modules is available. The current list of modules normally available can be found on the 'Constructing your Programme' section of our website at www.northumbria.ac.uk/studyabroad.
3. When you apply you need to list up to ten or more module choices on your application form. On arrival at the University, the study abroad team will arrange a timetable based on the modules which you have chosen. This is subject to your academic eligibility and spaces in the class.

Education – UK Style

Teaching is usually via lectures, supplemented by seminars and tutorials with smaller groups. At Northumbria, as in most British universities, there is an emphasis on independent learning with individual support by academic staff. All modules have a minimum of 36 classroom hours and carry the equivalent of three US-style credit hours per 10-credit module. At the end of the programme, a transcript is issued which explains the marks

awarded with recommended US grade equivalents.

English Language Requirements

If English is not your first language, you will require IELTS 6.0 or 6.5 to access the programme, depending on your selection of modules. If you're below this level, there are a number of English Language programmes available.

Programme Coordination

The Programme has a dedicated programme team who are there to help you throughout their time at Northumbria. They coordinate your academic programme and advise on module selection. They are also your first point of contact for any other day-to-day matters and keep in regular contact with your institution back home.

How to Apply

If you would like to apply, you should obtain authorisation from your home institution and complete the application form. The form should be sent to the International Office – contact details are at the end of this brochure.

Application Deadlines

Semester 1 Late September to mid December – 1 June

Semester 2 Early February to early June – 1 November

Erasmus Exchange Programme

Who is it for?

This programme is open to students from any of Northumbria University's Erasmus exchange partners. Study periods vary from one semester to a full academic year.

How the programme works

This will vary depending on the Faculty in which you wish to study and the agreement that is in place with your home University.

Some students will study up to 60 UK credits (30 ECTS) per semester with

a timetable composed of selected modules from a list that will be provided by the Faculty. Modules (classes) range from 10-20 UK credits, meaning you can take between two and six classes per semester. Your module choices must be approved by your home institution.

Other students will join some of Northumbria University's full-time degree programmes where they can work towards graduating at the end of the exchange year with a UK degree.

Check with your home institution as to which agreements are in place before you apply.

Education – UK Style

Teaching is usually via lectures, supplemented by seminars and tutorials with smaller groups. At Northumbria, as in most British universities, there is an emphasis on independent learning with individual support by academic staff. All modules have a minimum of 36 classroom hours. At the end of the programme, a transcript is issued which explains the marks awarded along with the ECTS credit equivalent.

English Language Requirements

As in the study abroad programme

Programme Coordination

As in the study abroad programme

How to apply

If you would like to apply, you should obtain authorisation from your home institution who will nominate you for the Erasmus exchange programme. Each Faculty has its own application process, so please check the 'How to Apply' page in the Erasmus section of our website at www.northumbria.ac.uk/studyabroad

Application deadlines

Semester 1 Late September to mid December – and full academic year – 30 April

Semester 2 early February to early June – 31st October

Main Subject Areas

Listed below are just some of the subject areas offered on the Study Abroad Programme. A range of modules covering different topics is available within each subject area. For details, visit www.northumbria.ac.uk/studyabroad. This web page shows the academic level for each module. For example, US students in their junior year generally require first year honours modules. All students take the Colloquium on British Culture, which includes weekly group excursions to places of historical interest in the region.

Business

- International Business
- Marketing
- Logistics and Supply Chain Management
- Human Resources Management
- Hospitality and Tourism

Computing Studies

- Computing for Business
- Internet Computing
- Introductory Computing
- Multimedia Computing

Construction and Built Environment

- Architecture and Design
- Project Management and Construction
- Property and Housing

Design

- Design for Industry
- Fashion and Apparel
- Graphic Design
- Interior Design
- 3-D Design
- Transportation Design

Education Studies

- Students into Schools (includes teaching practice)
- Childhood Studies

Foreign Languages

- French
- German
- Italian
- Spanish
- Other Minority Languages

Health and Community Studies

- International Health Studies
- Community Studies

Liberal Arts and Humanities

- Art History
- British Culture (British Colloquium includes weekly excursions)
- English (Literature through the Ages to the Present Day, Creative Writing)
- Film and TV Studies

Other Study Options

- History (British, US, European, World History)
- Media and Cultural Studies
- Life Sciences
- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Genetics
- Nutrition

Social Sciences

- Criminology
- Politics
- Psychology
- Public Policy
- Sociology
- Sports Sciences
- Sports Sciences
- Sport Management

Studio Arts

- Fine Art (Painting, Printmaking, Sculpture)
- Media (Animation, Film, Photography, Scriptwriting, Video)
- Performing Arts (Acting, Choreography, Dance, Drama, Performance, Physical Theatre, Voice)

Other study options

In addition to the Study Abroad Programme, the University offers almost 500 degree and diploma programmes across a wide range of subjects.

Bachelor Programmes

Three years, or four years including a year's paid internship. Transfer students accepted with relevant prior study.

One-year Masters Programmes

Some are 'conversion' Masters which do not require prior study in the same field.

PhD Research

Normally a minimum of three years in duration.

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Campus Life – Student Support

Welcome and Orientation

A Meet and Greet service is available for students arriving at Newcastle Airport. To use this service, you must complete the online booking form at northumbria.ac.uk/meetandgreet. To help you settle in gradually to British student life, we run a special Induction Programme, where you will meet other new students and members of staff.

Accommodation and Meals

We aim to provide each student on the programme with a single room in residences on the Newcastle campus. Many students choose to stay in Claude Gibb Hall where breakfast and dinner are provided as part of the overall accommodation fee. Throughout the day you can buy meals and snacks in a variety of canteens and cafeterias around the campus.

Student Services and Facilities

Student facilities on campus include computer centres and the Library. After registration students receive their own email account. All students have ready access to our International Student Advisers and a wide range of other staff who can provide specialist advice, for example, in relation to finances, accommodation, insurance, disability and personal matters, etc.



Social Life

Where it all Happens

Student life in UK universities revolves around the Students' Union. This is a popular meeting place with bars, restaurants, shops, a bookshop, travel agency, TV lounge, social and sports clubs plus a year-round programme of concerts, dances and other live events.

Sport City

Newcastle is a city that's passionate about sport, with Newcastle United FC playing their home games at St James Park in the heart of the city and our own Sport Central facility hosting the professional basketball team,

Newcastle Eagles. It's fitting, then, that Northumbria University is one of the leading universities for sport in the UK, and as an international student there's never been a better time to study here. Our £30million sports facility offers state-of-the-art facilities for everyone from performance athletes to those of you who just want to keep fit. Getting involved in sport is a great way to make new friends, stay healthy and learn a bit about the UK, and with everything from climbing to golf and kung fu to volleyball on offer, you're bound to find something that inspires you.



"I've met many international people and made friends with them. This is a very good experience and an opportunity to understand different cultures. I like the life here and enjoy discovering new and interesting things every day."

Te-Hsin Tsai, Study Abroad student from Providence University, Taiwan

Further Information

If you would like to know more about studying at Northumbria, please contact:

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