Exchange Scheme with the Newcastle University, Australia

Where is Newcastle University?
Established in 1965 – Newcastle University now enrols 24,000 students. Its main and largest campus, Callaghan campus, is situated in the Newcastle suburb of Callaghan. Around a three hour train journey from Sydney. The area is popular with surfers.

Who can go?
- **Two** places will be made available to York undergraduate students in 2020/21. With one place reserved for politics students on the 3+1 programme.
- This will replace your 2nd year of study at York for credit-replacing programmes (or the 2nd/3rd year of study if you’re on a 4 year programme). Please speak to your department about the availability of extended degrees that allow you to take an additional year to study abroad.
- Please consult the [Opportunities by Subject](#) webpage to see if your department is eligible for exchange.

Courses
- Students will be expected to take a course load between 40 units per semester (**80 units per year**). Most courses are worth **10 units**, and students should not take more than 50 unites per semester to avoid overloading.
- All credits should be taken in the student’s degree subject in order to achieve the equivalent of 120 York credits. Unless they have prior agreement with their department.
- Courses degree of difficulty as indicated by its code number, which often signifies the year in which it is taken. For example, a course coded 1000 level (eg ACFI1001) is likely to be take in the first year of study and a course coded 2000 level (eg MARI2900) in the second year. Students are expected to take units of **2000 and 3000 level**. However students must check that they meet the units’ pre-requisites.
- The structure of the academic year in the Southern Hemisphere means that exchange students arrive at the start of the second semester in July. So when choosing courses, please be aware of this.
- The catalogue of courses can be used as a general guide to see what could be on offer: [www.newcastle.edu.au/course](http://www.newcastle.edu.au/course)

How will my marks be assessed/converted?
- Grade Conversion Tables for each institution will be made available to successful applicants.
- University of York staff can access Grade Conversion Tables here: [york.ac.uk/students/study-abroad/accepted/#tab-5](http://york.ac.uk/students/study-abroad/accepted/#tab-5)
- Please ensure that you are fully aware of how your grades will be converted on your return to York. Students on additional years will have different arrangements to those on credit-replacing exchange.
Costs

Please note that the costs below are based on previous years and are provided for guidance only. Exact costs may vary due to exchange rates, inflation, personal circumstance and/or other reasons.

- **Tuition Fees:** Students will pay no tuition fees to Newcastle and in 2019/20 their University of York fees were reduced to 15% of the full academic fee.
- **Visas:** There is an associated fee with the Australian Student Visa application of AU$550.
- **If students are required to provide information about finances, it would be evidence of your financial capacity. You must provide either: sufficient funds to cover your travel costs and 12 months of living and tuition fees for you and your accompanying family members and school costs for any school aged dependants, or evidence that your spouse or parents are willing to support you and they have an annual income of at least AU$60,000 for single students or at least AU$70,000 for students that are accompanied by family members.
- **Medical insurance and waiver: Overseas Student Health Cover** is required in order for students to obtain their Australian Student Visa. Cost of the cover will vary with the type of plan. For more information on the health cover, visit: oshcallianzassistance.com.au/about_oshc.aspx
- **Additional costs to consider:** Flights, accommodation, travel insurance and visas (see below), living costs (food, books, money for additional travel/activities)

Financial Assistance

- **York Futures Scholarship** new for 2019/20. Support for personal and professional development. Funding of up to £6000 available to students applying to study abroad in 2020/21. There are two rounds of applications for this funding, Autumn Term and Easter Vacation/start of Summer Term. We recommend that you apply for the first round of funding to secure this before you have received confirmation of your study abroad place. For more information please see the following web pages: york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering-careers/skills/work-experience/yfs/

Visa

Please be aware that Centre for Global Programmes staff are not qualified to offer consultations or in-depth advice regarding visa applications. Immigration laws are complex and subject to frequent changes. Therefore if you do have any further questions about the process of applying for your visa you will need to contact the appropriate Embassy directly. The information below is intended as guidance only and unless otherwise stated applies only to UK citizens without exceptional circumstances.

- The **Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP)** has recently instituted a series of changes to the student visa framework for international students coming to Australia. From 1 July 2016 onwards, all international students will apply online for the same subclass 500 student visa.
- Health Cover (OSHC) is mandatory for the student visa application. Students are quoted on their offer letter. Currently the cost is around $330/semester.
- Students can then apply for their **Australian Student Visa**, more information about the application process can be found here: https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500
- International students going on exchange are advised to apply for an Australian Visa in their home country and not in the UK.
- In order to receive a visa you must show that you have sufficient funds available in your bank account. More information on these financial requirements can be found on the Department of Home Affairs website here.

What’s it like to study there?

This is a new exchange for 2020/21. However, you can check out some of our other Student Stories here. You can also view information on the University of Newcastle webpage.
Where will I live? Students

- Students are not guaranteed accommodation on campus. Students are encouraged to apply early. There is no deadline, students are continued to be offered rooms until they are full. Residence/cost/dates found here: https://www.newcastle.edu.au/future-students/study-at-uon/accommodation-options/uon-student-living/living-on-campus. There is off campus accommodation available. Assistance and the database can be found here.
- There is also the option of Homestay – more information can be found here.

Is it the right choice for me?

- When thinking about choosing your destination for studying abroad please look through the Considerations Checklist on our web pages.
- This will help you find the best opportunity for your degree and personal circumstances.

Contact details at Newcastle

- Erin Hilaire (Contact person Incoming Students)
- Address: UON Global, Hunter Building, The University of Newcastle, Callaghan, NSW 2308, Australia
- Email: study-overseas@newcastle.edu.au
- More information on their website here.

Useful web links

- Main Newcastle Website
- Newcastle Incoming Students Webpage
- Study Abroad Guide
- On Campus Accommodation.
- Global Graduates
- Foreign Commonwealth Office Advice
- Alternative accommodation site
- Cost of living Comparison Site
- Alternative cost of living comparison site

Please note: The websites listed here are not intended to represent a comprehensive list. The Centre for Global Programmes cannot be held responsible for the content of external websites.
Students are responsible for researching their own exchanges and making sure that they have considered all costs and the compatibility of the overseas programme to their own degree, in discussion with their departments and supervisors. The Centre for Global Programmes are here to offer support.