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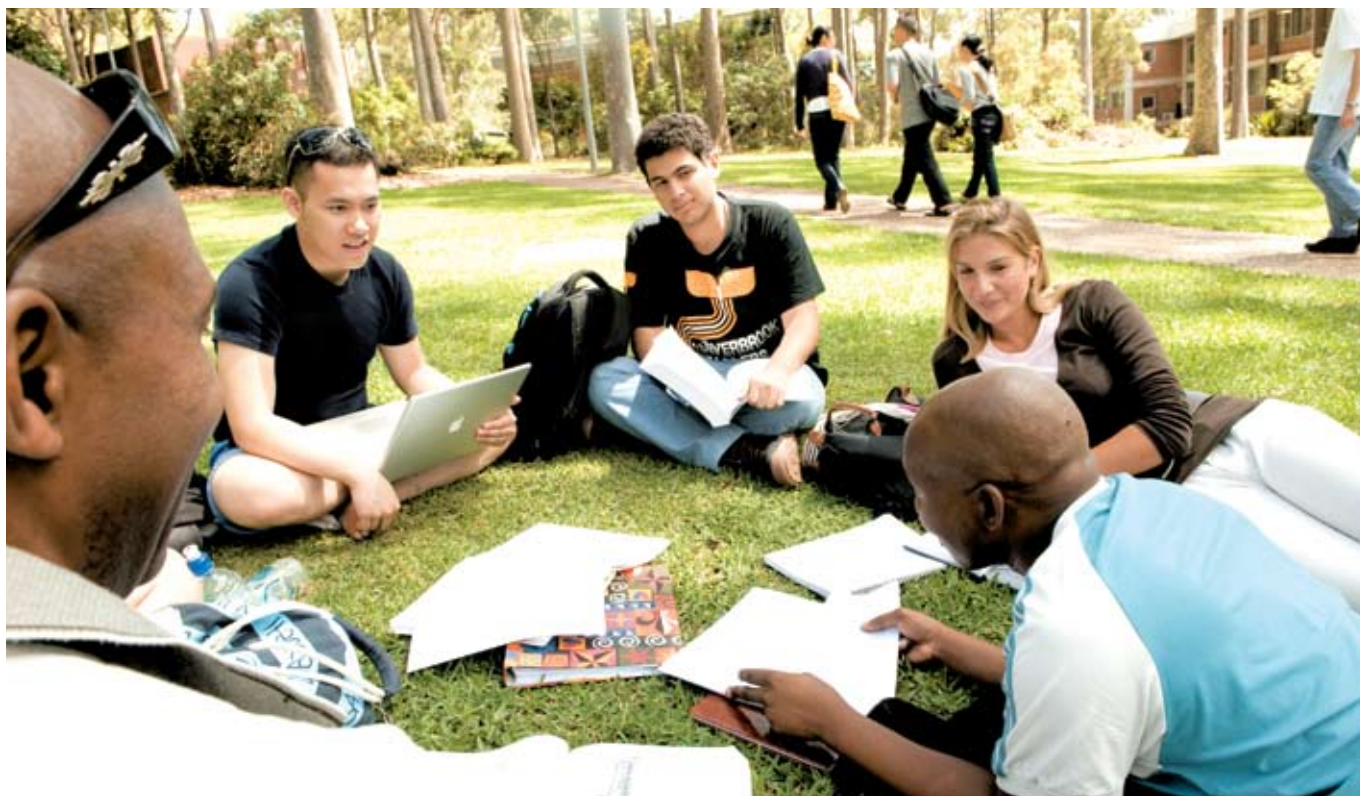


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A PLACE OF

OPPORTUNITY





Accommodation

The University recognises the importance of secure, affordable and comfortable accommodation and offers both on-campus and off-campus accommodation options. There are four residential colleges on the Callaghan campus that provide a range of catered, semi-catered and self-catered accommodation options. The University also offers a Homestay Service that provides an opportunity to live with an Australian family and is a popular choice for many IF students. Currently homestay charges are AUD\$190 per week (three meals per day) or AUD\$175 per week (16 meals per week).

Additionally, the University can arrange temporary accommodation for students' arrival and provides a free accommodation service to assist in students' search for off-campus accommodation. For more information, please visit the Accommodation website at www.newcastle.edu.au/services/accommodation/index.html

Guardianship

According to student visa conditions, students who are under the age of 18 when they commence IF must have a legal guardian living in Newcastle. The guardian may be a relative who is over the age of 21. If a student does not have a family member who is over 21 and living in Newcastle, then the International Student Support Team will arrange the University appointed Guardian on a fee-for-service basis. Currently this is AUD\$45 per week and applies until the student turns 18. All students using the University appointed Guardian will be placed with a homestay family through the University's Homestay Service.

Arrival and Orientation

Orientation takes place the week before each semester commences and is a program of activities and information sessions designed to introduce new students to the social, cultural and academic aspects of University life.

Students are advised to arrive in Newcastle in the week before Orientation, to settle into their accommodation and surroundings. The University offers an arrival and reception service to all international students at Sydney Airport's International Terminal and at Newcastle Airport and train station.

2009

Semester dates for 2009

Semester 1 commences 2 March
 Semester 1 recess 10 – 17 April
 Semester 1 concludes 5 June
 Mid year examinations 9 – 26 June
 Semester 2 commences 27 July
 Semester 2 recess 28 September – 9 October
 Semester 2 concludes 6 November
 End of year examinations 9 – 27 November

2010

Semester dates for 2010

Semester 1 commences 1 March
 Semester 1 recess 2 – 9 April
 Semester 1 concludes 4 June
 Mid year examinations 7 – 25 June
 Semester 2 commences 26 July
 Semester 2 recess 27 September – 8 October
 Semester 2 concludes 5 November
 End of year examinations 8 – 26 November

The University reserves the right to withdraw any program or course; change the content or other aspects of any program or course; limit enrolments in any program or course; and/or alter the tuition fees for any program or course described in this publication.

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I chose Foundation as it was a faster route into University. The program provides an insight into my undergraduate studies and helped me be more certain about my chosen study path/career.

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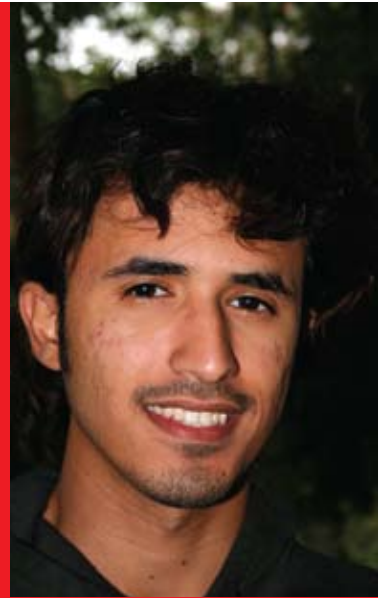
FROM SINGAPORE
NOW STUDYING BACHELOR OF MEDICAL
RADIATION SCIENCE (DIAGNOSTIC RADIOGRAPHY)

“

I enjoyed the flexibility of the program and the approachability of the teachers and staff. It gave me a head-start on other students in first year of my business degree and gave me more confidence. The cost of living is lower than Sydney. I love the coastal lifestyle, and living on campus means I have lots of Australian friends.

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FAISAL



FROM QATAR
NOW STUDYING BACHELOR OF BUSINESS

THE UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE

Why choose the University of Newcastle?

For international students searching for the next stage of their education, the University of Newcastle offers a range of options. Ranked in the top 10* of Australian research universities and located two hours north of Sydney on the pristine coast of NSW, the University offers a high-quality academic experience in partnership with a lifestyle that is second to none. Each year, the University attracts high levels of first preference applications for undergraduate programs. This recognition of the value of a Newcastle degree has made us a leading “University of First Choice” for international students. By considering the International Foundation Program, you are on your way to being part of this unique experience.

The University of Newcastle is a comprehensive, international university and one of Australia’s leading research institutions. Our student population is just under 27,000, including some 6,000 international students from more than 80 countries. A wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate programs are offered through five Faculties:

- Business and Law;
- Education and Arts;
- Engineering and Built Environment;
- Health;
- Science and Information Technology.

We offer extensive undergraduate and postgraduate professional degree programs such as Accounting, Architecture, Law, Medicine, Engineering, Teaching, Surveying, Social Work and Nursing. Also, we offer a vast array of courses in disciplines such as Health Sciences, Computing, Fine Art, Modern Languages, History, Mathematics, Economics, Business, Science, Sociology and Anthropology, Philosophy, Communications and Tourism, to name just a few.

Rankings

- Ninth in Australia for publicly funded research
- Top 400 in the world (375th) and 61st university in the Asia-Pacific*
Shanghai Jiao Tong University Academic Ranking 2008
- One of the world’s top 100 universities for engineering/technology and computer sciences*
Shanghai Jiao Tong University rankings by field 2007



To be considered for admission into IF, students must meet both academic and English language entry requirements.

ACADEMIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The grades listed in the table below should be used as a guide only. Qualifications from countries that are not listed will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Country	Qualification	Minimum Attainment
Australia	Higher School Certificate (or equivalent)	UAI 60
Botswana	GCE 'O' Level (or forecast results)	C average in five main subjects
China	Senior Middle School 3 or 2	60% (SMS 3) / 75% (SMS 2)
Hong Kong	HKCEE (Form 5)	Three subjects at D grade
Indonesia	SMU Kelas 12 or SMU Kelas 11	6.0 average (Kelas 12) / 7.5 average (Kelas 11)
Japan	Upper Secondary School Graduation Diploma	Overall Grade Average (%) of 70%
Kenya	Kenya Certificate Secondary Education	C average in eight subjects
Malaysia	SPM UEC	30 points over five subjects 30 points over five subjects
Philippines	Senior High School Diploma	Average 75%
Singapore	GCE 'O' Level (or forecast results)	30 points over five subjects
South Korea	Korean Senior High School Diploma	2.5 GPA
Taiwan	High School Leaving Certificate	B grade average in five main subjects
Thailand	MAN 6 or MAN 5	2.5 GPA (MAN 6) / 3.0 GPA (MAN 5)
Vietnam	Diploma of General Education	Average grade 7.0
Zambia	GCE 'O' Level (or forecast results) Education Certificate Zambia	C average in five main subjects Average Grade 5/6
Zimbabwe	GCE 'O' Level (or forecast results) ZIMSEC 'O' Level	C average in five main subjects C average in five main subjects
International Qualifications	International Baccalaureate (IB)	Successful completion of IB Year 1

ENGLISH REQUIREMENTS

Test	Minimum Required Score
IELTS	Overall Score of 5.5 (with no individual band less than 5.0)
TOEFL – Computer-based Test	173 with a TWE minimum score of 4.0
TOEFL – Internet-based Test	71 with a minimum score of 16 in Writing
TOEFL – Paper-based Test	500 with a TWE minimum score of 4.0
GCE 'O' Levels	C6
SPM English	B4
UEC Senior 2 English	B3
HKCEE English	C (Minimum D in Writing)
HKALE Use of English	E

How to Apply?

Students apply for IF and their nominated undergraduate degree at the same time by using the Undergraduate Application Form. This form can be found in the International Undergraduate Prospectus or under Admissions Information on our website at

**[www.newcastle.edu.au/
internationalfoundation/](http://www.newcastle.edu.au/internationalfoundation/)**



WHY CHOOSE THE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PROGRAM

What is International Foundation?

Located on the main campus of the University of Newcastle, the International Foundation program provides a pathway to undergraduate study for International students who do not have the academic qualifications to gain direct admission into a degree program. To be eligible for International Foundation, students need to have completed at least 10 years of schooling.

The International Foundation year is designed to allow students to specialise in their choice of undergraduate areas and provides them with English language support throughout the year. Upon completion, students may qualify for direct entry to an undergraduate program within the University. Students will study a total of eight courses – comprising two academic English courses and six elective courses – over a two term program that comprises a minimum of 24 weeks of study.

The primary benefit of the IF is that students are offered a relevant pathway into their preferred undergraduate degree at the University of Newcastle. All students are issued a single offer that combines the IF

with a conditional offer for their nominated undergraduate degree program. This gives students the added security of knowing that on successful completion of IF, they do not need to re-apply for their degree program.

Each program is uniquely designed to offer each student the opportunity to specialise in their area of undergraduate study.

Success

The IF is proud of its long history of success. To date, over 90 per cent of students who complete the IF are offered their first choice undergraduate degree at the University of Newcastle. Further to this, the program is recognised as an entry qualification by a wide range of Australian universities.

Student Life

Students enrolled in the IF have access to all university facilities and services and are treated as a student of the university. Access to libraries, computing facilities, support services and on-campus accommodation gives IF students a wonderful opportunity to mix with other university students and to experience the unique campus lifestyle.

Diversity

The University of Newcastle prides itself on the diversity of IF students. Students studying the IF are currently drawn from a range of countries across the regions of Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East and South America.

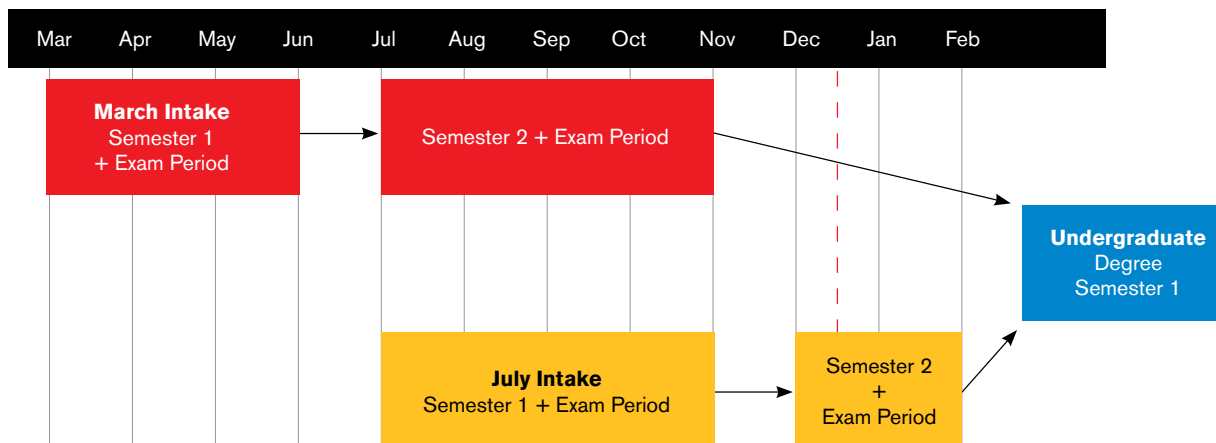
IF Intake Options

There are two IF intakes each year: March (Standard Program) and July (Intensive Program). Both intakes prepare students to commence their undergraduate degree in Semester 1 of the following year as illustrated below.

Academic Prizes

There are up to five academic prizes of AUD \$2000 each, awarded to outstanding IF students with excellent academic achievements.

Tuition IF Tuition Fees for 2010 are AUD\$15,000





PROGRAM OUTLINE AND DEGREE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Health Science Stream

Compulsory Courses:

- English for Tertiary Studies I
- English for Tertiary Studies II

Electives:

- Chemistry I and II
- Communications
- Cultural Studies I
- Directed Study I and II
- Introduction to Health Studies I and II
- Introduction to Legal Studies
- Mathematics I and II
- Physics I and II

Undergraduate Program Minimum AM

B. Biomedical Science	82
B. Biotechnology	69
B. Food Science and Human Nutrition	56
B. Medicine	90*
B. Medical Radiation Science	75*
B. Nursing	55
B. Occupational Therapy	81*
B. Oral Health	75
B. Physiotherapy	87

* Interview with Faculty also required

Engineering, Science and Information Technology Stream

Compulsory Courses:

- English for Tertiary Studies I
- English for Tertiary Studies II

Electives:

- Advanced Mathematics I and II
- Chemistry I and II
- Design in Society
- Directed Study I
- Information Technology
- Mathematics I and II
- Physics I and II

Undergraduate Program Minimum AM

B. Computer Science	63
B. Construction Management (Building)	56
B. Design (Architecture)	70
B. Engineering	66
B. Environmental Science and Management	55
B. Exercise and Sports Science	70
B. Information Technology	55
B. Mathematics	69
B. Psychology	76
B. Science	55
B. Surveying	63

Business, Law and Commerce Stream

In this stream, students study seven compulsory courses and one elective.

Compulsory Courses:

- English for Tertiary Studies I
- English for Tertiary Studies II
- Business Principles
- Mathematics I
- Mathematics II
- Macroeconomic Principles
- Microeconomic Principles

Electives:

(students select one of the following courses)

- Information Technology
- Introduction to Legal Studies

Undergraduate Program Minimum AM

B. Business	60
B. Commerce	60
Combined degrees in Business / Commerce / Economics	84
B. Laws (Combined Degrees)	84

IF students study four courses each semester in their chosen stream of study.

English for Tertiary Studies I and II are compulsory for all students. In consultation with IF staff, students then select six other courses which are relevant to their nominated undergraduate degree.

In order to enrol in their nominated undergraduate program, IF students must pass English for Tertiary Studies II and achieve the required Average Mark (AM). The AM is calculated from the average of all eight courses taken in the IF and is expressed as a percentage (%) result.

Education and Arts Stream

Compulsory Courses:

- English for Tertiary Studies I
- English for Tertiary Studies II

Electives:

- Business Principles
- Communications
- Cultural Studies I and II
- Design Drawing
- Design in Society
- Directed Study I and II
- Introduction to Legal Studies
- Mathematics I and II
- Music Electives
- Studies in Interaction

Undergraduate Program Minimum AM

B. Arts	55
B. Communication	75
B. Development Studies	60
B. Early Childhood Teaching	62
B. Fine Art	55
B. Social Science	55
B. Social Work	69
B. Speech Pathology	79
B. Teaching (Combined Degrees)	62 – 64
B. Visual Communication Design	73



UNIVERSITY RESOURCES AND SUPPORT SERVICES

The Language Centre

The University of Newcastle offers English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students (ELICOS) programs through our state-of-the-art Language Centre, located on the University's Callaghan campus. All of the Centre's courses are accredited by the National ELICOS Accreditation Scheme, and the Centre is a member of English Australia and the University English Centres of Australia. The Centre is also an official IELTS test centre.

ELICOS programs at the Language Centre consist of five or 10-week sessions, and include Elementary English, Intermediate English, Upper Intermediate English and English for Academic Purposes (EAP). Initial entry into these courses is determined by a placement test at the time of enrolment at the Language Centre.

Course Dates 2009:

Cost per Week: AUD\$345

12 January	–	13 February
16 February	–	20 March
23 March	–	1 May
10 April	–	17 April (Easter Break)
4 May	–	5 June
9 June	–	10 July
13 July	–	24 July (Course Break)
27 July	–	28 August
31 August	–	2 October
5 October	–	9 October (Course Break)
12 October	–	13 November
16 November	–	18 December

Course Dates for 2010:

11 January	–	12 February
15 February	–	19 March
22 March	–	30 April
2 April	–	9 April (Easter Break)
3 May	–	4 June
7 June	–	9 July
12 July	–	23 July (Course Break)
26 July	–	27 August
30 August	–	1 October
4 October	–	8 October (Course Break)
11 October	–	12 November
15 November	–	17 December

ELICOS students study a minimum of 25 hours tuition per week. Students may use the resources of the Language Centre from 8am to 8pm Monday – Friday.

Libraries

The University of Newcastle Library operates through four library buildings, as well as a rapidly expanding online environment. The Library offers a wide range of materials in a variety of formats – from traditional books and serials to films, multimedia and networked information from around the world. A library coordinator for international students offers specialist support.

Computing Facilities

The University offers a campus-wide, fibre-optic information network that provides access to several online specialist and public domain information services. Access to internet services can be gained through the University's libraries as well as discipline-based computing networks and wireless network locations on campus. Every student is provided with a University email account.

University Health Service

The University's excellent medical service at the Callaghan campus specialises in student health needs. All consultations are confidential and students are encouraged to seek advice about any health matter. Compulsory Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) meets the full cost of most consultations.

Careers Service

The University offers support to all students who are seeking part-time employment during their studies or full-time employment after graduation. The University's Careers Service provides students with a range of free services including:

- Workshops addressing topics such as interview skills, career planning, job search strategies and preparing resumes
- Individual interviews with a Careers Counsellor to discuss career choice and career planning
- A searchable database of job vacancies for students seeking part-time employment during their studies or a full-time graduate position.

Other Campus Facilities and Services

Within the University's campuses, students enjoy access to a variety of food outlets and shops as well as banks, a post office, a hairdresser, a counselling service, a chaplaincy centre, prayer rooms, medical and dental services and sporting and social clubs.

The sports facilities on the Callaghan campus are amongst the finest of any Australian university and include six ovals (for sports such as cricket, rugby, soccer and baseball), a Squash Centre and a Tennis Centre. The campus also hosts the Forum Sports & Aquatic Centre, an outstanding complex that features a 50 metre, eight lane indoor heated pool; a cardio theatre with over 45 pieces of electronic equipment; a large weights training area; and 80 group exercise classes each week.



OSCAR

“
Foundation is an introduction to the Australian university system. Now I know what to expect in a lecture!”

FROM CHILE
NOW STUDYING BACHELOR OF BUSINESS/BACHELOR OF COMMERCE



SHAYNE

“
I learned a lot of things in Foundation which gave me the knowledge and confidence to enter my undergraduate degree. It is so great to study here in Newcastle; the facilities are comprehensive and the environment is very clean and unpolluted.”

FROM THE PHILIPPINES
NOW STUDYING BACHELOR OF NURSING

THE NEWCASTLE EXPERIENCE

Why choose Newcastle?

Newcastle is situated on the east coast of Australia approximately two hours drive north of Sydney. Newcastle is the second largest city in New South Wales and the sixth largest city in Australia. Set on a breathtaking stretch of Australia's Pacific Ocean coastline, Newcastle is the only city in Australia where the central business district is positioned simultaneously on the beach and the harbour waterfront.

Newcastle boasts some of Australia's best beaches and waterways for swimming, surfing, sailing and other water sports. Nearby Lake Macquarie, the largest coastal saltwater lake in Australia and four times the size of Sydney Harbour, is a short drive from the city.

With a regional population of approximately 500,000, Newcastle supports a thriving business and commercial sector and an excellent network of health care and educational facilities. Combined with a low cost of living and a favourable climate, Newcastle presents a relaxed and welcoming lifestyle.

Only 10 minutes drive from the city, visitors can get up close and personal with some of Australia's unique and beautiful wildlife. Blackbutt Reserve hosts spacious modern facilities which allow close viewing of a variety of animals such as kangaroos, koalas, emus, wallabies, wombats and a significant array of Australian birds. It's also a great spot for a barbeque.

Newcastle is home to some of the best entertainment venues on Australia's east coast and offers many of the usual city comforts – restaurants, cafes, parks and gardens, theatres, art galleries, shopping centres and nightlife. From annual cultural activities such as the Shootout Film Festival and the This Is Not Art exhibition, Newcastle boasts a vibrant artistic and creative scene, attracting attention worldwide. Newcastle also hosts Surfest and the Maritime Festival which annually attract tens of thousands of visitors.

Living Costs

It is estimated that a single international student will require a minimum of AUD\$14,500 per year for living expenses in Newcastle, including accommodation, meals, incidentals, entertainment and local transport. Students should also have additional funds to pay for initial establishment costs, textbooks and, where applicable, special equipment, transportation and temporary or additional accommodation.

ESTIMATION OF WEEKLY EXPENSES

Bills (gas, electricity, phone)	\$45
Transport	\$30
Personal (clothing, entertainment, mail, etc)	\$35
Unexpected costs	\$20
Weekly estimate	\$260 – \$350

Climate

Students on our campuses enjoy a temperate climate with warm to hot summers and mild winters.

Summer

December to February
20° – 28°C (68 – 83°F)

Autumn

March to May
14° – 26°C (57 – 79°F)

Winter

June to August
9° – 18°C (49 – 64°F)

Spring

September to November
15° – 25°C (59 – 77°F)