



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
NEWCASTLE  
AUSTRALIA

International  
Foundation  
2012

A PLACE OF

**OPPORTUNITY**





**HUI LIN FROM SINGAPORE**  
GRADUATED FROM BACHELOR OF MEDICAL  
RADIATION SCIENCE (DIAGNOSTIC RADIOGRAPHY)

“

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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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**  
GRADUATED FROM 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 approximately 35,500, including some 7,800 international students from more than 100 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

- 9th in Australia for publicly funded research  
*(www.newcastle.edu.au/about/at-a-glance.html)*
- 59th university in the Asia-Pacific region  
*Shanghai Jiao Tong University Academic Ranking 2010*
- 352nd university in the world  
*Shanghai Jiao Tong University Academic Ranking 2010*
- 256th university in the world  
*QS World University Rankings 2010*



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

**OSCAR FROM CHILE**  
GRADUATED FROM BACHELOR OF BUSINESS



**SHAYNE FROM THE PHILIPPINES**  
GRADUATED FROM BACHELOR OF NURSING

“  
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.”

# THE NEWCASTLE EXPERIENCE

## Why choose Newcastle?

If you are looking for an exciting and intellectually stimulating place to study – one that introduces you to the real Australia – look no further than Newcastle and the Central Coast regions in New South Wales. Newcastle combines a country setting with all the advantages of city living, while the Central Coast offers abundant beaches and easy access to Sydney.

The City of Newcastle was ranked ninth in the Lonely Planet Guide Top Ten Cities to visit in 2011. According to the Lonely Planet, with its Sydney-like assets: surf beaches, a sun-drenched subtropical climate, and diverse dining, nightlife and arts, it could be Australia's most under-rated city. The only Australian city to be named in this edition of the guide, the Lonely Planet describes Newcastle as “a unique blend of imagination, sophistication and laid-back surf culture”.

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.

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

Newcastle boasts some of Australia's best beaches and waterways for swimming, surfing, sailing and other water sports. Only 10 minutes drive from the city, visitors can get up close and personal with some of Australia's unique and beautiful wildlife at Blackbutt Reserve. Newcastle is also 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.

## 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)





**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)	ATAR 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)	Two subjects at D grade and one subject at E grade (English level 3 or C grade)
	HKDSE	Requirement has not been determined at the time of printing. For information, please visit <a href="http://www.newcastle.edu.au/students/foundation-studies/international-foundation/">www.newcastle.edu.au/students/foundation-studies/international-foundation/</a>
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	30 points over five subjects
	UEC	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)	C average in five main subjects
	Education Certificate Zambia	Average Grade 5/6
Zimbabwe*	GCE 'O' Level (or forecast results)	C average in five main subjects
	ZIMSEC 'O' Level	C average in five main subjects
International Qualifications	International Baccalaureate (IB)	Successful completion of IB Year 1

\*Certified Forecast/Provisional examination results accepted if final results are not available

## ENGLISH REQUIREMENTS

Test	Minimum Required Score
IELTS	Overall Score of 5.5 (with no individual band less than 5.0)
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 International Foundation 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 at

[www.newcastle.edu.au/students/international/](http://www.newcastle.edu.au/students/international/)



# WHY CHOOSE THE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PROGRAM

## What is International Foundation?

Located on the main campus of the University of Newcastle, the International Foundation (IF) 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 IF, students need to have completed at least 10 years of schooling (equivalent of Australian Year 11).

The IF 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. These courses are studied over a two term program that comprises a minimum of 26 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.

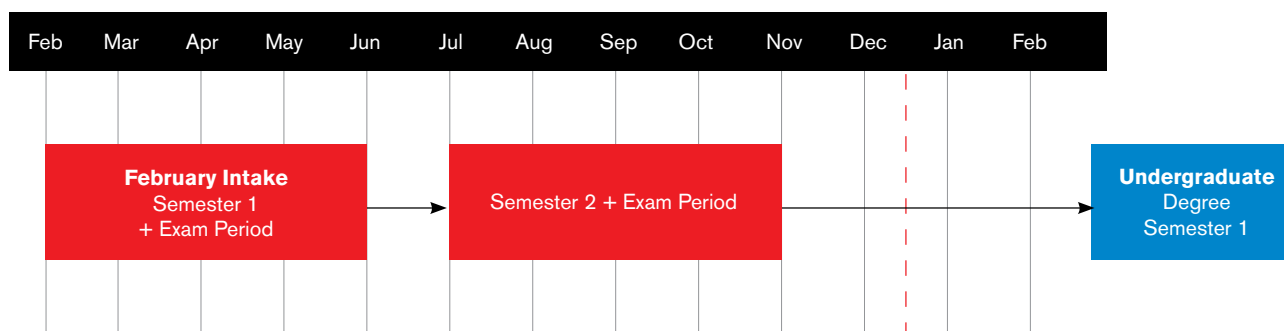
## The IF Intake

There is one IF intake each year in: February. The intake prepares 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 2011/2012 are AUD\$15,000



IF CRICOS Code: 009454G

The University of Newcastle International Foundation program meets the requirements for Foundation Programs which have been registered on CRICOS for delivery in Australia to overseas students providing an academic preparation for seeking entry to first year undergraduate study or its equivalent.



# PROGRAM OUTLINE AND DEGREE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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.

## Health Science Stream

### Compulsory Courses:

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

### Electives:

- Chemistry I and II
- Communications
- Cultural Studies I and II
- Introduction to Health Studies I and II
- Mathematics I and II
- Physics I and II
- Studies in Interaction

### Undergraduate Program Minimum AM

B. Biomedical Science	78
B. Biotechnology	65
B. Food Science and	56

## 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
- Cultural Studies I
- Design in Society
- Directed Study I
- Information Technology
- Mathematics I and II
- Physics I and II
- Studies in Interaction

## 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
- Introduction to Legal Studies
- Mathematics I
- Mathematics II
- Macroeconomic Principles
- Microeconomic Principles

## 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
- Studies in Interaction

### Undergraduate Program Minimum AM

B. Arts	55
B. Arts/B. Science (combined program)	84
B. Communication	70

### Human Nutrition

B. Medicine	90*
B. Medical Radiation Science (Diagnostic Radiography)	85
B. Medical Radiation Science (Radiation Therapy)	69
B. Medical Radiation Science (Nuclear Medicine)	71
B. Nutrition and Dietetics	83
B. Nursing	56
B. Occupational Therapy	78
B. Oral Health	75
B. Podiatry	75
B. Physiotherapy	90

\* Interview with Faculty required

### Undergraduate Program Minimum AM

B. Computer Science	64
B. Construction Management (Building)	56
B. Design (Architecture)	78
B. Engineering	66
B. Environmental Science and Management	55
B. Exercise and Sports Science	70
B. Information Technology	55
B. Mathematics	69
B. Psychology	70
B. Science	55
B. Surveying	63

### Undergraduate Program Minimum AM

B. Business	58
B. Commerce	58
B. Business/Commerce (Combined Degree)	84
B. Laws (Combined Degrees)	84

B. Development Studies	63
B. Fine Art	55
B. Social Science	55
B. Social Work	70
B. Speech Pathology	79
B. Teaching (Primary)/B. Arts	62
B. Teaching (Secondary)/B. Arts	62
B. Teaching (Primary)/B. Early Childhood Studies	62
B. Teaching (Secondary)/B. Fine Art	62
B. Teaching (Secondary)/B. Health and Physical Education	64
B. Teaching (Secondary)/B. Mathematics	64
B. Teaching (Secondary)/B. Science	64
B. Visual Communication Design	69
B. Theology	55

\* Audition required



# 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 5 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 for 2011:

Cost per Week: AUD\$355

10 January	–	11 February
14 February	–	18 March
21 March	–	21 April
2 May	–	3 June
6 June	–	8 July
25 July	–	26 August
29 August	–	30 September
10 October	–	11 November
14 November	–	16 December

### Course Dates for 2012:

Cost per week: AUD\$360

9 January	–	10 February
13 February	–	16 March
19 March	–	27 April
30 April	–	1 June
4 June	–	6 July
23 July	–	24 August
27 August	–	28 September
15 October	–	16 November
19 November	–	21 December

ELICOS students study a minimum of 25 hours tuition per week. Students may use the resources of the Language Centre from 8am to 7pm Monday – Thursday, and 8am to 5pm on Fridays.

## 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

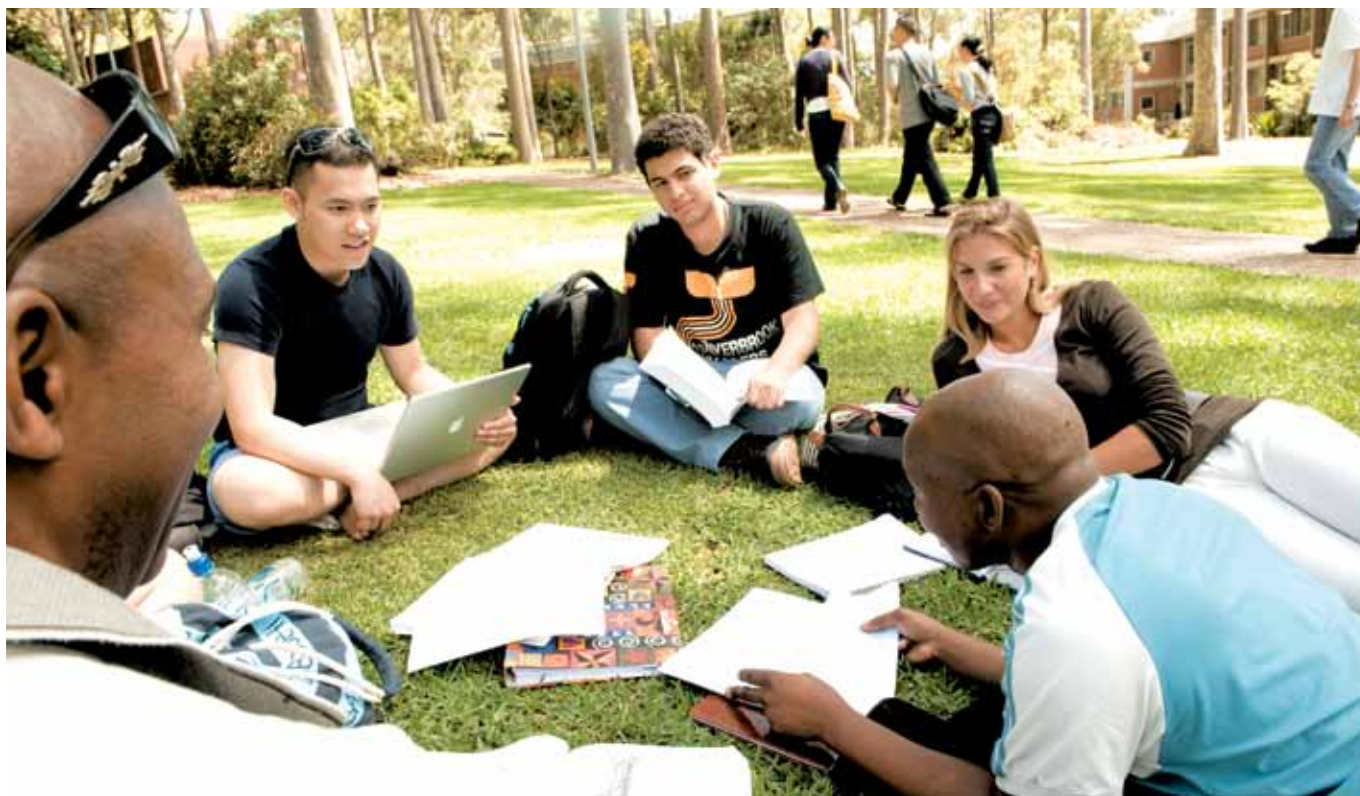
The University offers support to all students who are seeking part-time employment during their studies or full-time employment after graduation. The University's Careers Service provides students with a range of free services including:

- 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.



### 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\$205 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](http://www.newcastle.edu.au/services/accommodation)

### 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 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.

# 2012

### Semester dates for 2012

Semester 1 commences 27 February  
 Semester 1 recess 6 April – 13 April  
 Semester 1 concludes 1 June  
 Mid year examinations 4 June – 22 June

Semester 2 commences 23 July  
 Semester 2 recess 24 September – 5 October  
 Semester 2 concludes 2 November  
 End of Year Examinations 5 November – 23 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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