# Information for Students applying for Exchange

## A. University

Newcastle University  
[https://www.ncl.ac.uk/mobility/experience-newcastle/studyabroad/](https://www.ncl.ac.uk/mobility/experience-newcastle/studyabroad/)

## B. Country

United Kingdom

## C. Academics

### i) Module Mapping & Credits Transfer

Please ensure that your Study Plan is approved by the academics at your home Faculty before the exchange.

 Modules approved in the past might not be offered by the host university or approved by your Faculty when it is time for your exchange. Please check the latest course offerings at the host universities while you are preparing your Study Plan.

 Modules get finalised after meeting with the assigned School Coordinator at Newcastle University.

### ii) Academic Calendar

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<th>Semester 1: Late September to late January</th>
<th>Semester 2: Late January to mid-June</th>
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### iii) Exchange Duration

Semester 2 exchange is recommended due to overlapping academic calendar.

NUS students who wish to go to Newcastle for exchange in semester 1 should seek permission from their Dean’s office for late return to NUS before they apply for the exchange.

### iv) Examination

Alternative assessments at Newcastle may be available for Semester one only students. It is normally offered during the last week before the Christmas holidays.

### v) Curriculum Structure

Exchange students should take a maximum of 60 credits per semester and 120 credits for a full year exchange. **NO overloading on credits is allowed.**

### vi) Entry Requirements

You should:

(i) Have completed a minimum of one year’s undergraduate study at NUS;  
(ii) Have obtained a minimum overall ‘B’ average grade in the current/intended discipline/major, or 65% to 70% average marks, or ranking in the top one-third of the class at NUS;  
(iii) Be in possession of a valid visa to study in the UK before registering as a student at Newcastle University;
(iv) Propose an appropriate programme of study at Newcastle University;
(v) Show the aptitude, motivation and maturity, to thrive in the environment at the Newcastle University; and
(vi) Have sufficient funds for all fees, personal and living expenses for the duration of the study abroad at the Newcastle University.

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<th>vii) Language Proficiency Requirements</th>
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<td>NUS students do not need to take an additional English language test for admission to a Newcastle University Exchange Programme, including students requiring a Tier 4 Student Visa.</td>
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However, NUS students should submit the same English language qualification (including grade) which they used to gain acceptance to NUS’s degree programme. Newcastle needs the English language qualification (e.g. GCE “O” / “A” Level certificate, IB, etc.) as supporting documents for auditing purposes.

Newcastle’s Visa Team may wish to interview a student now and again during their period of exchange.

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<th>viii) Modules Compatibility</th>
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<td>Semester based exchange is most suitable for Humanities / Social Sciences students.</td>
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A lot of Newcastle Science / Engineering modules are designed for full-year exchange.

Students are reminded to carefully review the list of courses available: [https://www.ncl.ac.uk/mobility/experience-newcastle/module-catalogue/](https://www.ncl.ac.uk/mobility/experience-newcastle/module-catalogue/) before applying for the exchange to Newcastle.

**Students may only study the subjects listed in the Bilateral Agreement with the NUS (note: Business, Economics, Psychology and Mechanical Engineering are excluded from the exchange).**

Read the information on the [Module Guidance Page](https://www.ncl.ac.uk/mobility/experience-newcastle/module-catalogue/) before choosing modules.

Suitable for students from the following faculties:

| FASS | • English  
|      | • Geography  
|      | • History  
|      | • Politics |
| FoE  | • Civil Engineering  
|      | • Electrical and Electronic Engineering  
|      | • Chemical Engineering |
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#### ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites

Postgraduate modules are not open to undergraduate exchange students. Business modules are excluded from the bilateral exchange.

**Please read!**

| FASS | • Economics – **excluded** from the exchange  
|      | • Psychology – **excluded** from the exchange |
| FoE  | • Mechanical Engineering - **excluded** from the exchange |
| FoS  | • Biomedical Sciences – **Restricted**. Students may choose modules in these areas with the appropriate pre-requisite knowledge for the selected module.  
|      | • Mathematics, Statistics and Physics - Students may only choose modules in these subject areas with explicit permission from the School, considered on an individual basis. |
| SoC  | • Computer Science – **Limited**. Most Level 3 Computing modules are available for semester 1 exchange students. Please make sure you have the necessary pre-requisites to meet the requirements for Level 3 modules at Newcastle. |

#### D. Application

#### i) Procedures

NUS Registrar’s Office will consolidate the nominations from NUS Faculties and Schools before submitting to Newcastle University. **Nominated students must apply for exchange via Newcastle’s online application portal and submit all supporting documents via the portal before the stipulated deadlines.**

The secure link to Newcastle’s online application portal and password will be sent to you via NUS Registrar’s Office colleagues. Students will not have direct access to the online portal.

**Students will not be able to submit their application if supporting documentation is missing or the application form is not fully complete.**

Student will require the following supporting documentation:
Students who wish to be considered for higher level modules when on exchange at Newcastle need to provide the course descriptions for the modules which they are currently studying but are not listed in the official transcript as evidence that they will achieve the pre-requisites for the higher level modules by the time the exchange term starts at Newcastle.

Please read Newcastle’s application information found in SharePoint. Please look for the SEP coordinator at your Dean’s Office for the link to the SharePoint.

**ii) Deadlines**

All NUS students must abide by the internal application deadline set by their home faculty for exchange participation in the following academic year. After clearing the internal application and selection process, students have to take note of the application deadline set by the host university.

Failure to submit a formal application to the host university will result in your exchange being forfeited even if you have been selected by NUS for the exchange.

Nominated students are expected to complete Newcastle’s online application their stipulated deadlines: please check Newcastle’s webpages for confirmed deadline date.

**E. Accommodations**

**i) University Accommodation**

Newcastle recommends that you **apply online for accommodation as soon as you have accepted their offer to study.**

Semester only accommodation is extremely limited and Newcastle **cannot guarantee** that students will be housed in University accommodation.

Semester only students who are offered a place in University accommodation will be informed of their offer in early September. If you are going in semester two (January-June), you have a better chance of securing accommodation at Newcastle.
More information about university accommodation can be found at https://www.ncl.ac.uk/mobility/experience-newcastle/support-and-services/#accommodation.

### ii) Private Accommodation

If Newcastle is unable to allocate a place in University accommodation, they will provide information and guidance on how to look for accommodation in the private sector.

### F. Visa

#### Consular/Visa Regulation

UK Visa and Immigration updates their immigration policy regularly. It is the student’s responsibility to check on the requirements via their website before they leave for the exchange. https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration

**Short-term Study Visa for Semester Exchange**

If you are a Singapore citizen or a citizen of another country on the UK non-visa nationals list, and if your course of studies is less than 6 months, you can apply for:

1. single-entry Short Term Study Visa to the UK at the port of entry (free) or;

2. multiple-entry Short Term Study Visa prior to leaving your home country.

The single-entry Short Term Study Visa is free but if you leave the UK during your home university registration period you will need to re-apply as a short-term student when you re-enter; for this reason you should always travel with your short-term study visa support letter.

Alternatively if you think you are likely to leave and re-enter the UK during your course you should apply for a multiple entry short-term study visa in advance of travelling to the UK.

Non-visa nationals who enter the UK on a short-term study visa are required to leave the UK after the course end date given on your Short-term Study visa support letter. If you wish to travel within the UK after your studies you will need to exit the UK and re-enter as a Standard Visitor which you can do at port of entry.

Citizens from a country that needs a visa to enter the UK should apply for the multiple-entry Short Term Study Visa prior to leaving for your overseas exchange. You can contact the external visa office approved by UK Visa and Immigration to apply for multiple-entry Short Term Study Visa.
Applying for a single-entry Short-Term Study Visa is usually an easier and cheaper process than applying for a Tier 4 Student Visa, if you do not need a Tier 4 Student Visa, please do not apply for it.

**Tier 4 Student Visa for Full-Year exchange**

For students who need Tier 4 Student Visa, Newcastle’s International Office will issue the necessary CAS statement for Tier 4 Student Visa application. Applicants should ensure that they are fully aware of what they will need to do in order to successfully apply for a Tier 4 Student Visa. Further information can be found here: [https://www.ncl.ac.uk/international/visa/](https://www.ncl.ac.uk/international/visa/). The CAS statement will contain a number that allows student to apply for a Tier 4 Student Visa. The application for Tier 4 Student Visa can take up to three months and students are advised to apply for the visa in advance of their intended date of travel to the UK.

Your exchange at the host university depends on the clearance by the immigration of the host country.

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<td>Short Term Study Visa students are recommended to get travel insurance which includes medical and hospitalisation insurance.</td>
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<td>All registered NUS students are covered under the group personal accident and medical insurance as well as the student travel insurance. For more information on the insurance coverage, please refer to <a href="https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/">https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/</a>.</td>
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