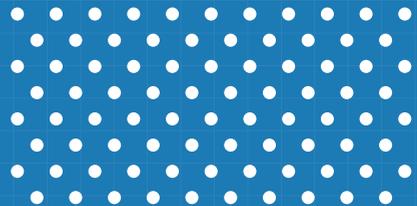




2021 ENTRY WHAT WILL UNIVERSITY BE LIKE?

Thinking of joining us in 2021? Find out how we're shaping the student experience at Newcastle University and start imagining yourself here





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WELCOME

We know the past year has been a difficult and unsettling one for you, but we're hoping the next steps in your university journey will start to look more familiar.

As the UK continues to move out of lockdown, we've been building on what we've learnt during the pandemic to create a safe, supportive and stable place where you can learn and grow.

Although there's still some uncertainty about the university experience in 2021, read on to find out what we think life will be like on our campus and in our beautiful city.

**Discover how you'll study at a world top 160 university*;
how you'll settle in to your new home from home with us;
and explore the support that will be here for you as you
become everything you can be.**

**QS World University Rankings 2021*



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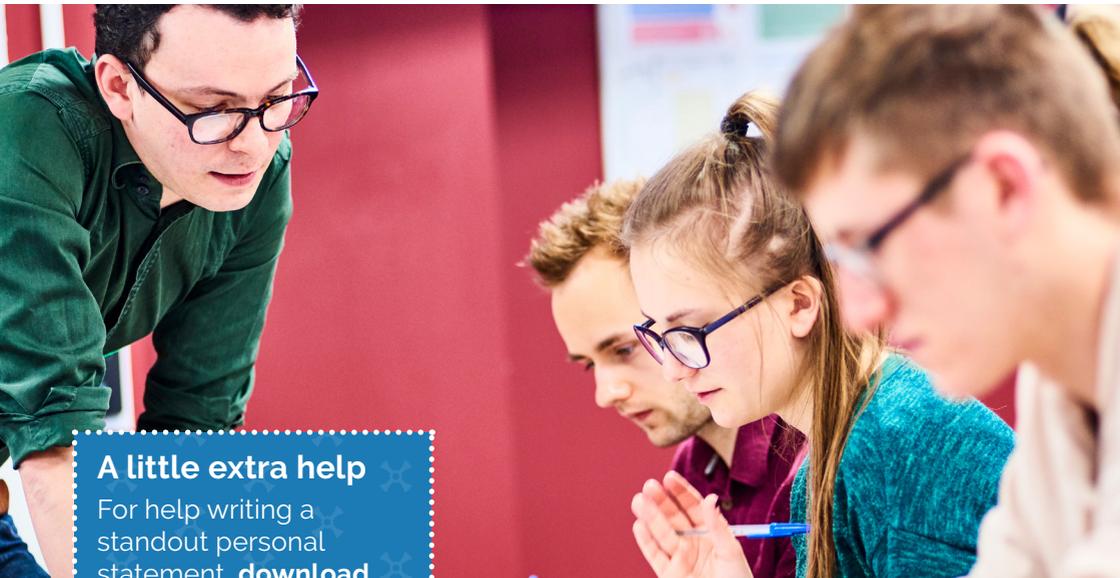
APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY

Even though the UCAS deadline for applications to courses starting in 2021 has passed, it's still not too late to apply – in fact, universities are still accepting new student applications for most courses until **Wednesday 30 June**.

To apply, you'll need to [register with UCAS](#). You'll need to supply some basic information and will be asked for your course choices. You'll also need to attach your personal statement.

If you're applying through your school or college, your teachers will attach a reference, together with details of your predicted grades. Once you've paid an application fee, you'll be able to submit your application.

For further advice, check out our [Applications Hub](#), or [read our blog](#) on applying after the UCAS deadline.



A little extra help
For help writing a standout personal statement, [download our ultimate guide](#).

Results Day 2021

If you've been studying A Levels or Scottish Highers in the UK, then you probably already know your grades will be assessed by your teachers, after exams were cancelled.

Teacher's grades will also replace written exams in UK vocational qualifications. However, if practical skills need to be tested, these exams will take place in a Covid-safe way.

You should get your A Level or Scottish Highers results on Tuesday 10 August, with vocational grades published around the same time.

If you've been studying for the International Baccalaureate, your results will be published on Monday 5 July.

And if you aren't based in the UK and your exams are going ahead as normal, then you can still apply in the usual way.

We're here for you

Want some further help on navigating Results Day and the Clearing process? Read our [Belong blog](#) for some top tips and advice on every stage of your journey to university.



OUR PARTNERS PROGRAMME

We want the brightest and best students to succeed, regardless of their background, so our **PARTNERS Programme** offers an alternative route to University.

Although our programme is now closed to Medicine and Dentistry applicants, **we're still reviewing other applications on a case-by-case basis.**

If you're eligible to join PARTNERS you could receive a lower conditional offer – **up to three grades lower than a typical offer** – to study with us.

You'll complete our PARTNERS Academic Summer School which includes sessions and activities to hone your higher education study skills, explore your career options and get a flavour of our degree courses. You'll also have fun with a programme of free social activities!

To find out more about the PARTNERS experience **read our blog.**



Summer School

Because of Covid-19 restrictions, our Summer School will take place online - that means you'll experience our virtual learning environment, Canvas, and the digital facilities used by our students.

You'll still:

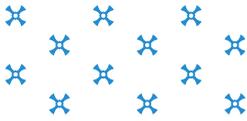
- interact with our academics
- learn valuable new skills
- get to know fellow students and make new friends

Partners in success

Our PARTNERS Programme has helped over 6,000 students to realise their dreams and study at Newcastle University.

Apply here





WHAT WILL LIFE IN NEWCASTLE BE LIKE?

Newcastle is a vibrant, exciting city that's known for the warmth of its welcome.

Compact, safe, and one of the most affordable cities in the UK*, it's also one of the UK's best student cities** – one in six people here is a student, so you'll soon feel at home.

Here you'll discover our heritage, explore our culture, world-class arts and music, be surrounded by our sporting passion, and love our shopping and eclectic mix of restaurants, cafes and clubs.

You'll also never be far from home with direct flights to multiple destinations worldwide and fast road and rail links to cities and towns across the UK.

[Find out more about student life in our special city.](#)



Safe public transport

Newcastle's supermarkets, shops and beautiful green spaces are all within walking distance of our campus, so it's easy to avoid public transport if this is something you're worried about.

If you do need to use local buses or the city's Metro rail network, these services are following government guidelines on safety measures – such as wearing masks and physical distancing.

**4th in the UK for local life, Whatuni Student Choice Awards 2020*

***Joint 1st for affordability in the UK, QS Best Student Cities, 2019*





WHAT WILL LIFE ON CAMPUS BE LIKE?

At our city-centre campus, you'll enjoy the best of both worlds – a University that's ranked 15th in the world for sustainable development*, and the cosmopolitan lifestyle of a city that's the heart of our North East region.

You'll learn and grow among the green spaces, quiet places and striking buildings of our beautiful campus.

And you'll soak up the atmosphere of the city on your doorstep, discovering your favourite places – from our stunning Quayside and its iconic bridges, to bustling Grainger Town with its classical Georgian architecture, market, shops and theatre.

You'll also become part of a global community on campus – we're home to 28,000 students from 140 countries, and connected to almost a quarter of a million alumni worldwide.

Want to see our campus and learn more about our world-class facilities and stunning buildings? [Why not take a virtual tour?](#)



Our campus and Covid-19

Our priority on campus is your safety, so if restrictions are still in force, we'll be following them closely.

That means we can be responsive in the measures we take – easing precautions as soon as it's safe to do so; acting quickly and responsibly if the situation changes.

Find out more about the safety measures currently in place to keep our students and our campus Covid-19 secure, [here](#).

* Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2021



LEARNING WITH US

At Newcastle our teaching is gold standard; we achieved the best possible outcome – a Gold Award – in the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF).

That means you'll learn from world-leading experts and top academics at the cutting-edge of your discipline. And, because we're a research-intensive Russell Group university, our pioneering research will also feed in to your degree.

Supporting your studies on campus will be specialist subject facilities including: high specification labs and clinical skills suites; studios for architecture, art, media and music; a smart grid lab and energy storage test bed; a museum; an art gallery and much more.

Off campus, we have two commercial farms and a biological field station, as well as a sea-going research vessel, coastal station and marine lab.

You'll also access our facilities at the state-of-the-art Newcastle Helix site – from our £58m Urban Sciences Building that's home to the School of Computing, to the Frederick Douglass Centre with its innovative learning and teaching spaces.

How you'll learn

Studying at university is different to school, but we'll help you grow in confidence with:

- lectures and seminars
- practical sessions
- small group learning
- self-study
- research
- fieldwork

Your support network

You'll be assigned a personal tutor – normally a member of academic staff – who'll support you throughout your time with us. They'll help you get the most from your learning and student experience.

Online learning

Elements of your course will be delivered online and you'll access study materials through our virtual learning environment, Canvas.

- You'll need a computer, laptop or tablet, and a stable internet connection – but don't worry if you don't have these things; we'll make sure you have the resources you need.
- You'll follow a timetable, attending online taught sessions at scheduled times. You'll have coursework to complete, as well as lecture and seminar preparation, plus further reading to do in your own time.
- There'll be exams and assessments – so don't expect your course to be easier if some elements are online!
- You might need video chat software, such as Skype, Zoom or Microsoft Teams – our IT team will help you access the software and technical support you need.
- Using collaborative tools means you'll engage with your lecturers and fellow students, just as you would in a physical classroom environment.

Learning and Covid-19

Offer holders will be invited to review more information about our blended online and in-person approach prior to Results Day, together with the options available to support their studies.





LIVING WITH US

Where you'll live at university isn't just a room – it's where you'll make friends, learn how to cook, cosy up for film nights, hit the books late into the night and laze around at weekends.

Where you'll live should be a home from home, and our choice of University accommodation means you'll find the perfect place, whether it's an ultra-modern apartment, cosy flat, or historic halls.

Each of our residences has its own identity and quirky character and they're all in great locations - whether that's on campus, a short walk away, or in the vibrant suburbs of Newcastle.

Our sites are either University-owned or managed partnership accommodation that's owned by a private company.

They offer affordable catered or self-catered options to suit your budget, with facilities ranging from shared bathrooms to wash basin or en suite facilities.

Our residences have great communal areas and social spaces to create that community vibe; some have gaming areas, study zones, and offer bike storage and car parking, or even an on-site gym.

[Find out more about our accommodation, here.](#)



Top 20 for our accommodation

We're ranked top 20 in the UK for accommodation in the Whatuni Student Choice Awards 2020



How to apply for accommodation

Once you've received an offer from us, you'll be invited to apply for your accommodation when our application portal opens.

1. Register with us through our portal
2. Log on to the application home page
3. Create your application, listing your top three residences
4. Submit

We'll email you after Results Day with details of your allocated accommodation and how to accept the offer.

And don't worry, there's no rush to complete your online application, as we don't assign rooms based on when you submit this.

Our process means we allocate rooms in a way that's as fair as possible. We aim to have a balanced mix of students in every residence and do everything we can to offer you a place in your preferred accommodation, although we can't guarantee this.

Your ResLife

Our dedicated ResLife team will support you to settle in with a programme of fun, social events and life skills workshops. If you need advice or just a friendly chat, the team offers 1-2-1 support and drop-in sessions, too, so there's always someone you can talk to.

Your safety

We want you to feel safe living with us and have been reviewing our accommodation sites to make sure they follow government guidelines and support social distancing, self-isolation and quarantine regulations, if these are still in place when you join us.

Our ResLife team will also be able to answer any questions you might have about social distancing in shared accommodation.



Please note, the information given in this accommodation section relates to accommodation offered through our service; we can't speak on behalf of private providers in the city.

FRESHERS' WEEK

Freshers' Week, filled with fun, fairs and social events, is the highlight of the undergraduate calendar.

While the social side of Freshers' Week is run by Newcastle University Students' Union, you'll also complete a University induction programme when you'll register with us, learn more about your degree programme, the help and support that's available and the facilities you can access.

Read our blog to find out how our induction programme introduced our current students to their 'Newcastle Beginnings – a new year, a fresh start'.



Freshers' Week and physical distancing



If restrictions are still in place, your Freshers' activities could be a blend of virtual and physically distanced events.

This year, our new students enjoyed virtual campus and city tours, bake-offs and beer festivals, as well as socially distanced sports taster sessions, live music gigs and cinema nights.

OUR STUDENTS' UNION

Newcastle University Students' Union will represent you, campaign for you and support you. NUSU is also the heart of extra-curricular student opportunities with **over 160 societies** for you to join, and **60+ sports clubs** run by our Athletic Union.

You can write for our student newspaper, *The Courier*, or go on air with Newcastle Student Radio and Newcastle University TV. You can also get involved and try something new through our **Give It A Go** programme of social events, workshops and classes.

Your Sabbatical Officers will make sure your voice is heard on University-wide issues, and a Student Advice Centre and helpline (Nightline) can offer confidential support, whatever's on your mind.

Keeping you Covid-19 safe



Your SU will:

- keep you up to date on any restrictions that impact you
- make sure your activities and events follow the latest government guidance
- help you have fun safely, making friends and amazing memories



SUPPORTING YOU

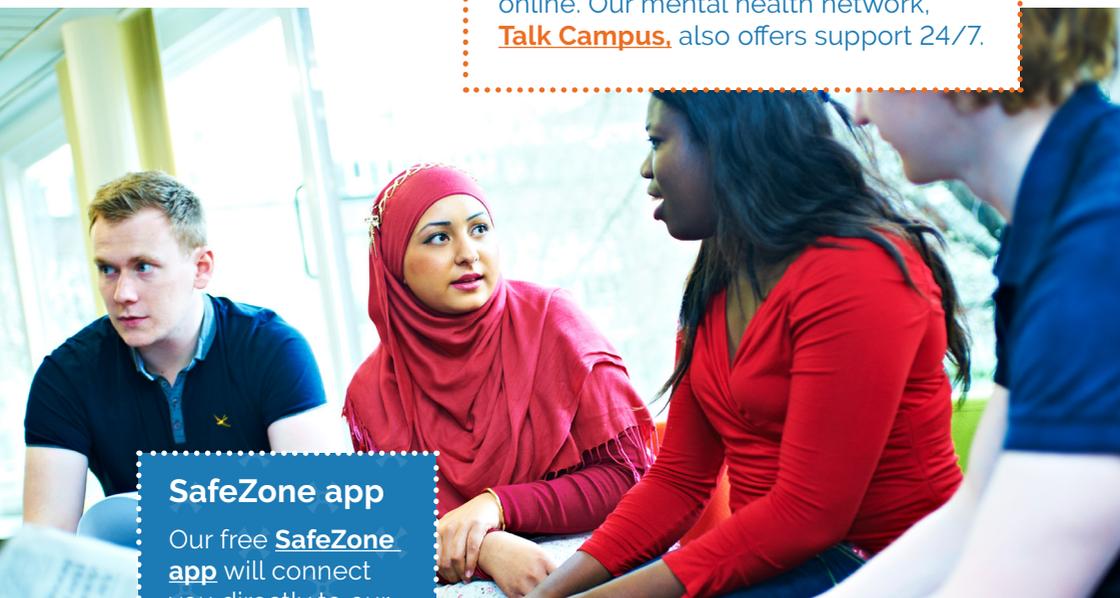
We know your education has been hugely disrupted by the pandemic and we're determined you'll have the support you need if you join us.

As soon as you register with us, and throughout your studies, our dedicated **Student Services** teams will provide the support you need, so you can reach your full potential.



Help when you need it

If Covid-19 restrictions are in place, you'll be able to access our services online. Our mental health network, **Talk Campus**, also offers support 24/7.



SafeZone app

Our free **SafeZone app** will connect you directly to our University Security Team if you're in need of urgent help while on campus.

Your health and wellbeing

We know life at university can sometimes be challenging, so our **Student Health and Wellbeing Service** is there if you need someone to talk to.

A confidential and free service, our teams can offer:

- **counselling** – including 1-2-1 sessions, wellbeing workshops, group work and self-help programmes
- **mental health support** – we can work with you to establish the reasonable adjustments and support you need
- **disability and specialist learning support** – access resources, software and support
- **financial support** – including advice on student finance issues, and help if you're experiencing financial difficulties
- **faith and spirituality support** – including opportunities for prayer and worship, mindfulness, meditation and discussion



SPORT AT NEWCASTLE

Sport is for everyone at Newcastle and you'll be able to access a fantastic range of indoor and outdoor sports facilities tailored for beginner through to performance athlete.

Our Sports Centre is the hub of student sport and fitness on campus and we recently invested £32m in new facilities to make your sporting experience even better. Find out more [here](#).

Performance sport

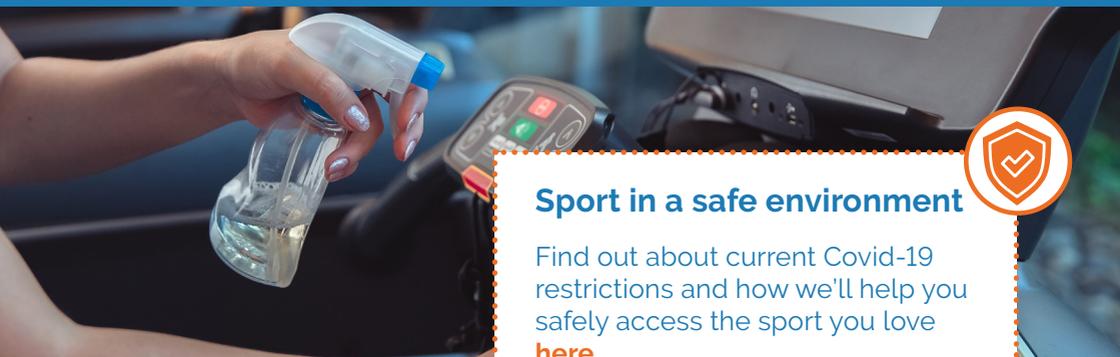
We offer one of the best Performance Sport Programmes in the UK. Our performance athletes are supported by scholarships, professional coaching, strength and conditioning, many support services and a dedicated support team.

Top 10 in the UK (BUCS)

Join 'Team Newcastle' and one of our 60+ sports clubs, with teams competing at regional and national levels – we're top 10 in the British Universities and Colleges Sport league (BUCS).

Sport for all

Sign up for our fun intramural sport programme for all abilities, or book an exercise class, choosing from a mix of cardio, strength, HIIT, cycling and yoga every week.



Sport in a safe environment

Find out about current Covid-19 restrictions and how we'll help you safely access the sport you love [here](#).

OUR LIBRARIES

You'll spend a lot of your student life in the library and our library service is one of the best in the country.

Multi-award-winning, **Newcastle University Library** is based across four buildings on campus – the main Philip Robinson Library, the Marjorie Robinson Library Rooms, and our specialist Law Library and Walton Medical Library.

You'll have access to extensive print and e-resources for all subjects, e-versions of key reading list materials, innovative learning spaces, PC clusters and a laptop loan scheme.



Covid-secure with a click



Our library buildings are Covid-safe and our **click and collect** and **contactless returns** services will help you access the resources you need for your studies.

YOUR FUTURE

Our **award-winning Careers Service** can help you at every stage of your University journey – **both while you're studying with us and for three years after you graduate.**

Access support to:

- explore your career options
- hone your CV
- prepare for interviews
- network with employers
- develop enterprise skills or start a business

Gain experience

Take part in volunteering, internships, work shadowing and work experience, gaining skills to showcase on your CV. Access job opportunities through our **Jobs on Campus (JobsOC)** scheme and MyCareer portal, which puts you in touch with employers seeking Newcastle students and graduates.

Work placements

Try out a career choice, applying your skills and knowledge to real business situations during a **work placement**. Almost all of our degrees are available with the opportunity to spend nine to 12 months in the workplace during your degree.

Study abroad

Experience new cultures and learn skills not taught in a lecture theatre through our study abroad opportunities.

Discover **[more about study abroad, here](#)**, and explore **[what a placement year abroad is really like](#)** and the opportunities at Newcastle that could take you anywhere in the world.

Covid-safe programmes

We want to do all we can to support your career dreams safely.

At the moment, because of Covid-19 restrictions, only University approved work placements in the UK are going ahead.

We're also busy reviewing our study abroad programme.



Virtual opportunities



Due to Covid-19, there are currently fewer opportunities for part-time work in Newcastle, but you could:

- work for the University in both on-campus and remote roles
- access opportunities to work, gain experience, or improve your skill set remotely through NCL internships

Graduates in demand

Our graduates are 'work ready' that's why we've been awarded five QS Stars for Student Employability (2021).

CONTACT US

For further information about Newcastle University go to ncl.ac.uk/undergraduate

Talk to us

Call us on +44 (0) 191 208 3333 or use our [Live Chat](#).

You can also [chat to our current students](#), or complete our [enquiry form](#)

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Download our guide to [planning, writing and submitting your personal statement](#)

Discover more about [our PARTNERS Programme and apply](#)

Read our Student Success Stories at belong.ncl.ac.uk/blog

