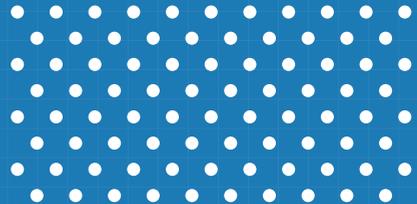


# 2021 ENTRY WHAT WILL UNIVERSITY BE LIKE?

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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

Covid-19 has had a huge impact on all our lives and there's still a lot we don't know about its impact on your journey to university in 2021.

If you join us, your experience could be more like the university journey in our pre-Covid world. If it isn't and there are still some restrictions, we've been making our campus Covid-19 secure, so you can enjoy the student experience and outstanding education you expect from us.

**Read on to find out how we're shaping the student experience at Newcastle to be safe and enriching.**



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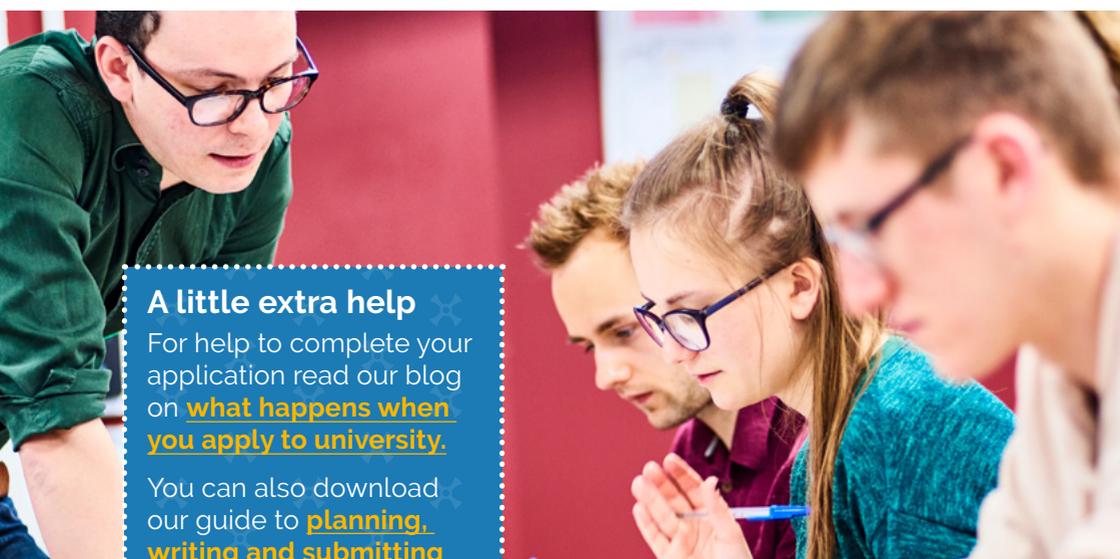
# APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY

Because the university application process should be the same next year, we've put together:

## Simple steps to your application

- [register with UCAS here](#) for 2021 entry
- add your course choices – you can add up to five course choices, but can only apply to a maximum of four courses in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine/science
- attach your personal statement and references
- pay the application fee
- submit before the deadline of **15 January 2021 (6pm)** – for the majority of undergraduate courses

*(The deadline for Oxford and Cambridge applications and most courses in medicine, dentistry, and veterinary medicine/science has now passed.)*



### A little extra help

For help to complete your application read our blog on [what happens when you apply to university](#).

You can also download our guide to [planning, writing and submitting your personal statement](#).

## We're here for you

Once you've applied to us, we'll support you every step of the way on your journey to Newcastle University.

This year, our [Belong blog](#) offered advice including tips on how to revise, navigate Results Day and the Clearing process, while our online resources also helped our offer holders prepare for university, master new study skills, and much more.

So, whatever happens on Results Day 2021, we're here for you.



### Exam timetable

Exams are still going ahead next year across the UK, but they'll be delayed – by three weeks in England – to give you more time to prepare.



### Revision Support

Read our [revision study tips](#) and [discover your revision personality](#) so you can ace those exams!

# 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.

If you're eligible to join the programme 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, too, with a programme of free social activities!

To find out more about the PARTNERS experience **[read our blog](#)**.



## Summer School

Our Summer School is usually a residential event on campus, so if Covid-19 restrictions are in place it may follow a blended format of on-campus and online activities.

You'll still:

- interact with our academics
- learn valuable new skills
- use Canvas, our virtual learning environment
- get to know fellow students and make new friends

## Partners in success

Our PARTNERS Programme has helped over 5,000 students 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.

And because our city is well connected, it's easy to explore further afield, too, using the Metro rail network running across the city, from Newcastle International Airport to the North Sea coast.

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.](#)



## Staying Covid-safe together

We'll continue to work closely with city and public health officials to keep our community safe, supporting safety and physical distancing measures in the city and pro-actively implementing our own on campus.

\*4th in the UK for city life, Whatuni Student Awards 2019  
\*\*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 – the learning environment of a world top 160 university\*, 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 29,000 students from 150 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?](#)



\*QS World University Rankings 2021



## 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](#).

# 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 anatomy 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

Currently, because of physical distancing restrictions, learning is through a mixture of online and in-person on-campus teaching. Lecture materials, as well as many tutorials, seminars, workshops and labs, are being delivered online, but students also access in-person labs, seminars and tutorials.



### Learning and Covid-19

Find out about the [learning experience for current students](#) and how we're reviewing our approach regularly.

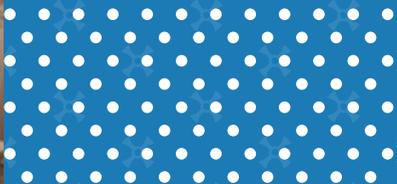
## Online learning

If Covid-19 restrictions are in place and elements of your course are delivered online, 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 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

To find out more about online learning, [check out our blog](#).

You might also be surprised at some of [the benefits of online learning](#) – how you'll develop new skills valued by employers, such as time management, communication and leadership skills, as well as mastering new digital skills.





# 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, all are in great locations on campus or just minutes away, and are either University-owned sites or managed partnership accommodation owned by a private company, but run in partnership with us.

Choose from affordable catered and self-catered residences to suit your budget and tailor your room's facilities to suit you, ranging from shared facilities to washbasin 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 25 for our accommodation

Our student accommodation is ranked in the top 25 universities in the UK (*Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey 2018*).



## How to apply for accommodation

You'll be invited to apply for your accommodation once you've received an offer from us.

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

We'll email you – usually later in the summer – with details of your allocated accommodation and how to accept the offer

**And don't worry – we allow plenty of time for you to choose your accommodation, and we don't process applications on a first-come, first-served basis.**

## 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 one-to-one support and drop-in sessions, too, so there's always someone you can talk to.

### Supporting you

If Covid-19 restrictions are in place, our dedicated Accommodation Services teams will make sure:

- you're safe and supported
- you and your flatmates are aware of, and know how to follow, any safety restrictions
- you're supported if you need to self-isolate or quarantine

Find out [how we've been working to keep our current students Covid-19 safe.](#)



*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, day trips, taster sessions, workshops and more.

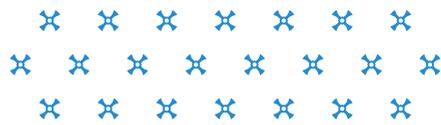
Your Sabbatical Officers will make sure your voice is heard on University-wide issues, and a Student Advice Centre and helpline (Nightline) can offer confidential support, whatever's on your mind.



## 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

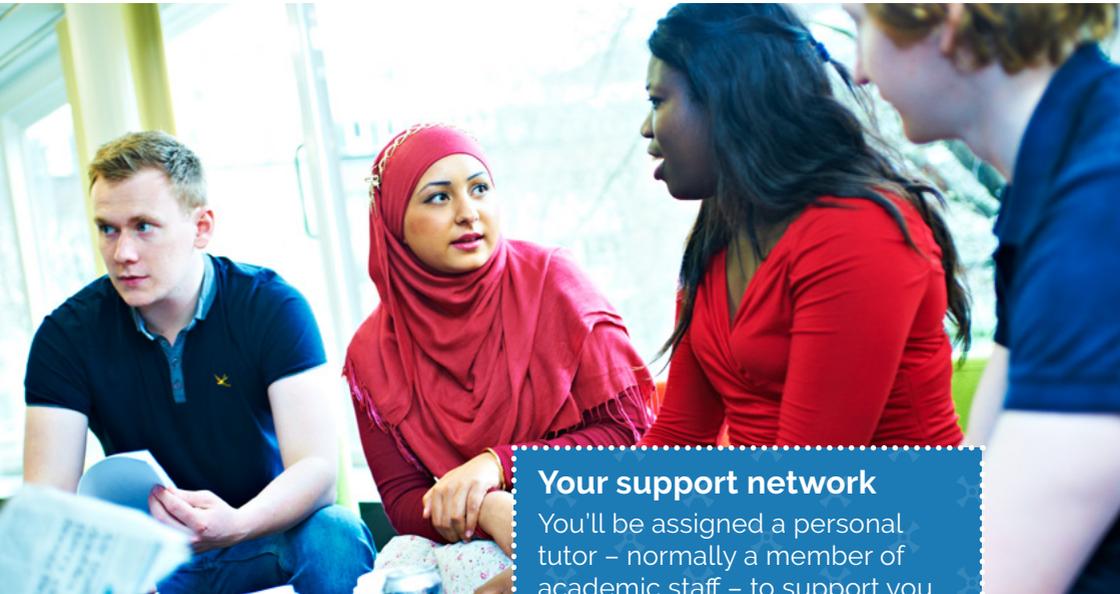


# SUPPORTING YOU

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, you can access our **Student Services** for help and advice on all aspects of student life, including:

- finance
- accommodation
- academic support
- disability and specialist learning support
- support if you're an international student
- faith and spirituality



## Your support network

You'll be assigned a personal tutor – normally a member of academic staff – to support you. A peer mentor will also help you settle in to University life.

## 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 brief counselling, group work and signposting to external bodies, so you get the help you need to reach your potential and make the most of your time with us.



### 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.



# 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 £30m in new facilities to make your sporting experience even better.

You can join 'Team Newcastle' and one of our **60+ sports clubs**, with teams competing at regional and national levels – we're ranked 9th in the UK for sport (British Universities and Colleges Sport league 2018-2019). Or sign up for our exercise classes, choosing from over 200 sessions a month during term, plus a range of sports programmes.

Share our passion for sport and exercise – whether you're new to sport, a team player, or talented athlete. [Find out more here.](#)



## Sport in a safe environment

If Covid-19 restrictions are in place, we'll help you safely access the sport you love. Find out about the measures we've put in place [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



If Covid-19 restrictions are in place, 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
- practise your interview skills
- network with employers

## Work experience

Gain work experience to showcase on your CV through our **Jobs on Campus (JobsOC) scheme**, and access job opportunities with employers actively seeking Newcastle students through MyCareer portal.

## 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

Once travel restrictions are eased, and our partner institutions are able to offer placements safely, 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.



## Virtual opportunities



Covid-19 has changed the way many people work. We can help you access opportunities to work, gain experience, or improve your skill set remotely.



## Graduates in demand

We're in the Top 20 most targeted universities by the *The Times* Top 100 Employers.

# CONTACT US

For further information about Newcastle University go to [ncl.ac.uk/undergraduate](https://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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Read our Student Success Stories at [belong.ncl.ac.uk/blog](https://belong.ncl.ac.uk/blog)

Visit [Student Enquiries](#) for our most up-to-date information relating to Covid-19

