DEVELOPING YOUR FUTURE CAREER WITH NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY

A guide for international students
From business management to biomedical science, you have the freedom to study what interests you the most. Newcastle University can help you build your career path whether you decide to work in the UK or back home.

It’s never too early to start planning the next exciting step in your life - your career. There are so many different options and exciting possibilities available to you.
Interesting statistics about international study and career prospects

Securing your dream job can seem difficult. However, getting the appropriate degree from a highly-ranked Russell Group university will put you on the right career path.

Here at Newcastle University, we have dedicated support teams to give career advice, as well as modern facilities to help your learning. Here are some interesting statistics and facts about international study and career prospects:

**Key Stats:**

- **Over 450,000 international students study in the UK each year** and the numbers have increased yearly.
- **China has the highest number of students** (more than 100,000!), followed by Hong Kong, India and Malaysia.
- **There is currently no cap on the numbers of international students able to study in the UK.**
- **61 countries had at least 500 students coming to the UK for higher education in 2016/17.**
- **£28,138 is the average salary** of undergraduate and postgraduate international students who completed a Newcastle University degree.
- **International students currently make up 34% of all students at Russell Group universities.**
97% of graduates from Newcastle Law School were in employment or further education within six months of graduating.

Course related:

Some of the most popular courses amongst international students in the UK include Business Management, Accounting and Finance, Engineering, Law and Science.

Students have an excellent record of entering employment after their degree programmes, with 90% in work or study after graduating.

Developing your future career with Newcastle University
Career related:

Newcastle University is one of the top 20 universities in the UK targeted by graduate employers

Volunteering can be a great way to gain experience to include on your CV while doing something you’re interested in and enjoy

A degree from Newcastle University helps career progression, with 89% of UG and PG in professional or managerial employment six months after graduation (based on 2016/17 DLHE)

All of these facts show you that the UK is a fantastic place to study abroad. Now that you know them, you can start planning your career path with Newcastle University.

Sources:

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PLANNING THE PERFECT CAREER PATH
Business-related degrees are the most popular degree that international students study. The main business degrees are International and Management.

These degrees are run by Newcastle University Business School, based in the growing business district of the city.
The skills you'll gain

We place a strong emphasis on helping you develop practical skills for your future career. Our case-study style of teaching helps you understand how businesses apply knowledge and deal with real-life matters.

Throughout your business degree, you'll also develop skills in areas such as:

- team working and leadership
- negotiation
- entrepreneurship
- ethics
- strategic management
- numeracy and IT skills

The Careers Service offers industry information, skills and how to gain experience and find jobs for business-related roles.

What you can experience

Our Business School is home to 121 academic researchers from across the globe. You can work alongside them and access their world-leading insight.

At Newcastle University, we offer entrepreneurial support service called START UP. It has workshops, grant funding and expert advisors to provide support to help you start your own business.

You can also join societies like business society entrepreneur society and many more.
Examples of careers you could go into

There are lots of careers your business degree could lead you to. Here are just a few:

- Business advisor
- Business development manager
- Project manager
- Supply chain manager
- Sales executive

Newcastle University’s work placement options

A work placement will give you the opportunity to put your learning into practice and gain lots of experience for your future business career.

You’ll receive support from the Business School’s dedicated Placement Officer and the University’s Careers Service to help you find a placement that matches your skills and interests.

Recent business graduates from Newcastle University have secured roles at multinational companies like Disney, Nissan and ESPN.
Engineering is creative, exciting and rewarding. Here at Newcastle, we offer degrees in Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Chemical Engineering - but that’s not all. There are other Engineering degrees that you can explore.
The quality of Newcastle teaching is well recognised by the engineering profession and is accredited. Mechanical engineering is accredited by the Institution of Mechanical Engineers and Chemical Engineering degrees are accredited by the Institution of Chemical Engineers and the Institute of Measurement and Control.

The most recent data available shows that 100% of our Civil Engineering BEng Honours and MEng Honours graduates went into employment or further study within six months of graduating.

The skills you’ll gain

Throughout your engineering degree, you’ll also develop skills in areas such as:

• engineering principles and practices
• research and information retrieval
• data collection
• good evaluation skills
• current and developing practices in the field

The Careers Service offers industry information, skills and how to gain experience and find jobs for Engineering-related roles.
What you can experience

Our research is making a worldwide impact. You’ll work alongside academic and industrial leaders, giving you a rewarding and challenging experience. If you’re doing a civil engineering degree, you will network with professional engineers at the regional office of the Institution of Civil Engineers. It’s hosted right here in Newcastle.

We are always investing in your learning experience. Newcastle Helix, our £350 million project, acts as a living laboratory. It focuses on our research in sustainability, engineering and transport. You’ll build relationships alongside other students in STEM, with world-class facilities to assist you.

You can also join societies like CEGsoc, Engineers Without Borders and many more.
Examples of careers you could go into

There are lots of careers your engineering degree could lead you to. Here are just a few:

- Aerospace engineer
- Automotive engineer
- CAD technician
- Mechanical engineer
- Nuclear engineer

Newcastle’s work placement options

All of our engineering degrees provide clear pathways to becoming a Chartered Engineer (CEng). This is one of the most recognised international engineering qualifications.

You can also observe professional engineers on the job, through field visits to live engineering sites.
FINANCE

Finance MSc is a professionally accredited degree and helps you begin your accounting and finance career. There are lots of other finance courses such as Accounting, Finance and Strategic Investment MSc and International Financial Analysis MSc.
Whichever course you choose, you’ll graduate with practical skills that employers will look for. You’ll also have a strong understanding of the academic theory that goes into this professional practice.

The skills you'll gain

Throughout your finance degree, you’ll develop skills in areas such as:

- accounting and finance
- problem solving
- communication
- commercial awareness
- numeracy and IT skills

The Careers Service offers industry information, skills and how to gain experience and find jobs for finance-related roles.

What you can experience

Newcastle University Business School has excellent links with accounting organisations and professional bodies. Regular guest lecturers from leading accountancy firms give insight into the industry. You’ll also enjoy close interaction with chartered accountants on the teaching team.

You can also join societies like the Finance society, the Entrepreneur society and many more.
Examples of careers you could go into

There are lots of careers your finance degree could lead you to. Here are just a few:

- Chartered accountant
- Chartered management accountant
- Company secretary
- Forensic accountant
- Stockbroker

Newcastle’s work placement options

Many of our graduates go on to train as Chartered Accountants. However, this degree can also lead to a range of other career options, such as general management.

A variety of careers in business and industry are open to you and you’ll be well placed when applying to graduate training schemes.
Newcastle University provides a high-quality legal education in a supportive and friendly environment. Our undergraduate law degree is recognised by the Solicitors Regulation Authority and accredited by the Bar Standards Board.

As a Law student, you'll spend much of your time in our dedicated Law School. All of our facilities, staff and students are together in this building.
The skills you’ll gain

Throughout your law degree, you’ll also develop skills in areas such as:

• logical and critical thought
• accurate use of language
• communication skills
• research skills
• evaluation skills

The Careers Service offers industry information, skills and how to gain experience and find jobs for law-related roles.

What you can experience

You have the chance to develop career-enhancing skills such as client interviewing and mooting.

Newcastle has a dedicated Law Library containing over 40,000 volumes of materials and you can join The Eldon Society or Bar Society.

A high percentage of our graduates go on to qualify as solicitors or barristers. This requires one year’s further training in the form of the Legal Practice Course for future solicitors or Bar Professional Training Course for intending barristers. You’ll also need professional on-the-job training which you can get from a work placement.
Examples of careers you could go into

In your final year, you can choose to study legal topics that interest you from our wide range of research-informed modules. From criminology to environmental law, the choice is yours.

But there are lots of careers your law degree could lead you to. Here are just a few:

- Barrister
- Company secretary
- Detective
- Paralegal
- Solicitor

For students who don’t want to go into legal professions, a law degree is still a particularly valuable qualification that is highly respected by a range of employers. Your new communication and research skills would be useful for roles like Mediator and Human Resources Officer.
SCIENCE

We’re a National Centre of Excellence in biomedical research and our expert staff teach at all levels on our degree programmes. This degree is run by the School of Biomedical, Nutritional and Sport Sciences which means you graduate with the latest knowledge in human health and disease.
The skills you'll gain

Throughout your science degree, you’ll also develop skills in areas such as:

- scientific and experimental skills
- teamwork skills
- critical thinking
- academic writing
- conduct practical and investigative work

The Careers Service offers industry information, skills and how to gain experience and find jobs for science-related roles.

What you can experience

If you’re studying Biomedical Science, through practical work in our biomedical labs, you can learn from experts and graduate with the latest knowledge of human health and disease.

During any of your science degrees, you’ll have opportunities to develop practical skills and enhance your employability. For our environmental science degrees, we have two University farms, used for research, teaching and demonstration: The Farms and NU-Farms Research.

You can also join societies like the Marine Science Society, Bio Sci Society and many more.
Newcastle's work placement options

Different science courses offer different work placement experiences, so it all depends on what you want to study.

You may choose to take an optional work placement abroad, through the Erasmus scheme. You’ll gain an international perspective on your studies and see environmental science practice in another country.

Examples of careers you could go into

There are lots of careers your science-related degree could lead you to. Here are just a few:

- Biomedical scientist
- Forensic scientist
- Medicinal chemist
- Marine biologist
- Sustainability consultant
The career development checklist

Starting your career is exciting and you need to give yourself the best possible chance of succeeding.

To ensure you’re on the right path for your chosen career, you should consider these important things:

**Before university:**

Have I used my interests and existing skills to identify career fields that I would possibly want to work in? 

Yes [ ] No [ ]

Have I already researched my chosen career and the degree(s) I need for it? 

Yes [ ] No [ ]

Can I put extra time and effort in to get the grades I require for entry? 

Yes [ ] No [ ]

Does my personal statement express my interests and passion for my future career? 

Yes [ ] No [ ]

Does the university I’m considering have modern facilities to support my study? 

Yes [ ] No [ ]
**During university:**

Have I researched other possible career paths that I can progress into?  
Yes ☐  No ☐

Is there any work experience I could benefit from?  
Yes ☐  No ☐

Have I taken advantage of the resources and support available from the Careers Service?  
Yes ☐  No ☐

Have I joined a society that can help me gain more experience in my chosen career?  
Yes ☐  No ☐

Have I updated my CV for part time jobs, placements or internships?  
Yes ☐  No ☐

If I’m interested in starting my own business after studying, have I consulted with the Careers Service START UP team?  
Yes ☐  No ☐

Does my chosen university run job fairs for me to experience?  
Yes ☐  No ☐
Towards the end of my study:

Have I updated my CV and cover letter for the position, including any societies I joined and experience I gained during my course?  
Yes ☐ No ☐

Is it beneficial for me to go into a graduate scheme?  
Yes ☐ No ☐

Can the skills I gained during my study in the UK be used back home when continuing my career?  
Yes ☐ No ☐

Have I attended any employer events or recruitment fairs to network with graduate employers?  
Yes ☐ No ☐

Can I attend an employer led workshop on campus to meet potential recruiters?  
Yes ☐ No ☐

Newcastle University can help with all these questions you might be asking and graduates can use the Careers Service for three years after graduation. Learn about our dedicated support systems in the next section.
The support Newcastle University offers you

Ranked as one of the UK’s top 10 universities for overall student experience for the fourth year in a row, Newcastle University provides more than just world-class courses and research opportunities. Alongside your academic career, we want to ensure you get any additional help you might need.

Joshy Jin, proud owner of a restaurant in Newcastle and former student at Newcastle University, said: "The Careers Service is unbelievable and I wouldn’t even dream of having this kind of level of support and help before I came to this country."

You’ll find our dedicated student services building in King’s Gate. It’s home to our passionate staff who can provide expert and confidential advice on a range of issues.
Career advice

If you’re still thinking about what to do next or you need support and career advice, here’s what Newcastle University can do to help...

• you can attend one of our part-time job workshops for international students during September and October

• we have Visa-Careers workshops that explain the routes into graduate employment in the UK you could take

• we can help you to create a CV that showcases all your abilities, skills and achievements

• we work with students like you to practice interviews and plan their next step. We also have an interview simulator available for students and graduates that allows them to prepare their answers to common questions

• our expert Careers Consultants can help you to explore your career ideas and plan your future career

• we work with hundreds of students and graduates interested in working freelance or starting their own business. With our START UP service we’ll support you whatever your goals are

• join our exclusive China Career Gateway career development programme to prepare for the UK and Chinese job markets

Work placements are available through the Careers Service Placement Year. You’re responsible for sourcing and applying for your own placement but you’ll receive our support to help you.
Academic support

Our academic support is ranked highly, with 90% of students agreeing that they were able to contact staff when they needed help (National Student Survey, 2017). We offer a range of services to help you achieve the best results.

- **personal tutor** - they can provide practical advice on academic and non-academic issues
- **student mentor** - a fellow student on your degree who understands how you’re feeling. They can give you support in your studies and be a reliable friend

Visa support

If you have any questions regarding your visa and any pending applications, speak to the Newcastle University Visa Support Team. They can offer helpful advice so that you receive the visa you need to stay and work here.

Student health & wellbeing

Our Student Health and Wellbeing team can work with you, even before you arrive. We can create a tailored package of support if you have additional needs relating to a disability, health-related illness, mental health condition or specific learning difficulties.

Our healthcare services can help you register with local medical and dental practices when you arrive. The team can also provide support if you’re feeling a little homesick. It’s perfectly natural to feel that way when studying abroad, but just talking to somebody can help.

Financial support

Our Student Financial Support Team provides help and guidance on a range of money matters, including budgeting and funding eligibility.

We’re here to help you make the most of your time at university, regardless of your financial circumstances.
Student Advice Centre

The Student Advice Centre is based at the Students’ Union. It offers free confidential advice on a wide range of topics:

- housing and accommodation
- academic
- finance
- legal
- personal
- employment
Here’s what our international alumni have to say...

“Newcastle University is the go-to place for any young person”
Geotechnical engineering international student **Anselm, from Mumbai, India**

“Newcastle feels like home”
Cross-Cultural Communication student **Aparna, from Puni, India**
The first step in your career starts with finding the course you are passionate about. If the course will help you on your path to your dream job role, then you’ve already made progress.

Our Newcastle University campus is in the heart of the city with excellent teaching, ranked in the top 200 of the world’s best universities. Join 24,000 students from 138 countries in studying with us.

Take a closer look at the courses you can choose from by downloading our prospectus.

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