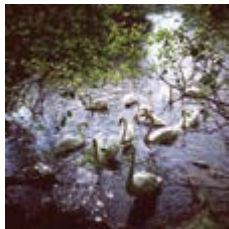


# USA APPLICANT GUIDE



**Northumbria  
University**  
NEWCASTLE

# WELCOME TO NEWCASTLE

CITY  
POPULATION  
293,000\*

\*ONS 2015



NEWCASTLE HAS  
BEEN VOTED BEST  
STUDENT CITY 5 TIMES  
IN THE LAST 8 YEARS\*

\*MSN TRAVEL SURVEY 2009, 2010, 2011,  
WHAT UNI STUDENT CHOICE AWARDS  
2014 AND WHICH? UNIVERSITY SURVEY  
2016



NORTHUMBERLAND  
COAST, A 20 MINUTE  
JOURNEY AWAY FROM  
NEWCASTLE CITY CENTRE  
NAMED HOLIDAY  
DESTINATION OF  
THE YEAR 2017\*

\*BBC COUNTRYFILE MAGAZINE

NO.1 DESTINATION  
TO VISIT IN 2018\*



INTERNATIONAL  
AIRPORT

NEWCASTLE HAS ITS OWN  
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT &  
NATIONAL RAIL LINKS



# HOME OF NORTHUMBRIA UNIVERSITY

## 34,000

STUDENTS ENROLLED AT  
NORTHUMBRIA UNIVERSITY  
(16/17 END OF YEAR ENROLMENTS)

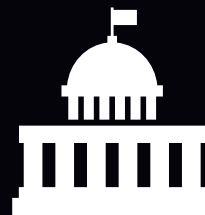


## 88%

DEGREE COMPLETION RATE  
(BASED ON 15/16 UG AND PGT)

## 145

US STUDENTS ENROLLED AT  
NORTHUMBRIA UNIVERSITY  
(16/17 END OF YEAR ENROLMENTS)



## 17:1

STAFF STUDENT RATIO  
(LATEST PUBLISHED FIGURE  
FOR 15/16)

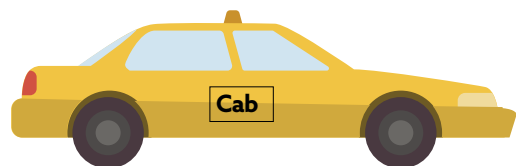


STUDENTS  
FROM OVER 130  
NATIONALITIES



# DIFFERENCES BETWEEN UK AND US STUDY

USA	UK
AWARD TITLE – Bachelors (e.g. BA, BS)	AWARD TITLE – Bachelors (e.g. BA, BSc, BEng)
DURATION – 4 years	DURATION – 3 years (England, Northern Ireland and Wales), 4 years (Scotland)
GENERAL EDUCATION – Common	GENERAL EDUCATION – No general education requirements
MAJOR – Declared during study	MAJOR – Declared at application
HONORS TRACK – Restricted	HONORS TRACK – All students
ADMISSIONS PHILOSOPHY – Suitable for institution, holistic	ADMISSIONS PHILOSOPHY – Suitable for major, academic
APPLICATION – Direct to institution or Common Application, for example	APPLICATION – Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS). Some accept Common or Direct Application
CHANGING MAJOR – Common	CHANGING MAJOR – Rare. Case by case and must happen early within the first semester
TRANSFERRING INSTITUTION – Common	TRANSFERRING INSTITUTION – Rare. Typically only happens for students studying externally accredited professional programs such as law
TUTOR – Additional help with a class subject	TUTOR – Member of academic staff; offers academic and pastoral support



# KEY DATES FOR YOUR APPLICATION

## 1 SEPTEMBER APPLICATIONS OPEN

Apply through UCAS. Institutions may also consider direct or Common App (Northumbria accepts any route)



## 15 JANUARY RECOMMENDED DEADLINE FOR EQUAL CONSIDERATION

Applying before 15th January is recommended. Some universities will consider applications after this date but it is not guaranteed

## 30 JUNE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS VIA UCAS

Typically the latest advertised date for submission of applications via UCAS

## SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER UNIVERSITY SEMESTER ONE STARTS

Start dates vary across institutions, typically two semesters:

Autumn term: September – December  
Spring term: January – April

## MARCH – JUNE STUDENT RESEARCH

British Council – find your major  
Unistats – compare your major  
The Student Room – discuss your major



## 15 OCTOBER SPECIALIST MAJORS AND OXBRIDGE DEADLINE

This includes Medicine, Veterinary Science, Dentistry or applying to Oxford/Cambridge

## TOP TIPS

SEE PAGE 40 AND 41 IN OUR INTERNATIONAL GUIDE FOR MAJORS AT NORTHUMBRIA



# UK ADMISSIONS

APPLICANTS ARE TYPICALLY ASSESSED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

## Academic proficiency

- Demonstrated through High School Diploma and standardised testing or equivalent awards such as Associate Degrees

## Personal statement and reference

- 4000 characters describing interest in major, career plans, achievements in and out of classroom, what makes you unique!

## Additional requirement

- Depending on institution and major, interviews, portfolio or additional testing may be required

# FEES AND FUNDING

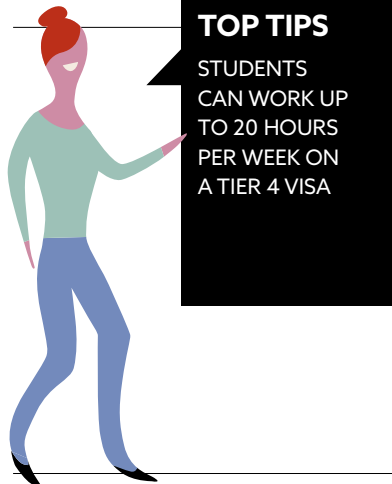


## TUITION FEES FOR 2019/20

• £15,000 per year (Approx \$19,500)

# RAISE.ME

- Earn up to \$2000 through achievements inside and outside the classroom
- Visit: [raise.me/join/Northumbria](https://raise.me/join/Northumbria)



## TOP TIPS

STUDENTS CAN WORK UP TO 20 HOURS PER WEEK ON A TIER 4 VISA



# INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

- Scholarships of up to £6,000 available to eligible candidates

# NORTHUMBRIA ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

WE WELCOME APPLICANTS FROM HIGH SCHOOLS AND TRANSFERS FROM COMMUNITY COLLEGES/ UNIVERSITY.

SAT 1240

OR

ACT 26+

OR

AP's Grade 3 or above in minimum of two tests

## High School students:

High School Diploma (unweighted and cumulative) GPA of 3.0/4.0 plus one of the following:

## Transfer Students:

Case by case and dependent on Major

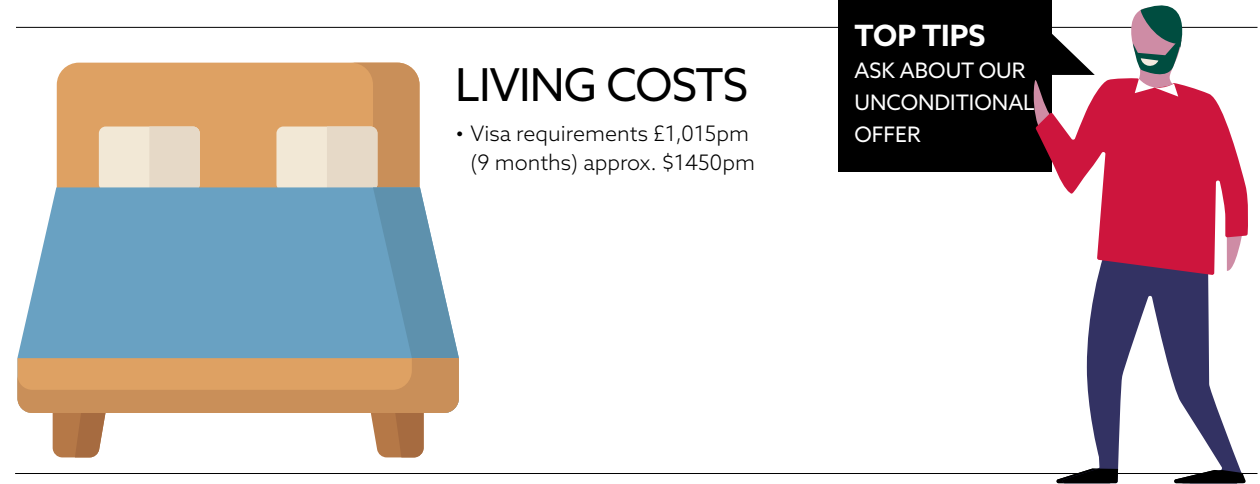
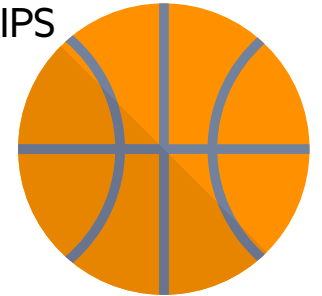
# US FINANCIAL AID

- Northumbria accepts applications for US Federal Aid direct and PLUS loans up to cost of attendance (CoA)
- CoA includes tuition, housing, travel, return
- FAFSA Federal school code G302950



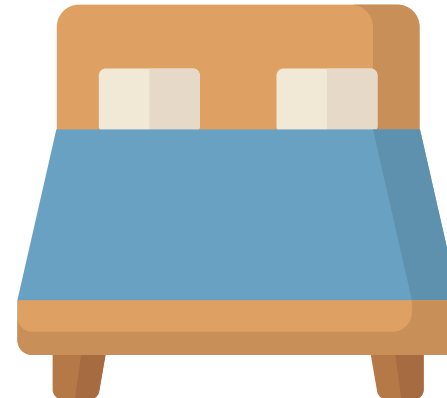
# ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS

- Unique offer at Northumbria for elite international athletes across a range of sports



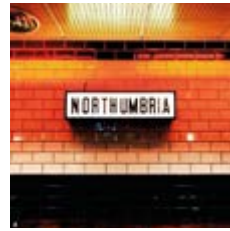
## TOP TIPS

ASK ABOUT OUR UNCONDITIONAL OFFER



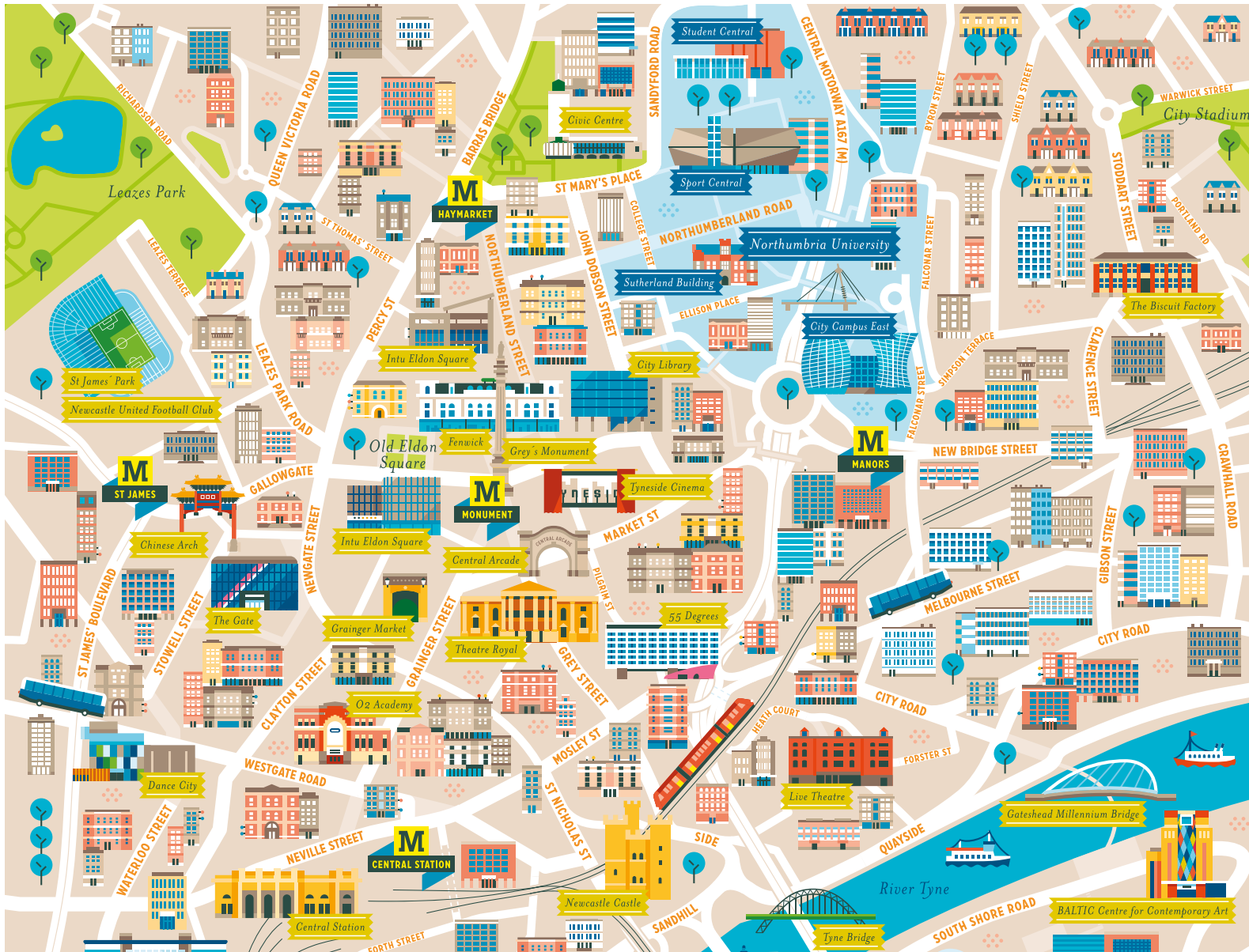
# LIVING COSTS

- Visa requirements £1,015pm (9 months) approx. \$1450pm



**#TakeOnTomorrow**





Scale  
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 10 minute walk

# THE NORTHUMBRIA OFFER:



ACCESSIBLE  
CITY CAMPUS



INDUSTRY PLACEMENT  
FOR ALL MAJORS



PRACTICE LED TEACHING  
FROM DAY 1



UNIVERSITY MANAGED  
SINGLE OCCUPANCY  
ACCOMMODATION  
WITHIN 5-20 MIN WALK  
FROM CAMPUS



INTERNATIONALLY  
RECOGNISED  
ACCREDITATIONS



OVER 100 STUDENT  
SOCIETIES



4 OR 5 YEAR  
INTEGRATED MASTERS



PERSONAL  
TUTOR



OVER 200  
3 YEAR MAJORS

## OUR AMERICAN STUDENTS' VIEW

### HANNAH DE KONING-TEASDALE

BA (Hons) Travel & Tourism Management  
Westfield High School in Westfield NJ

I applied directly through to Northumbria University. My biggest fear was not being able to properly fit into the UK lifestyle after not being there for such a long time.

What I wish I knew before was just to really take in everything Newcastle and the university have to offer because it goes so much faster than I anticipated. Study life in the UK is very much independent and although there is help from tutors, it is less guided than American colleges yet social life is a lot better than America, loads to always do I feel, I don't get bored very much there's lots of selections to choose from!

My best memory would definitely be any time with my team mates from rugby! We are a close knit group and they've become some of my best mates! Game days are always a great time.



#### HANNAH'S TOP TIPS:

- Go in with an open mind!  
The university knows what will fit your needs.
- Don't be afraid to go out and meet new people! It can be daunting traveling across to a new country but it will be so worth it and look into a new sport!
- Follow what you love to do! You're going to be in this course for a few years and you may as well go with something you're passionate about for your major! I got to work at Disney for a year because of my love for travel and tourism.
- Get used to the accent! The people and residents are so friendly!

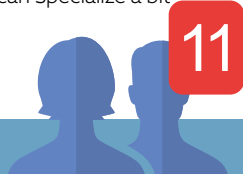
### NATALIA ESTRADA

BA Mechanical Engineering  
Walter Payton College Prep, Chicago, Illinois

Biggest fears before I arrived were that I wouldn't make any friends and that people might be a bit prejudiced against me because I was American. Also that I would hate the course I was on but wouldn't have a choice but to see it through.

But everyone in Newcastle is so friendly! There are a ton of opportunities to make new friends you just have to put yourself out there a little bit but nothing different than if I had gone to school in the US. England isn't so different culture wise so it didn't take long to adjust.

I feel as though I am a more well-rounded student because of the requirements that my high school had. In the UK their general schooling ends at 16 so they can specialize a bit more than we had to in the US. So in some ways I felt more prepared.



#### NATALIA'S TOP TIPS:

- Apply early and be prepared to see words you don't exactly understand and look them up, don't try and guess what they mean!
- When it comes time to pick a primary choice in UCAS it's binding, so make sure it is for sure the school you want to go to.
- Do a ton of research into the city because if you don't feel it is the right match it's better to find out before you commit to it
- Communicate with your parents because it's just as much if not more scary for them for you to apply abroad, but don't let them talk you out of coming either!

## OUR AMERICAN ALUMNI'S VIEW

### MARAL O'BRIEN

MSc Sport Marketing graduate 2015  
Co-Founder Collegiate Market Research

In America, my experience is that there was no emphasis on critical thinking. I learned to think more critically here at Northumbria and not to rely on one source for information. This has really helped me when I started a business after graduation with my course mate. We started working on an idea together but I never thought I would be able to start a business in the UK because of my Visa.

I was amazed to find out Northumbria has a free start-up support service that is ranked no. 1 in the UK\*. The University helped me apply for my graduate entrepreneur visa, gave us free office space and continue to support us in our business. Knowing I have access to careers support even after graduation and being a part of the alumni network is invaluable.

\*Based on graduate business turnover HEBCIS 2015/16



#### MARAL'S TOP TIPS:

- Do your research on the type of accommodation you want to live in. I was amazed that I could have a room to myself which is the norm in the UK.
- The library tends to hold multiple copies of compulsory text books so check this out before buying! I saved so much money!
- Newcastle is such a safe city, I feel very comfortable living here. The University also has a Safe Zone app too.
- Make the most of your time at Uni, it flies by!

## A COUNSELLOR'S VIEW

### DANNY REYNOLDS

Associate Head of School  
Palmer Trinity, Miami, Florida

Newcastle is an amazing university town. It is the best mix of modern and ancient history with Hadrian's Wall, a 14th century cathedral, the incredible Baltic museum, Millennium Bridge, and a trendy waterfront with outstanding restaurants and bars. I found it to be easily walk-able and safe. There is also easy access to London and Edinburgh for weekend exploration. Newcastle provides an authentic British university town experience for North American students and the best fish and chips in England.

Northumbria has many top tier academic programs, but I was most impressed with the School of Design. I was able to view student's prototypes and designs in state of the art design labs. The professors were creative and very hands-on. The alumni network of the school is the envy of any university. Because of the program's preparation, it is easy to understand why these graduates are in high demand in the industry.



Danny Reynolds on right





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