









USA APPLICANT GUIDE

































Northumbria University NEWCASTLE

WELCOME TO NEWCASTLE

CITY POPULATION 293,000^{*}

*ONS 2015

1 IN 6 NEWCASTLE RESIDENTS ARE A STUDENT



BEST UK STUDENT CITY* *STUDENT HUT 'BEST FOR 2020' LEAGUE TARLE



NORTHUMBERLAND COAST, A 20 MINUTE JOURNEY AWAY FROM NEWCASTLE CITY CENTRE, HOME TO THE MOST CASTLES IN THE UK



INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

NEWCASTLE HAS ITS OWN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT & NATIONAL RAIL LINKS

RANKED IN THE TOP 20 SAFEST UK UNIVERSITIES* *THE WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2018



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

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KEY DATES FOR YOUR APPLICATION

1 SEPTEMBER APPLICATIONS OPEN

Apply through UCAS. Institutions may also consider direct or Common App

UCAS APPLICATION W Northumbria

26 JANUARY RECOMMENDED DEADLINE FOR EQUAL CONSIDERATION

Applying before 26th 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



British Council – find your major DiscoverUni- compare your major The Student Room – discuss your major

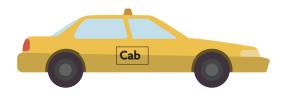


15 OCTOBER SPECIALIST MAJORS AND OXBRIDGE DEADLINE

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

TOP TIPS

SEE OUR PROSPECTUS FOR MAJORS AT NORTHUMBRIA



UK ADMISSIONS

APPLICANTS ARE TYPICALLY ASSESSED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

Academic proficiency

- Typically demonstrated through High School Diploma, standardised testing, honour classes 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



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

NORTHUMBRIA ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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

Transfer Students: Case by case and dependent on Major

High School students:

High School Diploma (unweighted and cumulative) GPA of 3.0/3.4 **plus one of the following**:

- SAT 1240 (R&W 630+ and Math 610+)
- ACT 26+
- AP's Grade 3 or above in minimum of two tests
- GPA 3.2 (test optional) We consider all of our applicants with or without test scores.

LIVING COSTS

• Visa requirements £1,023pm (9 months) approx \$1400pm

ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS

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



TOP TIPS STUDENTS CAN WORK UP TO 20 HOURS PER WEEK ON A STUDENT VISA

INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships of up to £3,000 available to eligible candidates. Correct for 2022/23.

i2i INTERNATIONAL SOCCER ACADEMY

Northumbria University's partnership with i2i Sports allows us to offer men and women student athletes the opportunity to study whilst focusing on their development as a soccer player, as a member of the i2i International Soccer Academy (ISA).



VISIT OUR WEBSITE NORTHUMBRIA.AC.UK/USA FOR LATEST ADMISSION INFORMATION



















THE NORTHUMBRIA OFFER:



10 minute walk

OUR AMERICAN STUDENTS' VIEW HANNAH DE KONING-TEASDALE

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

Lapplied 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

course for a few years and you may as well go with to work at Disney for a year because of my love for travel

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 vourself 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:

OUR AMERICAN AI UMNI'S VIEW

MARAI O'BRIFN 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 startup 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:

to myself which is the norm in the UK.

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 handson. 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.





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