

NORTHUMBRIA UNIVERSITY

GENERAL GUIDANCE FOR INTERESTED STUDENTS

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ACCOMMODATION

- [Accommodation Webpage](#)
- [How to Apply](#)

Students will only be able to apply for accommodation after they have received their username & password by email.

Students receive their username and password automatically by email shortly after an offer is made (please check your junk mail). The username & password is required in order to apply for Accommodation.

Please note: If relevant, it is helpful if students make a note on the Accommodation Application to say that they will be studying at Northumbria for just one semester.

Email for Accommodation Queries: rc.accommodation@northumbria.ac.uk

ARRIVAL

Please note that a free **Meet & Greet service** from Newcastle International Airport will be offered at the start of each semester on certain dates. Details of this service will be available on the webpage close to the start of each semester where students can also register for the free service. Students are provided reminders by email close to the start of the semester.

EU & INTERNATIONAL INDUCTION

All new international students are advised to attend the **EU & International Student Induction** session held in September. The information is available as an online self-guided information session for January semester students. This provides practical and helpful information which will help students settle in to their time at Northumbria University. Students are provided reminders by email close to the start of the semester.

ENROLMENT

Details on the Enrolment sessions for International students will be confirmed via email directly to students closer to the start of teaching. Students will not be registering for modules during enrolment; this is done by the University on the student's behalf ahead of time.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE SUPPORT

Free English language support is available through the **English for Specific Academic Purposes(ESAP)** module via each Faculty. This module runs alongside academic modules during the student's time studying at Northumbria.

MODULES & TIMETABLE

We advise students to be as flexible as possible with regard to requesting modules as no particular module choice can be guaranteed and last minute changes to module availability are common. For this reason students are asked to include a minimum of ten module requests.

The modules we list on our **Constructing Your Programme** webpage are provided for reference and are subject to change.

It may not be possible to change modules once allocated to a student during the timetabling process. This is based on the fact that students have provided a list of their pre-approved modules during the application process which we then use in creating their bespoke timetable.

Please be aware that some modules are not available during each semester, or are only available as a yearlong module and it is not possible to take a single semester of a yearlong module.

The standard timetabling timeframes are as follows: we liaise with students by email on a one to one basis close to the start of their semester in order to confirm their approved modules. Students will then be able to access their individual timetable via their MyNorthumbria account after they have enrolled.

PORTFOLIOS

Students applying for any design, architecture or art based programme will need to provide a portfolio of work along with their application materials.

Design Portfolio Guidance:

<https://www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/guides/preparing-your-art-design-portfolio/>

Architecture Portfolio Guidance:

<https://www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/architecture-ft-uufarc1/portfolio-guidelines/>

DESIGN PROGRAMME MODULES

For students on a Design programme exchange, they will be studying a particular module from the relevant semester of the programme offered (ie: BA Graphic Design - Year Two, Semester One) which will be advised at the time of offer after their application & portfolio has been assessed.

CREDITS

A Northumbria University module is usually worth either 10 or 20 UK Credits.

Students take between 40 - 60 UK credits per semester which can consist of between one to six modules.

We use the following credit equivalency: 20 UK credits = 10 ECTS = 6 US credits

HEALTH INSURANCE

Students need to be made aware of the **Immigration Health Surcharge**. The health surcharge will be paid by non-European Economic Area (EEA) nationals who apply to come to the UK to work, study or join family for a period of more than 6 months.

Students studying at Northumbria for a single semester (under 6 months) will need to make their own arrangements for Health Insurance to cover the duration of their stay.

All students are responsible for ensuring they have adequate insurance to suit their individual requirements.

FINANCES

If you plan to use your bank cards while in the UK, please confirm with your bank ahead of time that this will be possible.

Please note: If you will be studying for a single semester, it can be difficult to open a UK bank account so please plan accordingly.

EXAMS

Most students who will be studying for only a single semester at Northumbria during September semester will traditionally be allowed to leave at the end of teaching in December in order to return to their home institution to continue their study (certain visual arts modules may require you to be on campus in January, this will be advised).

Students returning to their home institution in December to continue their study are responsible for making their own individual arrangements directly with their module tutors regarding assignment submission or if required making any necessary arrangements to sit an exam at their home institution during the January Assessment period.

Students studying at Northumbria during January semester are expected to stay on campus for the full duration of the semester, which includes sitting any exams within the May Assessment Period at Northumbria.

Please refer to your Offer email for the relevant semester end date.

Assessment Guidance is available for Students.

TRANSCRIPTS

Semester One Transcripts sent out:	Mid-March
Semester Two & Yearlong Transcripts sent out:	Mid-July

Finalised confirmed results from your studies are not available until July of the relevant Academic Year due to Northumbria University's Exam Board procedures.

Students studying in September Semester will receive an '*unconfirmed*' transcript in March followed by their official confirmed transcript in July.

Students studying the full academic year or for just the January semester will receive their confirmed transcript in July.

Academic results will be sent as a pdf via email to both the student and our partner contact at the student's home institution.

A hardcopy transcript can be sent upon request but is **not** automatically sent out.

If a student who has previously studied at Northumbria as an exchange student requires a hardcopy transcript for their higher education study, they can request copies of their Northumbria transcript from the Study Abroad team using the following email: er.study-abroad@northumbria.ac.uk

Students should make note of this fact for future reference.