

# The Loyola Center at Newcastle University



The Loyola Center  
**Study**  
Abroad





Loyola University Maryland established a study abroad relationship with Newcastle University in the mid-1990s. Since then, students from colleges and universities across the US have participated in this unique study abroad program.

Newcastle University is a world-class research and teaching university ranked in the top 200 of the world's best universities.

The university is proud of its international outlook with a community that includes students from throughout the United Kingdom and 138 countries worldwide.

Loyola students benefit from a caring and supportive environment within a university that is consistently ranked highly for student experience.

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**Loyola University Maryland Center at Newcastle University**

Is studying abroad right for you? What makes Newcastle so special?

04/05  
**Loyola: The package**

What makes the Loyola Center at Newcastle University such a great place to study? Find out what's included and how it could work for you.



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**Newcastle: City**

Newcastle is regarded as the capital of the North East of England. See what this lively and cosmopolitan city has to offer.



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**Newcastle: Life**

Immerse yourself in university life for a well-rounded experience.

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**Newcastle: Travel**

See how easy it is to travel all over the UK and Europe from Newcastle.



[ 3 hour direct train journey to London ]

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**Newcastle: Study**

Find out about the range of subjects and programs open to you.



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**Newcastle: Stay**

All Loyola Study Abroad students reside in university accommodation situated minutes from the campus and a short walk from the center of town.



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**Help & Support**

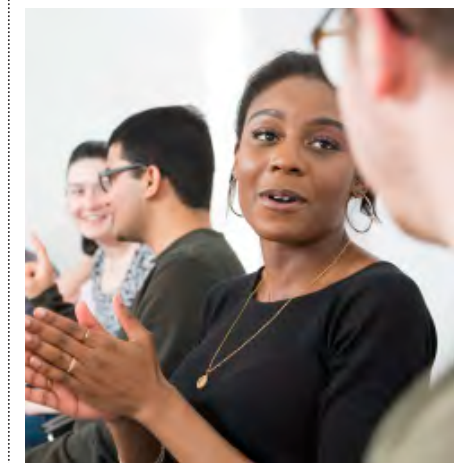
We will support you throughout your application process and during your stay in Newcastle.



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**What our students say...**



And finally, our students offer you some tips for getting the most out of your study abroad experience.





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More than 63% of Loyola University Maryland's junior class study abroad.

## Why study abroad?

Our study abroad program is designed to optimize overseas study experiences for students from colleges and universities across America.

Both Loyola University Maryland and Newcastle University are highly reputable institutions committed to world-class academic excellence. Newcastle University ranks consistently in the top 20 in the UK for student experience and research. Loyola University Maryland consistently ranks highly in the US for its outstanding study abroad programs and for the large number of students that it sends abroad.

Studying abroad has a significant impact on the educational experiences of American college students. An overseas experience serves as an opportunity to develop the soft skills and cross-cultural competences that US employers increasingly value. We understand that it can often be difficult for students with certain majors, specifically in the sciences, to study abroad. The Loyola Center at Newcastle University was established to make studying abroad possible for all students who are interested.

Center staff will assist all accepted students with the study abroad process from beginning to end, ensuring that students receive a remarkable experience while adding value to their degrees. We look forward to welcoming you here.

## What makes Newcastle such a great place to study?

- Newcastle is a safe and compact city and is easy to travel around.
- The University is situated in the city center and most amenities are within a 15 minute walking distance.
- Loyola students live in accommodation that is a short walk from the campus and city center. All students are allocated their own room.
- Newcastle is home to a modern Metro rail system, linking the city center to the airport, suburbs and the beautiful coast.
- Newcastle International Airport offers flights to other UK cities, Ireland, Europe, and beyond.
- Students have easy access to the rest of the country by road, rail, and air, with London only three hours away by train, and Edinburgh only one and a half hours by train.



# 04/05 The Ultimate Study Abroad package

This comprehensive program offers personalized assistance right from the start.


We offer:

- \* visa and immigration support both in the US and the UK
- \* accommodation in University housing
- \* organized trips to destinations throughout the UK
- \* assistance with choosing appropriate classes that meet students' academic needs
- \* a Personal Tutor to offer individual support, information and guidance
- \* pre-departure information and advice plus in-depth orientation on arrival




## What's included?

The Loyola Center at Newcastle University offers the total study abroad package, providing students with a dynamic, vibrant, and supportive environment abroad.




**The Loyola package**

Tuition for Loyola credits

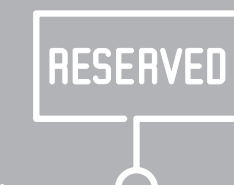



(30 credits full year)  
(15 credits one semester)



Dedicated on-site support team


A variety of group meals and social events







Trips throughout the UK

Evacuation insurance



Study at a globally-recognized university




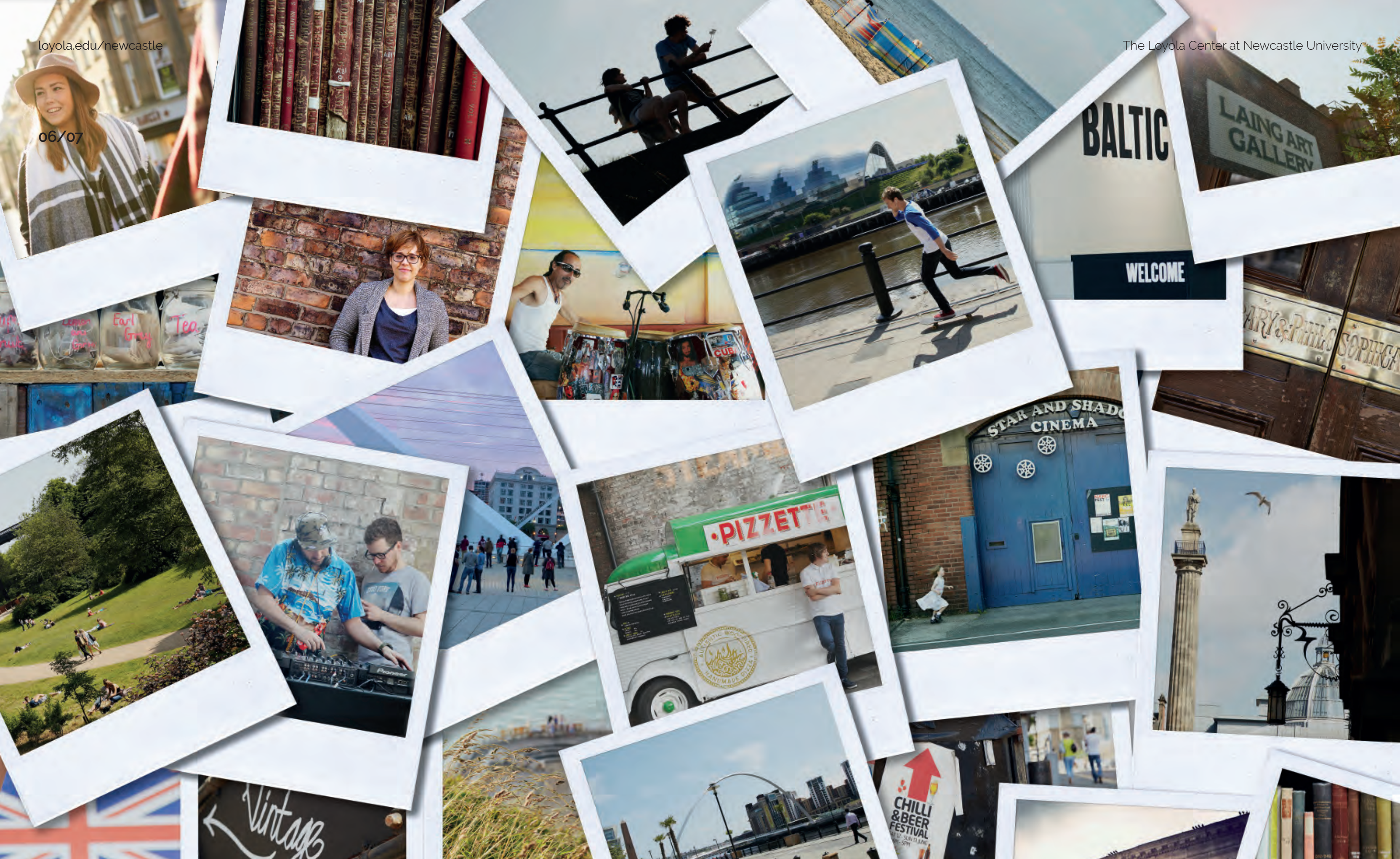


Housing for entire program duration

Student support

access to all of the services Newcastle University provides to students





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BALTIC

WELCOME

LAING ART GALLERY

STAR AND SHADOW CINEMA

PIZZETTA

CHILLI & BEER FESTIVAL

Vintage

MARY & PHILIP'S SOUTHERN



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# City

## Shopping

Eldon Square and Northumberland Street are the two main shopping areas within the city center, and are busy, vibrant places with lots of choice. There are also several traditional markets in the city center and surrounding suburbs. One of Europe's largest indoor shopping and leisure centers, the Metrocentre in Gateshead, is also just a short bus ride away. With all of its shops, restaurants, markets, cinemas, music venues, and stadiums, Newcastle has everything you could wish for!!



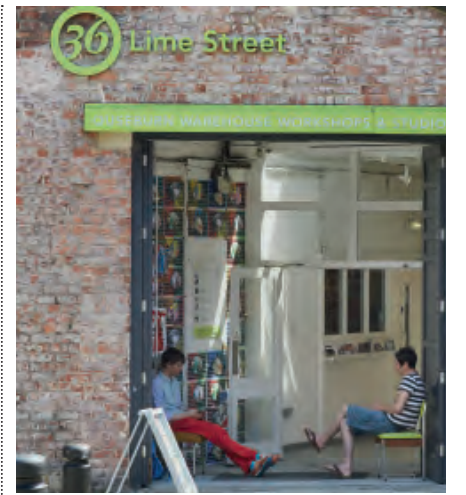
## Food & Drink

There is a wealth of choices for cuisine in Newcastle – with Greek, Indian (a British favorite), Italian, Japanese, Lebanese, Mexican, Persian, Spanish, Thai, Turkish, and Vietnamese restaurants. It is also home to Chinatown, one of the most popular areas to eat, with many all-you-can-eat buffets and takeout restaurants, suitable for all budgets. There's something for every taste in Newcastle!

## Sport

Newcastle United is a well-known soccer (football in the UK) team in the UK. On game days, more than 50,000 fans gather at St. James' Park. The city is also home to a rugby union team, the Newcastle Falcons, and one of the most successful basketball teams in the UK, the Newcastle Eagles.

The city's sporting personality also extends to campus, where students participate in both intramural and non-competitive sports. There are more than 60 different clubs to choose from; try your hand at cricket, surfing, archery, or trampoline, or enjoy an American favorite like lacrosse or American football.



## Arts & Culture

The city has a fantastic choice of museums and art galleries. The BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art on the Quayside features modern art exhibitions, as well as stunning views of the city from its outdoor viewing platform. The Laing Art Gallery in the city center hosts a variety of historic, modern, and contemporary fine art and sculpture.

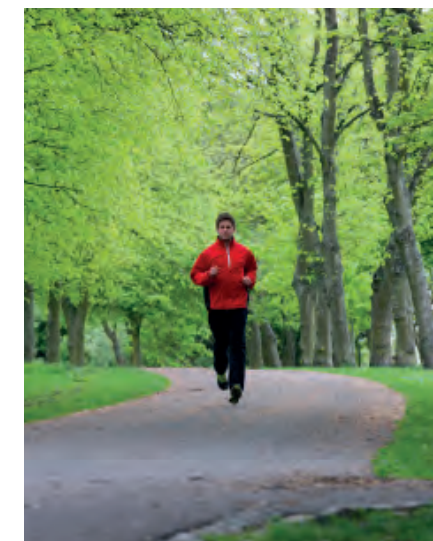
Newcastle University also has its own art gallery on campus, The Hatton Gallery, and is the lead partner in the Great North Museum, which is located near campus. The museum has permanent exhibitions about local archaeology like Hadrian's Wall, as well as dinosaur fossils and a selection of artifacts from across the globe.

The Theatre Royal hosts plays and musicals, including productions from the Royal Shakespeare Company and the West End (London's version of Broadway). The Mill Volvo Tyne Theatre and Live Theatre are other venues in the city, particularly for independent theater, and another venue, the Northern Stage, can be found right on campus.



## Entertainment

Live music is very popular in Newcastle, and the city has several venues including the Metro Radio Arena, Sage Gateshead, Newcastle City Hall and the O<sub>2</sub> Academy – and many smaller venues like The Cluny. Additionally, there are several mainstream and independent cinemas showing films from around the world.



Top 10 student city in the UK  
(QS Best Student Cities 2018)



# Life

In addition to all of the activities and excursions that the Loyola Center organizes for you, Study Abroad students are encouraged to take advantage of everything Newcastle has to offer!

With the Students' Union Building, well-equipped sports center, University libraries, state-of-the-art IT facilities and study support facilities there are a lot of opportunities to get involved in other aspects of University life.



 Ranked 4th in the UK for **social life**  
(The Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey 2018)

## Students' Union

Newcastle University's Students' Union (NUSU) is run by students, for students, with six elected Sabbatical Officers representing your interests.

The hub of social life on campus, NUSU offers 65 sports clubs, over 200 societies and endless opportunities to make friends and experience new activities. This all takes place under one roof, in the stunning Students' Union building in the heart of campus.

So, whether you want to try a new sport, join a society, volunteer, watch the latest big name perform or just grab a 'meal deal' from the SU shop, the Students' Union has it all.

The Students' Union offers:

- \* Award winning student newspaper (The Courier)
- \* Opportunity to join 200 student societies and 65 sports clubs
- \* Events and activities throughout term
- \* Subway, Starbucks, Dominos Pizza
- \* 1,500 capacity concert space
- \* Club and Quiz Nights
- \* Quiet and Social Study Spaces (24 hours a day)
- \* Student Advice Center and confidential helpline (Nightline)

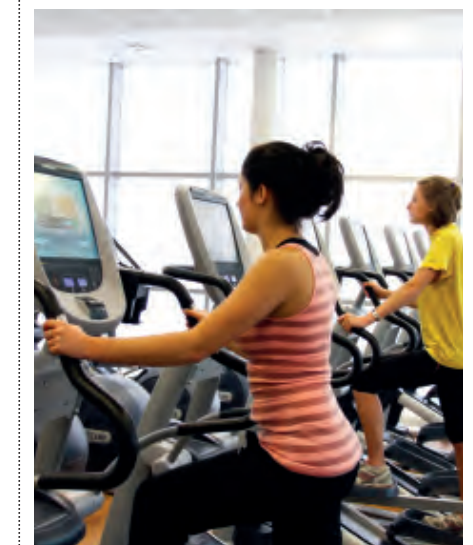


## Sports Facilities

Everyone has the opportunity to enjoy sport at Newcastle University, whatever their level. From taster sessions and exercise classes, to team sports and representing the University regionally and nationally, Loyola Center students are sure to find something to suit their ability and preference.

The university's sports center has a wide range of facilities for sport and physical activity and our students are given plenty of time to make the most of them. A £30m investment in 2019 allowed the university to build on existing resources and meet the demands of our sporting population! These enhanced provisions include an eight-court sports hall, squash courts and exercise studios in addition to 28 outdoor pitches, a watersports center on the river Tyne and a fitness suite and dance studio.

The university also offers an extensive range of recreational sports through our campus sport program. These enable you to play sport regularly in a friendly, competitive environment. The 'Give it a Go' taster program provides opportunities to try out new sports in a fun and friendly environment where no commitment or experience is required.



 Newcastle University are **10th in the UK for sport**  
British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) league 2018

8th in the UK for **Student Experience**  
(The Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey 2017)  


See more of the city and life at Newcastle University:



[www.youtube.com/user/  
NewcastleUniOfficial](https://www.youtube.com/user/NewcastleUniOfficial)



[instagram.com/  
newcastleuni/](https://instagram.com/newcastleuni/)

[instagram.com/  
loyolaatnewcastle](https://instagram.com/loyolaatnewcastle)

Newcastle is considered the capital of the North East of England, a vibrant and beautiful region filled with history. Castles and Roman ruins dot the countryside, and the coastline and beaches are easily accessible from the Newcastle city center. You can explore all that the city and region have to offer.



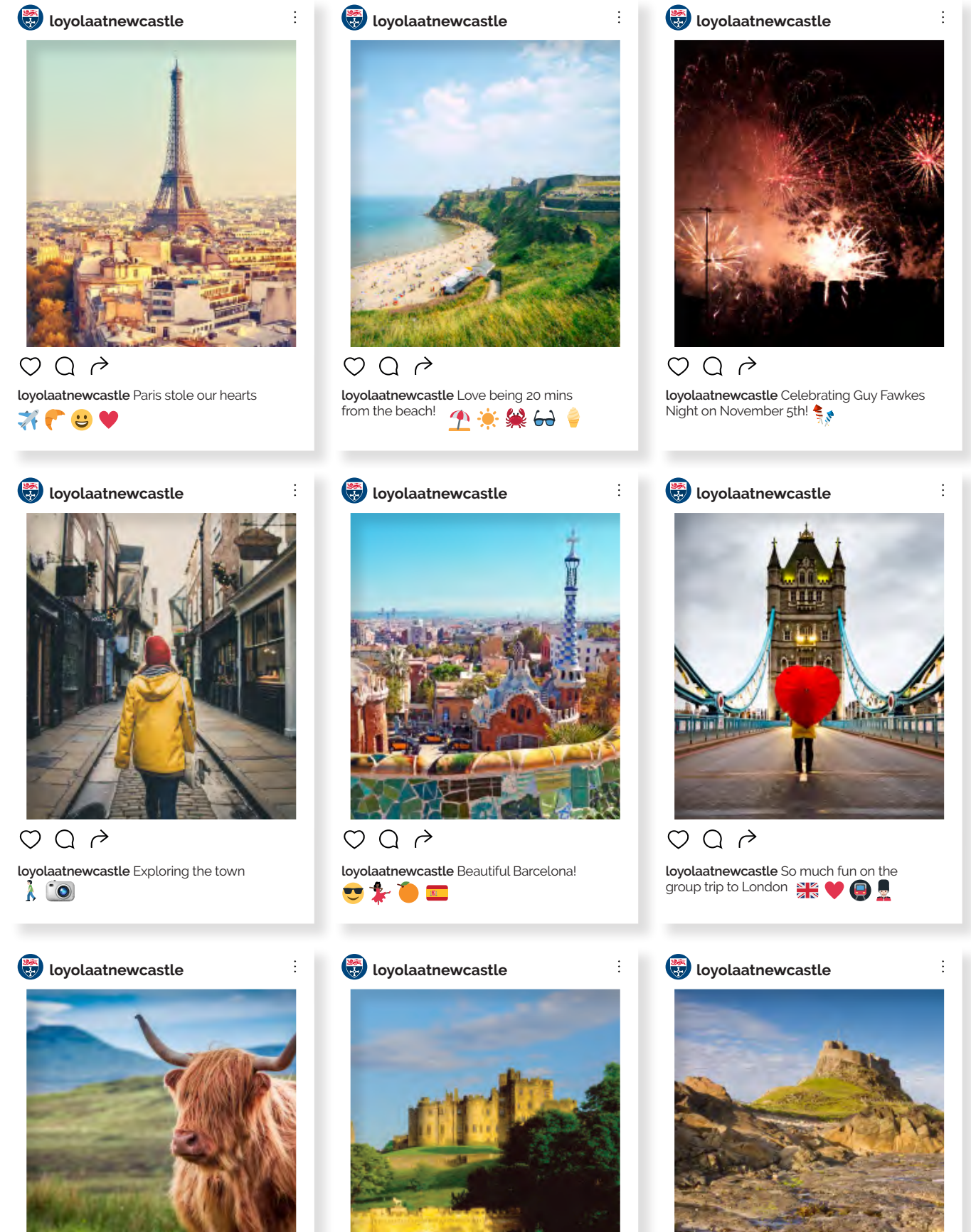
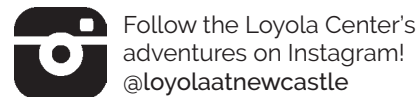
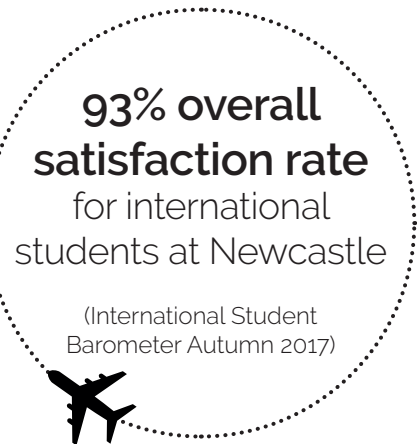
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# Travel

The Loyola Center at Newcastle University offers students organized weekend and day-trips throughout the academic year. Past destinations have included London, Edinburgh, the Scottish Highlands, Belfast, Giant's Causeway and the Antrim Coast, Alnwick Castle (used as Harry Potter's Hogwarts), York, the Holy Island of Lindisfarne, France and Italy. Transportation and lodging, as well as cultural activities for all Loyola-organized trips, are included in the program fee.

Newcastle is also well-situated for independent travel around the UK and Europe. Newcastle International Airport offers flights to Spain, France, Germany, and more, while trains from Central Station link the city with the rest of the UK. Within the region, there are regular bus and metro services. Students can take advantage of relatively inexpensive travel using Newcastle as a base.



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# Study

Newcastle University is a world-class research and teaching university, ranked in the top 200 of the world's best universities.

We are proud to have been awarded Gold status by the UK government in the Teaching Excellence Framework in recognition of our consistently outstanding teaching, learning and graduate outcomes for our students.

We are consistently highly ranked in the UK for student experience and our commitment to graduate success is demonstrated by our strong graduate employability record.

As a university we are committed to fair access and diversity and are proud of our international outlook, with a community that includes students from throughout the UK and 138 countries worldwide.

The Loyola Center at Newcastle University offers a great deal of flexibility in the courses students may take. You have the ability to take a variety of courses in different fields or can focus on one specific subject.

Students are able to enroll in approved class equivalents to ensure they meet home institution requirements.

Loyola Center staff will assist in this process and offer tailored support and guidance to each individual student.





Newcastle is ranked  
**Top 10 in Europe for Teaching Excellence**

(Times Higher Education Europe Teaching Rankings 2018)

16th  
in the UK for  
**Research Power**

(Research Excellence Framework 2014)





A full list of courses can be found on our website at [loyola.edu/newcastle](http://loyola.edu/newcastle)

## 18/19 A Unique Opportunity for STEM Students

Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) students often have fewer opportunities to study abroad – strict sequencing of classes is often a roadblock. The flexibility and support offered by the Loyola Center at Newcastle University allows students to take classes that work for them. Rather than being locked into a sequence, you can choose what will be most beneficial to the progress of your degree. Newcastle has a history of hosting science students and has a variety of classes available to study abroad students.

Newcastle University has a long-standing reputation for being one of the best places to study medicine, dentistry and health sciences in the UK. Our undergraduate and postgraduate Biomedicine subjects are featured in the top 200 of the major international rankings and recognized with consistent top 10 rankings in the national league tables.

## Pre-Med Students

In the UK, students can study medicine at undergraduate level and as such, the School of Biomedical Sciences is well-equipped for US study abroad students who are pursuing a career in medicine. This gives you a competitive edge, as you will have access to teaching, research and resources that are typically unavailable to undergraduates in the US.

## Newcastle Helix

Newcastle Helix is Newcastle's £350 million flagship project – a 24-acre hybrid city quarter in the center of Newcastle, built for international tech and science businesses, the local community and residents. Key parts of Newcastle University are based at the Helix:

- £58m Urban Sciences Building
- £34m Learning and Teaching Center
- School of Computing
- National Innovation Center for Aging
- National Innovation Center for Data
- National Institute for Health Research Innovation Observatory



## Academic Semester or Year

Students are able to study at Newcastle University for a single semester or for a full academic year. Loyola University Maryland awards credit (2.5 or 5) for all modules taken at Newcastle University. Loyola Center students benefit from exactly the same advantages given to permanent students and are encouraged to use the many resources and services available to registered students.

## Academic Terminology

An academic year is divided into two semesters: Semester One (Fall) begins in September and Semester Two (Spring) begins in January.

All modules (also known as courses) have a code, a title, and a specific number of credits attached to them. Study abroad students are required to follow a normal undergraduate workload based on 120 credits for a full academic year or 60 credits per semester. Find out more at [loyola.edu/newcastle/courses](http://loyola.edu/newcastle/courses)



## Teaching Methods

At Newcastle University, teaching staff use a wide variety of teaching and assessment styles. Lectures, seminars, tutorials – and in some subjects, laboratory classes – are the main points of contact between student and tutor. These are often supplemented with fieldwork, guest lectures, student presentations, conferences, and private study.

## Assessment Methods

Assessment is by written, practical, and oral examinations. Coursework and projects may also be assessed. In most cases, study abroad students will complete the same assessments as full-degree students. For students who will have returned to their home institution by the normal exam period, alternative assessment arrangements will be made available.

## Academic Support

Newcastle University's exceptional support services help you to achieve outstanding educational outcomes.

Every Loyola student is allocated a Personal Tutor who, like a Student Advisor at home, can provide guidance on a range of academic issues to help you excel in your studies.

If you need extra help developing the numeracy and writing skills you need to excel at Newcastle, we offer two excellent study support services: Maths-Aid and the Writing Development Center both conveniently located within the main university library.

## Transcripts

When you have completed your period of study at Newcastle you will receive a Loyola University Maryland transcript stating the Newcastle modules studied, the Loyola equivalent credits earned, and the Loyola equivalent grade awarded. The credits will be transferred back to Loyola with US credit equivalent. Students receive 5 Loyola credits for 20 Newcastle credits and 2.5 Loyola credits for 10 Newcastle credits, for a total of 15 Loyola credits per semester.

A Loyola University Maryland transcript will not automatically be sent to your home institution. It is your responsibility to request a transcript from the Loyola University Maryland Records Office, once a semester at the Loyola Center has been completed. Please keep in mind it could take 8–12 weeks after the exam period has ended to send a Loyola transcript to your home institution.

## Careers Service

Newcastle University's award-winning Careers Service is there to support the future of all students, even those who are only studying for a semester or year. Whether it's a part-time job or a longer-term internship – The Careers Service can help with all of it. They can also help reformat résumés to the European version – curriculum vitae, or CV for short. By knowing and understanding the European market, they can help expand employment opportunities during your time at University and beyond.

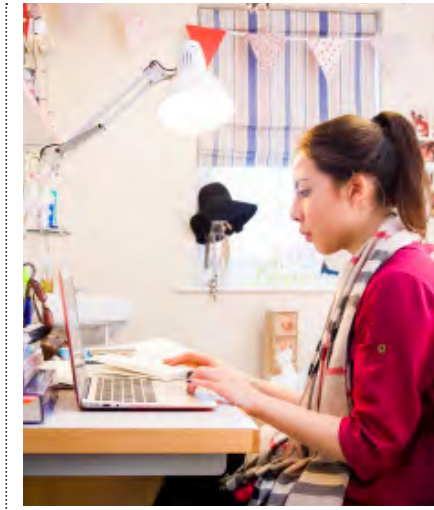
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# Stay

The Loyola study abroad package includes accommodation while studying in Newcastle.

The residences are close to both campus and the city center allowing you the ability to walk everywhere!

Live alongside **24,000 students** from 138 different countries



## What We Offer

Staying in University accommodation gives students a chance to make new friends and enjoy being part of a supportive community as they settle into life abroad. We offer:

- \* Universities UK-approved student accommodation, which meets nationally recognized management and physical standards
- \* Self-catered residences, located on campus and within walking distance of the city center
- \* A fully furnished study bedroom including a bed, wardrobe, desk, and study chair
- \* Free WiFi
- \* 24-hour security
- \* Opportunity to live with British students

## Self-catered Accommodation

All of the accommodation options available through the Loyola Center are self-catered, meaning students are responsible for preparing their own meals. Self-catered accommodation is perfect for students who would like to establish their independence but still enjoy the support and social benefits of being part of a student residential community.

Loyola students should always feel safe in university accommodation. Dedicated campus security patrol the campus to ensure students' peace of mind. 24 hour emergency assistance is also offered seven days a week.

## Cost of Living

Part of what makes Newcastle so student-friendly is the low cost of living compared to other major cities in the UK. Students will still be able to experience a cosmopolitan environment, but at a much more reasonable cost than somewhere such as London.



For a virtual tour of our accommodation, please visit: [www.ncl.ac.uk/tour/accommodation](http://www.ncl.ac.uk/tour/accommodation)

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# Help & Support

In addition to full-time support from the on-site Center Manager and team, Loyola students have access to all of the services Newcastle University provides.



6th in the UK  
for Student  
Support

(Times Educational Survey  
2017)

100% Loyola program  
participants would  
recommend study  
abroad at Newcastle  
to their peers

(Student Survey, Fall 2018)



## On-site Support Team

The Loyola Center at Newcastle University offers excellent one-to-one support for all students including 24-hour emergency availability.

Our dedicated on-site support team looks after all students studying at the Center. Once students arrive in Newcastle, they will be taken care of every step of the way to ensure that they have the best possible study abroad experience. The on-site support team are available to assist with everything from academics to where to purchase inexpensive groceries or a cell phone. The team also organizes popular excursions and activities specifically for Loyola Center students.

## Visa Support and Advice

Newcastle University visa officers can advise students on immigration issues and give advice and guidance on:

- \* visa renewals and extensions
- \* immigration rules for working in the UK
- \* conditions and terms of Tier 4 Student Visas and UK Student Visitor Visas

[www.ncl.ac.uk/students/progress/visa](http://www.ncl.ac.uk/students/progress/visa)

## Student Wellbeing and Disability Support

At the heart of the campus, the Student Wellbeing team provides a friendly and accessible service for students with additional needs relating to a disability, long-term medical or mental health condition, or a specific learning difficulty such as dyslexia/dyspraxia, ADHD or an Autistic Spectrum Disorder. Our Student Wellbeing team can answer any queries you have about the support available to you while studying abroad at Newcastle. Professional counselling services are also offered in-house and without charge to those students who require it.

[www.ncl.ac.uk/students/wellbeing](http://www.ncl.ac.uk/students/wellbeing)

## Student Advice Center

Based in the Students' Union Building, this service offers a team of professional advisors who can provide information, advice, assistance, and representation on a wide range of topics, including academic, disciplinary, finance, accommodation, legal, personal/family, consumer, and employment issues.

## Chaplaincy

The University Chaplaincy brings together a team of chaplains who offer support and advice to students of all faiths.

[www.ncl.ac.uk/students/wellbeing/about/chaplaincy.htm](http://www.ncl.ac.uk/students/wellbeing/about/chaplaincy.htm)

## How to Apply

Please note, to apply you must be enrolled in a four-year University in the United States and have a CQPA of 2.75 at the end of the fall semester of your sophomore year. You must be in good disciplinary standing with your home university.

## Step 2

Submit a 500-word essay explaining why you would like to participate in the program.

## Step 4

Submit a letter of recommendation from a faculty member.

## Step 6

Pay a non-refundable \$70 application fee.

## Step 1

Complete the Loyola University Maryland Study Abroad Visiting Student Application form [loyola.edu/newcastle/apply](http://loyola.edu/newcastle/apply)

## Step 3

Provide a current official transcript from your home university.

## Step 5

Provide a Study Abroad approval form, including information on disciplinary standing, from a Study Abroad advisor or Major advisor.

## Step 7

Hold a valid passport.

## Contact Us

**Loyola University  
Maryland**

Office of International  
Programs

**Newcastle Center Coordinator**

A Loyola representative will be available to prepare all accepted students before they depart for Newcastle.

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**Newcastle University**

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**Study Abroad Center Manager**

An on-site Center Manager will be available upon arrival in Newcastle to assist students throughout their time abroad.

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Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 7RU

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Email: [loyola@ncl.ac.uk](mailto:loyola@ncl.ac.uk)

[loyola.edu/newcastle/apply](http://loyola.edu/newcastle/apply)



# Top tips for living in Newcastle



Don't stress about not being able to go everywhere you want in Europe...you'll definitely be back!

Spend time with your flatmates or other English students.

Even if you're homesick make the effort to get out and **meet new people.**

DEF: **Pants** means underwear!



Don't be afraid to speak "British".

Go to Jesmond, get some food there. **Let your British friends show you all the local places.**

**WHY AYE**

**Get involved in activities,** don't just spend time with the same people or stay in your room.

If there's anything you think you want to do in your time abroad, **just do it.**



Don't spend all your money in one place, you'll have lots of time to travel.

Get a traditional **Sunday roast dinner!**

Newcastle is not a city you dream about visiting, so don't compare it. But, it is a fantastic city to live in, filled with all types of people.

Make friends, it helps with homesickness, and embrace the differences in British culture.



**Try to be British** (shop, eat, make new friends, go to a soccer game).

**Embrace the differences in culture** instead of searching for something to remind you of home.

Travel as much as possible, but learn to balance school work.



**Look the opposite way when crossing the street:** right=left/left=right.

Buy your fruits and vegetables at the **Grainger Market.**

**Know your city!** Newcastle can be the best, coolest city and a HUGE part of your abroad experience if you let it!!

Travel as much as you can, but don't forget to **explore all that Newcastle has to offer.**

Go to pub quizzes with your flatmates.



Make friends with your flatmates and other British people.

Make sure to speak to professors about assignments, because they expect different things than your home university.



Don't let a rainy day keep you inside because then you'll be inside all the time.

Travel everywhere and **fall in love with Newcastle.**

**Expect to cook!**

Go to Quilliam Brothers for a great cup of tea and good atmosphere.

**Go on DATES with Brits ;)**

**Don't worry about the beginning.** Because just like anything, all things will pass.

**Join a club!**

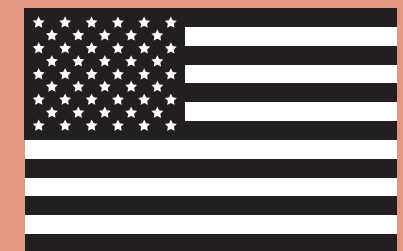
Talk to as many British people as possible!

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**Bring your raincoat everywhere!**

Within the first few weeks, ask your flatmates or friends for a "cuppa", or any new friend for that matter. Chatting over tea is the way to get to know each other.



**Go out of your comfort zone and get to know non-Americans.**

Don't ever be afraid to ask someone for help! **The Geordies are the friendliest people in all the UK.**

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Take me back  
to Newcastle...



**LOYOLA**  
UNIVERSITY MARYLAND



**Newcastle**  
University