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University Centre Course Guide

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Hello.

Here at New College Durham, we are proud of our long history of delivering higher education courses that are designed with you, the student, in mind. We provide high-quality, affordable university degrees and higher national courses which employers look for, to give you the best start possible in your chosen career.

Higher education can change your life, and studying here at our University Centre will not only allow you to gain a qualification, but it will also open up opportunities and broaden your horizons.

Our staff make our University
Centre a unique place to
study; lecturers and tutors are
approachable, knowledgeable,
and experienced in the subjects
they teach. We know studying
at degree level is challenging; it
takes hard work and dedication
to succeed, but we will be with
you every step of the way.



Peter Morrison Vice Principal

HE, Lifelong Learning and International Studies

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Multi award-winning New College Durham offers both further and higher education programmes. We have over 50 years of experience in delivering higher education courses, and have held awarding powers for foundation degrees for over a decade.

With over 50 higher education qualifications including foundation degrees, honours degrees, HNCs, HNDs, higher apprenticeships, higher technical qualifications and professional qualifications, NCD University Centre is the perfect choice for your next steps.

50 years in offering higher education qualifications /// **10+ years** in awarding powers for foundation degrees **50+ qualifications** in higher education to choose from



Our city

While famous for its historic cathedral and castle, there's so much more to Durham.

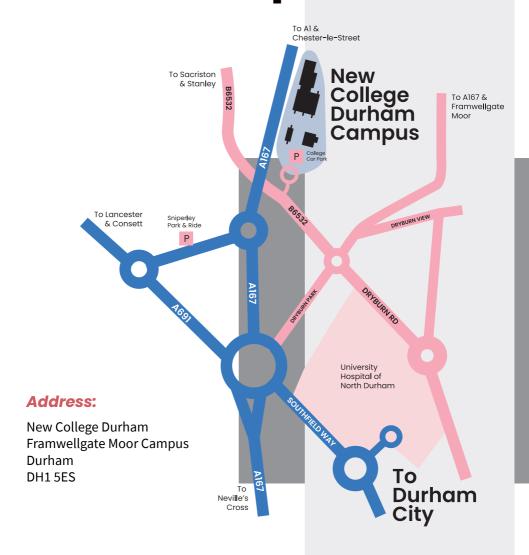
With its superb artisan food and drink scene, first-class attractions, award-winning museums and glorious green spaces, Durham city offers everything you could possibly want - all a stone's throw away from our campus.

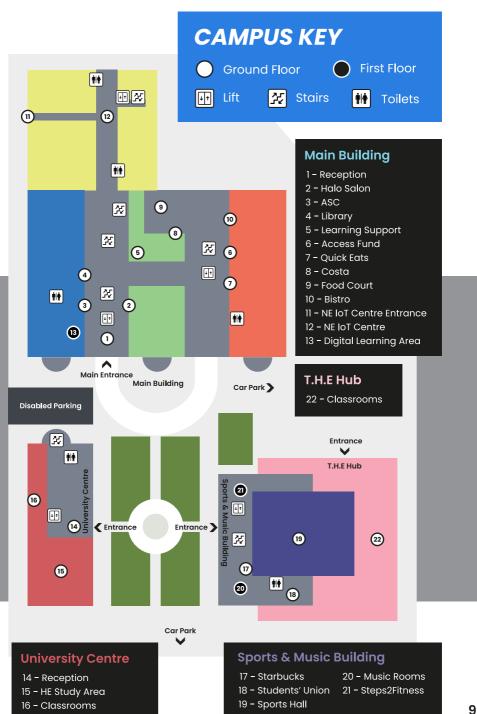
Durham city with its magnificent cathedral has been a place of pilgrimage for over a millennium. With its superb artisan food and drink scene, first-class attractions, award-winning museums and glorious green spaces, it's not hard to see why people continue to flock to this is captivating historic city.

Durham has a modern, well-connected transport system that makes travel around the North East easy and reliable. Our University Centre also has free onsite car parking.



Our campus





Our University Centre is a dedicated learning and social space, exclusively for students studying a degree or professional qualification.

Our purpose-built University Centre features an open plan social space, dedicated study room, and modern classrooms.

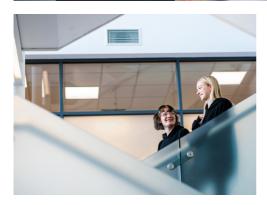
- >>> Free wi-fi
- >> Lecture rooms with smart technology
- Social space for informal working or a coffee with friends
- >> Open-access computing facilities
- >> Recharge points for phones and laptops

At NCD University Centre, you will receive the same high-quality qualification you would at a traditional university, but we aim to give you a much better experience along the way to make sure you are ready for the world of work.











Just where you need us

We're on your doorstep

You don't have to go far to get a first-class education. NCD University Centre is a great choice if you don't feel ready to move away yet, or you want to stay close to friends and family. Plus, staying at home is a great way to reduce your living expenses.

Feels like home

Our campus is big enough to have all the facilities you need, yet small enough to feel you belong. You'll love the friendly, supportive, and positive buzz here.

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Whether an international student or needing to move closer to campus, we have a team dedicated to helping you find accomodation.



Why choose us



Flexibility

Many of our higher education programmes can be studied on a full-time or part-time basis, allowing you to fit your studies around your family and work commitments.

Smaller classes

Keeping our class sizes small gives you better access to our fantastic lecturers and more opportunities to ask questions, join in discussions, get 1:1 support, and receive feedback on your work. Lectures are held in classrooms to give them a more relaxed feel.



Courses tailored to your career

Our job-focused courses are a fantastically practical alternative to traditional academic studies. Designed to give you the skills employers need, you will be taught by professionals qualified and experienced in their relevant industry, giving you the academic and practical insights you need to succeed.

Designed around you

- Dedicated University Centre building
- Smaller class sizes
- Highly qualified staff
- Industry standard resources
- Strong employer links
- Students' Union
- High student satisfaction
- · Additional learning opportunities
- Library, eBooks & journals
- Sport & gym facilities
- On-site food outlets
- · Places to socialise
- Free car parking
- EV charging points

Day one to graduation: we're here for you

We're here to help

If you feel a little unsure about undertaking a university-level course, don't worry; we can help. You will have access to an Academic Support Tutor who will help with researching, academic writing, and referencing.

Our ASC (Advice, Support, Careers) team are here to answer questions about careers, finance or wellbeing, and our Personal Learning Coaches can help you organise your studies and keep you on track.





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Graduation

With NCD University Centre, you'll celebrate your amazing achievements at a formal graduation ceremony held at the stunning Ramside Hall.

You will be celebrated amongst peers, family, friends and your esteemed tutors as we mark the occasion in ceremonious fashion.

Graduation is held in summer once you have successfully completed your programme, meaning it's the perfect opportunity to come together, catch up, don a cap and gown, and make a toast to the future.









What our students say

96.2%

expressed they felt free to express their ideas, opinions, and beliefs.

95%

agreed they were well supported by teaching staff.

96.7%

thought that our teaching staff were good at explaining things to them. 97%

thought course assessments allowed them to demonstrate what they had learned.

Alumni



James

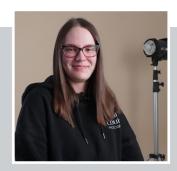
Sales Executive at Aston Martin

"The flexibility of the course meant I was able to work alongside my studies and build the experience needed to get me into the position I'm in today. At NCD, you're treated as an adult and provided with a tailored, engaging experience which prepares you for the real world."

Azaria

Photographer at Azaria Louise

"Tutors at NCD University Centre really care about your passion, and go the extra mile to make sure you gain an in-depth understanding of the industry. The 1-2-1 support was great and really developed me for the world of work."





Tracey

Curriculum Manager at NCD University Centre

"After studying at NCD, I spent 24 years working in the NHS, developing my skills by working in a range of areas in podiatry. I've always had a passion to teach, and returning to NCD meant I was able to pass my expertise onto the next generation of podiatrists."

Types of qualification

There are a wide range of qualification types offered by awarding bodies. Qualifications range in size and type, can be academic, vocational, or skills related. Many of our courses are developed with employers and aim to give our students the best possible start in the world of employment.

LEVEL 7	Post-graduate studies			Higher	Professional
LEVEL 6	BA/BSC/BENG (Hons) BA/BSC/BENG (Hons) Top - up			Apprenticeships	Qualifications
LEVEL 5	Foundation Degree FdA / FDSC	Higher National Diploma (HND)	Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ)		
LEVEL 4		Higher National Certificate (HNC)			
LEVEL 3	BTEC Vocational Course	T-Levels	A-Leveis	Apprenticeships	Access to Higher Education

Qualifications Explained

Honours degrees

A degree gives you a thorough understanding of one or more subjects within a specific field. You can use your degree to move into employment or a postgraduate course.

Foundation degrees

A combination of technical skills and academic study, foundation degrees typically last two years when studied full-time, and often have the option of topping up to an honour's degree.

Top-up degree

A top-up course is ideal if you have completed a relevant foundation degree or HND and wish to gain a full honours degree.

Professional qualifications

Professional qualifications are training courses which relate to a specific industry or career path, designed to equip you with the skills needed for your current or desired role.

Higher National Certificate/ Diploma (HNC/HND)

These are work-related, practical qualifications designed to help you enter your chosen field, or progress in your current role. A HNC takes one full-time academic year and is a level 4 qualification, whereas a HND takes two years full-time and sits at level 5.

Higher apprenticeships

These apprenticeships give you the chance to gain practical work experience whilst studying a university-level qualification.

Higher Technical Qualifications

These courses have been developed by awarding bodies in collaboration with employers to ensure you receive high-quality training to prepare you for the world of work.

Our courses

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Here at NCD, you'll discover a wide range of subjects and pathways designed to help you find your dream career. Learn from tutors with both academic and industry experience. Gain hands-on experience through placements and immerse yourself in vibrant student life.

Accounting

- Level 4 Diploma in Professional Accounting (AAT) Part Time
- Level 4 Higher Apprenticeship Professional Accounting or Tax Technician (AAT) Part Time
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Business & Management

- FdA Business & Management Full Time / Part Time
- FdA Business Administration Full Time
- Level 4 Higher Apprenticeship Business & Professional Administration
- Level 6 Degree Apprenticeship Chartered Manager (CMI) Part Time
- BA (Hons) Management (Top-up) Full Time / Part Time
- Level 7 Apprenticeship Strategic Management and Leadership Practice (CMI) Part Time
- Level 7 Strategic Leadership and Management (CMI) Part Time

Computing & IT

- FdSc Business Computing Full Time
- FdSc Cyber Security Full Time
- Level 4 Higher Apprenticeship Cyber Security Technologist Part Time
- Level 4 Higher Apprenticeship Data Analyst Part Time
- BSc (Hons) Business Computing (Top-up) Full Time
- BSc (Hons) Cyber Security (Top-up) Full Time

For more information or to apply visit www.newcollegedurham.ac.uk/university-centre

Construction & Civil Engineering

- HNC Architectural Technology Part Time
- HNC Civil Engineering Part Time
- HNC Construction Management Part Time
- Level 4 Construction Design and Build (Construction Management) Apprenticeship
- Level 4 Construction Quantity Surveying Technician Apprenticeship
- Level 4 Construction Site Supervisor Apprenticeship
- Level 4 Senior Civil Engineering Technician Apprenticeship
- Level 4 Higher Apprenticeship Construction Management, Construction Site Supervision
- Level 5 Higher Apprenticeship Operations/Departmental Manager
- Level 5 Higher Apprenticeship Construction Management, Sustainability
- Level 5 Higher Apprenticeship Construction Management, Sustainability (Top-up)

Counselling

- FdA Integrative Counselling Full Time
- BA (Hons) Counselling Studies (Top-up) Full Time / Part Time

Early Years & Education

- FdA Early Childhood Studies (0-8 years) Full Time
- BA (Hons) Early Childhood Studies (Top-up) Full Time

Engineering

- FdEng Maintenance Engineering Part Time
- HNC Electrical/Electronic Engineering Part Time
- HNC Mechanical Engineering Part Time
- Level 4 Higher Apprenticeship Mechanical Engineering Manufacturing Technician Part Time

Graphic Design

- FdA Graphic Design Full Time
- FdA Visual Arts Full Time
- BA (Hons) Design (Top-up) Full Time
- BA (Hons) Visual Arts (Top-up) Full Time

Health & Social Care

- FdSc Leadership Principles in Health and Social Care Full Time
- BSc (Hons) Health & Social Care (Top-up) Full Time

Already applied somewhere else through UCAS? No problem, you can add us to your application.

Our courses

Health Education

• FdSc Healthcare Practice - Full Time

Housing

- FdA Housing and Communities Part Time
- L4 Cert HE Managing Housing Maintenance
- Level 4 Cert HE Housing Part Time
- Level 4 Senior Apprenticeship Housing/Property Management (CIH) Part Time

Human Resources

- Level 5 Associate Diploma in People Management (CIPD) Part Time
- Level 5 Higher Apprenticeship People Professional (CIPD) Part Time
- Level 7 Advanced Diploma in Strategic People Management (CIPD) Part Time
- Level 7 Masters Apprenticeship Senior People Professional (CIPD) Part Time

Media

- FdA Film & Media Production Full Time
- BA (Hons) Film and Media Enterprise (Top-up) Full Time

Music

• FdA Roots and Popular Music - Full Time

Performing Arts

- FdA Dance Performance Full Time
- FdA Performance Practice Full Time

Podiatry

- Level 6 Prescription only medicine Sale and supply module Part Time
- BSc (Hons) Podiatry Full Time

Social Work

• BA (Hons) Social Work - Full Time

Sports

- FdSc Sports Coaching and Development Full Time
- BSc (Hons) Sport, Exercise and Health (Top-up) Full Time

Travel & Tourism

• FdA Tourism and Events Management - Full Time

Uniformed Services

- FdA Policing the Community and Criminology Full Time
- FdA Public & Community Services Full Time

With over 12% of our courses available to students with as little as 20 UCAS points, a 2024 analysis by Oxford Home Schooling named New College Durham as one of the most accessible higher education establishments in the region.





We pride ourselves on being able to offer a range of university-level courses to students from varied backgrounds and circumstances without prior performance being a barrier, meaning we provide opportunities for as many as possible, while delivering high-quality degree courses.

Already applied somewhere else through UCAS? No problem, you can add us to your application.

Getting you work-ready

At New College Durham, we take an innovative approach to ensure that the skills gaps identified by employers are addressed and filled.

Working closely with industry experts, we design and deliver nationally recognised courses across a wide variety of subjects, meaning you benefit from our links with hundreds of employers.

Our culture of continuously seeking ways to prepare our students with the knowledge, skills, and behaviours they need to succeed means we give them the best possible opportunity to enter skilled employment.





Industry partners





























































Fees & funding

Funding is always a worry, but here's what you need to know

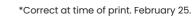
You'll only repay your student loan when your income is over the threshold amount for your repayment plan (unless you've been overpaid).

Currently* you'll only repay when your income is over £2,083 per month, (£25,000 a year).

The ISE Student Recruitment Survey (Oct 2024) showed the average graduate starting salary is £2,666 per month (£32,000 a year). There are no debt collectors, no bailiffs and your repayments automatically stop if your income falls below the threshold.

After 25 years, any unpaid loan is written-off.*

For more information, contact our Advice Support Careers team at: asc@ newdur.ac.uk



Applying

The course for you is here

www.newcollegedurham.ac.uk/university-centre

Need help deciding the right course for you?

Contact our Advice, Support and Careers team at asc@newdur.ac.uk or call (0191) 375 4400.

Want to ask us a question?

Scan the QR code to contact our team via WhatsApp.







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