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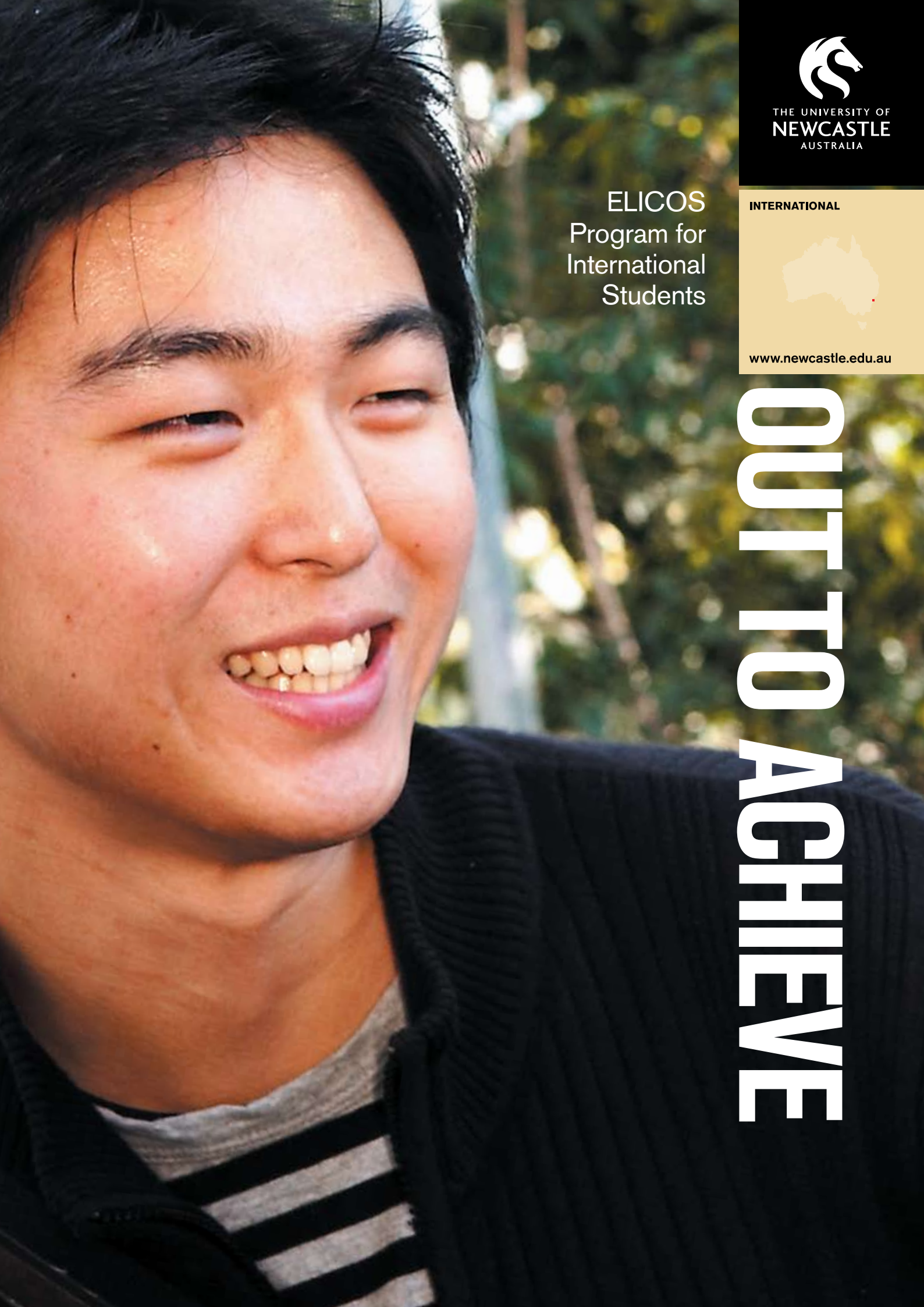
ELICOS
Program for
International
Students

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THE UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE

The University of Newcastle is a comprehensive international university ranked in the top 10 research universities in Australia. It offers a wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate programs. The student population is now just under 27,000, including 6,000 international students from over 80 countries.

The main campus, the Callaghan campus, is 12 kilometres from the Newcastle city centre. The University has a smaller campus located in Ourimbah (half way between Sydney and Newcastle). The Graduate School of Business and the Conservatorium are located in the central business district of Newcastle.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDY

Bachelor degree courses are offered through five faculties: Business and Law; Education and Arts; Engineering and Built Environment; Health; Science and Information Technology.

POSTGRADUATE STUDY

The University offers a range of course work Master degrees, such as the Master of Business Administration and the Master of Information Technology.

Research Master degrees and Doctoral (PhD) level studies are possible across all discipline areas.

International Foundation caters for students with a minimum of 10 years education who do not meet academic requirements for direct entry to a Bachelor's degree. The program allows students to specialise in their area of undergraduate choice. For detailed information, including entry requirements, see www.newcastle.edu.au/centre/elfsc/international/index.html

English language requirements for Undergraduate and Postgraduate programs can be found at www.newcastle.edu.au/international/students/03studyoptions/ugadmiss.html

Direct entry into University of Newcastle courses is gained when students pass the Language Centre's English for Academic Purposes (EAP) exam.

IELTS tests can be taken at the Language Centre. Tests are held each month.



CLIMATE

Newcastle has a temperate climate with warm to hot summers and mild winters.

Summer

December to February
20 – 28°C (68 – 83°F)

Autumn

March to May
14 – 26°C (57 – 79°F)

Winter

June to August
9 – 18°C (49 – 64°F)

Spring

September to November
15 – 25°C (59 – 77°F)

NEWCASTLE

Newcastle, two hours north of Sydney, is an excellent place to live and study.

Newcastle is the second largest city in New South Wales and the sixth largest city in Australia. The region has a population of 500,000.

It offers the convenience and facilities of a city and a relaxed and welcoming lifestyle.

It has some of the best beaches and waterways for swimming, surfing, sailing and fishing.

There are many parks and gardens, art galleries, restaurants, cafes, shopping centres and nightclubs.

It is the capital of the Hunter Region, famous for its wines, and some of the most beautiful scenery in Australia.

LIVING COSTS

The cost of living in Newcastle is lower than in many of the other major cities of Australia. Accommodation and food are cheaper.

Yearly costs compared to other Australian cities

Sydney	\$18,720
Melbourne	\$19,000
Brisbane	\$13,500
Adelaide	\$17,000
Perth	\$13,500
Canberra	\$14,500
Newcastle	\$13,500



THE UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE LANGUAGE CENTRE

Through the ELICOS program international students develop their language skills for future study, vocation or career purposes.

Students gain direct entry into University of Newcastle courses when they pass the English for Academic Purposes (EAP) exam.

The Centre offers the following 10 week ELICOS (English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students) courses. Courses begin every five weeks and students enrol for as many 5-week sessions as they wish. Students study **25 hours per week**.

Students sit for a placement test when they enrol at the Language Centre. At the end of each course, students sit for exams to assess their proficiency and determine their readiness to progress to the next level.

Elementary English focuses on the development of students' basic communication skills for educational and social needs.

Intermediate English develops communication and language skills to a level where students can function effectively in an English speaking environment.

Upper Intermediate English builds language skills necessary for participation in a wide range of social and vocational activities. During this course some work on English for Academic Purposes is introduced.

English for Academic Purposes (EAP) develops all language skills with an emphasis on skills relevant to tertiary study. Essay and report writing, note-taking, preparation for tutorials, strategies for listening to and understanding lectures, undertaking research, discussion and oral presentations are included.

At the end of the EAP Course students sit the University of Newcastle EAP exams. A Higher Level Pass in this test meets the English Proficiency requirements for admission to the University of Newcastle degree courses. A Lower Level Pass meets the requirements for the International Foundation Program and TAFE (Hunter Region).

English for International Business Communication (subject to availability)

This advanced level course is specifically designed for students who wish to improve their English language skills for business purposes.

Excursions

As part of their course, students participate in educational excursions enabling them to visit some of the local areas of beauty and interest, such as Blackbutt nature reserve, beaches, museums, Hunter Valley vineyards and Port Stephens.

Staff

Courses are taught by fully qualified and experienced teachers of English as a Foreign and Second Language, many of whom have taught in a variety of Asian and European countries and understand the challenges and delights of living and studying in a foreign country.

Teaching Methods

The teachers use the communicative method and incorporate elements of other theories of second language acquisition in their lessons so that students develop language skills to participate actively in situations where the language of communication is English.

Resources

The Language Centre is open from 8am until 7pm Monday to Thursday and 5pm on Friday. Our facilities include a language laboratory; a computer laboratory with software for language learning, email and internet access, a reading and listening resource centre and a common room equipped with microwaves and refrigerator.

LANGUAGE CENTRE COURSES

Elementary English

Intermediate English

Upper Intermediate English

Advanced English for Academic Purposes

International Foundation Program

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE
Undergraduate and Postgraduate Programs



UPPER INTERMEDIATE SAMPLE TIMETABLE

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9-11	Introduction to the topic (reading, writing, listening and speaking skills with theme based texts)	Reading skills focus Guided note-taking	Reading Log Grammar Dictation/ Dictogloss	Computer lab – Information Reports Audio Listening	Oral presentations Timed writing Revision
11-12	Academic lecture – note taking and response from lecture	Academic lecture – note taking and response from lecture	Academic lecture – note taking and response from lecture	Academic lecture – note taking and response from lecture	Australian culture lecture – note taking and response from lecture
	lunch	lunch	lunch	lunch	lunch
1-3	Writing program Listening guided note taking	Topic development (reading, writing listening, speaking)	Listening focus and note-taking	Topic development (reading, writing listening, speaking)	Communicative activities Songs

In addition to educational excursions during their course, students are encouraged to make the most of living and studying in Newcastle.

ELICOS Social Club

Students have other opportunities for fun and entertainment. Our student social club organises activities for evenings, weekends and holiday periods for those students wishing to participate. Activities could include weekend barbecues, visiting the local wildlife centre to see kangaroos and koalas and evening trips to the theatre and restaurants and Sydney Opera House.

Australian “Buddy” Program

Language Centre students can learn about Australian culture through friendship and social activities with people from the local community. The Australian volunteers in the program undergo training in intercultural communication before they are matched with a student.



STUDY TOURS

The Language Centre offers short vacation study tours to groups who wish to combine English language classes with tourist and cultural activities.

Home-stay accommodation is arranged for students to experience Australian culture and family lifestyle, and to develop their English language skills in a typically Australian environment. A unique aspect of the program is that home-stay families are required to deliver students to and from the Language Centre each day.

Activities include visits to local museums, Newcastle's famous surf beaches, dolphin watching at Port Stephens, and a trip to the famous wineries of the Hunter Valley. Day trips can be organised to visit Sydney's world famous landmarks.

Study tours, which are normally of one to six weeks' duration, are individually designed to cater for the specific requirements of each group. Students receive a certificate of completion.

Program costs are available on application. Most tours operate with a minimum of 15 students.

Programs designed for groups from business or educational institutions

These programs are flexible and combine English classes with professional visits, faculty tutorials or Business English.

English and Internships

Students undertake an intensive English language program at the Language Centre before work placement in the Newcastle and/or Sydney area. Participants have an orientation program outlining work practices in Australia and the expectations of Australian employers and may work from one to twelve months. In most cases no salary is paid.



UNIVERSITY RESOURCES AND SUPPORT SERVICES FACILITIES

The Language Centre is centrally located in the campus of the University of Newcastle. It is close to the many facilities of the Callaghan Union Building. These include restaurants, cafes, a post office, newsagency, bank, hairdresser, travel agent and bookshop. There are also medical and dental services on campus.

Libraries

The University libraries offer a wide range of materials in a variety of formats – from traditional books to DVDs, multimedia and networked information from around the world. A library coordinator for international students assists with library research and catalogue access.

Computing facilities

The University offers a campus-wide, fibre-optic information network with wireless access in various locations. Internet services can be gained through the University's libraries and Student Hubs as well as the Language Centre. Every student is provided with a University email account.

Sport and Leisure

There are many University sporting facilities close to the Language Centre. Students have access to a heated indoor pool, squash courts, tennis courts, cricket, soccer and baseball fields, basketball courts, a fully equipped gym and 80 group exercise classes each week. Newcastle has excellent beaches where students can enjoy surfing, sailboarding, swimming and fishing.

Student Support

An international counsellor assists students with problems related to settling in Australia, study and other personal matters.

Accommodation

The University recognises the importance of secure, affordable and comfortable accommodation and offers both on-campus and off-campus accommodation.

- **Homestay** with an Australian family can be arranged before you arrive in Newcastle
- On campus accommodation in one of the University's four halls of residence
- Private rental accommodation

For more information or to organise temporary accommodation you can email international-support@newcastle.edu.au or visit the University's website www.newcastle.edu.au/services/accommodation/index.html

Guardianship

The Language Centre accepts 16 and 17 year-old students. These students are required to have a legal guardian. For further information contact International Support at international-support@newcastle.edu.au

School-Aged Dependents

Any school-aged dependent who accompanies a student into Australia is required to pay full school fees at government and non-government schools.

Arriving in Newcastle

Students are advised to arrive in Newcastle several days before their course begins to settle into their accommodation and surroundings.

The University offers an arrival and reception service to all international students at Sydney airport and at Newcastle airport and train station. To request this service, contact the International Student Service office at international-support@newcastle.edu.au

New students are provided with a comprehensive orientation program in the first week of their ELICOS course.



HOW TO APPLY

ELICOS only applications

Use the Language Centre Application form located at www.newcastle.edu.au/centre/elfsc/lc/application-form.html or in the back of the International Undergraduate Prospectus.

ELICOS and university course

Apply for ELICOS and your university course at the same time using the Undergraduate or Postgraduate Application Form located at www.newcastle.edu.au/internationalstudents/04enquiries/howtoapply.html or in back of the International Prospectuses.

All completed applications should be sent to:
international-admissions@newcastle.edu.au

COURSE DATES 2008

Cost per week: \$340 for 25 hours tuition

7 January	–	8 February
11 February	–	14 March
17 March	–	24 April
21 March	–	28 March (Easter Break)
28 April	–	30 May
2 June	–	4 July
21 July	–	22 August
25 August	–	26 September
13 October	–	14 November
17 November	–	19 December

COURSE DATES 2009

Cost per week: \$345 for 25 hours tuition

12 January	–	13 February
16 February	–	20 March
23 March	–	1 May
10 April	–	17 April (Easter Break)
4 May	–	5 June
9 June	–	10 July
27 July	–	28 August
31 August	–	2 October
12 October	–	13 November
16 November	–	18 December



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