

Course Summary: October 4, 2022

Education

BA Honours

- UCAS code: **X390**
- Full time
- 3 years
- Next start date: **September 2022**

Study the meaning of education across the globe and critically examine the place of education in society today in this Education BA degree.

Fees (per year)

- Home: **£9250**
- International: **£20400**

Entry requirements and offers

- A Level: **BBB**
- IB: **32 points**

[View contextual offers](#)

UCAS Institution name and code:

- NEWC / N21

Course overview

This course poses challenging questions inspiring you to critically examine essential issues relating to education.

You'll be encouraged to explore what is meant by education and how it has changed over time, including its central place in the foundation of modern societies.

You'll examine what form education should take, who should make those decisions, and who will benefit.

You'll investigate how the media influences the portrayal of education and schooling, and whether the teacher still has a role to play in a society where Google knows more.

The diverse research interests and expertise of our staff offer you a broad range of topics and perspectives. Small group teaching provides opportunities for lively interaction and debate.

This course covers the study of education across the globe from sociological, philosophical, historical, political, and psychological perspectives. It investigates the role of international development in supporting education in developing countries.

Your course and study experience - disclaimers and terms and conditions

Please rest assured we make all reasonable efforts to provide you with the programmes, services and facilities described. However, it may be necessary to make changes due to significant disruption, for example in response to Covid-19.

View our [Academic experience page](#), which gives information about your

Newcastle University study experience for the academic year 2022-23.

See our [terms and conditions and student complaints information](#), which gives details of circumstances that may lead to changes to programmes, modules or University services.

Quality and ranking

- Top 90 for Education - QS World University Rankings by Subject 2022
- Top 200 for Education - Times Higher Education World Rankings by Subject 2022
- 1st in the UK and 8th in the world for sustainable development – Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2022
- 65% increase in research power since 2014 – Research Excellence Framework 2021
- 42% of our research is classified as 4* world-leading research – Research Excellence Framework 2021
- Global Top 125 University - QS World University Rankings 2023

Modules and learning

Modules

The information below is intended to provide an example of what you will study.

Most degrees are divided into stages. Each stage lasts for one academic year, and you'll complete modules totalling 120 credits by the end of each stage.

Our teaching is informed by research. Course content may change periodically to reflect developments in the discipline, the requirements of external bodies and partners, and student feedback.

Optional module availability

Student demand for optional modules may affect availability.

Full details of the modules on offer will be published through the [Programme Regulations and Specifications](#) ahead of each academic year.

This usually happens in May.

To find out more please [see our terms and conditions](#).

You'll be introduced to the contested nature of education and the different conceptual frameworks we'll be using for explaining education – global, social, cultural, historical, political, philosophical, sociological, pedagogical and technological.

Modules

Compulsory Modules	Credits
Education, Children and Society	20
International Development	20
The History of Education	20
Social Policy and Learning	20
Adventures in Digital Learning	20
Optional Modules	Credits
British and Comparative Education	20

You'll develop a more specialised and sustained engagement with areas of study such as learning theory, the broader discourses of education in society and educational research methods.

You'll begin the first of the two major optional career development modules in either student tutoring, student volunteering through the Students' Union, or learning from work.

Modules

Compulsory Modules	Credits
Psychological perspectives on teaching and learning	20
Introduction to Research in Education	20
Globalisation and Development	20
Social Constructions of Childhood	20
Optional Modules	Credits
Child Development and Speech and Language Acquisition	20
Career Development for second year students	20

The emphasis is on you obtaining a deep and critical awareness of specific aspects of education both in its national and international contexts.

You'll become more deeply aware of the importance of attention to detail, argument, criticality, ambiguity and complexity through modules relating to social justice, inclusive education and international development.

You'll also complete a research dissertation.

Modules

Compulsory Modules	Credits
Research Dissertation	40
Philosophy of Education	20
Optional Modules	Credits
Social Justice and Education	20
Responding to Special Educational Needs	20

Child Development	20
Contemporary Issues in Development	20
Career Development for final year students	20

Information about these graphs

We base these figures and graphs on the most up-to-date information available to us. They combine data on the planned delivery and assessments of our courses in 2021-22 with data on the modules chosen by our students in 2020-21.

Teaching time is made up of:

- scheduled learning and teaching activities. These are timetabled activities with a member of staff present
- structured guided learning. These are activities developed by staff to support engagement with module learning. Students or groups of students undertake these activities without direct staff participation or supervision

Teaching and assessment

Teaching methods

Research-informed teaching and practice by leading academics and professional practitioners are central to the programme.

You'll learn through a combination of online lectures and in-person seminars. You also undertake a considerable amount of independent study. Our award-winning Library Service has a huge array of resources available to access online.

You'll draw on your existing knowledge of formal and informal educational settings as you explore issues relating to teaching and learning. You'll also consider how these would relate to other educational settings including classrooms and museums.

Assessment methods

You'll be assessed through a combination of:

- Case studies
- Coursework
- Essays
- Examinations – practical or online
- Group work
- Presentations
- Projects
- Reflective report/journal
- Reports
- Seminar tasks/exercises

Skills and experience

Research skills

You'll join a thriving research community and have the chance to conduct your own original research through a dissertation.

Business skills

You'll have the opportunity to select two career development modules to enhance your employability. You'll also undertake a research project which enables you to showcase your knowledge and expertise.

You'll develop key skills including communication, teamwork, personal enterprise, problem-solving, planning and organising, which are directly transferable to a wide range of graduate employment contexts.

These assist our graduates to find work in areas such as primary teaching, community and social work and education management.

Opportunities

Work placement

Get career ready with a work placement and leave as a confident professional in your field. You can apply to spend 9 to 12 months working in any organisation in the world, and receive University support from our dedicated team to secure your dream placement. Work placements take place between stages 2 and 3.

You'll gain first-hand experience of working in the sector, putting your learning into practice and developing your professional expertise.

If you choose to take a work placement, it will extend your degree by a year. Your degree title will show you have achieved the placement year. Placements are subject to availability.

[Find out more about work placements.](#)

Facilities and environment

Facilities

You'll be based in the [School of Education, Communication and Language Sciences](#), which has a wide range of facilities for studying how people learn and communicate.

There's a well-equipped Education Resource Centre with excellent computing facilities.

We have an active Research Centre engaging with the latest thinking and research in education. The [Centre for Learning and Teaching \(CfLaT\)](#) researches teaching and learning in different contexts.

Support

You'll have the support of an academic member of staff as a personal tutor throughout your degree to help with academic and personal issues.

Peer mentors will help you in your first year. They are fellow students who can help you settle in and answer any questions you have when starting university.

Your future

A degree in education from Newcastle shapes your development and understanding, demonstrating your capacity to work individually and as part of a team.

It also provides you with the transferable skills, including workload management, meeting deadlines, written and oral communication, IT, problem-solving and the critical analysis and interpretation of complex ideas and policies.

You may use this degree as a springboard for further postgraduate study at Newcastle (for example, Primary PGCE, International Development, Cross-Cultural Communication, International Education).

Alternatively, you may find work in fields as diverse as community or health work, human resource/education management, widening participation or rehabilitation programmes, environmental organisations, heritage sites, museum, theatre and library provision or information management (eg digital learning).

Make a difference

Careers support

Our award-winning Careers Service is one of the largest and best in the country, and we have strong links with employers. We provide an extensive range of opportunities to all students through our ncl+ initiative.

[Visit our Careers Service website](#)

Recognition of professional qualifications outside of the UK

From 1 January 2021 there is an update to the way professional qualifications are recognised by countries outside of the UK

[Check the government's website for more information.](#)

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www.ncl.ac.uk/undergraduate
- To watch videos about student life in Newcastle, visit
www.ncl.ac.uk/lovenewcastle
- Visit **www.ncl.ac.uk/tour** to take virtual tours of the campus and city
- Book for an Open Day to come and see us in person
www.ncl.ac.uk/openday
- Contact us online at **www.ncl.ac.uk/enquiries** or phone +44 (0)191 208 3333

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