Course Summary: November 12, 2026

Combined Honours BA Honours

Study mode and duration

Full time: 3 years

UCAS code

Y001

UCAS institution name and code

NEWC / N21

Next start date

September 2027

Tuition fees (Year 1)

FT Home: **£10,050**

FT International: **£25,350** Scholarships available

Typical entry requirements

A-Level: AAB

IB: 34 points

Course delivery

On Campus

Work placement opportunity Study abroad option

Course overview

Combine two or three of more than 20 subjects and create a unique degree that develops your independence, adaptability, confidence and self-assurance.

This intellectually demanding multidisciplinary degree programme allows you to explore new subjects or develop your existing interests.

Study complementary disciplines or choose unusual subject combinations to reflect your individual interests and career aspirations.

Specialist career and graduate development modules will prepare you for your future.

Features of this degree include:

- more than 20 subjects to choose from

- try new subjects without prior experience
- language learning from beginners' and advanced level
- specialist career and graduate development modules
- independent projects to combine your subject interests

Your degree certificate will reference the subjects you studied in Stages 2 and 3, allowing employers to identify your areas of expertise, for example, BA Combined Honours in English Literature and French.

Hear from our graduates as they talk about how their time studying Combined Honours at Newcastle University helped them in their careers

View our video to find out What is Combined Honours?

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Quality and ranking

Professional accreditation and recognition

Professional accreditation review and recognition of professional qualifications in Europe

Professional accreditations are reviewed regularly by professional bodies to ensure they meet the latest industry practices and regulatory standards. This keeps your degree rigorous, relevant, and highly valued by employers, providing a clear pathway into your chosen career.

If you are studying an accredited degree and considering a career in Europe after graduation, it is important to stay informed about international standards. The best resource for current information is the UK Government's guidance on

recognition of UK professional qualifications in EU member states.

This official resource provides essential details on:

- whether your profession is **regulated** in another country.
- the specific **steps you need to take** to practice abroad.
- which **organisations** you should contact to begin the process.

Our students

Margaux from France

Combined Honours in Politics and Sociology BA

It didn't take me long to feel at home.

What you'll learn

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.

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.

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.

Our flexible degree structure gives you the freedom to try new subjects.

In Stage 1, you divide your time equally between the two or three subjects you have chosen.

Subjects currently available

You can choose to combine two or three subjects at Stage 1, totalling 120 credits (with a minimum of 40 credits in each subject) and must continue with at least two of them throughout the remainder of the degree.

Archaeology

Art History

Business

Chinese

Classical Studies

Education

English Literature

Film (Documentary Practice)

French

Geography

German

History

Japanese

Law

Linguistics

Media and Communication

Music

Philosophy

Politics

Portuguese

Sociology

Spanish and Latin American Studies

Urban Studies

Please note:

- you may not take more than two Modern Language subjects, and only one of those may be studied at beginners' level
- most students are able to follow their first choice of subjects. However, subject choice may be constrained by the teaching timetable and capacity on modules
- it is not possible to study Chinese and Japanese together

From Stage 2 onwards, you can choose how to combine your subjects and how many you wish to study:

- study three subjects in equal proportion
- study two subjects in equal proportion (the joint route)
- spend two-thirds of your time on one subject and one third on the other (the major/minor route)

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Combined Honours in English Literature and French.

In addition to subject modules, we also offer Combined Honours modules unique to you. These include experiential learning and research-based project modules.

In your final year, you have the option of undertaking a dissertation or project that spans more than one of your chosen subjects or focuses on just one.

Year abroad

If you are taking a language beyond Stage 1, you have the option to spend a year abroad between Stage 2 and 3 in a country where your chosen language is spoken. You take the following modules:

SML3004 Year Abroad Tutor Posts

And either

SML3007 Year Abroad Work Placement Report 1 OR

SML3008 Year Abroad Work Placement Report 2 OR

SML3006 Study Abroad

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How you'll learn

Teaching methods

Your teaching is balanced between lectures and seminars.

You'll be taught by staff from within the different subject areas that you choose to study, which means you'll learn from specialists in each field.

Assessment methods

You'll be assessed through a combination of:

- Assessments
- Coursework
- Projects

Skills and experience

The professional, practical and research skills you'll develop through your degree depend on the subjects you choose.

Combined Honours students are heavily involved with shaping the programme. This student engagement and partnership benefit you as a student and encourage you to grow in confidence.

Support

You'll have the support of an academic member of staff as an academic adviser 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.

Opportunities

Study abroad

Experience life in another country with study abroad. You'll be encouraged to embrace fun and challenging experiences, make connections with new communities and graduate as a globally aware professional, ready for your future.

Students studying a language

If you study a language beyond Stage 1 you'll have the option to spend a year abroad after Stage 2, extending your degree to four years.

Find out more about study abroad when studying a language

Students not studying a language

Students who are not studying a language may also have the opportunity to study abroad. You can substitute one semester or add an extra year to study abroad after Stage 2 (depending on subject choice).

Find out more about spending a semester abroad

Find out more about spending a year abroad

Work placement

Alternatively, you have the opportunity to take a 9 to 12 month work placement in the UK or abroad between Stages 2 and 3, regardless of subject combination.

You can apply to spend your placement year with any organisation and will receive University support to do so.

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

It will extend your degree by a year and is subject to availability, however it isn't available if you're spending a year studying abroad.

Find out more about work placements

Your future

Combined Honours graduates are well placed to enter a wide range of careers, being adaptable, efficient and self-motivated, with a variety of skills and qualities that employers are keen to use.

86% of Newcastle graduates are employed in graduate-level roles or pursuing professional-level further study within 15 months of graduation", according to the Guardian's 2025 University Guide

Recent Combined Honours graduates are now working for:

- HSBC
- Independent Cinema Office
- Civil Aviation Authority
- Deloitte
- Microsoft
- Mastercard
- Penguin Random House
- Norton Rose Fulbright
- EY

Examples of Combined Honours graduates' current roles:

- Senior Sports Journalist
- Film Programmer
- Graduate Analyst
- Communications Manager
- Senior Legal Project Manager
- Marketing Coordinator
- Barrister
- Politics and History Teacher
- Senior HR Consultant
- Senior Analyst, EY. Financial Services
- Policy Researcher
- Freelance Bid Writer for NGOs and start-ups
- Cybersecurity and AI Specialist

Many also choose to continue their studies with Masters or PhD programmes in the UK and abroad. Areas of further study include:

- MSc in International Business Management
- Politics and Ethics
- Journalism
- Curating Art
- International Security
- International Politics
- MA Law Conversion
- Bar Practice Course
- Creative Writing
- NCTJ journalism qualification with the News Associates, London

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Careers support

Our 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

Facilities

As a Combined Honours student, you will be based at the Henry Daysh Building. Here and across campus you'll have access to a whole range of facilities

Newcastle University has achieved five QS Stars for facilities from QS Quacquarelli Symonds. You'll benefit from top facilities that not only support you and help you get the best out of your studies but give you an outstanding experience, such as:

- an award-winning library service
- excellent IT facilities
- a range of study support and wellbeing services to help you reach your full potential
- a wide range of sporting facilities

Find out more about our campus and facilities

Find out more...

- Go online for information about our full range of degrees: **www.ncl.ac.uk/undergraduate**
- Watch videos about student life in Newcastle by visiting our YouTube channel at **www.youtube.com/@newcastleuni**
- Watch a virtual tour of our campus at **https://youtu.be/vJUfHcqB7l8?si=8IUrf7kTxXbgdfr1**
- 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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