

Programme Regulations: 2025/26

Programme Title: INTERNATIONAL PRE-MASTER'S (NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL STUDY CENTRE) INTERNATIONAL PRE-MASTER'S – ARCHITECTURE & LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE (GRADUATE DIPLOMA)

Code: 2997U (September)
2998U (January)

Notes

- (i) *These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with Section VIII Graduate Diploma and Certificate Regulations of the University's Progress and Examination Conventions.*
- (ii) *All optional modules are offered subject to the constraints of the timetable and to any restrictions on the number of students who may be taught on a particular module.
Not all modules may be offered in all years and they are listed subject to availability.*
- (iii) *Unless otherwise stated under 'Type', modules are not core.*
- (iv) *A compulsory module is a module which a student is required to study.*
- (v) *A core module is a module which a student must pass, and in which a fail mark may neither be carried nor compensated; such modules are designated by the board of studies as essential for progression to a further stage of the programme or for study in a further module.*
- (vi) *All modules are delivered in Linear mode unless stated otherwise as Block, eLearning or distance learning.*

Programme Structure

- (a) The International Pre-Master's may be offered with a September and January start date each year. The programme will have identical content and assessment; the only difference will be that the vacation periods will be shorter for the January start date. The tables below show the module codes for both the September and January start dates.
- (b) All candidates shall take the following compulsory modules:

Code		Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level	Type
September	January						
INU3102	INU3502	English for Academic Purposes (Pre-Master's)	40	20	20	6	Core
INU3112	INU3512	Social and Cultural Studies	20	10	10	6	Comp.
INU3114	INU3514	Contextualised Design for Built Environments	20	20		6	Core
INU3115	INU3515	Design in Urban Context	20		20	6	Core
INU3130	INU3530	Academic Research Methods	20	10	10	6	Comp.

Assessment methods

Details of the assessment pattern for each module are explained in the module outline.

Teaching on the September programme follows the normal university calendar although resits will be held within a month of the semester 2 assessment period. Teaching on the January programme starts in January and has two 12 week semesters with a two week break over Easter. Resits will again be held within a month of the second semester of the programme assessment period.

Re-sit assessment

As an exception to the University Taught Programme Regulations re-assessment may take place before the August/September period on the recommendation of an interim progress board.

For the English for Academic Purposes (EAP) module, the following will apply:

Note:

The required pass mark for the module is 60 (an average of the four subskills (reading, listening, writing and speaking). The required competence level (as determined by UKVI regulations) in each subskill is 55. A minimum mark of 55 in all subskills as well as an average of 60 across all four components is required to pass the EAP module.

If a student has achieved a module mark of 60 or more but has one or more subskill mark of less than 55, then in line with Programme Regulations the student has not passed the module. In this case, the student will be required to re-sit only those subskills where they have failed to achieve the competence level of 55.

A student will only be granted one re-sit opportunity.

The second attempt result achieved at the subskill level will be capped at 60, but the overall module mark will be uncapped. The overall module mark will be calculated as an average of the capped mark(s) achieved at the second attempt, together with any first attempt subskill mark(s) where a re-sit was not required. This is to ensure that the University is provided with the student's actual English language competence level and that the re-sit capping penalty is only attached to those components being retaken.

University selectors (via admissions) will be provided with uncapped subskill marks if the achievement is higher than 60 and the progression requirement is also higher.

Progression to Newcastle University degree programmes.

Performance higher than a basic pass (in both academic modules and English for Academic Purposes) will be required for entry into Newcastle University degree programmes as specified in the progression requirements for specific degree programmes.