

Is northumbria.ac.uk safe? TrustSniffer's moderate-trust assessment: 65/100

northumbria.ac.uk

Verdict



65
OUT OF 100

MODERATE TRUST

northumbria.ac.uk is moderately trusted.

Most signals looked ordinary, and some evidence was missing. Read the checks below before you pay or hand over personal details.

Safe for Read-OnlyDynamic Interaction Caution

Assessed 2026-08-17 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 55%.

What this site appears to be

Official university informational page describing courses, admissions, fees, clearing process, and student support. No signs of credential harvesting or financial investment solicitations on this page.

Evidence status and limitations

Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN

- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
- Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	Not available No registration record was returned	NOTED
Web archive	Never archived No public history of this site	WATCH
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by GlobalSign RSA OV SSL CA 2018	NOTED

The page as captured

<https://www.northumbria.ac.uk/>



What northumbria.ac.uk served when TrustSniffer captured it on 2026-08-17. The page may look different now.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Safe for Read-Only.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.
- The operator behind the site could not be independently connected to a real-world brand or person.

Full analysis

Overview

Northumbria University's website is an academic information and admissions portal presenting undergraduate and postgraduate courses, clearing, tuition and funding information, research opportunities, international-student services, and student support. Its apparent purpose is to guide prospective and current students through education, application, and university-support pathways rather than to promote financial products or collect investment funds.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No scam, phishing, blacklist, brand-impersonation, or conflicting-identity contradictions were observed. The homepage content is coherent with a university website, covering courses, admissions, clearing, fees, research, international study, and student services; it contains no apparent credential-harvesting or investment solicitation. Behavioral testing did detect hidden forms during both observed runs, but the page analysis found no login form, password sent to an external destination, wallet activity, or untrusted form destination. This is a dynamic-interaction consideration rather than evidence of impersonation. The site also has a strong global traffic footprint and clean evaluated external reputation, supporting an established and apparently legitimate presentation.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage is titled “Northumbria University | Uni Courses | Study in the Best Student City” and contains university-specific course, admissions, clearing, finance, and student-support content.
- Page analysis recorded no red flags, no login form, no credential-harvesting indicators, and no financial-investment solicitation.
- Behavioral analysis detected hidden forms in 2 of 2 runs; it recorded 0 wallet-connect runs, 0 wallet-sensitive runs, 0 wallet-drainer runs, and 0 external password forms.
- External reputation evaluation recorded 0 malicious detections, 0 suspicious detections, and a traffic rank of 16829.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The available content identifies Northumbria University and presents a consistent educational purpose, but the real-world operator identity is not independently verified by the supplied evidence. The applicable institutional authorization or registration position is also not established in the available material. That is a verification and disclosure limitation, not evidence of a scam. The site’s academic-sector domain context, organization-validated TLS, Microsoft hosting, and clean reputation provide supporting legitimacy signals, while the identity conclusion should remain qualified.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage identifies “Northumbria University” and presents an educational-institution business model focused on courses, admissions, tuition, research, and student support.
- Hosted on AS8075, Microsoft Corporation, US.
- TLS certificate issued by GlobalSign RSA OV SSL CA 2018, organization validation (OV), subject organization University of Northumbria At Newcastle, valid to 2027-04-13.
- The available page evidence does not independently verify the legal operator or establish an applicable regulatory registration.

What to Verify Next

Before a sensitive submission or materially consequential payment, independently confirm that the intended application or support route is operated by the institution through an official directory or an independently obtained telephone channel. Confirm any applicable institutional authorization or registration with the relevant official authority, particularly where a process involves fees or personal information. For application submissions, review the form destination, requested data, and confirmation process before final submission.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage includes an application/clearing form and a separate cookie-consent form, making form-purpose and destination review relevant to future submissions.
- The supplied identity assessment records the on-page institutional identity as apparent but not independently verified.
- The available disclosure state is unclear regarding applicable institutional authorization or registration.

Summary Verdict

The overall posture is **moderate trust**. Available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate university website, and no active scam or impersonation contradictions were observed; however, the evidence does not support an unqualified endorsement of every sensitive interaction.

Infrastructure Integrity

The website is protected by CDN/WAF infrastructure, with the observed address belonging to an edge server and no origin candidate observed in the analysis. This reduces direct origin exposure and is a mitigating technical control, but it does not independently establish operator legitimacy.

EVIDENCE

- CDN/WAF protection was detected.
- Observed edge IP: 13.74.188.238.
- Likely origin IP count: 0; observed edge IP count: 1.

Closing Assessment

Ordinary informational use is reasonable, while independent confirmation should precede high-value payments, sensitive submissions, or other consequential account activity.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-17 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

1 finding contributed to this verdict, raised by behaviour in a sandbox.

01 Dynamic Interaction Caution

- The page contained a form a visitor cannot see.

Behaviour in a sandbox rule:BEHAV_HIDDEN_FORMS

Identity verification

Status	UNVERIFIED
Identity score	55/100
Identity verification confidence	60%

- Identity verified on page

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of northumbria.ac.uk.

- The request stayed on northumbria.ac.uk. It was not redirected to another domain.

CLEAR
- It is hosted on MICROSOFT-CORP-MSN-AS-BLOCK, from a server in US.

NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Not available
Hosting	MICROSOFT-CORP-MSN-AS-BLOCK - Microsoft Corporation, US
Country	US
Server IP	13.74.188.238
Name servers	Not available
SSL issuer	GlobalSign RSA OV SSL CA 2018
SSL expiry	2027-04-13
Domain age	Not available (no registration date was returned)
Domain expiry	Not available
Archive first seen	Not available
Archive snapshots	0
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about northumbria.ac.uk at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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