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MANCHESTER'S HERE FOR YOU

Today, tomorrow, always

We're excited to welcome you to Manchester this autumn and are busy making plans for reopening our campus.

We're sure many of you will be feeling anxious about travelling and coming to university this year, but we're following the advice from Universities UK, Public Health England and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to make sure our campus is a safe and happy environment to start your studies.

We know that getting the grades is just the start when it comes to your university journey. There can be a lot to think about before your arrival, that's why we've put together this essential guide to help you get organised.

As plans evolve and we adapt to the latest circumstances, all the most up-to-date information will be published online – please check our Get ready pages regularly as well as exploring our coronavirus FAQs.

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uom.link/get-ready-faqs



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ARRIVAL, WELCOME AND INDUCTION

To kick off your time at Manchester, we're organising an extended programme of Welcome events – all with the goal of helping you settle in, make new friends and get fully prepared to start your course.

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Key documents to remember

There are a few important details and documents you'll need to bring with you, especially if you're coming from abroad

- Passport
- Visa (if applicable)
- University acceptance letter
- Accommodation contract

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IT and collecting your student card

Getting your University email address, IT access and your student ID are key steps for starting your studies.

- You'll be sent details for setting up your IT account via your email address before you arrive.
- When you've arrived and completed your student registration you'll be invited to collect your student card.
- Your student card is your student ID. It gives you access to areas of campus such as the Library, and gets you student discounts in a range of shops and restaurants.



Welcome and induction

Our extended induction is based over two weeks this year.

There will be a number of University Welcome events, all adhering to the social distance guidelines as set out by the UK government, including:

- Library/Get Started events
- Social Justice Challenge
- Careers and UCIL workshops
- Campus, city and heritage tours
- Food market and outdoor social events

The Students' Union are also organising virtual fairs and chances to meet other students outside of your course.



Not sure if you can get to Manchester for Semester 1?

No problem, that's why we're offering:

- online lectures;
- a full selection of online induction events, so you won't miss out.

We'll be in contact later this summer with details of how you can notify us if you're unable to physically come to Manchester for the start of Semester 1.

If you're studying a subject in the Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health which requires a clinical placement or a programme that has Semester 1 activities associated with professional body accreditation, then this won't be able to happen online but the Schools will be in contact with you directly about what options are available.



Teaching and learning

What to expect in Semester 1:

- Large lectures will be delivered online, supported with timetabled activity to structure your study week.
- You'll be able to work through the material at your own pace, where and when best suits you, whether that's in the Library, on your sofa, or in your bed!
- Not all your studies will be online. We're putting measures in place to ensure face-to-face teaching activity is safe and you can get the most out of this time with your tutor, lecturer and classmates.
- Your timetable will have all the details, which you'll get when you register on your course during the induction weeks.



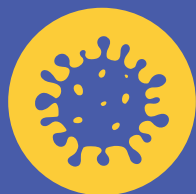
TRAVEL AND VISAS

Wherever you're coming from, we're working hard to support you to travel to Manchester and begin your studies.

uom.link/get-ready-travel



International visas are still required



Check if the 14 day quarantine period applies to you



We'll support your arrival with our 24 hour helpline which you can contact online, call or through social media

Visas

The requirement for a visa for international students remains unchanged, and those who need to apply for a visa to study with us must have a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) issued by the University.

Check our latest guidance on immigration and visas:

uom.link/get-ready-visas

If your course requires an ATAS certificate, this must be obtained before applying for a visa. More information can be found online:

uom.link/get-ready-atas

Quarantine

Current guidance states you must self-isolate for 14 days if you're coming to Manchester from a country outside the common travel area.

The UK government has introduced travel corridors for some countries and territories. If you have been in one of these countries for 14 days prior to arrival in England you won't need to self-isolate. Please check the latest list of countries.

If your permanent domicile is within countries required by the UK government to quarantine on arrival and you have booked University Halls of Residence, you'll be able to arrive two weeks in advance of your accommodation contract start date in September with no additional charge for accommodation during the two week period.

Getting to Manchester

Whether you're coming by air, rail or road, we've got loads of guidance online. For the latest travel advice check our website.

Due to restrictions, we won't be running our usual face-to-face airport welcome but we will be running a 24 hour arrival desk which you'll be able to contact online, call or through social media. **We'll still be with you each step of the way.**

Five things you need to know about arriving in Manchester this year:

- 1 We have been busy making sure that the support we can offer you will meet your needs and comply with all the necessary regulations.
- 2 We're working on putting a system in place that will allow you to let us know when to expect you. We'll send you more details soon.
- 3 It's important that you sign up with a GP as they'll be your first port of call if you feel ill at any point.
- 4 You should stock up on face coverings as you'll need to change them regularly.
- 5 If you're self-isolating on arrival, we'll put you in contact with a member of staff through our Check In and Chat facility. They will zoom, skype, whatsapp or wechat you regularly and support you during your isolation period.

KEEPING YOU HEALTHY AND SAFE

We know that health and safety is an important consideration ahead of starting university, especially in current circumstances.

You'll be fully briefed on health and safety as part of your welcome and induction activities but in the meantime explore how we're ensuring our campus is a safe and healthy environment for your studies.

[om.link/get-ready-safety](https://www.manchester.ac.uk/om.link/get-ready-safety)



Social distancing



Facemasks provided



Security team
0161 306 9966



Register with a GP



Check vaccinations are up to date



Check medical eligibility



Using our campus

We're busy putting appropriate social distancing and new cleaning measures in place. It's likely we'll have:

- Dedicated entrances and exits
- One-way systems
- Distance markers
- Access to hand washing facilities and hand sanitising stations for staff and students
- Regularly cleaned and disinfected buildings.

Face coverings and guidance

You'll receive two washable face masks in your welcome pack and clear guidance on how our teaching spaces, libraries, study spaces and labs will operate to ensure everyone's safety.

Safety on and off campus

Manchester as a city is generally safe, but as in any large city, you should take precautions. We recommend students visit our student support pages for tips for keeping safe in the city.

Your safety and security on our campus is always our first priority. If you need to contact our Security team, you can call at any time of day or night on 0161 306 9966.



Healthcare

While studying with us, if you have an illness or injury that won't go away then it's best to make an appointment with your General Practitioner (GP). All students should register with a GP so that, if you ever need one, you can access the service.

A GP:

- Provides primary and continuing medical care in the community
- Refers patients to hospital clinics for further assessment or treatment
- May run specialist clinics within the practice for patients with specific conditions

They provide a range of services by appointment, including:

- Medical advice
- Examinations
- Vaccinations
- Prescriptions
- Access to other NHS services such as non-emergency medicine

UK students

We recommend that you register with a GP before you arrive on campus. GP practices are providing online registration. Once you know where you are living you can locate the nearest GP surgery using our GP surgeries map.

International students

We are working with the NHS on a process that will allow you to register with a doctor (GP) before you leave your own country. If you are not able to do this, we will offer advice and support to help you do it as soon as you arrive.

Vaccinations

We strongly recommend you're vaccinated against the following before coming to university:

- Measles
- Mumps and Rubella (MMR)
- Meningitis ACWY

If you're from the UK, you will have probably had these immunisations – but it's worth asking your GP to check your health records.

If you're coming from abroad, it's important to make sure you get these vaccinations before you leave. If you are unable to do so, you can get them from your GP (local doctor) once you've arrived.

Depending where you are from, you may also need a certificate to prove you are free from infectious tuberculosis (TB) as part of your visa application.

UK healthcare

EEA AND SWITZERLAND:

Treatment is available for free on the National Health Service (NHS) to all students from the EU/EEA and Switzerland who are studying in the UK. You'll need a valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) issued by your home country to access free NHS care.

NON-EEA AND SWITZERLAND:

If you're studying for more than six months you will be entitled to receive NHS treatment, but you need to pay an immigration health surcharge as part of your visa application.

Citizens of Australia and New Zealand are exempt from paying the immigration health surcharge.

If you're not eligible for free NHS treatment, you should take out private medical insurance.

ACCOMMODATION

Whether you're looking to secure a room in one of our residential halls, a private rental, or wanting to continue living at home while you study, find out the options available to you and what you should do next.

uom.link/get-ready-accommodation



Have your email address and University of Manchester ID number to hand



Visit our virtual accommodation tour



University accommodation

The University's huge range of accommodation means we've got something for all tastes and budgets.

You can apply for University accommodation by completing an online application. Applying is free but if you wish to accept an offer of accommodation you'll need to make an Advance Licence Fee Payment of £400 to secure your room. You'll need a valid email address to complete the application and a valid University of Manchester ID number which will be on your offer letter.

With our accommodation guarantee you can apply for a place in halls with the reassurance that your Advance Licence Fee Payment is fully refundable should you be unable to take up your offer to study at Manchester.

We've also adjusted our residences contract terms to provide maximum flexibility for any further disruption caused by coronavirus.

Private accommodation

There is plenty of private accommodation across the city if you don't fancy living in University halls.

Manchester Student Homes can provide details of privately rented properties, independent housing advice and a free contract checking service.

uom.link/get-ready-private

Living at home

Many students choose to live at home while studying at Manchester.

The Students' Union runs tailored support services if you're living at home, to make sure you get the most out of university life, and the same opportunities to socialise with other students as those living on campus.

uom.link/get-ready-home

MONEY, FEES AND FUNDING

From setting up personal banking and getting budget-savvy to paying your tuition fees and finding scholarship information, we're here to help.

uom.link/get-ready-money



Tuition fees

All university students in the UK are required to pay tuition fees. Your offer letter from The University of Manchester will state how much you need to pay.

Fees are paid as part of the registration process at the beginning of the year.



Look to set up a UK bank account

Financial support

There's lots of financial support available to help while you're studying. Find out more online uom.link/get-ready-finance

Setting up a bank account

UK/EU STUDENTS:

It's worth setting up a student bank account – they offer a wider range of services than current accounts, so it's important to consider your options and shop around.

A main benefit of student bank accounts is interest-free overdrafts, which can be very handy during your studies.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS:

If you want to pay your tuition fees or University accommodation fees in instalments by Direct Debit, you will need to set up a UK bank account.

It's also more convenient to have a UK bank account, as you can avoid transactional or currency conversion charges incurred through using a foreign bank card.

More information about setting up a UK bank account can be found on our finance pages

uom.link/get-ready-banking

WELLBEING AND STUDENT SUPPORT

Looking after you is our key priority and your wellbeing will be central to your experience at Manchester.

Our six ways to wellbeing will support you to feel good and live well throughout your studies. We also have a comprehensive range of support services to help you with anything from employability and finances to counselling and study support.

Check these out online
uom.link/get-ready-support

“The University’s framework for wellbeing encourages everyone to take care of themselves. When I was a wellbeing champion, we held yoga afternoons outside and smoothie-making competitions. It was great because you met like-minded people.”

Nancy McDonald
BSc Psychology alumna



Take a look at our wide range of support

THINGS TO DO

Use your time before starting to get yourself prepared. Talk to a current student, make a to-do list, explore our clubs and societies, or think about your goals for the coming year... now is the time to get excited!

My notes

- Apply and confirm accommodation
- Check if you need a visa and how to get one
- Book travel
- Make sure you have copies of your ID and travel documents
- Register with a doctor/GP



Chat with a current student on
UNIBUDDY
uom.link/get-ready-unibuddy



Take the
CAMPUS
virtual tour to get your bearings for when you arrive
uom.link/get-ready-campus



Take our
CITY
virtual tour to get an idea of what you might want to explore first
uom.link/get-ready-city



Check out the
STUDENTS' UNION
uom.link/get-ready-su



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THINGS TO BRING

Use our checklist to make sure you have everything you need before heading off. Be sure to check what your halls provide as you won't want to bring extra things if you don't need to.

Also consider your room, there will be storage but not a huge amount so pack sensibly and remember (for most of you) you'll be moving out again in June.

Packing list
uom.link/get-ready-packing

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS



- ID
- Student discount cards eg railcard
- Details of accommodation and contract
- University acceptance letter

ELECTRONICS



- Chargers
- Extension cable
- Headphones
- USB memory stick

BEDROOM



- Hangers
- Laundry basket
- Small first aid kit full of plasters, paracetamol etc.

KITCHEN SUPPLIES



- Pots and pans (see what you're able to share with housemates).
- Scissors
- Tupperware
- Oven gloves
- Tea towels
- Bottle openers and tin openers

MISCELLANEOUS



- Umbrella
- Pack of cards
- Small sewing kit
- A weekend or 'home' bag
- A reusable water bottle

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All information in this document was correct at the time of launch, but is subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, including actions taken by the University in line with the UK government advice around coronavirus, please check

[online. uom.link/get-ready](https://online.uom.link/get-ready)

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