

The Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute
School of Arts, Languages and Cultures

BSc Welcome Week
28 September – 02 October 2020

Welcome Week this year will consist of a mixture of pre-recorded and live sessions. Each pre-recorded session will go onto Blackboard on the day outlined below, where it will remain permanently for you to access whenever you need. For each live session, you can find the zoom links below. We'll also email these to you on the morning of the session.

Monday 28 September		
09.00	Pre-recorded, access via BB	<p>Introduction to the Programme <i>Dr Jessica Hawkins (Programme Director)</i></p> <p>Duration: Approx 20 minutes</p> <p>Welcome to HCRI from our Programme Director, who'll introduce you to your Welcome Week activities and explain how things will work for Semester 1 of your course.</p>
12.00		<p>Welcome to HCRI <i>Prof Bertrand Taithe (HCRI Executive Director)</i></p> <p>Duration: 3 minutes</p> <p>Hear from our Executive Director and founder of HCRI, as he welcomes you to our community.</p>
Tuesday 29 September		
09.00	Pre-recorded, access via BB	<p>Turnitin & Blackboard Presentation <i>Dr Nat O Grady</i></p> <p>Duration: 16 minutes</p> <p>In this session you'll explore some of the key features and tools of Blackboard, which you'll use consistently over the duration of your studies. Dr Nat O'Grady will also run through Turnitin, which is how you'll be submitting assignments.</p>
11.00–12.00	Live, access via Zoom	<p>Peer Mentor Session <i>Dr Jessica Hawkins, Dr Sophie Roborgh</i></p> <p>Duration: 1 hour</p> <p>In this session you'll have to chance to hear from your peer mentors, who are students in the years above who are on hand to answer your questions, help you with settling in, and signpost you to both academic and social events.</p>

14.00 – 15.00	Live, access via Zoom	<p>Ice Breaker Session <i>Dr Jessica Hawkins, Dr Catherine Arthur, Dr Roisin Read</i></p> <p>Duration: 1 hour</p> <p>In this session you'll meet some of your lecturers, and get to know your peers through some fun icebreaker style games and discussion.</p>
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Wednesday 30 September		
09.00	Pre-recorded, access via BB	<p>Assessment Skills <i>Dr Catherine Arthur</i></p> <p>Duration: 20 minutes</p> <p>In this session we will explore the mark scheme used at The University of Manchester, you will be given the opportunity to grade essays and develop your understanding of the University Grade Descriptors.</p>
15.00-16.00	Live, access via Zoom. There is also a pre-recorded intro, access via BB	<p>HCRI Society Introduction and Student Q&A <i>HCRI Society (made up of current students)</i></p> <p>Duration: 1 hour</p> <p>Hear from the Executive Committee of the HCRI Society, which is entirely student-run and a great way to get involved with the Institute outside of your studies. There will also be the opportunity to ask your peers questions.</p>
Thursday 01 October		
09.00	Pre-recorded, access via BB	<p>HCRI Partnership Presentation <i>Dr Jessica Hawkins, Dr Amanda McCorkindale</i></p> <p>Duration: 8 minutes</p> <p>Learn about our Teaching and Learning Partnership agreement between staff and students, and the commitments, values and expectations involved.</p>
12.30-13.30	Live, access via Zoom (academic advisors will be in touch and send round individual zoom links via email)	<p>Academic Advisory Meetings <i>Dr Catherine Arthur, Dr Ayham Fattoum, Dr Jessica Hawkins, Dr Amanda McCorkindale, Dr Sophie Roborgh</i></p> <p>Duration: 1 hour</p> <p>This is your first opportunity to meet your Academic Advisor, who will support you throughout your time at HCRI, alongside fellow students who share the same advisor. You can introduce yourself, discuss any worries or concerns, or seek advice on module options.</p>
15.00-16.00	Join our Facebook Group and	<p>HCRI Social <i>All HCRI UG students and staff</i></p>

	sign up to the event (not compulsory but recommended) Live, via Zoom	Duration: Approx. 1 hour The social will include introductions, a virtual Bingo game with the chance of winning vouchers for local Manchester businesses and eateries, and a virtual Pictionary round with more prizes to be won (no artistic talent required!)
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Friday 02 October		
0900-10.00	Pre-recorded, access via BB	HCRI / UK-Med Introduction <i>UK-Med Team Member (TBC)</i> Duration: Approx 20 minutes The UK-Med team introduce themselves and the work they do, and discuss their engagement and professional relationship with HCRI.
10.00-11.00	Pre-recorded, access via BB	Academic Malpractice <i>Dr Antoine Burgard</i> Duration: 14 minutes This session will prepare you for studying with us by running through the dos and don't of academic research and writing.
12.00-13.00	Face-to-face, Location: Simon Theatre E	Recap and Q&A <i>Dr Jessica Hawkins & Dr Roisin Read</i> Duration: 1 hour This session is focussed on recapping the main points to take away from your welcome week, and to answer any further questions you may have regarding your time studying at HCRI.
15.00-16.00	Live, access via Zoom	Recap and Q&A (repeat of earlier face-to-face session, but virtual) <i>Dr Jessica Hawkins & Dr Roisin Read</i> Duration: 1 hour This session is focussed on recapping the main points to take away from your welcome week, and to answer any further questions you may have regarding your time studying at HCRI.
Please also see the main University Welcome Week web page for details of events happening across the campus during this week: https://manchesterstudentsunion.com/welcome . We'll also be sharing our events and activities on social media: Facebook , Twitter and Instagram .		