## **Welcome Week Timetable**

## **September 2023**

## **MA Philosophy**

Welcome to the School of Social Sciences and the MA Philosophy degree programme.

Below you can find your programme Welcome Week timetable. Each day there will be activities for you to get involved in and the chance to find out more about the course, School, and University.

In addition to your programme timetable, there will be University-wide Welcome activities to help you meet people and settle into our community. Check out the [What’s on during Welcome](https://www.welcome.manchester.ac.uk/welcome-and-induction/whats-on-welcome/) page and [Students’ Union events](https://manchesterstudentsunion.com/events?year=2023&month=09) page to find out about other activities happening around the University of Manchester.

Take a look at the [Welcome to Manchester](https://www.welcome.manchester.ac.uk/) webpages to help you settle in. These contain key information about registering your attendance, safety on campus, student support and preparing for your studies.

We hope you have a really enjoyable first few weeks on campus, making new friends and discovering everything that we have to offer.

Best of luck for the new academic year!

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| **Date** | **Time** | **Event** | **Location** | **Details** |
| Tuesday, 19th September | 14:00 – 16:00 | Course outline +  Our goals (Programme Director and programme administrator, with visit from PhD director if possible) | Sam Alex\_A104 | We’ll orient ourselves with a general discussion of:   1. The course structure. 2. Our intellectual backgrounds and interests. 3. What we are trying to achieve in philosophy. 4. What you are trying to achieve with the MA programme. 5. What skills you think you will need for the MA and what skills you want to work on.   How to make your unit choices. |
| Wednesday, 20th September | 14:00 – 15:00 | Introduction to dissertation research design (Programme Director) | Sam Alex\_A18 | We’ll discuss how best to   1. Identify a topic 2. Work out what you want to say on it   With general guidance from the programme director, and some small-group activities to do with your new classmates. |
| Thursday, 21st September | 15:00 – 17:00 | Philosophy Postgraduate Welcome Workshop  (both PGT and PGR) | Alan Turing\_G.108 | A welcome workshop for new MA and PhD students; all department staff are also invited. There will be two talks from current Manchester philosophers, presenting on their own research – one talk from a current PhD student and one from a member of department staff – with Q&A and philosophical discussion after each talk. |
| Thursday, 21st September | 17:00 onward | Social event | Krobar | Drinks and time to chat with other new and current students and staff. |
| Friday, 22nd September | 14:00 – 15:00 | PG general course unit selection online drop-in session for queries | Zoom Meeting  <https://zoom.us/j/94167829712>  Meeting ID: 941 6782 9712 | This online drop-in session is to support students with course unit selection queries and does not need to be attended by all students. |