

Other things to think about ...

As well as the essentials, such as accepting your place at the University, booking accommodation, getting your visa and organising your flights, these are some things you might want to consider doing before you leave for Manchester:

- ☐ **Meningitis C and MMR vaccinations** If you have not already received these vaccinations, it is strongly recommended that you get them before coming to the UK. Meningitis C and MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) are rare but serious diseases which can be easily spread around students living in close proximity. If you are unable to access the vaccines in your home country, you can get them from your GP (doctor) in the UK.
- ☐ **Create a Facebook account** www.facebook.com. Facebook is the most popular social networking site in the UK. Most students use it to communicate with each other and plan events. Facebook is often how student societies give information to their members and the Orientation Programme even has its own official Facebook page www.facebook.com/manchesterorientation. Don't worry if you can't access Facebook in your home country, it is easy to set up an account once you arrive in the UK. The University's Medical and Human Science Faculty has produced [guidance](#) on using social networks safely and appropriately and we would advise all students to have a look at this.
- ☐ **Create a Twitter account** www.twitter.com. Another popular social media site is Twitter. This site is used by a lot of University Services, such as the Careers Service and the Library, to give out information to students. You can get the latest updates to the Orientation Programme on twitter at <http://twitter.com/OrientationUoM>
- ☐ **Begin (and maybe complete) registration** It is essential to complete University registration to become a member of the University and be able to access lectures and University facilities. You can start, and depending on how you are paying your tuition fees maybe even finish, the registration process from home from 1st September 2011. For more information see the [Crucial Guide for Students](#).
- ☐ **Book a place on the Airport Collection Service** at www.manchester.ac.uk/international/orientation/travel/airport-collection/
- ☐ **Book a place at the Orientation Programme** at www.manchester.ac.uk/international/orientation/
- ☐ **Prepare for Success** www.prepareforsuccess.org.uk/ Try this interactive learning tool which will help you find out about different aspects of academic life in the UK and the skills needed for effective study
- ☐ **Certificate of Good Conduct** Many students undertake volunteering projects whilst at University. If you wish to work or volunteer with children or vulnerable adults during your time in the UK you will need to obtain a Certificate of Good Conduct from

the police in your home country. It is much easier to obtain a certificate before you leave for the UK, so you may wish to consider getting one now.

- **Plan your budget** The International Student Calculator is a useful tool to help you manage your finances. Try it at www.studentcalculator.org.uk/international/
- **Order a bedding pack** To have bedding ready and waiting for you in your University room you can purchase a bedding pack from the online store at <http://estore.manchester.ac.uk/browse/product.asp?catid=132&modid=1&compid=1>
- **Register electronics** on www.immobilise.com. This is a free service which will allow the police to reunite you with your possessions in the unlikely event that they are stolen in the UK and later recovered by the police
- **Re-read the Arrival Guide and Orientation Guide**. If you have not received these they are available online from www.manchester.ac.uk/international.
- **Ask us** If you have any remaining questions, don't hesitate to contact us at orientation@manchester.ac.uk