

Manchester Access Programme

Decision Manchester Information Session

Decision Manchester Application Form

- All students who successfully complete MAP will be eligible to submit a MAP Decision Manchester application form to The University of Manchester.
- Submission of a Decision Manchester Form means that you can find out which course(s) you would receive an interview or an offer for at Manchester, before you submit your actual UCAS application.

The Decision Manchester Form has 8 sections:

- Section 1: Personal Details
- Section 2: Applications
- Section 3: School and College Education
- Section 4: Qualifications
- Section 5: Examinations still to be taken
- Section 6: Predicted Grades
- Section 7: Personal Statement
- Section 8: Statement from MAP Tutor
- Section 9: For Admissions Staff only

How will I know if I have successfully completed the programme?

- Successfully completing the programme means that you have:
- Attended a MAP University Life Conference
- Completed a satisfactory assignment
- Gained 100 units

MAP DEADLINES.....

The academic assignment is due in on 19th August and in order to pass, you must achieve an average of 4 across all 8 targets - nothing less than a 3 in any target.

You have until the end of October to gain 100 units.

If you look to your MAP wall planner there is a student finance and budgeting workshop in October – 10 units

Guidance sessions in - September - 5 units

Personal Statement drop in – September/October 5 units

UCAS Guidance Session

- Each MAP student will have a UCAS Guidance Interview in September. This is a 30 minute informal chat with a member of staff at the University.
- This is a compulsory MAP activity and is worth 5 units.
- The **Guidance interview** is an opportunity for you to discuss your course choice options with a member of staff at the University and to receive advice and guidance on your course options and progressing to University.

UCAS Guidance Session

- **7th September:** Medicine, Dentistry, Oxford and Cambridge Guidance Interviews.
- **14th and 21st September:** All other Guidance Interviews for students applying to other courses.
- The Guidance interview will help to determine which course(s) you should put on your **Decision Manchester Form**.
- You will be notified at the end of August of when your UCAS Guidance Interview is but if you are thinking of applying to Medicine or Dentistry please keep **7th September free** and if you are thinking about applying to any other course keep **14th and 21st September free**.
- You will be able to give us your preference as to whether you wish to have your interview in the morning or afternoon.

So what do I need to do now?

- You will receive via email today a blank Decision Manchester application form.
- You must complete sections 1,3,4 and 5
- Section 1 = Personal Details; Name, DOB etc
- Section 3 = School/College Education.
- Section 4 = Qualifications : GCSE grades
- Section 5 = Exams still to be taken (A2 or BTECH).

So what do I need to do now?

After you have completed Sections: 1, 3, 4 and 5 you must save the form electronically and email it back to us by no later than Friday 22nd August.

It must be emailed back to: map@manchester.ac.uk

If you are already certain of which course (s) you wish to apply to at Manchester then you can also complete Section 2 aswell, but if you are not sure about course choice, you can leave this for now and wait until after you have had your Guidance Interview to decide.

What if I want to apply to more than one course at Manchester??

You can apply to more than one course on your Decision Manchester Form but you must bear in mind:

- You can only submit one Decision Manchester Form and the same form will be sent to all the Admissions Tutors for the courses you are applying for, so think about the Personal Statement !
- It is only advisable to apply to more than one course where they are related.

For example:

Economics and Accounting,

History and Politics and Modern History

YOU **CANNOT** APPLY TO:

- **Medicine** and **Dentistry** and **Pharmacy** on your Decision Manchester Form. It is not advisable to do this on your UCAS Form either.
- These courses are very competitive and will only consider applicants whose personal statement is focused solely on the relevant course.

Personal Statement

- If you are applying for Medicine Dentistry, Oxford or Cambridge you must email MAP with your personal statement for your Decision Manchester Form by **16th September** at the latest.
- If you are applying for any other course you must email MAP with your personal statement for your Decision Manchester Form by **7th October** at the very latest.
- This is to ensure that we can get your form sent and get a decision for you before you have to submit your real UCAS Form.

Personal Statement Feedback

- As there is an earlier deadline for those applying to Medicine, Dentistry, Oxford and Cambridge, once you send your statement it will be **checked by a member of the MAP team and suggestions for any improvements will be emailed to you within a couple of days.**
- For those applying to other courses, you will have the opportunity to attend a Personal Statement drop where you can receive face to face detailed feedback on your statement before it is **due in on 7th October.**

Personal Statement Drop in Sessions are:

- Wednesday 28th September
- Thursday 29th September
- Tuesday 4th October
- Wednesday 5th October
- Thursday 6th October

Possible Outcomes

- Once you have emailed MAP with your final course choice and personal statement your form will be sent to Admissions Tutors. There are 3 possible outcomes once a MAP Pre-UCAS Form is submitted:

1) No Offer

2) Offer

3) Interview

Can I change my mind about the courses I want to apply for when I fill in my actual UCAS form?

- Yes! You can change your mind, but the good thing about the Decision Manchester Form is that you will know which courses you are going to be made offers for (or be invited to interview for) at Manchester, **BEFORE** you send your UCAS form.
- But remember! If you do change your mind about course choice when you come to apply through UCAS, you should remember that you will not have the opportunity to find out beforehand if your application will be successful.

QUIZ TIME!!!!!!

Question 1

Q. The Decision Manchester Form is sent to Admissions Tutors at which University?

A. Manchester!

Question 2

Q. When the blank Decision Manchester form is sent to you via email - which 4 sections must you fill in before emailing it back to MAP by **Monday 22nd August?**

A. Sections: 1, 3, 4 and 5 !

Question 3

Q. Before your Decision Manchester Form can be sent to Admissions Tutors you must have passed your MAP assignment. When is the deadline for submitting the final assignment to your Academic Tutor?

A. 19th August 2011

Question 4

Q. Every student will have a 30 minute informal Guidance Interview with a member of staff at the University. What is the purpose of this interview?

A. To talk through university course choices with a member of University staff and to receive advice and guidance on course choice/entry requirements and applying to university.

Question 5

Q. On which date are the Guidance Interviews for Medicine, Dentistry Oxford and Cambridge applicants?

A. 7th September

Q. On which dates are the Guidance Interviews for applicants applying to all other courses?

A. 14th and 21st September

Question 6

- Medicine, Dentistry , Oxford and Cambridge applicants must send their final course choice and personal statement to map@manchester.ac.uk by **16th September**.

Q . How will they receive feedback on their statement?

A. Via email form the MAP team.

Question 7

- Applicants for all other courses, must send their final course choice and personal statement to map@manchester.ac.uk by **7th October.**

Q. When and how can they receive feedback on their personal statement?

A. Face to face feedback at a personal statement drop-in.

Question 8

Q. Can you apply to more than one course on your Decision Manchester Form?

A. Yes you can if they are related. For example:
Law and Law with Criminology.

Question 9

Q. Which 3 courses can you not apply to at the same time on your Decision Manchester Form and why?

A. Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmacy. This is because these courses are very competitive and applicants must show 100% commitment in their personal statement to whichever one they choose to apply to.

Question 10

Q. Once your Decision Manchester Form is submitted to the relevant Admissions Tutors there are 3 possible outcomes. What are they?

A.

- 1) An offer (conditional on A-level grades)
- 2) No offer
- 3) An invitation to interview