

Postgraduate Masters Study

A pocket-sized guide

A customised version of the Orientation
Programme presentation

Congratulations on Selecting Manchester!

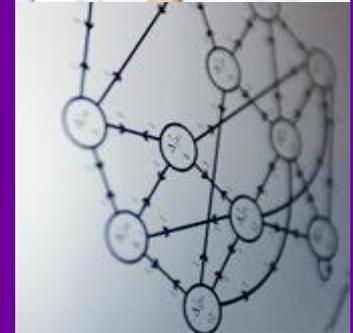
- World Class University
- World Class Facilities
- World Class Research
- World Class Teaching

- World Class YOU!



What opportunities will a Masters offer You?

- Study at the forefront of your chosen academic discipline or profession
- Systematic and creative analysis of complex issues
- An understanding of how knowledge can be advanced through research
- Demonstrating originality in the application of knowledge and in tackling and solving problems



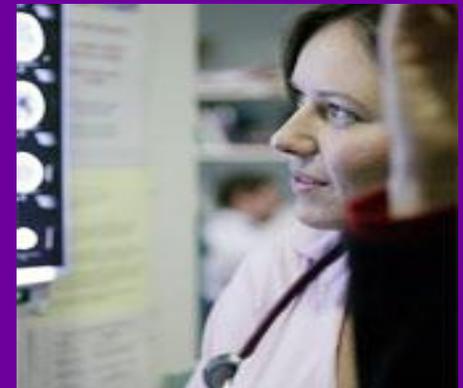
What will a Masters do for You?

- Prepare you for the application of advanced or specialist knowledge in roles in industry or a profession;
- Prepare you for further study and research towards a higher degree;
- Or Both!



Masters Graduates Should...

“Show the qualities needed for employment in circumstances requiring sound judgment, personal responsibility and initiative, in complex and unpredictable professional environments.”

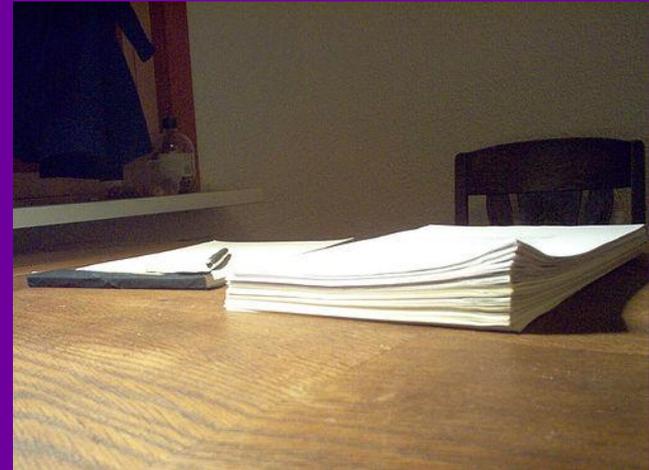


The Masters Year

- 180 Credits (1 credit = 10 hours of student effort)
- One year full time FT (2,3 or 5 years PT)
- Course Units (e.g. 8 x 15 credits)
- Research Project (e.g. 60, 90, 120 credits) – including the preparation of and submission of a Dissertation.

Assessment

- Course work
- Group work
- Field work
- Case studies
- Presentations
- Projects
- Examinations
- **Dissertation**



The Challenges

- This year will seem VERY SHORT!
- This year will be HARD WORK!
- The expectations of you will be of greater depth and intellectual maturity than at undergraduate level!



Possible Pitfalls

- Regulations and Deadlines
- Plagiarism and Academic Malpractice
- English Language
- Research Methods
- Health and Safety Issues
- Personal Problems

Your School Support Systems

- Induction, Programme Handbook and Training
- Programme Director/Tutor
- Programme Administrator
- Personal Tutor
- Research Project Supervisor
- Staff/Student Committees

Other Support Systems

- Library Staff
- Faculty PGT Contacts – IT Support
- University Careers Service
- University Language Centre
- International Student Advice Team
- International Society
- University Counselling Service

Our Advice

- Learn to manage your time and workload effectively
- Be aware of regulations/deadlines
- Seek help if you need it – as soon as possible
- Use the resources well
- Ensure that you know what you are going to do next and *plan ahead – particularly for your project/dissertation*

What Next?

- Start to plan TODAY!
- Consider what you want and talk to programme graduates – research students
- Use the Careers Service (www.careers.manchester.ac.uk)
- Research Degree Opportunities?

Feedback

Us to You

- Course work
- Individual Progress and Development
- Response to issues raised

You to Us

- Programme feedback questionnaires
- University feedback questionnaires
- Student representation on Staff/Student committees

Key Things to Remember

- Read your programme handbook!
- Ask for Guidance
- Manage your time
- Use your support systems
- Plan Ahead



- Enjoy a balance between academic work and benefiting from/contributing to a massive INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY!



So enjoy your time in Manchester and for more information on a range of subjects, check out the [Crucial Guide](#)