



history

humanities

the facts



- Cutting-edge course content, thanks to a global reputation for research in this field
- Particularly broad range of courses, including various periods within and approaches to history
- Vast archives of historical material, including rare volumes
- Scored 24 out of 24 in the most recent teaching assessment
- 4 million books in one of the UK's best university libraries
- Best careers service in the UK
- Guaranteed accommodation for all first-years
- The UK's largest students' union






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'Manchester is a place for individuals, brilliant kids who like to do their own thing... and if you are ready it will release you to do the same...'

The Virgin Guide to British Universities



With a distinguished history of academic achievement and an ambitious agenda for the future, The University of Manchester offers you a learning experience rooted in a rich educational heritage and boosted by cutting-edge research and innovation – all at the heart of one of the world's most vibrant cities.

the university

Part of the prestigious Russell Group of universities, Manchester has much to offer you. As well as the outstanding facilities, resources and opportunities found within an institution of this calibre, the University is highly respected amongst academic and business communities alike – a respect that is conferred upon its graduates.

Innovative

Our tradition of success in learning and research stretches back over 180 years, encompassing the birth of the modern computer, the splitting of the atom and the founding principles of present-day economics. All these and many more world-changing innovations have their roots here, at The University of Manchester.

Rated third in the UK in terms of 'research power' in the last Research Assessment Exercise, today we enjoy a global reputation for our pioneering research, which informs our problem-based approach to undergraduate learning.

Internationally renowned

Since 2005, the University has risen in the influential Academic Ranking of World Universities Survey conducted by Shanghai Jiao-Tong University, from 53rd to 44th in the world, and ninth in Europe – confirming us as a progressive and world-class teaching and research institution.

Our campus is home to more than 37,000 students from around 150 countries, creating a diverse and inclusive multicultural community.

Ambitious

Our mission is to become one of the top 25 universities in the world by 2015 and the preferred destination for the best teachers, researchers and students.

It's a goal that we're well on the way to achieving, backed by a multimillion-pound investment programme in facilities, staff and buildings. This includes a virtual learning environment that offers you flexible access to study resources 24/7, and the Alan Gilbert Learning Commons, a brand new £30 million resource centre for students (opened in 2012).



Distinguished

More than 5,600 academic and research staff – many leaders in their fields, with international reputations – provide stimulating learning environments and excellent standards of teaching.

As a Manchester graduate, you will join a prestigious hall of fame, including 25 Nobel Prize winners among our current and former staff and students. We have more Nobel Prize winners on our current staff than any other UK university.

Sought after by employers

Employers actively target University of Manchester graduates, giving you excellent job prospects.

Our worldwide community of 240,000 graduates can be found in top positions in every imaginable field, including Sir Terry Leahy, former chief executive of Tesco; former Secretary General of Amnesty International Irene Khan; writer/performer Meera Syal and author Louis de Bernieres.

Full of opportunity

You can take advantage of countless exciting personal development opportunities at Manchester, including career development programmes run by a university careers service that has consistently been voted the best in the UK by graduate recruiters.

Choose The University of Manchester and you will join one of Britain's most forward-thinking universities, which builds on its success year on year – and invites you to do the same.

Find out more...

www.manchester.ac.uk/aboutus



history at manchester

At Manchester, we are proud of our long tradition of developing the way that history is taught, such as pioneering the study of economic history and introducing the third-year research-based thesis; approaches which have since been copied by universities around the world. Our innovative approach and high standards continue today.

High performing staff

We have 32 full-time staff teaching on the History programme, making us one of the largest centres of the subject in the country. The scholarship of our staff is of international standing: in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise (2008), most of the books and articles published by our members of staff were judged to be “internationally excellent” or even “world leading”.

Our undergraduate courses take maximum advantage of the full range of our staff’s expertise. Courses on offer include British, European, American, Asian and African history and range from the classical era (Greece and Rome), through the medieval and modern periods, to the late 20th century. We offer a wide variety of different approaches to history, ranging from political and economic history, to gender, cultural and colonial history. Students are introduced to new kinds of history and, particularly in their third year, often develop their own specialities, such as medieval England, or 20th century Europe.

At any one time, there are about 750 undergraduates taking History, enjoying a learning experience of the highest quality. The government’s last review of this experience recognised the outstanding success of our courses, the support students receive and the facilities that they enjoy, with our ancient historians receiving the highest possible mark of 24 out of 24.



Outstanding resources and facilities

For an arts degree, it is essential to have good library provision. Our learning resources are world-famous: Manchester's computing facilities are exceptional and the newly refurbished John Rylands University Library – with over 4.5 million books and vast archives of historical material and rare volumes – is one of the largest and best-resourced in Britain, with excellent coverage of history and associated disciplines.

In addition, the John Rylands Library on Deansgate, in the city centre, houses the university's 'special collections', which include many medieval manuscripts, early printed books and archival collections. These are valuable resources when students come to write their source-based dissertation in the third year of their degree.

Chetham's Library in Manchester, the People's History Museum and the city's Central Library also have excellent collections of historical material.

Manchester offers you...

- One of the largest concentrations of history experts in the country, and a wide variety of courses
- Scholarship of international standing, as represented by our global reputation for research, which keeps our course content cutting-edge
- Library facilities among the very best in the country



Teaching, learning and assessment

We aim to foster a vibrant culture of learning and research. Our varied approaches to teaching and assessment include lectures, seminars, field trips, small-group tutorials and web-based seminars. In particular, we encourage our students to involve themselves in original research throughout the course; and, with the individual guidance of their tutors, many reach a very high level.

You also have the chance to devote part of your time in your first and second year to the study of disciplines other than history, such as politics, or sociology. In addition, the University's Centre for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine offers course units in the history of medicine and science, from the Renaissance, to the birth of the computer (which took place here at The University of Manchester).

Student support and welfare

We do everything in our power to make you welcome from your very first day at Manchester. At the core of the undergraduate courses lies the School Support Office and helpdesk, where you can obtain all sorts of information. Upon your arrival, you are assigned an academic advisor (one of your tutors), who meets with you regularly, particularly during your first year in the University while you are finding your feet, and we have student mentors who help first years to settle into the department.

You also have the opportunity to take professionally oriented courses, to help you develop career self-management skills, prepare your CV and find the right career path for when you leave.

Students have a say in the running of the School at various levels via staff-student consultative committees and representatives on its main committees. We always make every effort to listen and respond to student opinion.



Scholarships and bursaries

At the time of going to print, no UK university is able to confirm information on scholarships, bursaries and fee waivers for those entering higher education in 2012, until a new access agreement is approved by the Government's Office for Fair Access. This is likely to be approved in July 2011.

However, we can confirm that, as a leading international centre of research and learning, The University of Manchester is committed to the attracting and supporting the very best students. We believe in entry based on merit, rather than on ability to pay. If you have the talent, we want to ensure that you have the opportunity to study here, regardless of your financial circumstances.

For the latest updates on fees and financial support, including details on our proposed Manchester Bursary, Foundation Year Bursaries, Opportunity Manchester Scholarships and fee discounts for students undertaking a year abroad or in industry as part of their degree course, please keep checking our website:

www.manchester.ac.uk/studentfinance

Study abroad

You have the opportunity to study abroad for one semester (in your second year) at a partner university in Europe, Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Singapore, or the USA. For more information, email goabroad@manchester.ac.uk or visit the Study Abroad website:

www.manchester.ac.uk/ug/studyabroad

Your career opportunities

A degree in history (or in a combination including history) from The University of Manchester enables you to pursue a successful career in numerous different types of employment, as well as engage successfully in further studies. Employers value the transferable skills that our students develop.

In recent years, our graduates have found jobs in areas such as the media, insurance industry, banking, retailing, publishing, the police force and probation service, and library work. Others decide to undertake teacher training, or to qualify for a law career. Some students have trained as journalists, while others have entered drama school.

Many graduates continue their studies in history here or elsewhere. We have around 90 postgraduate students at any one time – roughly half of them on MAs and half researching for a PhD – many of whom are our own graduates. We do all we can to help our students obtain financial support for their graduate work and, in recent times, have been markedly successful in obtaining a high ratio of grants to applications.

At the end of three years of study, students who obtain the equivalent of an Upper Second or First class assessment can, if they so wish, opt to transfer to the History with Integrated Masters degree, which is obtained with a fourth year of study, rather than staying on to complete an MA degree.

course details

History BA 3yrs

UCAS Code V100

History and Sociology BA 3yrs

UCAS Code VL13

Modern History with Economics BA 3yrs

UCAS Code V136

Politics and Modern History BA 3yrs

UCAS Code VL12

History with Integrated Masters

UCAS Code V101

Typical offer

Due to the detailed nature of entry requirements for History courses, we are unable to include a typical offer in the prospectus. For complete and up-to-date information on our entry requirements for these courses, please visit our website: www.manchester.ac.uk/ugcourses

History Honours

History is a diverse subject that should fascinate anyone interested in how the human experience has changed over time. It offers you the opportunity to study the development and organisation of human society, culture, politics and the economy, both in recent times and in the more distant past.

At Manchester you can study human communities and their histories over a greater time span and from a greater variety of perspectives than in most other universities, with some courses going back almost 3,000 years. We therefore offer a wide range of introductory courses across something close to the whole breadth of human history: ancient Greece and Rome; medieval England and Europe; and the history of the modern world, from Britain and Europe to Africa, Asia and America.

You can study many different types of history, including women's history and gender history, cultural history, the history of war, political, social and economic history, the history of religion, of science, of ideas, along with many other approaches.

In your final year, you may specialise in the periods and subjects that you have found most interesting. In Years 1 and 2, you can also take course units in other disciplines, including languages, the humanities and the social sciences. The culminating point of your degree is writing your own personal work of history in your final-year thesis, which our students generally find to be the most enjoyable and fulfilling part of their studies. There are also opportunities for you to spend part of your degree studying abroad.

In our History degree course, we aim to:

- Provide an extensive and stimulating collection of course units embracing a wide range of historical periods
- Introduce you to diverse approaches and methodologies of studying history
- Offer you flexibility in developing your own individual courses of study
- Develop your powers of critical analysis and argument, so that you can communicate your ideas effectively, orally and in writing
- Equip you with the skills for entry into future employment, or for pursuing postgraduate work

It is our policy to urge you to be adventurous in your choices and use this as an opportunity to experience areas of history with which you are unfamiliar. Thus, by the end of the second year, students will have taken 12 courses and these will include units from all three of the following areas:

- Modern History
- Social and Economic History
- Ancient and Medieval History



Course structure

Year 1

You take six units:

1. Core course unit: History in Practice (semester one)
2. Project arising out of the core unit (semester two)
- 3-5. Three History course units (a selection of current choices is listed below)
6. Free-choice subject from another subject area, or another History course

Current course units in History include:

- Constructing Archaic Greek History
- Introduction to Roman History, Society and Culture,
- The Making of Europe, 400-1500
- Communities and the State in Early Modern Europe
- State, Nation and Nationalism: Europe c. 1750-c.1920
- Origins of British Industrialisation: British Economic and Social History, 1700-1914
- Globalisation in Historical Perspective
- Cities and Citizens: Foundations of Modern British History
- Modern China: Opium War to Post-Mao

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Subject areas from outside History that make course units available to History students include American Studies, the History of Science and Medicine, Religion and Theology, Art History, Languages, Politics and many other disciplines in the arts and social sciences.

The many units available currently include:

- From Jamestown to James Brown: American History and Culture
- From Cholera to Aids: The History of Infectious Diseases in Europe
- The Crisis of Nature: Issues in Environmental History
- Science, Media and the Public
- The Information Age
- From Frankenstein to the Matrix: Science Fiction and Film
- History of Mathematics
- Ancient Israel's Prophetic Literature
- Introduction to the History of Jewish and Christian Relations

Year 2

You continue to develop your own individual course of study. Again, a range of History course units are on offer, of which you take four. You also take a subject outside History. Finally, you write a 'long essay' of about 6,000 words under the supervision of a tutor. Your Year 2 results count for 25% of your final degree.

Course units currently available include:

- Politics and Society in Classical Greece, 450-322 BC
- The Roman Empire 31 BC-AD 235
- From Catastrophe to Crusade: Europe in the Aftermath of the Vikings
- War and Society in Early Modern Europe
- The Making of the Modern Mind: European Thought from the Enlightenment to the First World War
- War, Conflict and Culture since 1914
- Who do you think you are: Identity and Selfhood in Modern Britain
- Winds of Change: Politics, Society and Culture in Britain, 1899-1990
- Crisis and Prosperity in Europe's 20th Century
- From Jesuits to East India Company: Late Imperial China
- Colonial Encounters: Violence, Race and the Making of the Modern World

Year 3

You specialise in your preferred areas of history by selecting four historical course units from an extensive list of choices covering the entire range of periods, from the ancient world to the 20th century; alternatively, you can take one non-historical subject.

The list of history units available varies from year to year; but, as a rough guide, 32 units were on offer in 2011-12, ranging across the last 2,500 years of history and across the world. Some students like to specialise in one particular period or region; others take their four units from a range of periods. Many final-year course units incorporate substantial use of original sources.



You also write a thesis of approximately 10,000 to 12,000 words. This is an important piece of work that counts for 25% of your final assessment; it is linked to one of your Year 3 course units and is supervised by the course tutor. For the thesis, you have the opportunity to carry out research using original sources either at Manchester, or in any one of a number of archives around the country.

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History with Integrated Masters

The MHist is an advanced undergraduate degree that enables you to gain specialised knowledge and training over four years of study, rather than the normal three years.

The course structure is the same as the History Honours for the first three years of the degree; in the fourth year, you take course units at masters level, including a core course unit from one of the current MA courses, and either three options at masters level, or two options and a unit in Research Methods. However, unlike MA students, MHist students are not required to produce a research dissertation.

You can either apply to enter the degree as a four-year course, or switch to the MHist at the end of three years of your BA work

The advantage of this degree is that you obtain a higher level of qualification than a BA, but without having to produce an MA research dissertation. Student loans are also available for this fourth year of study, which are not available for an MA. However, students intending to continue their studies to PhD level would normally register for an MA at the end of their three years of BA study.

Politics and Modern History

Our degree course in Politics and Modern History was one of the first of its kind in Britain. The course draws on the wide range of expertise available in History and Politics at Manchester, while also giving you an opportunity to take a variety of course units in other areas of the University and to learn or improve your knowledge of a foreign language.

The course aims to:

- Increase your understanding of the disciplines of history and politics and the links between them
- Enable you to appreciate the ways in which that understanding and awareness impacts on people's lives and society in the present
- Provide you with an interdisciplinary foundation of study in Years 1 and 2, through introductory course units in Comparative Government, Modern Political, Economic and Social History and Political Theory
- Provide you with the choice of a wide range of specialist course units in Year 3, enabling you to take responsibility for your own course of learning

Course structure

Students usually take 6 course units per year in their first and second years.

Year 1

1. Introduction to Comparative Politics
2. Introduction to Political Theory
3. Introduction to International Politics
4. History in Practice
- 5-6. Two History courses, from a list of about six: eg State, Nation & Nationalism c.1750-c.1920, Cities and Citizens: Foundations of Modern British History; Communities and States in Early Modern Europe; Globalisation in Historical Perspective

Year 2

- 1 A 6,000 word individual project supervised by a Faculty member in either Politics or History
- 2 Freedom and Equality: Contemporary Debates
- 3-4 One or two courses in either comparative politics or international relations (depending on whether you choose a Politics or a History project) from a list of about 12, including: Chinese Politics Today; Politics of Globalisation and Development; British Politics and Society from 1940: From Blitz to Brown.
- 5-6 Two or three course units in modern history (depending on whether you choose a Politics or a History project) from a choice of about 15, including: The Making of the Modern Mind: European Thought from the Enlightenment to the First World War); Colonial Encounters: Violence, Race and the Making of the Modern World: Crisis and Prosperity in 20th Century Europe.

Year 3

- 1 A thesis of around 12,000 words in either Politics or History, on a subject of your choice linked to one of your four course units. This is an important piece of work that usually counts for 25% of your final assessment. You have the opportunity to carry out research either at Manchester, or in any one of a number of other archives around the country. Students generally find the final year thesis to be the most enjoyable and fulfilling part of their studies.
- 2-3 Two course units in History from a list of over 25, which currently includes: China and the West: From the Opium War to the Japanese War: The People's Continent: Protest and Politics in Europe,

1945-89; Refugees in Modern World History; America, Europe and the Cold War 1944-60. Students usually take 6 course units per year in their first and second years.

4-5 Two course units in Politics from a list of about 20, which currently includes: Terrorism and Political Violence in Europe; International Organisations and Global Governance; News Media and International Crisis.

Across all years, one non-compulsory course option may be submitted for a Language course from the University Language Centre, offering language tuition from beginner to advanced level in twenty different languages, from Mandarin Chinese to Spanish, French and Russian.

Modern History with Economics

This degree course draws upon the resources of two of the largest departments of their kind in Britain. Focusing on the study of modern history, economic history, economics and/or political economy, this degree gives you an understanding of the historical experience and evolution of modern economies.

Within the structure of this degree, you will be able to choose from a wide range of course units. Through these course units, you will (a) acquire a deep knowledge and understanding of a range of historical periods, issues and debates, (b) be able to apply historical methods in the appropriate contexts, and (c) gain a thorough understanding of the basic principles of economics and/or political economy.

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Course structure

Year 1

You will be introduced to the main issues in modern history and economic history, through courses exploring the history of globalisation and Britain's economic development. You will also undertake core courses introducing you to the basic principles of modern economic theory. The structure of your first year will be:

- 1 History in Practice
- 2 Globalisation in Historical Perspective
- 3 Origins of British Industrialisation, 1700-1914



- 4 Two course units in Economics (the choice depending upon whether or not you have done Economics A-level)
- 5 A free-choice History module
- 6 A free-choice option in the Arts or Social Sciences.

Year 2

You will acquire a deeper understanding of specific areas of historical studies and their methodologies, as well as having the opportunity to explore techniques and debates connected with modern economic theory and/or political economy. The structure of your second year will be:

- 1 A 6,000 word long essay in modern history or economic history.
- 2 Three course units from a list in modern history and/or economic history.
- 3 Between two-four course units in economics and/or political economy.

Year 3

You will have the opportunity to undertake specialist courses in economics, modern history and/or economic history, as well as undertaking an independent research project. The structure of your final year will be:

- 1 A thesis of around 10-12,000 words on a subject of your choice in either Modern History or Economic History, linked to one of your Level 3 course units. This is an important piece of work that usually counts for 25% of your final assessment. You have the opportunity to carry out research either at Manchester, or in any one of a number of other archives around the country. Students generally find the final year thesis to be the most enjoyable and fulfilling part of their studies.
- 2 One or two course units in economics or one course unit in political economy.
- 3 Three course units from a list in modern history and/or economic history.

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History and Sociology

The History and Sociology degree course unites the strengths of two of the strongest centres in the country in their respective disciplines; Sociology was judged as the leading department in the country in the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise.

You can study past and present human societies from both a historical and a sociological perspective, comparing and contrasting these two important ways of studying humankind. You have the opportunity to study a wide historical and geographical range of periods and cultures. You will gain a thorough sociological understanding of contemporary and practical social affairs and a historical understanding of their origins and development.

Course structure

Students usually take 6 course units per year in their first and second years.

Year 1

We introduce you to a wide variety of periods and approaches, to discover where your strengths and interests lie.

- 1 History in Practice
- 3-4 Two History course units from a list which currently includes: State, Nation and Nationalism c.1750-c.1920; Cities and Citizens: Foundations of Modern British History; Communities and States in Early Modern Europe; Globalisation in Historical Perspective.
- 5-6 Two Sociology units from a list which currently includes: British Society in a Globalising World; From Modernity to Postmodernity I & II; Media, Culture and Society; Sociology of Personal Life; Technology, Communication and Culture; Work, Organisation and Society.

Year 2

You combine a joint course unit with a range of choices, mostly more specialised in character than in Year 1.

- 1 Research Design and either Survey Research and Quantitative Analysis or Qualitative Analysis.
- 2-3 A 6,000-word individual Long Essay project supervised by a Faculty member in either History or Sociology
- 3-4 Two History course units chosen from a list which currently includes: The Roman Empire 31BC-AD235; Identity and Selfhood in Modern Britain; The Making of the Modern Mind; From Jesuits to Capitalists: Late Imperial China, 1580-1800.
- 5-6 Two Sociology course units chosen from a list which currently includes: Life Stories and Biographical Research; Sociology of Popular Music; Globalisation and Developing Societies.

Year 3

- 1 A thesis of around 10-12,000 words on a subject of your choice in either History or Sociology, linked to one of your Level 3 course units. This is an important piece of work that usually counts for 25% of your final assessment. You have the opportunity to carry out research either at Manchester, or in any one of a number of other archives around the country. Students generally find the final year thesis to be the most enjoyable and fulfilling part of their studies.
- 2-3 Two History course units from a list of over 25, currently including: American Slavery: Society and Culture in the Slave South; The Second World War and British Society; Sex, Drugs and Shopping: Readdressing Inter-War Britain; Refugees in Modern World History.
- 4-5 Two Sociology course units chosen from a list of over 20 which currently includes: Sociology of Family Life and Intimacy; Culture, Modernity and Media; Ethnomethodology; The Sociology of Human-Animal Relations.

Across all years, one non-compulsory course option may be submitted for a Language course from the University Language Centre, offering language tuition from beginner to advanced level in twenty different languages, from Mandarin Chinese to Spanish, French and Russian.

History and a Modern Language

History and French
History and German
History and Italian
History and Portuguese
History and Russian
History and Spanish

These degrees give you an unrivalled opportunity to pursue your intellectual interests in course combinations that offer you both balance and personal choice.

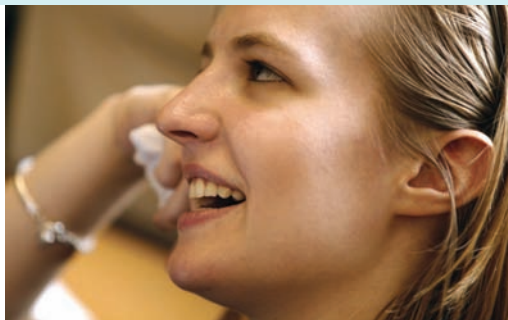
The courses ensure that in your first two years you obtain a firm grounding in both disciplines. We introduce you to a wide range of historical, literary, linguistic and cultural subjects and periods. You then spend your third year abroad, immersing yourself in the language and culture of a country appropriate to the language you have chosen. Finally, in your fourth year you take a menu of course units that reflects the development of your interests over your time at university.

You will also have access to the well-equipped University Language Centre, whose range of up-to-date PC, TV, video, audio and cinema facilities will help you develop your language-learning skills. The target intake is 20 per year.

Course structure

Year 1

There is an even balance between History and your language. You have a choice of courses in medieval, modern and economic and social history, and in the language and literature you are studying. The History in Practice core course unit offers you the opportunity to develop your historical skills.



Year 2

You have similar choices in the two subject areas, but they become more focused, with the long essay in History enabling you to improve your research and writing skills.

Year 3 – overseas

You spend your third year abroad, under approved conditions in a country where the language you are studying is spoken. For those studying French, this could be Switzerland, Belgium, or Quebec, in addition to France itself; for those studying Spanish, it could be Spain, or one of several Latin American countries, etc.

The year may be spent in a school as a language teaching assistant, in studying at a university, or in paid employment. The individual language areas have long experience of placing students for the year abroad, and make the necessary administrative arrangements for you in advance.

The purpose of the year is to substantially improve your language skills and to deepen your understanding of the culture and literature of the country in question.

Year 4

You choose specialist course units in both History and your language. You also write a dissertation involving personal research. This considerable piece of original work rounds off the final year and is for most students one of the most satisfying elements of their degree course.

School of Arts, Languages and Cultures

The newly formed School of Arts, Languages and Cultures is the largest grouping of arts, languages and humanities scholars in the UK. It is home to some 6500 students, of which about 1000 are postgraduates, and around 350 academic staff working at the forefront of seventeen disciplines:

- Archaeology
- Art History and Visual Studies
- Classics and Ancient History
- Drama
- East Asian Studies
- English and American Studies
- French Studies
- German Studies
- Linguistics and English Language
- History
- Italian Studies
- Middle Eastern Studies
- Music
- Religions and Theology
- Russian and East European Studies
- Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies
- Translation and Intercultural Studies
- The School is also home to the University Language Centre

The School's interests are in the fields of human cultures, beliefs, institutions and languages (from the most widely spoken global languages to those which are endangered). Its work embraces the material, visual, linguistic, textual, social and performative dimensions of human society past and present, and as such fosters a rich interdisciplinary culture led by world-renowned scholars with a diversity of expertise, from analysts to creative artists, from formal linguists to cultural critics, from historians to cultural theorists.

The units which make up the School have an outstanding research profile as demonstrated by the fact that two of those units were ranked top in their subject area in the UK, following the results of the government's Research Assessment Exercise in 2008, and a further two were ranked in the top 3. Overall, more than 50% of our research was rated 'world leading' or 'internationally excellent'. Our commitment to research enriches our teaching, by bringing renowned international speakers to the School and sustaining a culture of research seminars, workshops and conferences – many of which are open to undergraduate students. It also ensures that our curriculum is continually refreshed.

Our programmes are designed to teach people how to think, and our students tell us they find them challenging and rewarding, as well as good preparation for careers or further study. The student experience combines the advantages of belonging to a specific subject community with the extensive choice that a large and diverse School can offer. We use a wide range of teaching methods, both traditional and innovative. These include lectures, small-group seminars, and tutorials as well as various on-line activities which draw on the latest technology.

We strive to integrate work-related skills and experience into our degree programmes, and we encourage our students to think about and develop their career interests, aims and abilities, through both academic and extra-curricular activities. Our award-winning Careers Service will work in partnership with you throughout your degree to improve your employability and prepare for the competitive jobs market.


Research and teaching in the School of Arts, Languages and Cultures are supported by rich resources within the University. These include the John Rylands University Library, with its unique Special Collections housed in the refurbished Deansgate building; the University Language Centre, with its own language multi-media resource library; the Race Relations Archive; the Manchester Museum; the Whitworth Art Gallery, as well as other distinguished Manchester archives and museums. Other cultural assets at the University of Manchester include the Martin Harris Centre for Music and Drama, Jodrell Bank Observatory, and, new for 2012, the Alan Gilbert Learning Commons.

We maintain a network of partners in research training that involves a wide range of major cultural institutions across the North West. The University and the city also offer superb facilities for almost any academic or recreational interests you might wish to pursue. High profile festivals are a major part of Manchester's cultural life, and the School is involved in many of these, including the Manchester Literature Festival, Manchester Histories Festival and Manchester International Festival. In addition, our undergraduates organise a wide range of cultural activities including, for example, an annual foreign language theatre festival – “Palaver” – at the Contact Theatre.

The School has a strong interdisciplinary orientation and houses the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in the Arts (CIDRA).

Conclusion

The new School of Arts, Languages and Cultures is determined to become a global beacon for the study of Arts and Languages. Our objective is to create a top quality educational environment within which all our students will thrive. We have a strong commitment to social responsibility and public engagement. We want our graduates not only to be highly sought after by employers but also ready to play a constructive role as citizens in wider society. Through our research we seek to create and develop knowledge that makes a difference in the world; through our teaching we want to inspire our students to achieve their full human potential.



Our University website holds a wealth of information on the many varied aspects of student life. Below are some of the most popular topics – use the web links for full details...

find out more

Accommodation

As long as you apply by our deadline, all first-year students holding an unconditional offer are guaranteed an offer of a place in university accommodation. For international students, this promise is extended to the full duration of your studies. We are proud to offer more spaces in university-managed accommodation than practically any other UK university.

Discover our diverse range of university accommodation, bustling student areas, halls of residence visits, private accommodation options and more:

www.manchester.ac.uk/accommodation
www.manchesterstudenthomes.com

Admissions and applications

We welcome applications from people of all backgrounds, and are fully committed to equality of opportunity. All applications for full-time undergraduate courses in higher education are coordinated by the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS). You must apply online at www.ucas.com. If you are unable to access the internet, contact the UCAS Customer Service Unit on +44 (0)871 468 0468.

Find out more about the application process, policies, procedures and support:

www.manchester.ac.uk/ug/howtoapply

Careers Service

Our award-winning Careers Service will work in partnership with you throughout your degree to improve your employability and prepare you for the competitive jobs market. It will help you find part-time jobs, volunteering and work experience opportunities.

Since Manchester is one of the most targeted universities by graduate recruiters, you will meet many employers on campus. You might also take part in the unique Manchester Leadership Programme, to help you develop skills and boost your CV.

Find out more about careers events, mentoring programmes, accredited course units and a whole range of other services:

www.manchester.ac.uk/careers
www.manchester.ac.uk/mlp

City of Manchester

One of the great benefits of being a student at Manchester is that all the joys of Britain's number one student city are right on your doorstep. You'll be spoilt for choice for food, drink, culture, music, history, nightlife, festivals, shopping, sport and much more – with the quiet countryside of two beautiful national parks also within easy reach when you want to get away from it all. Find out what one of our current students has to say about the capital of the North West:

www.manchester.ac.uk/ug/studentlife/sociallife/manchester



Disability support/applicants with additional support needs

We welcome applications from people with additional support needs and all such applications are considered on exactly the same academic grounds as other applications. If you have additional needs arising from a medical condition, a physical or sensory disability, or a specific learning disability, you are strongly encouraged to contact the University's DSO to discuss your needs, any arrangements that may be necessary and the extent to which appropriate support is available:

www.manchester.ac.uk/dso

Information is also available from the Students' Union Welfare Officer:

www.umsu.manchester.ac.uk

Funding and finance

Manchester offers you . . .

- More than one-third of all students who successfully apply to study here will receive bursaries of up to £3,000 per year - and many could receive more
- Flexible system ensures you can choose how to receive The Manchester Bursary - cash, or a discount on fees or accommodation

In 2012, the University charged a headline fee of £9,000 per annum. Please note that, for 2013 entry, this may rise in line with changes in the government fees cap.

For the most up-to-date details, including information on our proposed bursaries, scholarships and fee discounts, see our website:

www.manchester.ac.uk/studentfinance

International students

The University is a multicultural environment and home to more than 9,500 international students from around 160 countries. A range of services is available for international students, to help you both before and during your studies. This includes an airport collection service, orientation courses and specialist student advisers.

Find out more, including information specific to students from your country, such as entry requirements and useful contacts:

www.manchester.ac.uk/international

IT services

As a student at Manchester, you will have access to a huge range of up-to-date IT services, including: online and mobile learning, PC clusters with a wide range of software, extensive WiFi networks, halls of residence internet service, email and technical help and support.

www.manchester.ac.uk/its

Library

The John Rylands University Library (JRUL) is one of the best-resourced academic libraries in the UK and is widely recognised as one of the world's great research libraries, with diverse special collections and electronic resources unrivalled within UK universities. In 2009,



the Main Library underwent a large-scale refurbishment to the ground floor, improving access both to the building and to the collections and also introducing new social and learning spaces to cater for a range of learning styles.

Find out more about the information services and resources available to you:

www.manchester.ac.uk/library

Maps

Get to grips with your future home and take a closer look at our campus, the city and University accommodation by viewing our maps:

www.manchester.ac.uk/aboutus/travel/maps

Prospectus

Our 2013 undergraduate prospectus offers a comprehensive overview of The University of Manchester. You can view a copy online:

www.manchester.ac.uk/ug/courses/prospectus

Religious support

There are two chaplaincy centres for the major Christian churches. St Peter's House provides chaplains for the Anglican, Baptist, Methodist and United Reformed Churches, while the Roman Catholic Chaplaincy is at Avila House. Hillel House provides facilities for Jewish worship. There are prayer facilities on campus for Muslim students and student societies for many religions.

Sport

We have an exciting sport and fitness scene with something for everyone at every level, from complete

beginner to high performance athlete. Discover more than 40 sports clubs; a vibrant 'Campus Sport' programme, allowing you to play in friendly, recreational leagues; a huge variety of health and fitness classes; plus sport volunteering and scholarship opportunities.

Find out more about our superb sport facilities and opportunities to get active in Manchester:

www.manchester.ac.uk/sport

Student support

Whatever the issue – financial, academic, personal, or administrative – we have experienced and sympathetic people, support groups and advice centres to help you. Find out about counselling, academic advice and various other student support services:

www.manchester.ac.uk/studentnet/crucial-guide

Students' Union

The University of Manchester Students' Union (UMSU) is the largest Students' Union in Europe, offering everything from live bands to welfare advice, cheap stationery to student representation. UMSU has some of the largest and most active student societies in the country, as well as support and welfare services, student media, shops and bars and the famous Manchester Academy. Have a look at the SU website:

www.umsu.manchester.ac.uk

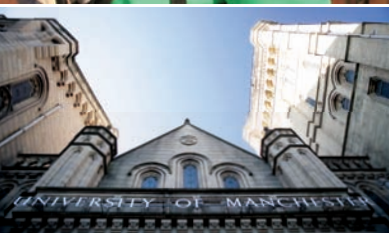
Video library

Watch and listen to our students and staff introducing various aspects of student life and The University of Manchester with our selection of online videos:

www.manchester.ac.uk/aboutus/video



contact details



For further information about the courses, or about qualifications, please contact:

The Admissions Office
School of Arts, Languages and Cultures
The University of Manchester
Oxford Road
Manchester
M13 9PL
United Kingdom

Please go to: www.manchester.ac.uk/ug/courses/search2013/atoz

and choose your course; current contact details are given in the Fact File for the course.

Disclaimer

This brochure is prepared well in advance of the academic year to which it relates. Consequently, details of courses may vary with staff changes. The University therefore reserves the right to make such alterations to courses as are found to be necessary. If the University makes an offer of a place, it is essential that you are aware of the current terms on which the offer is based. If you are in any doubt, please feel free to ask for confirmation of the precise position for the year in question, before you accept the offer.

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