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WELCOME WEEK

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Congratulations on your results and welcome to Manchester! We hope you're as excited about joining us from 18th September, as we are about welcoming you to the University. Before you begin with your packed Welcome Week schedule, do make sure that you read your welcome guides, and essential administrative matters such as registration with the University and collection of your student card are completed. After this, you're completely free to enjoy Welcome Week!

Your programme of study, Student's Union and University have created a wide selection of events during Welcome Week to ensure you have the best possible start to student life and are equipped with all of the information that you need. This guide provides you with a comprehensive guide to the activities provided during Welcome Week by your course with a brief description of what you will be doing during these sessions. It also provides an overview of events put on by both the University and the Student's Union.

Welcome week is the ultimate way to get stuck into university life; you will meet your academics, get all the information you need and make plenty of new friends. So get involved, enjoy Welcome and your first weeks as a student at the University of Manchester.

MONDAY 18th SEPTEMBER

12.30-1.30pm (Mansfield Cooper_G.19)

American Studies Welcome Talk

A general welcome from your department. An introductory meeting where you will receive essential information relating to your course.

1.45pm-2.45pm (Christie's Bistro, Whitworth Building)

American Studies Welcome Reception

A chance to meet and get to know your fellow coursemates at one of the University's hidden gems - Christie's Bistro. Soft drinks and refreshments will be provided.

TUESDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

1.00pm onwards (Place TBA via email)

The Grand Ethical Challenge

An opportunity to meet students from all disciplines within the university whilst taking part in an immersive and interactive experience delving into the challenge of sustainability. Working together to solve current issues!

WEDNESDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

9.00am-5.00pm (Mansfield Cooper_2.01)

Course Unit Selection Drop-in

If you are struggling with choosing your course modules, drop in and one of our advisors will help you.

THURSDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER

9.00am-5.00pm (Mansfield Cooper_2.01)

Course Unit Selection Drop-in

Between **10.00am-1.00pm** English and American Studies staff will be available to help you choose your units and give advice, but feel free to drop in at any of the Drop-in sessions between **9.00am and 5.00pm** as other advisors will be at hand.

2.00-3.00pm (Mansfield Cooper_G.19)

'Introduction to American Studies' Welcome Meeting

An introductory meeting in which you will receive information regarding your compulsory module, AMER10500.

3.30-4.30pm (Group rooms TBA via email)

Academic Advisor Meeting

An opportunity to meet your Academic Advisor who will be there to support and advise you throughout your three years at Manchester.

FRIDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER

9.00am-5.00pm (Mansfield Cooper_2.01)

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YOUR UNIVERSITY

The University has put together a great Welcome Week schedule for all students.

Perhaps the most important part of Welcome Week is getting to grips with your surroundings and your new home. A good way to do this is taking a **Campus Tour** led by current students. As well as getting to know the University campus, you can ask the student guides for any hints and tips they have. This is not limited to the campus; a free **City Tour** is also on offer. Relax on a bus tour and see the sights of Manchester. Don't worry if this doesn't sink in all at once, a map is included in your welcome pack, and the University has a great online interactive campus map, which you will find a useful tool when finding your lectures.

The University also has several other Welcome Week events that can help make the transition to university life smoother. Fancy a home-made meal? The **Sunday Roast** has got your back! Treat yourself every Sunday in the Union Bar to a selection of homemade meals without the washing up. You can also head to the **Levenshulme Food Market** to stock up on fresh produce and sample some of the finest street food.

When your belly is full, it is time to take care of your mind.

Visit the magnificent Hogwarts-esque **John Rylands Library** and explore its special collections of rare books. For art-lovers, the newly refurbished **The Whitworth** is a must-see, followed by an afternoon exploring of dinosaur skeletons and a variety of exhibits concerning the natural world and the earth's cultures at the **Manchester Museum**. There are plenty of opportunities to visit these places with tours running throughout Welcome Week. If you seek more culture, visit the city's cultural centre during the **Northern Quarter Café Crawl**. The Northern Quarter is the place to be for Manchester's pop culture with quirky cafés, salons and bars to name but a few of its unique features. The Café crawl also offers a prize to the group who explores the most of the Northern Quarter in the time available .

Once you have done that, hop on a bus for one of **Wanderlust Tours!** Take a trip to the UK's most popular zoo, see the behind the scenes of Manchester's two most famous football clubs, and discover the cities greatest venues while connecting with fellow adventurers.

To view the entire programme of events taking place over welcome week, visit <http://www.welcome.manchester.ac.uk/welcome/>

YOUR UNION

The Student's Union is the hub of Welcome Week at the University of Manchester, providing a wide array of events for all students. Fancy sampling the fabled Manchester nightlife? The Union has you covered. There is plenty of partying scheduled for Welcome Week! The best place to start is a wristband giving you access to the University's **Four Official Welcome Week Parties**. Those, who fancy dressing in evening gowns and partying the Great Gatsby style should not miss the **Welcome Ball**. Other social events include making new friends at **Speed Meet and Mingle** followed by **Mingle after Hours**. The culmination of the social side of welcome week is the legendary festival at the Student's Union; **Pangea**.

If you're left feeling a bit exhausted because of all of the social events, the Union is also offering many activities that will allow you to chill-out, but still meet new people. Every day of Welcome Week a film will be screened thanks to **Pop-up cinema**. Some of the weeks choices include 'The Imitation Game' and 'Spectre'. If video games are more of your thing, you can head to the **Gaming Zone** on North campus. Quiz master? We have you sorted with Let's Get Quizzical. For students living at home, the Union's **Home Away from Home** provides a 'living room' on campus for commuter students to socialise. Students with families also have the option to attend the **Families Group** and the **Family Picnic**, where you can meet other students and their families, with plenty of entertainment for little ones !

Welcome week is your induction to university life, and no event is more relevant to this than the various fairs held throughout the week. On Tuesday, the **Start of Year Fair** is where you will find all information regarding help and support during your time as a student here. **The Welcome Fair** is where you can find information for the over 460 clubs and societies at the University of Manchester. Expect society sign ups and plenty of free stuff! (Also check out the **Faiths and National Societies Fair**). On Thursday the **Sports and Physical Activities Fair** is where you head for all things sport-related at the University, whether you want to join a team or simply have a go at a new sport .