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Arrival Guide

For International and EU Students 2014-2015



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CONGRATULATIONS ON DECIDING TO STUDY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a very warm welcome to you.

Whether you are coming here for a short course or staying on for a longer programme, your time at Manchester will be a valuable educational experience which will enhance both your personal and professional development. You are joining an institution which is modern and forward-looking, with some of the best facilities in the world, but which at the same time retains a strong sense of its long and proud history. Manchester is a highly successful university that is ranked amongst the most respected institutes of higher learning worldwide. By coming here, you are joining a truly international community with students and staff from more than 154 different countries.

Manchester is one of the UK's most vibrant cities, with a rich and diverse social and cultural life. It is also a hub of enterprise and development, and has a long tradition of embracing people from all around the world. I'm sure that you will be pleased to call Manchester home during your studies.

We look forward to welcoming you to The University of Manchester.

Professor Dame Nancy Rothwell

President and Vice-Chancellor

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Coming to study in another country is an exciting experience and we know that you will have many questions. This guide is designed to answer some of those questions and provide you with information which should be useful throughout your time in the UK.

The guide is organised chronologically to help you work out what you need to do over the next few months before you arrive in Manchester. Read the entire guide so you are prepared for what you will need to do later on. In particular you will want to have a look at the Student Profiles on pages 4 and 5 as well as the flowchart on the central pull-out showing everything they need to get ready.

You may want to add to things yourself as you go through and to make use of the checklists at the start of each part of the Guide. Contact details of some University services and other organisations are included. You can get in touch with them before you arrive if you have any questions or concerns. If the question you have is of a more general nature or you are not sure who to ask, or you would like to give feedback on this guide, please contact:

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The University of Manchester
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Manchester
M13 9PL
UK

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email offer@manchester.ac.uk

KEY DATES

ORIENTATION	11 – 14 September 2014
SEMESTER ONE	15 September 2014 – 25 January 2015 (break 12 December 2014 – 12 January 2015)
SEMESTER TWO	26 January 2015 – 5 June 2015 (break 20 March 2015 – 13 April 2015)

Most full-time postgraduate courses involve private study during the summer period (summer 2015). If you are unsure of the attendance requirements contact your School.

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 www.facebook.com/orientationUoM

 www.twitter.com/admissionsUoM

 www.youtube.com/universitymanchester

THIS GUIDE FEATURES EIGHT CURRENT MANCHESTER STUDENTS AND ONE OF OUR ALUMNI



Sophia Camp

Sophia is an undergraduate Social Anthropology student from the United States of America. She is currently in her final year.



Raymond Godfrey Kileo

Raymond is an Equity and Merit Scholar from Tanzania. He is completing his Masters in Construction Project Management.



Tian Li

Tian is from China and is in his third year of his undergraduate degree in Mathematics and Statistics.



Mauricio Ramos

Mauricio is from Peru. He is currently in his final year of his undergraduate degree in Economics.



Kehinde Oniti

Kehinde is a British student. She is in her third year of her undergraduate degree in Cognitive Neuroscience and Psychology.



Giang Nguyen

This is Giang, she is in her third year of her undergraduate degree in Business Studies and Economics. She is from Vietnam.



Jeane Benny

Jeane is currently in her final year of her undergraduate Law degree, and was born in India.



Sarah Yellowley

Sarah is a British Alumna of the University. She graduated in 2013 with an undergraduate degree in Modern Languages – French and Spanish. She is currently now living and working for a marketing company in Seville, Spain.



Julia Kolkmann

Julia is in her second year of a PhD in English Language and is originally from Germany. Julia first came to Manchester as an Study Abroad student and decided to stay in Manchester to complete her undergraduate studies and masters degree before embarking on her PhD.

“Joining a society and getting involved in the activities is a great way to make friends quickly and will be an unforgettable and enjoyable experience.”

Sarah Yellowley

“When you first arrive here you will want to be friends with everyone and that is alright, but you will fit in better with some and you will like some people more than others. These will become your friends for life.”

Mauricio Ramos

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

This section gives you the information you need to know straight away to begin planning your time in Manchester.

By the end of this section, you should have:

PART 1

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YOUR OFFER

The first step of your journey to Manchester is accepting your offer to study with us.

IF YOUR OFFER IS 'UNCONDITIONAL'

This means that the University does not require any further evidence from you to prove that you meet the admission requirements. If you have not done so you should formally accept your offer of a place. If you are an undergraduate you should inform UCAS of your decision. If you are a postgraduate, you should contact your School to confirm your acceptance or you can also accept by emailing the International Office on offer@manchester.ac.uk.

IF YOUR OFFER IS 'CONDITIONAL'

This means that the University requires further evidence of your qualifications before they can give you admission. Your offer will state what the conditions are. If your offer is conditional on an exam you have yet to take or for which you are awaiting a result you should send a copy of your transcript to your School as soon as you receive it, even if you are short of the required grade.

Your offer may also ask for an English Language score, usually in IELTS or iBT TOEFL. If you need to improve your English level before meeting the conditions of your offer, you may wish to consider a pre-sessional English course at The University of Manchester. **Please see page 14 for further details.**

You can accept your offer of a place before it becomes unconditional. If you are an undergraduate you should inform UCAS of your decision. If you are a postgraduate, you should contact your School to confirm your acceptance or you can also accept by emailing the International Office at offer@manchester.ac.uk.

"You will come to Manchester to study but you will gain much more in here than academic knowledge. This place made me realise who I was and who I wanted to be."

Mauricio Ramos

IF YOU ARE A STUDY ABROAD OR EXCHANGE STUDENT

You will have been made a formal offer and will have to fulfil any requirements communicated to you by the terms of the Study Abroad/Exchange programme. If you are unsure of the requirements, please contact your home university's international office or email exchangestudy@manchester.ac.uk.

IF YOU ARE AN ERASMUS STUDENT

You will not have to fulfil any requirements other than those already communicated to you by the terms of the Erasmus programme and within your letter of acceptance. If you are unsure of your requirements, please contact the Erasmus office at your home university or your appointed Erasmus co-ordinator at The University of Manchester.

IF YOU ARE A POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT STUDENT

You are required to pay a mandatory tuition fee deposit of £1000 before an electronic Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) can be issued. The deposit payment is deducted from the total cost of your fees. You do not need to pay the deposit if your tuition fees will be fully funded by a third party sponsor (e.g. research council, charity, commercial or international organisation); or if you have US student loan funding; or if you are attending an English language pre-sessional course at the University of Manchester.

Please note that you will not have to pay a tuition fee deposit if you are applying to an undergraduate (BA, Bsc programme) or a research-based course such as PhD, MPhil, MSc by Research and MRes course.

IMMIGRATION

Obtaining the correct immigration permission is essential for a successful start in Manchester.

ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE ON UK IMMIGRATION

Before you arrive and while you are studying with us, specialist advice on complex immigration matters is available from the International Advice Team at The University of Manchester. If you experience any immigration problems please contact us immediately: visa@manchester.ac.uk.

The International Advice Team provides immigration advice and services to prospective students, current students, and recent graduates, as well as to the spouses and other dependent family members of all of these.

The designated advisers in the International Advice Team are the only staff at the University who are authorised to provide immigration advice. They are regulated by the Immigration Services Commission which regulates the competence of advisers and ensures the quality of the advice and assistance provided.

PASSPORT

Ensure that you have a valid passport. If you need to get a new one or if your current passport needs to be revalidated, do this as soon as possible because the process can take several months. You must have at least one page that is blank on both sides in your passport and we recommend that your passport be valid for at least three months after your arrival in the UK.

Your passport does not have to be valid for the duration of your course nor for the full duration of your immigration permission. If you are not living in your own country, please check with your embassy whether you need to return to your home country to get a new passport.

EEA AND SWISS STUDENTS

The European Economic Area (EEA) consists of: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, the Republic of Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the UK.

If you are a citizen of the EEA or Switzerland, you are entitled to enter the UK freely and have right of residence here while you are studying. You do not require any documentation to confirm this right but we recommend that you apply for a Residence Certificate. If you are a citizen of Croatia we recommend that you apply for a Registration Certificate, which will allow you to work in the UK while you are a student. **For more information see page 20.**

WANT TO
KNOW MORE ?

The Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner

Residency Certificates for European nationals

Croatian students

bit.ly/commissioneruom

bit.ly/residencycertuom

bit.ly/croatiauum

IMMIGRATION

ALL OTHER INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Students who are enrolled on a programme of study which is longer than six months will need to apply for Tier 4 (General) Student immigration permission which is linked to a CAS from The University of Manchester. If you already have a Tier 4 Visa which is linked to another institution please apply as soon as possible for a new Tier 4 Visa. You will not be allowed to register or attend classes as a student at The University of Manchester until you do this.

Students who are studying on a short course of six months or less, or an English language course of up to 11 months duration, can apply for a Student Visitor Visa as long as they do not intend to extend their stay or work in the UK. A Student Visitor Visa can be issued for a maximum of six months (or up to 11 months for an English Language course) and does not allow students to work, extend their visa or switch into another immigration category whilst in the UK.

Please do not try to enter the UK without the correct immigration permission. If you are refused entry, this will be endorsed in your passport and you will have to declare the refusal in future immigration applications.

If you require any further help or advice with your visa application, please contact the International Advice Team. (See next page).

IF YOUR VISA APPLICATION IS REFUSED

If your visa application is refused, read carefully through the Refusal Notice that you are given – this sets out the reasons for the refusal. Contact the International Advice Team for advice. We will need to see a copy of the Refusal Notice so please email a scanned copy of this to visa@manchester.ac.uk as soon as possible. Remember that if you are advised to apply again following the refusal, you will need a new CAS.

YOUR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER TIER 4 (GENERAL)

Under the terms of Tier 4 (General) immigration permission, you have a number of specific duties and responsibilities imposed by the UKBA. The UKBA is changing its name to UKVI. You may find that some websites will change to this new name before you come to the UK.

Your responsibilities include complying with the conditions of your immigration permission, attending your timetabled teaching periods and laboratory classes and explaining any absences or unsatisfactory work, as well as keeping the University updated with a copy of your immigration documents and contact details.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

You may need to obtain a certificate confirming that you are free from infectious TB before you can apply for a visa. For further information on the requirements for health screening, please see below: You can also check with your local UK Embassy, British High Commission or designated partner agency for information on any health requirements that you may need to meet before applying for your visa.

IMMIGRATION

ACADEMIC TECHNOLOGY APPROVAL SCHEME (ATAS CERTIFICATE)

Your offer letter and CAS will tell you if you need to get an ATAS certificate before you apply for your visa.

You do not have to pay an application fee for the certificate. The ATAS application is online and you will receive your certificate by email. You can apply for your ATAS certificate up to six months before the start date of your course and you do not need to wait until your offer is unconditional to apply. It takes at least 20 working days to get an ATAS certificate, so apply as early as possible. At busy times of the year (June – October) it takes longer to obtain a certificate.

If you have further questions about ATAS, please contact us on atas@manchester.ac.uk

CERTIFICATES

You must bring your original academic and English Language certificates with you as these will be checked by your academic School prior to you starting your studies.

“Make sure you pack important documents i.e. student visa documents, emergency contacts in the UK and in the home country, as you might be asked to show these documents during immigration and customs checks at airports.”

Giang Nguyen

Advice and support is available from:

International Advice Team
tel +44 (0)161 275 5000 (select option 1)
fax +44 (0)161 275 7860
email iat@manchester.ac.uk
www.studentnet.manchester.ac.uk/crucial-guide/academic-life/immigration

UKCISA (UK Council for International Student Affairs)
www.ukcisa.org.uk

More information is available from:

UK Border Agency
www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/visas-immigration/studying

For information about a CAS which has been issued to you, email visa@manchester.ac.uk

For a list of the University's partner agencies in your country, please see www.manchester.ac.uk/international/country

UK Embassies / High Commissions around the world
www.gov.uk/fco

WANT TO
KNOW MORE ?

Quick guide to Studying in the UK (UKBA)

bit.ly/ukbaguideuom

University Guide to Immigration : Crucial Guide

bit.ly/immigrationuom

What do I do if my visa is refused?

bit.ly/visarefuseduom

TB testing:

bit.ly/TBtestinguom

WANT TO
KNOW MORE ?

Responsibilities of a Tier 4 student

bit.ly/tier4uom

Do I need a health check? (Information is given in the country details)

bit.ly/ukbahealthuom

Do I need an ATAS certificate?

bit.ly/atasuom

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

We want you to make the most of your studies, and therefore it is important that you have a level of English which will allow you to benefit fully from lectures and tutorials.

If your first language is not English, we recommend that you find out your level of English before you come to Manchester. If you have a conditional offer, it may require you to achieve a certain IELTS score. This is to ensure that your English is good enough to follow your academic studies. Some courses require a higher level of English than others; if you are unsure whether you need an English qualification or of the score you need to achieve, please contact your School at The University of Manchester.

IELTS

IELTS is a test which gives you a score based on the level of your English and is recognised worldwide. The IELTS test is available at most British Council offices and places do fill up quickly at the more popular test centres, so early booking is essential.

PRE-SESSIONAL ENGLISH COURSES

If you already have IELTS or an equivalent qualification but need to improve your score, you could come and follow a pre-sessional course run by The University of Manchester. The University Language Centre (ULC) is also an IELTS testing centre so if you need to re-take IELTS you can do so during your pre-sessional course. If your offer is unconditional you may still benefit from a three-week pre-sessional English course to improve your overall fluency and writing skills.

Pre-sessional courses run from three to 20 weeks depending on your level of English. Students attending pre-sessional courses in Manchester have found them an excellent way to prepare for their academic programme. Specially tailored pre-sessional courses for business and management, humanities and social sciences, science and technology and law are also available.

Your offer may specifically mention a pre-sessional course. If it does not, you should ask your School before making a booking to find out whether satisfactory completion of a pre-sessional will fulfill the English language requirements and whether you will need to re-take IELTS during the pre-sessional course. If you are interested in registering for a course or would like further information please contact the University Language Centre.

For more information on English Language support during your studies see page 71.

Pre-Sessional English course details				
Course code	Start	Finish	Weeks	Fee
PS20/14	22 April 2014	05 September 2014	20	£5,300
PS10a/14	22 April 2014	27 June 2014	10	£2,650
PS10b/14	30 June 2014	05 September 2014	10	£2,650
PS5/14	04 August 2014	05 September 2014	5	£1,325
PS3/14	18 August 2014	05 September 2014	3	£795

More information is available from

University Language Centre, Oddfellows Hall (map 2, 23)
tel +44 (0)161 306 3397 fax +44 (0)161 306 3396
email preessional@manchester.ac.uk
www.ulc.manchester.ac.uk

British Council - Learning English in Your Country:
bit.ly/bclearnenglishuom

**WANT TO
KNOW MORE ?**

IELTS

Practice your English?

Have a look at the University's pre-sessional course outlines

bit.ly/ieltsuom

bit.ly/bbcenglishuom

bit.ly/bcenglishuom

bit.ly/presessuom

PLANNING YOUR FINANCES

This section is designed to help you prepare your financial budget for your time in Manchester.

TUITION FEES

The University will have assessed your fee status according to the information you have provided.

INTERNATIONAL FEES

Standard tuition fees for new undergraduate and postgraduate international students for the 2014/15 session are in the table below:

These annual tuition fees are valid for the duration of a three or four-year programme of study. If you are undertaking a Medicine or Dentistry programme you will pay for a combination of clinical and non-clinical fees. There are many non-standard tuition fees for a wide variety of courses. It is important that you check the tuition fee for your chosen course with your School.

Arts courses (those programmes which do not involve significant laboratory or workshop or studio based activities)	£14,000
Science courses (laboratory and studio based programmes)	£18,000 (minimum)
Clinical programmes in Medicine and Dentistry	£32,000
MBA (18 month programme)	£38,800

Postgraduate programmes have high, medium or low consumable costs. Once you have been accepted and the area of research determined, you will be made aware of the appropriate fee due. Your offer will confirm the tuition fees for the programme you have applied for.

HOME AND EU FEES

If you have been assessed as a Home or EU student the fees are as follows:

Undergraduate	£9,000
Postgraduate	£6,300 (minimum)

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Certain programmes may also have special requirements which entail additional expenditure and you are advised to obtain, where appropriate, an estimate of such costs from the School concerned. Such requirements could be field courses, placements or teaching practice.

You will pay your tuition fees as part of the registration process. For more information, including information on how to make a tuition fee pre-payment, [see page 53](#).

WANT TO
KNOW MORE ?

The International Student Calculator

bit.ly/iscuom

The University's help with budgeting

bit.ly/budgetsuom

Advice from the National Union of Students

bit.ly/nusmoneyuom

How much money must I be able to evidence for my visa?

bit.ly/ukbamoneyuom

PLANNING YOUR FINANCES

COST OF LIVING

The cost of living in Manchester is similar to other major UK cities and how much you spend will depend on your lifestyle. In addition to money for tuition fees we estimate the minimum amount a single student on a full-time course will require for living expenses to be as follows:

Estimated Living Costs for 2013/14		
Expenses	40 Weeks Undergraduate	52 Weeks Postgraduate
Accommodation (average cost for self-catering halls)	£4,620	£5,145
Meals	£1,450	£1,965
Books and Stationery (dependent on your course, and if you buy new or second hand)	£400	£490
Clothes (including provision of warm clothing and footwear)	£400	£490
Local transport	£520	£665
Other general living expenses (eg photocopying and printing, laundry, phone calls, consumables, entertainment, sports, cooking equipment etc)	£1,495	£1,875
Total	£8,885	£10,630

Please note that if you are applying for a Tier 4 Visa, you have to show you have a particular amount of money available for living expenses. Email visa@manchester.ac.uk for more information.

Additional possible costs that you may wish to consider include:

- extending your visa permission ([see page 77](#))
- TV licence ([page 46](#))
- mobile and telephone bills ([see page 57](#))
- typing, printing and binding of a thesis for postgraduate research students, between £350 and £500
- Council Tax ([see page 42](#))

When you accept a place on a course you will be required to sign a guarantee that you have sufficient funds at your disposal. Financial assistance cannot be provided by the University to those who get into difficulties. However, if you do find yourself in financial difficulties you should immediately contact the University's Student Money Adviser ([see page 67](#)) for further advice.

Please note that non-EEA international students are not normally eligible for any UK social security/welfare benefits.

FOOD

Prices are very different depending on where you shop and what products you buy. Supermarkets often have 'own-label' brands which are cheaper than more recognised brands. The shopping list on the next page should give you an approximate idea of the cost of basic products in the UK from a supermarket. Manchester has a variety of major supermarkets including Asda, Sainsbury's and Tesco, cheaper supermarkets including Lidl and Aldi, and premium supermarkets such as Waitrose and Marks and Spencer.

PLANNING YOUR FINANCES

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Furniture, kitchen utensils and other household goods are available from large supermarkets and it is likely to be easier and cheaper to buy them in the UK than bringing them with you. It may also be possible to buy second-hand goods from other students which are advertised on notice boards in the Students' Union, the International Society and academic Schools.

COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

There are more than 3,700 computers for students to use across the University campus, so it is not necessary to bring your own computer. If you choose to buy or bring a computer you should ensure it is covered by your contents' insurance (page 43).

CLOTHING

The price of clothes varies enormously and there is a wide selection of clothes shops in the city centre. Shops such as Primark, TK Maxx, H&M and some large supermarkets have inexpensive clothing lines. In general, if you do not own a waterproof, winter jacket or warm clothes, it is advisable to wait until you get here before buying them.

TEXTBOOKS

Wait until you arrive in Manchester before buying any University textbooks or equipment. You will be able to get advice from other students and your lecturers about what you need to buy, and some set texts may be provided for you.

More information

Online tools such as the International Student Calculator can help you plan your budget bit.ly/iscuom

Student Money Adviser
tel +44 (0)161 275 2035 (for advice)
tel +44 (0)161 275 3033 (to book an appointment)
email studentmoneyadviser@manchester.ac.uk

MY WEEKLY SHOP

1kg potatoes	£1.45
Packet of mixed salad	£1.00
1 x packet of apples	90p
1 x bunch of bananas	£1.00
1kg onions	75p
small packet of chillies	50p
1 garlic	30p
1 x packet of mushrooms	79p
1 packet of chicken drumsticks	£3.00
1 packet of minced beef	£1.75
1 packet sausages	£1.38
1 x tin baked beans	32p
1 x tin sweetcorn	35p
1 x can soup	74p
4 x tins of tomatoes	£2.00
1kg rice	£1.48
1 packet pasta	£1.00
Packet of frozen peas	98p
1 tub margarine	£1.00
6 eggs	93p
Packet of cornflakes	£2.08
1 loaf of bread	£1.00
1 jar of jam	89p
1 packet of biscuits	59p
80 teabags	£1.00
1 jar of instant coffee	£1.50
Carton of fruit juice	65p
Cola (large)	57p
Milk (large)	£1.00

Washing powder	£3.00
Washing up liquid	87p
Toilet rolls (x4)	£1.78
Deodorant	£1.00
Shampoo	£1.00
Shower gel (250ml)	£1.00
Soap	60p
Toothpaste	£1.00

I won't
need these
weekly

and the grand
total is £39.37



WORKING WHILST STUDYING

Working or gaining experience during study can be a powerful way to boost your future job prospects, but it is important to get the balance right and to make sure that you are working legally too.

Working during studies is a popular choice for international students. However, if you wish to work part time alongside your studies, please bear in mind that the University expects you to spend at least 40 hours per week studying. Working more than 15 – 20 hours per week may mean that you are less able to concentrate on your studies. You will not be able to earn enough money to cover your tuition fees and living expenses by working on a part-time basis, and you may find it difficult to get a job, so you must not rely on working in Manchester to fund your studies.

CAN YOU WORK IN THE UK?

EEA AND SWISS STUDENTS

If you are a citizen of the EEA ([list of countries on page 11](#)) or Switzerland you do not need to obtain special permission to work unless you are a citizen of Croatia.

CROATIAN STUDENTS

You will need a Registration Certificate if you want to work while in the UK. We recommend that you apply for the Certificate from the UKBA as soon as you arrive here; it can take six months or more for the certificate to be issued and you cannot start work before you get it. You may need certain documents from home in order to apply, so please check this before you leave for the UK. With this certificate, all students can work part time for up to 20 hours per week all year round. If you are an undergraduate student you are also allowed to work full-time during the University vacations ([see page 3 for semester dates](#)) and on work placements that are an assessed part of your course.

Different conditions apply for postgraduate students and for students on pre-sessional courses. Please contact the International Advice Team for more information.

ALL OTHER INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

You are granted a student visa on the condition that your main purpose is to study here and that you can pay your tuition fees and living expenses (for you and your family) without having to depend on finding work in the UK.

The endorsement in your passport will confirm whether you are allowed to work in the UK while studying. There are two categories of endorsement – a restriction or a prohibition. If you're unsure about which endorsement you have, you can get advice from the International Advice Team.

Undergraduate students with a restriction are allowed to work for up to 20 hours per week during term time and full-time during University vacations ([see page 3 for semester dates](#)) and on work placements that are an assessed part of your course. This 20 hours includes time spent doing unpaid work. Different conditions apply for postgraduate students and for students on pre-sessional courses, please contact the International Advice Team for more information.

PROHIBITION

Students with a prohibition cannot work in the UK, but you can do some kinds of volunteering. Contact the International Advice Team for further information.

WORKING IN THE UK

INCOME TAX AND NATIONAL INSURANCE

Everyone who works in the UK must have a National Insurance Number (NI No) which is issued by the government. It is used to keep track of your income tax payments and National Insurance (social security) contributions. Depending on your earnings, Income Tax and National Insurance are automatically deducted from your pay.

WORKING WHILST STUDYING

MINIMUM WAGE

The UK has a minimum wage of £5.03 per hour for workers aged 18 – 20 and £6.31 for workers aged 21 and over.

FINDING WORK

To explore ways to find work experience, part-time jobs or internships during your studies, contact the Careers Service. Information is also online at: www.careers.manchester.ac.uk/findjobs

More information for international students is also online at: www.manchester.ac.uk/careers/students/international

VOLUNTEERING

In addition to internships and work experience, The University of Manchester also encourages its students to get involved with the local community through volunteering. This is unpaid activity where your actions benefit a charity or non-governmental organisation. There are many opportunities locally including mentoring children, organising activities for older people, helping on conservation projects and fundraising for medical research.

Activities where you are working with children or vulnerable adults usually require you to prove that you do not have a criminal record.

If you are interested in these sorts of opportunities you should bring a certificate of good conduct from your home police station with you to the UK.

The CPNI website explains the process of how to obtain a criminal record check from a range of countries. The University has a team of staff to help you get more involved in your local community through volunteering. Go to www.manchester.ac.uk/volunteers for more information.

YOUR EMPLOYER

Your prospective employer is legally required to verify that you have the right to work in the UK (full-time, part-time or on a voluntary or unpaid basis). Please refer them to the UK government websites for employers: www.gov.uk/legal-right-to-work-in-the-uk or see our Careers Service's information for employers at: www.careers.manchester.ac.uk/recruit

WANT TO
KNOW MORE ?

Croatian students	bit.ly/croatiauom
Advice from UKCISA	bit.ly/ukcisaworkinguom
Advice from the University	bit.ly/workparttimeuom
How do I get an National Insurance Number?	bit.ly/ninouom
What's the National Minimum Wage	bit.ly/ninouom
If you want to volunteer or work with vulnerable groups – children or the elderly for example - you must read and act on this advice	bit.ly/recordcheckuom

BRINGING YOUR FAMILY TO MANCHESTER

WHICH FAMILY MEMBERS CAN TIER 4 STUDENTS BRING WITH THEM TO THE UK

Under the Tier 4 immigration rules your 'dependants' means:

- your husband or wife
- your civil partner (your same sex partner in a relationship that has been formally or legally registered in the UK or another country)
- your unmarried or same sex partner, with whom you have lived for at least two years)
- your child who is aged under 18 on the date you will arrive in the UK

You will be expected to provide proof of these relationships

ADDITIONAL RULES FOR CHILD DEPENDANTS

The Tier 4 rules state that you can only bring your child / children with you to the UK if both parents are going to be in the UK. This means that if your partner is going to stay outside the UK, your child / children cannot join you.

The exception to this is if you are:

- the only parent or
- you have 'sole responsibility' for your child / children or
- there are serious compelling reasons which mean you and your partner cannot come to live together in the UK

The rules also state that to qualify as a 'child' they must 'not be living an independent life'. Again you will be expected to provide proof that your family meets any of these criteria.

ACCOMMODATION

UNIVERSITY ACCOMMODATION

The University only has a limited number of accommodation places for couples and families with children. If you wish to apply for University accommodation, please follow the procedure on [page 32](#).

PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION

Flats and houses in the private sector are readily available. Manchester Student Homes can provide details of available properties, as well as advice for students renting private accommodation. [See page 32](#) or www.manchesterstudenthomes.com for further details.

As it may take time to find suitable family accommodation at a reasonable price, you are advised not to bring your family to Manchester until you have been able to arrange suitable housing.

The following prices are an approximate guide to what you should expect to pay for furnished accommodation in Manchester. Rents can vary depending on area and quality. The figures do not include water rates, gas or electricity charges for which you will receive separate bills.

Rent per week	
Couple	£100 - £120
Couple with children	£150 - £270



THE DRYDEN STREET NURSERY

Dryden Street Manchester, M13 9AU.
tel +44 (0)161 272 7121

ECHOES DAY NURSERY

Echo Street, Manchester, M60 1QD.
tel +44 (0)161 200 4979

MANCHESTER FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE

Wenlock Way Offices, Wenlock Way, Manchester, M12 5DH.
tel 0800 083 7921 fax 0161 255 8266
email fisinfo@manchester.gov.uk
www.manchester.gov.uk/fsdirectory

WANT TO
KNOW MORE ?

What constitutes 'family' or dependents (UKBA advice)

bit.ly/familytier4uom

BRINGING YOUR FAMILY TO MANCHESTER

CHILDCARE

Full-time childcare for children under five years of age is not usually available free of charge in the UK. The range and cost of childcare varies considerably, but it is generally expensive. You should expect to pay at least £25 per day per child for childcare at a private day nursery or childminder (childminders look after children in their own homes, and should be registered with the local authority). International students are not eligible for UK Access or Hardship grants to cover the costs of childcare.

All three and four year olds are entitled to 15 hours of free nursery education for 38 weeks of the year. This may be available in a local primary school nursery class or playgroup. There is usually a waiting list for places. Contact the Manchester Family Information Service for details of childcare in the local area. There are two nurseries affiliated with The University of Manchester which accept children between six months and four years of age. Both of these nurseries have long waiting lists, so it is advisable to apply as early as possible. Fees are approximately £100 to £160 per week. Please contact the nurseries directly to confirm the cost and if there are any places available.

If you are planning to bring your partner and children with you to Manchester, here is an A-to-Z of things you may wish to consider, in addition to rest of the information in this guide.

EDUCATION

Children in the UK begin school in the September after their fifth birthday. The earliest they can leave is at the age of 16. If your course of study will keep you in the UK for a period of twelve months or more, then your children are required by law to attend school. The Local Education Authority will provide a place, free of charge, for them in a school, although this may not necessarily be the one closest to where you are living.

A list of schools can be obtained from Manchester City Council's Education Department. There are also private schools in Manchester for which you pay fees. For all information relating to schools, please contact the Manchester School Admissions Team on **+44 (0)161 234 7188** or see www.manchester.gov.uk/education.

Many schools in Manchester employ specialist staff to help children whose first language is not English. You will need to check with the head teacher of the school you are considering for your child to find out what language assistance is available.

School hours are normally from 9am to 3:30pm, although some schools may start earlier or end later. Many schools also run after-school activities and clubs in which your child may be eligible to participate.

Please check these details with the school. If you require further assistance in finding a school for your child, you should contact the Students' Union or the Student Support Office in your academic school.

FINANCE

The cost of living estimates on page 17 are based on the average annual expenditure of an undergraduate or postgraduate single student on a full-time course. Your expenditure will obviously increase if you bring your family with you. Students accompanied by their families should increase the estimates on page 17 by at least 50%, or more if childcare (approximately £125 per child per week) is necessary. You should check how much money you are required to show as part of a Tier 4 Visa application if you are bringing family for you. Please contact visa@manchester.ac.uk for more information about this.

We recommend that you bring at least £1,500 with you in traveller's cheques to cover your immediate expenses on arrival such as accommodation deposits, rent and food as it may take up to two weeks for you to fully open a UK bank account.

HEALTHCARE

If you are entitled to free health treatment on the UK's National Health Service (NHS), your spouse and children living with you in the UK will also have access to free health treatment on the NHS. For more information on NHS entitlement see [page 47](#).

BRINGING YOUR FAMILY TO MANCHESTER

IMMIGRATION

EEA / SWISS CITIZENS

If you are an EEA/Swiss Citizen but your family members are not EEA/Swiss citizens they each need to apply for an EEA Family Permit before travelling to the UK. The Permits are issued free of charge. The application can be made online or using the application form VAF5. For more information see www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/eucitizens/eea-family-permit

NON – EEA OR SWISS CITIZENS

If you and your family are not EEA or Swiss citizens then each family member must apply for immigration permission as a PBS Dependant before travelling to Manchester. You should all apply at the same time even if you are planning to travel at different times to Manchester, as it is cheaper and simpler to apply together.

Please note that if you are coming to Manchester to study on an undergraduate degree or for a course of less than six months you may not be able to bring your family with you. Further details are on the UKBA website: www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/visas-immigration/studying/adult-student/family

The application fee for each PBS Dependant is £310 (paid in local currency). These fees go up each year so check the current fee just before you make your application. Your family can apply online or by submitting the VAF10 PBS Dependant application form. If their applications are successful, your family will be granted immigration permission for the

same length of time as you have. You need to provide official documents confirming your marriage and your relationship to any children you are bringing, for example marriage or birth certificates.

Please get further advice from your local British Embassy/High Commission or the International Advice Team regarding the relevant forms and procedures if your family plan to apply for immigration permission after you have arrived in Manchester.

EXTENDING YOUR FAMILY'S IMMIGRATION PERMISSION

The fee for extending your Tier 4 immigration permission is £422 per person for you and each family member if you apply by post. This increases to £822 each if you apply in person. These fees go up every year so check the current fee just before you make your application. The fees quoted are correct as at April 2014.

More information

UK Border Agency www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/eucitizens

UKCISA www.ukcisa.org.uk/student/eea.php

International Advice Team
emailiat@manchester.ac.uk
 tel +44 (0) 161 275 5000 (option 1)
 see page 77 for further details

WANT TO
KNOW MORE ?

Family Information Service at Manchester City Council

bit.ly/mancfamilyuom

City Council – Schools and Education Information

bit.ly/manceducationuom

University Information for Student Parents

bit.ly/studentparentsuom



BRINGING YOUR FAMILY TO MANCHESTER

ORIENTATION

You can bring adult family members who will be living in Manchester with you to any of the activities during Orientation and the majority of activities are also suitable for children. Events you can bring children along to will be clearly marked in the Orientation Guide. For more information about Orientation see page 48.

SUPPORT

There are a variety of services within the University to support you and your family. In the first instance contact the International Advice Team. Please see page 66 for other support services which you may find useful.

The International Society runs a weekly Women's and Children's Group as well as social events and trips which partners and family are encouraged to attend. For further details see page 70.

TRAVEL

Children under five years, who are travelling with an adult, can travel free on most buses and Metrolink trams in Greater Manchester. Up to two children under five years may travel for free with each fare-paying adult on trains.

Children aged between five and 16 years can travel for half fare on buses and a concessionary fare on trams.

Children aged 11 to 16 will need an "Igo" pass to prove their age to pay the concessionary fare on buses and trams. The pass costs £5, for further information see www.tfgm.com/igo.

Children aged between five and 16 pay half fare on most trains and children who look over 16 should carry proof of age with them.

There are also a number of concessionary passes for families, for example the family and friends railcard which entitles you to a third off the price of rail travel www.familyandfriends-railcard.co.uk. Generally, travel on a school bus is free and you should ask the school for more details.

WORK FOR FAMILY MEMBERS

EEA/SWISS CITIZENS

If your family members are EEA or Swiss citizens (see list of EEA countries on page 11) they are entitled to work in the UK without obtaining permission unless they are citizens of Croatia. Croatian citizens must apply for a Registration Certificate before they can work in the UK. For more information see bit.ly/Croatiapdfuom.

FAMILY MEMBERS OF EEA /SWISS STUDENTS

If you are a EEA/Swiss student (see list of EEA countries on page 11) and your spouse or dependants are not EEA/Swiss citizens, they each need to apply for an EEA Family Permit before travelling to the UK. The Family Permit will confirm their rights to work in the UK. For more information see the UKBA website at www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/eucitizens/eea-family-permit or contact the International Advice Team for further advice.

ALL OTHER INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

If you have a prohibition on working this will also apply to any family members who are here with you. See page 20 for more information on your own working entitlement.

If you have permission to stay in the UK for 12 months or more and have a "restriction" endorsement, your spouse and any dependent children are normally allowed to work full time without a work permit. However, if you have permission to stay in the UK for less than 12 months your family members will be prohibited from working.

"It is true when Mancunians say that you can have rain followed by sunshine followed by hail all in one day, so be sure to pack a great deal of humour as well!"

Julia Kolkmann



YOUR MANCHESTER WALL



Shopping

Designer and high end, vintage shopping, high street brands, individual and eclectic boutiques, farmers and craft markets.



China Town

2nd largest China Town in the UK



Manchester Art Gallery

56 galleries and museums



Entertainment

Intu Trafford Centre
Manchester Evening News Arena
The Manchester Academy



Piccadilly Gardens

1 1/2 hours to the Lake District
30 minutes to the Peak District



Albert Square

Media City – Home of the BBC
Jodrell Bank is home to the 76-metre-wide Lovell Telescope



John Rylands Library

The John Rylands library houses 250,000 printed volumes and more than a million archival items



Studying

85000 students in Manchester
3 current Nobel Prize Winners
5th ranked University in the UK
9128 international and EU students at The University of Manchester



Eating Out

Restaurants, tea shops, pubs, bars, take-aways, all cuisines are represented!



History

Atom first split
The Manchester 'Baby' - 1st computer
The University is connected to 25 Nobel Laureates



Entertainment

2 hours from London via train
The UK's longest indoor
Chill factor - the UK's longest indoor
skiing and indoor snowboarding slope



Christmas Market

Award winning Christmas Markets in Manchester for 15 years



Manchester Museum

The Manchester Museum houses one of the largest Egyptology collections in the UK.



Local and International Sports

Home of Manchester United and Manchester City Football Clubs
Manchester City Cricket Club, where the Lancashire Cricket Club, where the summer ashes 2013 were held
Home of Team GB's cycling team



Parks

Heritage Parks
Secret Parks
Countryside Parks
Park Life Festivals



Studying

Largest student community in the UK
Alumni spread across 200 countries
Largest alumni community of any campus-based university in the UK

CONNECT WITH OTHER STUDENTS

Pre-departure briefing

In some countries the British Council coordinates briefing sessions for students coming to the UK. These sessions provide advice on what to expect and the opportunity to meet other students from your country. You should contact your nearest British Council office for further information:

www.britishcouncil.org.uk

The University also organises pre-departure briefings. Details of these will be sent to you if they are taking place in your home country.

Online

Connect with other new students, ask questions, find out more about Manchester and follow updates about Orientation on your Facebook and Weibo (opens in August 2014) pages.



PREPARING TO MOVE TO MANCHESTER

This section gives you information to consider in the two to three months before you arrive in Manchester. By the end of this section you should have:

	PAGE NUMBER	CHECKLIST
Planned where you will live in Manchester	32	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prepared for study in Manchester	36	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prepared for life in Manchester	40	<input type="checkbox"/>
Found out about healthcare in the UK and been vaccinated against MMR and Meningitis C, if required	47	<input type="checkbox"/>
Booked your place on Orientation	48	<input type="checkbox"/>

PART 2



ACCOMMODATION

The University of Manchester has an impressive range of accommodation to suit a wide variety of needs and budgets, including catered and self-catered options. The private sector in Manchester also has a plentiful supply of good quality and affordable housing, with easy access to the University.

UNIVERSITY ACCOMMODATION

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUARANTEE

All unaccompanied students paying international fees are guaranteed an offer of a place in University-managed accommodation for the duration of their courses, as long as you submit your application by 31 August 2014. Erasmus, Exchange and Study Abroad students studying at Manchester for one academic year are guaranteed a place in University accommodation as long as you submit your application by 31 July 2014. Accommodation for students attending the University for a single semester is not guaranteed but is usually available.

"Make sure you get to know your surroundings, maybe take a walk with some housemates when you arrive? It helps you to find your way back home when you first arrive and also its handy if you know you have any supermarkets or places to eat that are close by."

Kehinde Oniti

HOW TO APPLY FOR ACCOMMODATION

You should have received an Accommodation Brochure shortly after obtaining your offer with details of the University accommodation available and how to apply. You can also access the information contained in the brochure on the Accommodation Office website www.accommodation.manchester.ac.uk.

You should submit an application as soon as you have been offered a place (conditional or unconditional) on a course at the University. Accommodation cannot be guaranteed if you submit your application after the deadline.

Applications should be submitted after reading all the information at: www.accommodation.manchester.ac.uk/applications-online

PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION

Manchester Student Homes provides a free advice and information on private halls, houses, flats and house shares including available properties from approved landlords, a tenancy contract checking service and a forum to contact other students looking for housemates. Manchester Student Housing is owned jointly by The University of Manchester and Manchester Metropolitan University.

**WANT TO
KNOW MORE ?**

University Accommodation

bit.ly/accommodationuom

University of Manchester youtube channel –
look for student profiles and accommodation videos

bit.ly/youtubeuom

City Council site

bit.ly/mancgovuom

ACCOMMODATION

TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION IN MANCHESTER

If you are arriving before your University accommodation contract starts or require temporary accommodation whilst you find a home in the private sector, temporary accommodation may be available in the Halls of Residence, but this is not normally offered until early September. Contact the Accommodation Office for details.

Manchester Student Homes can provide a list of hotels, hostels and short term lets in Manchester.

More information

University Accommodation

The Accommodation Office (Map 2, 37)
tel +44 (0)161 275 2888 fax +44 (0)161 275 3213
email accommodation@manchester.ac.uk
www.manchester.ac.uk/accommodation

Private Accommodation

Manchester Student Homes (Map 1)
tel +44 (0)161 275 7680 fax +44 (0)161 275 7684
email manchesterstudenthomes@manchester.ac.uk
www.manchesterstudenthomes.com

"I have enjoyed living in Halls so much that I have stayed on in my first Hall for the duration of my degree."

Jeane Benny

When considering private accommodation:

You should not commit to any private accommodation without seeing it. If you need to look for private accommodation, we would advise you to arrive 1-2 weeks early to give yourself time to search before your course starts. It may be much cheaper in the long-run to stay in temporary accommodation until you find the right place to live.

Never pay any money to a landlord before you've exchanged contracts and can be sure of their authenticity.

Do not sign a tenancy agreement until you are sure that you understand it and are willing to abide by its terms, including the length of the contract. If in doubt, get the contract checked by Manchester Student Homes. This service is free of charge.

Never sign a contract for a longer time than you intend to stay in Manchester. You will be liable for the rent for the full term of the contract (unless you can find another suitable student to replace you).

Most landlords ask for a deposit (sometimes called a 'bond'). This is usually an equivalent amount to around 4-6 weeks' rent. The deposit is refundable if you pay all bills on the property and do not damage the property.

If you rent a property through an agency, you may have to pay an agency fee. Manchester Student Homes does not charge you a fee for using their services. Landlords and private halls of residence may request the full year's rent to be paid at the start of the tenancy unless you can provide a UK based guarantor.

It is increasingly common that private landlords require a substantial rent payment in advance. This may be the whole year's rent, six month's rent or a termly amount rather than permitting you to pay monthly. Please bear this in mind when you are planning your finances.



**WANT TO
KNOW MORE ?**

For more tips please visit the Manchester Student Homes website www.manchesterstudenthomes.com

PREPARING FOR STUDY IN MANCHESTER

STUDY METHODS

While you are studying in Manchester, you will experience several different methods of teaching and learning. You will be supported to take responsibility for your learning whilst benefiting from the research of many of the staff who will teach you; you will be encouraged to reflect on the ideas you have encountered and to analyse and describe them. Further information will be available on arrival from your tutors, Programme Directors and supervisors. If you ever feel unsure about what is expected from you, speak to your academic advisor, check out the support offered by the library, or see a member of staff from the Students' Union Advice Service.

LECTURES

Lectures are the traditional form of teaching and allow lecturers to give information to a large number of students. You should listen carefully and take notes. There may also be online materials which you are expected to bring with you, or review after the lecture, which the lecturer will tell you about. Lecturers will not usually take questions during the lecture, but may give time at the end for questions. If you do have questions after a lecture, office hours are an excellent way to touch base and get more information.

SEMINARS

Seminars are discussion groups with a tutor and other students. The discussion could be about a previous lecture or a specific topic, and you will be expected to contribute in each seminar, so reading and preparation are essential. Sometimes each student is asked to prepare a short presentation as a basis for discussion. Seminars are more informal than lectures and allow you to become more involved. Ask a question if you are not sure about anything and try to make a contribution. It will not only help your studies, but will also improve your presentation skills and give you confidence. Seminars are about debating ideas, and asking questions. It is not rude to disagree with your tutors and class mates – in fact it is encouraged! Always tell the tutor if there is something you have not understood and ask if you can make a separate appointment for further discussion.

WORKSHOP, LABORATORY OR STUDIO SESSIONS

If you are going to study a subject with a practical element some of your time will be spent in workshop, laboratory or studio sessions where you can develop skills and expertise through practical work. Afterwards you may have to write up the results and you may be asked to give a presentation on them.

SMALL GROUP WORK

Most courses provide opportunities for students to work in a small group on a task assigned by the tutor or sometimes chosen by the group itself.

Group work allows you to learn from each other and develop important social, interpersonal and team skills. They are also an excellent opportunity to debate ideas with the world-leading teaching staff at the University. If you find working in groups hard, speak to your academic advisor in your School or speak confidentially with a member of staff from the Students' Union Advice Service.

“Discover as much as you can about the city, the University and the people of Manchester. If you come open-minded, with an open heart, you will fall in love with Manchester during your time here.”

Sarah Yellowley

PREPARING FOR STUDY IN MANCHESTER

COMPUTER WORK

Almost all subjects will require some form of computer work as part of the course. You are likely to be required to type your essays and some subjects may have coursework which involves using computer analysis or using specialist software. If computer work is an integral part of the course you will have sessions in computer rooms but you will also be expected to use computers by yourself for private study and to access the University's Virtual Learning Environment. If you have problems with using a computer to complete your work, you should contact your academic advisor or the IT support staff.

TUTORIALS

All students are allocated an academic advisor who can provide you with advice on academic affairs. You are likely to have individual sessions with your academic advisor to evaluate your progress and allow discussion of any issues you may have. If you are a postgraduate student you will be able to discuss progress and other issues with your Programme Director, supervisor or advisor.

OFFICE HOURS

Lecturers and tutors for your courses may have office hours, when you can arrange to see them privately to discuss the topics you have covered. Office hours are an opportunity to ask further questions on topics you find difficult, and to clarify your thoughts on a subject. They are also an excellent opportunity to debate ideas with the world-class teaching staff at the University.

ONLINE LEARNING - BLACKBOARD

The University uses Blackboard, an online Virtual Learning Environment (VLE), to allow lecturers and tutors to communicate with you more easily. Most course lecturers will upload additional information, such as lecture notes, reading lists or articles to Blackboard, and give you the chance to join discussion groups with tutors and other students. Some courses also require you to submit assignments through Blackboard or take part in assessed discussions. If you have never used a VLE in your studies, you can get support and advice before starting your course units.

PRIVATE STUDY

British higher education places a large emphasis on self-study and you will be encouraged to be an active and independent learner. On all courses you will be expected to study extensively on your own. You may be asked to read widely on a subject, make notes, conduct your own research, write and revise outside of formal teaching. Advisors and supervisors will be ready to help but you will have to plan your own learning, deciding how much time to put into it and which learning methods suit you best. Remember, critical reading and thinking require **your** input, so keep interacting with everything you read, listen to and discover during your time at Manchester.

**WANT TO
KNOW MORE ?**

Academic Skills Support from the University Library

bit.ly/libraryuom

British Council Prepare for Success Guide

bit.ly/bcsuccessuom

The British Council Education UK youtube channel especially the Adventure of a Lifetime film shot mostly in Manchester!

bit.ly/edukoutubeuom
bit.ly/edukoutubeadventureuom



PREPARING FOR STUDY IN MANCHESTER

ASSESSMENT

During the course of your studies in Manchester you may encounter a number of different forms of assessment ranging from formal examinations to coursework assignments, projects or essays. Check the requirements for each form of assessment as the format required may be different from that which you are used to. Begin revision and preparation as early as you can. If you would like advice or clarification about any aspect of assessment, please speak to your School in the first instance.

PLAGIARISM

Plagiarism means copying work from another student, or any source, for example a book or the internet, without referencing. Please note that the University has a very strict definition of plagiarism and the penalties are severe. Further information on plagiarism will be given to you by your School when you start studying and the library has an interactive online resource that can help you understand.

ACADEMIC REPORTS

If you are a sponsored student, reports on your academic progress will be forwarded to your sponsoring body only if requested by them. If your embassy asks for a report it will be given only if you are sponsored by your government or if you give permission for the reports to be issued.

ACADEMIC PROBLEMS

If academic problems occur during your course it is very important that you tell someone as soon as possible. Don't leave things for weeks in the hope that they will get better – have a confidential chat with the lecturer concerned, your academic advisor, supervisor, your Student Support Officer or someone from the Students' Union or the Atrium.

More information

If you require any advice or support with academic problems contact your School in the first instance. You can also speak to: The Students' Union Advice Service (see page 76) or to the staff from the Library's My Learning Essentials Skills Training team (see page 73).

"I've found my academic home here. The University of Manchester boasts a really great array of subjects which is almost unparalleled in the UK. It also accommodates an impressive number of very specialised doctoral projects!"

Julia Kolkmann

**WANT TO
KNOW MORE ?**

The following websites can help you prepare for teaching and learning styles in the UK.

www.prepareforsuccess.org.uk
www.skills4study.com

PREPARING FOR LIFE IN MANCHESTER

SETTLING IN

Your first few weeks in Manchester will be an exciting time, with new places to discover, new people to meet and a new culture to explore. As well as excitement, if you have not spent a lot of time in the UK before, it is natural to experience culture shock as you adapt to the differences from your home country. After the initial exhilaration of arrival, you may at times feel homesick, confused or anxious, or crave familiar surroundings. Understanding that you may experience these feelings will help you to overcome them and adapt to life in Manchester.

There are some things you can do before you arrive in Manchester to help you prepare yourself for life here:

- Watch films and television shows set in the UK or listen to British radio programmes. Connect with other new students and find out more about Manchester online before you arrive. **See page 29** for more information.
- Talk to relatives, friends and friends-of-friends who have lived in the UK about the differences they experienced. Once you've arrived, the more you join in with University life, the more at home you are likely to feel.

Here are some suggestions for settling in successfully:

- Orientation, which runs in January and September, includes a range of events to help you settle in and meet other new students, including tours of the campus and city, and a range of social events (**see page 48**)
- Remember that you are not alone. Everyone studying away from home will be going through similar experiences, and talking to fellow students will help you deal with your own cultural transition. It is important to take regular time out from your studies to do something social, perhaps a sport or an activity such as debating.

- Joining student societies can help you to meet people who share your interests; the University has over 200 societies for everything from music to sport and charity work to art, including societies based around nationalities and religions. A full list is available on the Students' Union website www.manchesterstudentsunion.com. There will be a Welcome Fair soon after the start of term at which you can sign up for societies, or you can contact them by email for more information on how to join.
- The International Society at the University is committed to promoting international friendship and to celebrating cultural diversity and provides a warm welcome to international and home students alike. They organise trips, offer classes, have a fabulous cafe and are a wonderful resource for our students. If you are coming to Manchester with your family, they have a weekly families group and who organise a range of relevant social events. Getting involved in the Society can play very a positive part in helping you to settle into your new life.
- Integration is an ongoing process, so don't limit your attempts at it to the first few days following your arrival. It is never too late to get involved in societies, social events, volunteering, or almost anything else you would like to try!
- The University Counselling Service can provide support if you are finding adjusting to life in Manchester difficult (**see page 69**)

The alphabetical list on the next pages gives you information to consider when you are preparing to come to Manchester. You may also wish to look at the information on **pages 28 and 29**.



WANT TO
KNOW MORE ?

UKCISA fact sheet on culture shock

bit.ly/cultureshockuom

PREPARING FOR LIFE IN MANCHESTER

BRITISH CULTURE

You may find UK culture significantly different to your home country. Some of the key features of British society you will encounter at University include:

- Men and women have equal rights in the UK.
- It is illegal to discriminate against anyone according to race, gender, age, class, sexual orientation or disability.
- The UK has a relatively liberal attitude towards alcohol, gambling and clothing style but everyone in the UK is free to live by their own beliefs and you should not feel under pressure to adopt the behaviour or morals of UK students. It is common to order non-alcoholic drinks in a pub or bar.
- Punctuality is important in the UK and you will be expected to be on time for lectures and seminars. If you cannot arrive on time for an appointment (e.g. doctor's visit, meetings), let the people you are meeting know as soon as you can.
- You will be expected to read the written information you receive from the University, for example how to register and choose course units. It will not always be repeated face-to-face, so if there is ever anything you are not sure about, make sure to ask a member of staff.

You can find out more about life in the UK by getting in touch through our social networking sites ([page 3](#)).

BRITISH FOOD

Traditional British food is usually hearty and warm, perfect for the cold winter months, and uses seasonal ingredients. Roasted meats, spiced vegetable soups, and sweet fruit desserts are particularly wonderful traditional dishes (see www.guardian.co.uk/lifeandstyle/food-and-drink). The British also eat a wide variety of international foods, from Armenian to Zimbabwean, most of which are available in Manchester. Large supermarkets stock a variety of foods imported from other countries and foods meeting religious requirements, such as Halal and Kosher, are easy to find.

- Tipping in restaurants is not compulsory, but if you wish to give a tip about 10% of the bill is the usual amount. Check if a service charge is included in the price before leaving a tip. There are also many delicatessens and local ethnic centres, including Chinatown, Cheetham Hill and Rusholme, where you will be able to find international foods. The International Society hosts regular dinner events, and can give you further advice ([page 70](#)).

COUNCIL TAX

Council Tax is a local government tax to pay for local public services (such as street lighting) and the amount charged is determined by the value of your home. The majority of students are exempt from paying council tax.

Students who are exempt from council tax

Full-time students registered for more than six months, are exempt from Council Tax, as are students living in a Hall of Residence. If you live in an area covered by the following postcodes the University automatically sends notification of your student status to Manchester City Council.

- M1, M4, M8, M9, M11, M12, M13, M14, M15, M16, M18, M19, M20, M21, M22, M23 and M40

You still need to inform Manchester City Council that you are a full-time student. You can do this by visiting bit.ly/counciltaxuom.

If you live outside the postcode areas listed above or you are an international student with adult dependants you will need to obtain a Council Tax certificate from the Student Services Centre ([page 75](#)).

If you are a non-EU student living in self-contained accommodation with your family, and your spouse is not a British or EU citizen, you are both exempt from paying Council Tax. Please send in a photocopy of your passport, your spouse's passport and your Council Tax Exemption Certificate (from the Student Services Centre) to your local Council Tax Office.

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STUDENTS WHO MAY BE LIABLE TO PAY COUNCIL TAX

Research students who are writing up may have to pay. If you are here for a very short course (usually a few weeks) you may be able to claim an exemption. In both these situations, please check with Manchester City Council by telephone on **0161 234 5000** or email city.council@manchester.gov.uk.

STUDENTS WHO MUST PAY COUNCIL TAX

If you have immigration permission as an academic visitor or a sponsored researcher you will be charged Council Tax. If you are sharing with someone over 18 who is not a student then Council Tax must be paid. In this case it may be possible to claim a 25% discount. Please check with Manchester City Council directly by telephone on **0161 234 5000** or email city.council@manchester.gov.uk.

More information

Student Services Centre advice
www.studentnet.manchester.ac.uk/crucial-guide/home-life

UKCISA information sheet www.ukcisa.org.uk/student/information_sheets.php#council_tax

For further advice contact the Student Services Centre
tel +44 (0)161 275 5000
email ssc@manchester.ac.uk

DRINKING WATER

All British tap water is safe to drink unless it is labelled 'not drinking water'.

ELECTRICITY

British electricity works on 230 volts and most sockets take 13 amp fused plugs, with three square pins. If you will be bringing your own electrical equipment with you, make sure that it can be used safely on this voltage and find out whether you will need an adaptor.

INSURANCE

UNIVERSITY ACCOMMODATION

University-owned Halls of Residence contracts include up to £6,000 of contents' insurance against theft and loss but not accidental damage. Further information about this policy can be obtained from the Accommodation Office.

PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION

If you are living in private accommodation, you should insure your personal property against loss or theft as soon as possible after arriving. As well as dedicated insurance companies many banks, supermarkets and the Post Office also offer insurance. You can use an online price comparison site such as www.moneysupermarket.com or www.comparethemarket.com to find a good deal. Check the premium carefully to see what is covered by the insurance. Cost and cover can vary, depending on where you live and the worth of your possessions and valuable items, such as musical instruments, bicycles and computers, may need to be insured separately. Check that there are no exclusions which might be relevant if, for example, you share a house or a flat.

WANT TO
KNOW MORE ?

Students' Union website

bit.ly/umscounciltaxuom

Manchester City Council website

bit.ly/manccounciltaxuom

1

Raymond's Scholarship requires a high enough English Language score in order to receive an offer. Is this the case for you? If not, why not look at the information about IELTS and Pre-sessional English courses on page 14?

2

Raymond, as a sponsored student, needs a sponsor letter for registration, to open a bank account and you would also need the letter if you are required to register with the police (page 62). Are you a sponsored student? For more information see page 52

3

A) Residence Certificate see page 11
B) If you are Croatian you will need a registration certificate to be able to work in the UK See page 20 for more information

4

None of the students are bringing family with them to Manchester, are you bringing family with you? If so, see pages 22-27

5

NHS entitlements can be dependent on the length of your stay, please see page 47 for details



Raymond Godfrey Kileo
International (Tanzania)
Masters, Equity and Merit Scholarship



Sophia Camp
International (USA)
Undergraduate



Tian Li
International (China)
Undergraduate



Julia Kolkmann
European (Germany)
PhD

CENTRE PAGE PULLOUT! CURRENT STUDENT'S JOURNEY PLANNER

Use this pullout planner to find out what you need to do or find out about. Not all of our students will follow your path so make sure you plot your own in the the box at the top and use the guide to find out more information.

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www.weibo.com/u/2816635794

JOURNEY PLANNER

PLOT YOUR OWN PATH



Follow the students and their journey to The University of Manchester
Can you plot your own journey? What do you need to do or find out about?

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For numbered circles see reverse

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PLACES OF WORSHIP

There are numerous places for all faiths to worship in and around The University of Manchester. A map for all faiths is available online at bit.ly/sacreduom. The multi-faith University Chaplaincy can give advice on places of worship in the local area.

More information

St Peter's House Chaplaincy (map 2, 32)
tel +44 (0)161 275 2894
fax +44 (0)161 275 0890
email sph.reception@manchester.ac.uk
www.stpeters.org.uk

SHOPPING

From Monday to Saturday most shop opening hours are 9am - 7pm. Local shops often close on Sundays although city centre stores and large supermarkets will be open from 11am - 5pm. It is not usually possible to bargain over the price of goods.

Larger supermarkets offer 24-hour shopping, six days a week and sell a variety of household items, kitchenware and clothing, as well as food.

STAYING SAFE

Manchester is generally a safe city and following a few simple tips can help stop you becoming a victim of crime.

PERSONAL SAFETY

- Avoid walking alone at night. Stay with a group of friends or take a bus or taxi.
- Stick to well-lit streets and avoid shortcuts such as alleyways and empty car parks.
- Use cash machines during the day when it is busy, or get cash-back in a supermarket.
- If you think you're in danger or being followed, walk to the nearest shop and ask for help or call 999.
- When taking a taxi use a licensed black cab, which can be flagged down on the street. Private hire taxis (which look like normal cars) must be pre-booked online or over the telephone. If you're unsure, ask to see the taxi driver's license before you get in the car. Legitimate taxis will have this clearly displayed in the vehicle.
- In pubs and bars don't leave your drink unattended. Don't accept drinks from strangers.
- Violent assault is rare in the UK and it is illegal to carry guns, knives or pepper spray. You may wish to carry a personal safety alarm which emits a loud noise to shock and can disorientate an attacker.
- Take care when using your phone or listening to music when you're walking as this will make you less aware of your surroundings.

"Orientation week was my best time ever in Manchester. It was a very busy week but I enjoyed every moment of it. Walking around University Campus meeting new friends, asking their names, nationality and type of course they were taking was quite interesting."

Raymond Kileo



**WANT TO
KNOW MORE ?**

Staying Safe (British Council information)

bit.ly/confidenceuom

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SAFETY OF YOUR PROPERTY

- The most common crime on campus is theft of property left unattended, so keep your possessions with you at all times.
- 1 in 3 burglaries of homes are due to an open or unlocked door or window, so make sure to keep your windows and doors locked when you're not in the room.
- Leave lights on when you go out to give the impression that the house is occupied and if your house has an alarm remember to turn it on.
- Don't leave your valuables within view of the windows and don't leave the boxes from new expensive items lying by the outside bin.
- You can register any valuable property (such as laptops, mobile phones, mp3 players) on www.immobilise.com free of charge. This will assist the police to return lost or stolen items to their rightful owners.

SMOKING

Smoking is not allowed in enclosed public spaces like restaurants, lecture theatres, public transport, and all University accommodation, as well as some outdoor public spaces, such as bus stops and train stations. You may be fined if you smoke in these places, or anywhere else displaying a 'No Smoking' sign.

TELEVISION LICENCE

In the UK all televisions must be licensed. There are various ways to purchase a licence and the cost is £145.50 a year for a colour TV or £49.00 a year for a black and white TV. If you have a television in your own room in a Hall of Residence you will have to purchase your own separate licence. Please consult the Television Licensing website for further information, www.tvlicensing.co.uk/check-if-you-need-one/for-your-home/students-aud1

TOILETS

British toilets are the flushing, pedestal type. Toilet paper should be flushed away after use. Separate facilities are usually available for disabled persons and for baby changing.

WEATHER

Manchester has a temperate climate, with few extremes. Average summer temperatures of 15°C (59°F) and winter temperatures of 4°C (39°F) are occasionally raised or lowered for a week or two. Light rain falls on around half of the days of the year, which can make it feel colder in winter. Despite this, British weather can be unpredictable, and a rainy morning often turns into a beautiful, clear blue day.

Contact details and more information

Dial 999 in an emergency, where there is threat to life or property, or a crime is in progress. To report a crime after the event, call Greater Manchester Police on **0161 872 5050**

To report a crime or anything suspicion on campus, call campus Security Services on **0161 306 9966**

To report a crime that has taken place off campus and is not an emergency call **101**

If you wish to contact a police officer the closest local police station to the University is Longsight Police Station, tel: **0161 856 4223**

For more safety tips see www.manchester.gov.uk/studentsafety
www.estates.manchester.ac.uk/crimereduction

STAYING HEALTHY

BEFORE YOU COME TO MANCHESTER

You should be vaccinated against Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) and Meningitis C before you leave your home country. These are rare, but easily communicated, serious diseases which can spread quickly amongst those not vaccinated against them. If you are unable to be vaccinated before leaving your home country, vaccines for both MMR and Meningitis C can be obtained after arriving in the UK free of charge from your GP (General Practitioner or doctor).

ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE IN THE UK

Emergency treatment is available free of charge to everyone in the UK. If you or someone else has a medical emergency requiring an ambulance, call 999 immediately.

Free health treatment is available on the UK's National Health Service (NHS) to all students studying in the UK for longer than six months, as well as to all students from EU countries and those with reciprocal health agreements.

If you are not eligible for free NHS treatment you should take out private medical insurance. If you already have medical insurance in your home country, you may be able to extend it to cover your stay in the UK. You are free to take out private medical insurance even if you are eligible for NHS treatment as in some circumstances this can result in access to quicker treatments. Please note that private insurance and treatment is generally expensive.

NHS SERVICES

If you are entitled to NHS treatment you will be able to consult a GP and use most other GP services free of charge, as well as having access to free emergency and non-emergency treatment in hospitals. To access these services, you should register with a GP as soon as you can after arriving in Manchester (**page 65**). If you are issued a prescription, for medication, by your GP you will need to pay a fixed charge of £7.20 per item. If you need regular medication, ask your GP about a Prescription Pre-payment Certificate which may be cheaper. If you are on a low income you may be able to receive help for the cost of prescriptions. You should collect a HC1 form either from a pharmacy or from Student Services on campus. Other services which incur a charge on the NHS include vaccinations for travel and getting a sickness certificate to confirm that you were absent from work or study for legitimate reasons.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES: STUDENT

Further information and advice on healthcare, as well as some healthcare services, can be obtained from the University's Occupational Health Services. This is not a GP Practice, please **see page 73** for more information on the services it provides.

"The Manchester Royal Infirmary is within the University campus and has an Accident & Emergency centre which is open 24/7."

Jeanne Benny

WANT TO
KNOW MORE ?

UKCISA Advice

NHS Direct

University Advice

bit.ly/ukcisahealthuom

bit.ly/nhsdirectuom

bit.ly/healthuom

WELCOME EVENTS

The University provides a variety of orientation services and events designed to give you the best possible start to your time in the UK.

UNIVERSITY SHUTTLE SERVICE TO RESIDENCES

During September Orientation the University runs a free coach transfer service for all new unaccompanied international and EU students arriving at the airport between 0800 and 2130. The service is run by staff and a team of our friendly and lovely current students. We will welcome you to the UK, help you to get to our transport, and one of the team will then travel with you on the coach to the campus. This will give you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have and get to know the people around you.

We run a service along a fixed route with a maximum number of 10 stops at the main University Halls so that we can offer an efficient pick up service and make sure that you do not wait more than one hour to complete your onward journey.

If you are living off campus or arriving with friends or family don't forget that our student helpers can always give you advice in deciding how to complete your journey, and if your new home is very close to a scheduled stop we may be able to let you come onto one of the University coaches. Please do email and check first so that we can give you the best advice.

You will be able to book the service in advance online from August so do make sure that you check the website and Facebook pages.

ORIENTATION

The University offers an Orientation each semester designed to help you settle in, meet other new students and find out everything you need to know to begin living and studying in Manchester. Orientation is not compulsory but is strongly recommended for all new international and EU students. The events include information on living and studying in Manchester, tours of the campus and city and a variety of social events.

For up-to-date information on all our orientation events please check our website at www.manchester.ac.uk/international/orientation.

Orientation is free of charge, please book your place online. The booking form for September will be available from August.

SEPTEMBER ORIENTATION

September Orientation will run from Thursday, 11 September to Sunday, 14 September 2014 (inclusive). A separate Orientation Guide containing a detailed schedule of events will be available before you arrive in Manchester. Accommodation is not provided specifically for Orientation. Most Halls' accommodation contracts allow you to move in on Thursday, 11 September but you are strongly advised to check, as some Hall contracts start later than this. If you need to move into your Hall before the normal start date they may be able to arrange this, but you need to contact your Hall directly to discuss options.

JANUARY ORIENTATION

January Orientation will run in the week commencing 19 January 2015. Further details will be available online closer to the time.

WELCOME

The week beginning Monday 15 September is known as Welcome. This is where all students, both home and overseas, are welcomed to the University before lectures start. In addition to the University activities, the Students' Union puts on many events including fairs where you can sign up to join societies and sports clubs. Further information will be available on campus when you arrive and on the Students' Union website, manchesterstudentsunion.com. You are also likely to have induction events within your School or Faculty during this week. You will receive further details of these from your School before you arrive in Manchester.



WANT TO
KNOW MORE ?

Advice and tips from Education UK

bit.ly/edukwelcomeum

Guide to cultural events in the North West

www.creativetourist.com

Tourist Information at VisitManchester

www.visitmanchester.com

Our video on being on time!

bit.ly/ontimeum

SETTING OFF

This section will help you plan what you need to do in the weeks before you leave for Manchester and once you have arrived. By the end of this section you should have:

	PAGE NUMBER	CHECKLIST
Completed registration with the University, including making arrangements to pay your tuition fees	52	<input type="checkbox"/>
Packed your belongings	54	<input type="checkbox"/>
Travelled to Manchester	55	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contacted your friends or family at home	57	<input type="checkbox"/>
Found out how to get around Manchester	60	<input type="checkbox"/>
Registered with the police, if required	62	<input type="checkbox"/>
Opened a bank account	63	<input type="checkbox"/>
Registered with a GP	65	<input type="checkbox"/>
Found out about University facilities and support services	66	<input type="checkbox"/>
Found how to extend your immigration permission	77	<input type="checkbox"/>
Find out about working in the UK after your studies	77	<input type="checkbox"/>

REGISTRATION

Registration with the University is an online process in which you confirm your personal details, details of your course of study and pay your tuition fees. You can begin, and you may be able to complete, the registration process before you arrive in Manchester. Full details about registration will be made available prior to your registration date. If you have any problems, you will be able to access support to complete registration over the telephone or face to face, once you arrive in Manchester.

In order to complete registration, you must pay your tuition fees, or pay the first instalment of your fees and set up a Direct Debit for the remainder, or provide documentary evidence from your financial sponsors which confirms that full fees will be paid on receipt of an invoice.

PAYING YOUR TUITION FEES IN FULL

Tuition fees must be paid in £ Sterling (GBP). You can pay your fees:

- Online by credit or debit card (the University accepts American Express)
- In person by personal cheque (drawn on a UK account) made payable to 'The University of Manchester'
- Building society cheque (drawn on a UK account)
- Banker's draft in Sterling (GBP)
- Travellers' cheques in Sterling (GBP).

PAYING YOUR TUITION FEES IN INSTALMENTS

Students with a UK bank account can opt to pay in instalments. There is no administration charge for this service. You must pay your first instalment at registration and then set up a Direct Debit for the subsequent payments. In order to set up a Direct Debit you will need to provide the details of your UK bank account at the time of registration.

Setting up a Direct Debit authorises the University to collect money from your bank account, as long as you have been given advance notice of the amount and date of collection. You can set up the Direct Debit online during the registration process or in person at the registration venue.

STUDENTS WITH A FINANCIAL SPONSOR

If you are sponsored by your own government you will be required to provide a current letter of financial sponsorship/funding on official letterheaded notepaper from your Embassy based in London, indicating that tuition fees will be paid for the academic year 2013/14. Financial sponsorship/funding letters which are not from the appropriate Embassy in London will not be accepted.

If you are sponsored by other bodies or organisations you will be required to bring with you a letter of financial sponsorship/funding from your sponsors, which should be on the official letter-headed notepaper of that organisation, indicating that tuition fees will be paid for the academic year 2014/15.

Please note that all new sponsors will be required (under the current HMRC regulations) to provide their VAT registration number or confirmation of their exemption.

EARLY TUITION FEE PAYMENTS

If you wish, you can make a full or partial payment towards your tuition fees in advance of your formal registration at The University of Manchester.

The advance payment facility is available to any non-MBA applicant who has firmly accepted an unconditional offer for an academic course at the University (excluding pre-sessional English courses).

REGISTRATION

INTERNATIONAL CHECK-IN

When you have arrived in Manchester and completed online registration you are required to attend International Check-In. During September, this will be a specific venue; if you are arriving at any other time of the year it will be in the Student Services Centre. You will need to bring your passport and visa to allow us to scan the documents, which is an immigration requirement. You will then be issued with your student card. You should attend Check-In whether or not you have paid your tuition fees.

HOW CAN I PAY

The quickest and easiest way to make a payment is by going online using a credit or debit card.

- Complete **IT Signup** in order to obtain a central username and password;
- go to **My Manchester** and log in using your central username and password;
- click '**Pay online**' and follow the on screen instructions.

Note: If you have a CAS, any fees you pay will be automatically updated on your CAS.

If you are unable to pay online or would like to discuss early payments with an adviser, please call the Student Services Centre on **+44 (0)161 275 5000**, option 4, Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm. Alternatively email earlypayments@manchester.ac.uk

LATE PAYMENT OF FEES

If you do not pay your fees by the due dates you will be charged a penalty. If you still owe fees to the University at the end of the academic year, you will not be able to re-register which mean you will not be able to access facilities such as the library.

If you still owe fees at the end of your course you will not be able to graduate.

US AND CANADIAN STUDENT LOANS

For the purpose of US and Canadian government student loans, our name is listed as '**The University of Manchester**' and the School references are **G12136** (US student loans) and **PUBO** (Canadian student loans). For further details please see www.manchester.ac.uk/international/country and select USA.

"When you first arrive here make sure that you have your bank account in order, your police registration done and the university registration sorted. The faster you get them out of the way, the faster you will be able to concentrate in getting to know more people."

Mauricio Ramos

WANT TO
KNOW MORE ?

University Guidance

Registration is different from course unit selection – find out how

bit.ly/registeruom

bit.ly/selectuom

YOUR JOURNEY TO MANCHESTER

PLANNING WHAT TO BRING

We advise you not to travel with a lot of luggage as it can be cheaper to buy things in the UK. Pay careful attention to your luggage allowance as charges for excessive baggage and unaccompanied freight can be expensive. When you have finished packing remember to check that you are able to carry the luggage yourself, as you will need to do this during your journey. Label your luggage clearly with your name, your home address and the address of the place you are going to live in Manchester.

Hand luggage checklist:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valid Passport, with visa/UK immigration permission, or for EEA citizens a valid passport or national identity card. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warm clothing - a pullover or a jacket.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All the documents you used to obtain your Tier 4 immigration permission including original documents to prove financial support for tuition fees and maintenance and a print out of your CAS email. You should also include your TB screening certificate, if one was required to obtain your immigration permission. See pages 11-13 for more information. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laptop (if you are bringing one). At least £200 in cash for your journey, and for your immediate living expenses on arrival. Your Arrival Guide and any other information sent to you from the University.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you are eligible to apply for student visitor immigration permission on arrival, you should include the offer letter from your School and evidence that you can support yourself and pay (or have paid) your tuition fees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional money in the form of traveller's cheques which are more secure than cash. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> at least £400 if you will be living in University accommodation at least £1,000 if you will be living in private accommodation to cover the deposit (which could be up to two months rent) and the first month's rent <p>If you have a University scholarship or studentship, you should check with your School to find out when your stipend will be paid so that you can ensure to bring enough money to last until that point.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your travel insurance details. It is advisable to take out travel insurance to cover your journey and first two weeks in Manchester. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details of your destination in Manchester including address and telephone number. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you are arriving by air and need to carry liquids in your hand luggage (such as essential medication or baby milk) please read and comply with the UK's hand luggage rules: bit.ly/manairsecurityuom
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least two spare passport-size photographs. 	

YOUR JOURNEY TO MANCHESTER

Hold luggage checklist:

- Photocopies of important documents including all those you used to obtain your immigration permission (you should also leave a copy with your friends or family).
- Some warm clothing and comfortable shoes along with your normal range of clothing.
- If you are bringing any sharp objects (e.g. razor blades or tweezers) these must be in your hold luggage, not hand luggage.

We don't recommend you bring:

- Cooking utensils, bedding and other large household items which can be purchased cheaply in the UK in larger supermarkets. Bedding packs for University halls of residence can be purchased online at www.accommodation.manchester.ac.uk/before-you-arrive
- If you are planning on bringing any food with you, check the HM Revenue and Customs list of banned and restricted goods to check if you will be able to bring it into the UK www.hmrc.gov.uk/customs/banned-restricted.htm#2

TRAVELLING TO MANCHESTER FROM OVERSEAS

Manchester is one of the UK's major destinations and has excellent travel connections with many airlines offering direct flights. Where possible, we recommend flying directly to Manchester Airport.

TRAVELLING TO MANCHESTER VIA THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

If you travel to the UK via the Republic of Ireland, you need to apply for immigration permission to study in the UK before leaving home. On arrival, you will not go through the normal immigration control process and a UK entry stamp will not be endorsed in your passport. You must keep all your travel documents (eg boarding pass, travel receipts) as evidence of when and where you entered the UK. There may be other issues as well, so please contact the International Advice Team ([page 13](#)) as soon as possible to discuss your travel plans.

"Manchester is a very exciting city.
I meet new and interesting people every day.
My time here has been unforgettable."

Sophia Camp

WANT TO
KNOW MORE ?

Manchester Airport	www.manchesterairport.co.uk
Our video on arriving at the airport	bit.ly/youtubearportuom
Information on trains and services from elsewhere in the UK	www.thetrainline.com
UKCISA guidance	bit.ly/ukcisaarriveuom
Revenue and Customs info on banned goods	bit.ly/customsuom

YOUR JOURNEY TO MANCHESTER

WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE AIRPORT OR ANY OTHER ARRIVAL PORT

If you obtained your immigration permission before travelling to the UK, you need to show the Immigration Officer the documents you submitted with your immigration permissions application. You should ensure that you have these documents easily available in your hand luggage.

If you are eligible to apply for a student visitor immigration permission on arrival in the UK, you must show the Immigration Officer your Student Visitor Letter or your offer letter, as well as evidence that you can support yourself and pay (or have paid) your tuition fees.

On arrival, you will be interviewed and you will be asked about your reasons for coming to the UK. The Immigration Officer has to check that you are a genuine student and that you intend to leave the UK when you complete your studies. You should be able to explain your study plans clearly without having to use an interpreter. If you experience problems at immigration control, contact the International Advice Team (**page 13**) as soon as possible.

The Immigration Officer will date stamp your passport to confirm that you meet the immigration requirements to study in the UK. If you are unclear about anything that you have been told by an Immigration Officer or that has been stamped in your passport, please contact the International Advice Team (**page 13**).

Keep your boarding card and ticket as you will need to provide details of how and when you travelled to the UK when you apply for immigration permission in future.

Please be aware that there are no porters available at airports, other arrival ports, or at University Halls, so you must be prepared to carry your own luggage.

TRAVELLING FROM MANCHESTER AIRPORT TO YOUR ACCOMMODATION

Between 9 and 14 September you may be able to use our free University Shuttle Service to Residences. **See page 48** for further details. To use the Service, look out for our student helpers who will be wearing purple T-shirts with The University of Manchester logo who can direct you to the airport bus station.

If you arrive at Manchester airport outside the period of the University Shuttle Service to Residences, it is easiest to take a taxi from the airport to your accommodation. The fare should cost approximately £25.

Alternatively you can take a train from the airport to Manchester Piccadilly railway station in the city centre, or Manchester Oxford Road railway station which is the nearest to the main university campus. The cost of a single ticket starts at £4.00. The cost of a taxi from Piccadilly station to your accommodation should be around £15.

You can also take the number 43 public bus directly from the airport bus station to the University and city centre for less than £3. This bus travels through the Didsbury, Withington, Fallowfield and Rusholme areas of Manchester, close to many of the major accommodation sites.

TRAVELLING TO MANCHESTER FROM WITHIN THE UK

If you are arriving from your home country into another UK airport, we recommend you take a connecting flight to Manchester Airport and follow the instructions above.

If you arrived in the UK early, for example to spend time travelling before you arrive in Manchester, you may wish to travel to Manchester from within the UK by train or coach. You can find train times and book tickets online at www.nationalrail.co.uk or telephone **+44 (0)8457 48 49 50** for 24-hour Passenger Rail Information Service. It may be cheaper to travel by coach, but the journey is likely to be significantly longer. Two companies that offer coach travel in the UK are www.megabus.com and www.nationalexpress.com. Information on transport in the London area is available from www.tfl.gov.uk. Once you have arrived at the train or coach station in Manchester a taxi to any University accommodation should be around £15. If you arrive before 9am or after 5pm and have a serious problem please contact the emergency freephone number **+44 (0) 800 838 907**.

STAY IN CONTACT

TELEPHONE

MOBILE PHONES (CELL PHONES)

International phone calls can be very expensive from a mobile in the UK so we advise you to compare the deals available from different networks to find one that suits you. Online comparison websites such as www.moneysupermarket.com/mobile-phones could be useful. Some popular networks are 3, Vodaphone, O2, Orange, T-Mobile, Giffgaff and Virgin.

Networks such as Lebara specialise in international calls, but it is still important to check the costs of the countries you wish to call. Shops such as Carphone Warehouse and Phones4U stock phones on a variety of networks.

There are two types of mobile phone usually available in Britain:

- **'Pay As You Go'** - you pay a fixed rate for the handset and SIM card and then pay for calls as you make them. You will need to top-up your mobile with extra money which can be done from most cash points. This means you can keep control of your spending more easily although calls can be more expensive.
- **'Contract'** or **'pay monthly'** - you pay a monthly charge for a set amount of minutes, texts and internet data allowance. You can get contracts that come with a handset or with just a sim card to put in your own handset. Calls that are not included in your monthly package can be expensive, so check whether calls overseas are included. The amount you spend on your phone is debited from your bank account every month. The contract periods are usually for a minimum of 12 months and it can sometimes be hard for international students to get contract phones. If you have problems please go to the Student Services Centre for further advice (**page 75**).

LANDLINE TELEPHONES

Landline telephone connections are provided by a variety of companies, online comparison services such as www.comparethemarket.com can help you find the best deals, some of which may include free calls at certain times of day or reduced price calls to favourite numbers. Depending on the telephone company, telephone calls to British numbers are usually less costly or even free at the weekends and between 7pm and 7am on weekdays. Some companies may offer reduced price calls to other countries at certain times of day.

Telephone numbers for businesses and services are listed on online directory enquiry websites such as www.yell.com and www.118500.com.

DIRECT DIALLING OVERSEAS

To dial overseas you will need to dial in sequence:

00 + Country code + Area code (minus initial "0" or "9") + Local number.

Country codes and area codes are listed in telephone directories or on the website for International Directory Enquiries www.bt.com/international-guide.

It is possible to transfer the cost of a phone call so that the person you are ringing pays; dial **155** for the UK International Operator or **100** for the UK operator and ask for a reversed charge call. The person you are calling will be asked if they accept the charge. It can often be a more expensive phone call.

PHONE CARDS

Many companies produce phone cards offering cheap phone calls to overseas countries. These can be purchased online or in newsagents. Ensure you check the cost of the calls to the countries you wish to phone.

STAY IN CONTACT

ONLINE

The internet provides a variety of inexpensive, and often free, options for keeping in touch with people across the globe.

EMAIL

As a student you will be given free access to web and email once you register. You can also access email and the internet, for a fee, at internet cafés around the city.

VOIP

VoIP services allow you to make free phone calls over the internet to other VoIP users and sometimes low cost calls to landline and mobile phones. You will need to use a computer with a microphone. Popular VoIP services include Skype (www.skype.com) and VoIPtalk (www.voiptalk.org).

SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media sites, especially Facebook and Twitter, are very popular in the UK and many student societies use Facebook to communicate with their members. You can set up a free account at www.facebook.com and www.twitter.com.

INSTANT MESSAGING

Instant messaging enables you to have a text conversation with other instant messaging users across the world. Services, such as Facebook and Skype also provide instant messaging functions.

POSTAL SERVICES

Mail within the UK can be sent either first or second class. First class mail is generally delivered the following day, second class can take longer. The cost varies according to the size and weight of the envelope. You can buy stamps from the post office, supermarket or newsagents. Mail can be posted at the Post Office or in the red post boxes on many streets and in some supermarkets. For the full range of postal services available see www.postoffice.co.uk/letters-parcels

Most Post Offices are open from:
9am – 5.30pm Monday to Friday, and
9am – 12.30pm on Saturday,
although some small offices may have more limited hours.

The Post Office nearest to campus is:
Wilmslow Park, Unit 11,
Hathersage Road,
Manchester M13 0EJ.
You can find your nearest branch online at:
www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder

The Post Office offers a variety of additional services including currency exchange with no commission, electronic transfer of money, postal orders and oversees money orders and Girobank which allows you to pay some bills (such as telephone, water, gas or electricity) through the Post Office even if you do not have an account with them. See www.postoffice.co.uk for further details.



TRAVEL IN MANCHESTER

BUSES

Several bus companies operate services within Manchester and the surrounding areas including Stagecoach, Magic Bus and Finglands. Bus timetables can be accessed online at www.tfgm.com. Daily or weekly tickets can be purchased on the bus and are cheaper if you will be making several journeys. Many students purchase the Stagecoach annual student bus pass which can be bought online at www.buymyunirider.com, or in person at the reception in the Students' Union. Buses run very frequently between the University and all the accommodation sites.

CYCLING

Cycling is a quick and convenient way to get around the city. Some roads near the campus have cycle lanes, although these are often shared by buses. Bike theft does happen, but you can easily deter thieves by buying an inexpensive bike and securing it with a sturdy D-lock to bike stands, rather than lamp posts or railings. There are plenty of places to lock your bike on campus and at accommodation sites. It is compulsory to have lights if you will be cycling after dark and you should wear a helmet. For more information see: www.gov.uk/rules-for-cyclists-59-to-82.

TRAINS

National and local train services are available in the City Centre from Piccadilly, Victoria and Oxford Road railway stations. Check which station your journey will begin or end at. A 24-hour Passenger Information Service is available by telephoning **+44 (0)8457 484950** or on the internet at www.nationalrail.co.uk, which offers advice on travel and timetables and allows you to book tickets online. Tickets must be purchased before boarding the train; most stations have an enquiry office or machine which sells tickets. Fares may be cheaper if booked in advance.

RAILCARDS

You are eligible to buy a Young Persons Railcard if you are over 16 and under 25 years old, or if you are over 26 and in full-time education. Railcards can be purchased at major train stations or online at www.16-25railcard.co.uk.

TAXIS

Taxis are a relatively expensive but convenient and safe way to travel. Before you make a journey by taxi, you should ask the driver for the likely cost of your journey and ensure that you have enough cash with you. You can stop a black cab in the street, but a private hire cab, which looks like a normal car, must be pre-booked in advance.

TRAM

The Metrolink tram system links Bury (north of Manchester), Altrincham (south of Manchester), and Salford to the City Centre. The tram also runs through the city centre linking Piccadilly Railway Station, Piccadilly Bus Station, Shudehill Bus Station and Manchester Victoria Railway Station. The service is frequent and you can find timetables online at www.metrolink.co.uk or telephone **+44 (0)161 205 2000**. Buy tickets from a machine on the Metrolink platform before boarding the tram. More information is available online at www.tfgm.com.

DRIVING IN THE UK

Manchester is a very convenient city to get around without a car and very few British students bring cars to Manchester. Fuel, insurance, licensing and tax are all expensive in the UK, as are the costs of any repairs. Parking spaces are limited and expensive, especially around the University campus.

Before buying a car check the regulations first; the penalties are severe, and can affect your visa status, if you are caught driving without a licence, insurance, MOT or tax. Never drive after drinking alcohol. For more information see: www.bit.ly/ukcisadrivinguom and www.gov.uk/browse/driving.



POLICE REGISTRATION

If you are required to register with the police, your visa sticker or biometric residence permit will include this requirement or your passport will have been stamped accordingly and you should register within seven days of your arrival. If you do not have an endorsement in your passport or biometric residence permit you do not need to register.

If you are arriving between 9 and 14 September or if you are attending a pre-sessional language course you will register as part of Orientation (see page 48). You will receive further details of how to register with the police in the Orientation guide.

If you arrive outside of the September Orientation period please contact the International Visitor Registration Office directly by email to complete registration. Include your name as it appears on your passport and date of birth in all your emails.

International Visitors Registration Office (IVRO, Map 3)

Greenheys Police Station
Charles Halle Road, Manchester M15 6NP
gmp.ivro@gmp.police.uk

Opening hours:
Monday - Friday:
8:00am - 3:45pm

You will need to take with you to the office:

- £34 (in cash) for each person over the age of 16
- Your passport
- A passport-sized photograph
- Your original offer letter from the University or a confirmation of attendance letter from the Student Services Centre
- Confirmation of your address in Manchester from the Student Services Centre or your landlord
- Confirmation from your sponsor that they are paying your fees and/or your living costs (if you have a sponsor)
- Any previous Police Registration Certificate that you have been issued

At the office you will be asked to fill in an application form, including your full address in Manchester. You will be issued with a police registration certificate which you should carry with you at all times.

Do not forget that...

You must inform the police within seven days if you:

- Change your UK address
- Extend or change your immigration permission
- Change your place of study
- Obtain a new passport
- Change your name

There is no charge for these updates, and you can do them at any police station.

OPENING A BANK ACCOUNT

You should open a bank account as soon as possible after you arrive. Do not leave large amounts of cash or travellers' cheques in your room even if the door is locked. Unless you are paying your fees in full in advance (including exchange programmes), or are a sponsored student, you will need to have a bank account opened before you can register as a student at the University.

TYPES OF ACCOUNT

CURRENT ACCOUNT

This is the basic account which you use for your day-to-day purchases and deposits. This type of account normally comes with a cashcard, with which you can take money from cashpoints (ATMs) up to a daily maximum limit. Some student bank account offers are only for UK students so check the terms and conditions. Some banks also offer Shariah compliant accounts, for example HSBC and LloydsTSB. A current account allows you to set up a Direct Debit (a regular payment from your account) for example to pay your tuition and accommodation fees.

Consider choosing an account or a bank that issues monthly paper bank statements. Online statements cannot not be used to support an immigration application, and the bank may not be able to provide any further proof of your transactions. Keep and file your bank statements. Obtaining reprints can take time and/or incur a fee.

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

It is a good idea to open a savings account if you intend to deposit a lot of your money in an account which isn't used regularly as you will receive a higher interest payment from the bank. The money may not be as accessible and you should check carefully the method for moving or withdrawing your money. Please note you will not be able to set up a Direct Debit from a savings account.

OPENING A BANK ACCOUNT

The main banks on campus are Barclays, HSBC, LloydsTSB, NatWest and the Royal Bank of Scotland. Banks are normally open daily between 9.30am and 3.30pm Monday to Friday. Some of the major branches open for longer hours and on Saturday mornings.

Bank of China (UK) Ltd are able to open bank accounts for Chinese students before your departure, with no account opening or account management fee applied. Barclays offers two types of account which can be partly opened before you arrive in the UK.

Barclays www.barclays.co.uk

HSBC www.hsbc.co.uk

Lloyds/TSB www.lloydstsb.com

NatWest www.natwest.com

Royal Bank of Scotland www.rbs.co.uk

Bank of China (UK) Ltd www.bankofchina.com/uk

WANT TO
KNOW MORE ?

University guidance

bit.ly/policereguom

OPENING A BANK ACCOUNT

Accounts with other banks must be opened in person. You will need to take the following documents with you when you open an account:

- Your passport
- Proof of your home address overseas on a University document; either your offer letter or a bank letter from the Student Services Centre
- Proof of your term-time address in Manchester for example your accommodation contract or tenancy agreement, or a bank letter from the Student Services Centre

If you have trouble opening a bank account you should contact the Student Services Centre ([page 75](#)) for advice.

You should allow at least two weeks for a bank account to be set up fully and for you to be able to access the money in the account, however you should be given your account number and sort code (which you need to set up a Direct Debit) within a few days.

STUDENTS STUDYING FOR LESS THAN ONE YEAR

If you are in the UK for less than one year, it may not be possible for you to open a bank account. Make sure you contact your bank before you come to the UK, so you can access your money while you're here. If you have difficulty please contact the Student Services Centre ([page 75](#)). You may find it best to use cashpoints (ATMs) and draw from a bank account you have in your home country or bring travellers' cheques to cover the duration of your time in the UK.

At the time of writing, we are aware that only Bank of China are able to offer current accounts to students staying in the UK for less than six months.

OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT BANKING AND PAYMENT METHODS

DEBIT CARDS

If your account comes with a Visa Debit or Maestro card this can be used to pay instead of cash in most shops. Solo cards work in the same way but are not as widely accepted. As long as you have sufficient funds, the money is transferred directly from your account. Many students choose to use debit cards, rather than credit cards, as it is easier to keep track of your spending.

CREDIT CARDS

If you use a credit card the money is not automatically debited from your account, instead you receive a bill at the end of the month to cover what you have spent. If you have a Visa or Mastercard credit card from your own country, you will be able to use it at most shops and restaurants in the UK. American Express is accepted in some shops and restaurants.

You are only likely to be able to get a credit card if you will be staying in the UK for at least 12 months. Ensure you read the terms and conditions carefully before using a credit card as there may be very high rates of interests if you do not pay back everything you have spent at the end of the month.

STORE CARDS

Many department stores and some clothing shops offer a store card account. Store cards usually work like credit cards but offer you special discounts in the store. These often have very high interest rates if you do not pay back everything you have spent at the end of the month.

REGISTERING WITH HEALTHCARE SERVICES

REGISTERING WITH A GP (DOCTOR)

If you are eligible for free healthcare on the National Health Service (NHS) ([see page 46](#)) you must register with a local doctor (General Practitioner or 'GP') to access NHS services. There may be an opportunity to register with a GP at your hall of residence or on campus during Welcome Week or you can visit the practice with proof of your address in Manchester to register. Once you have registered you will receive a National Health Card within a few weeks which you should take with you when you use NHS services.

If you are taken ill and have not yet registered with a doctor, you can go to one of the 'Walk in Centres', where you do not have to make an appointment to attend. The nearest one to campus is the Primary Care Emergency Centre at Manchester Royal Infirmary (map 2). Open 10am – 10pm Telephone number: **+44 (0)161 276 1234**.

"Try and do all the essential things as soon as possible, such as opening a bank account and registering with a doctor. The University can help you out with everything you need to do, but you need to be pro-active to make sure it gets done! It's a great way to introduce yourself to practicing the language too, as you're constantly meeting new people."

Sarah Yellowley

DENTISTRY

You will need to register with a dentist separately from registering with a GP. There is a charge for all adult dental treatment in the UK but if you are eligible for NHS healthcare ([see page 46](#)) you can register with an NHS dentist for subsidised treatment. If you are on a low income you may be able to receive help towards the cost of dental treatment. You should collect a HC1 form either from a pharmacy or from the Student Services Centre ([page 75](#)).

If you are not registered with a dentist, free treatment for emergency dental problems is available from The University Dental Hospital.

To make an appointment visit the Dental Hospital (map 2, 41) from 7.30am Monday to Friday or call the Emergency Dental Hotline on **0845 6018529**. Please be prepared that there may be a queue.

OPTICIANS

There are several opticians in Manchester which you can choose to see whenever required. You do not need to register with a particular optician. Optometry students operate a clinic in the Carys Bannister Building during term time (**0161 306 3860**) and there are branches of popular chains, such as Boots and Specsavers in the city centre.

There is generally a charge for eye tests as well as glasses and contact lenses. If you are on a low income you may be able to receive help toward the cost of optical treatment. You should collect a HC1 form either from a pharmacy or from the Student Services Centre ([page 75](#))

For more information about healthcare in the UK [see page 47](#).

WANT TO
KNOW MORE ?

University advice on banks

Accounts that can be set up before you leave : China (Bank of China)

Accounts that can be set up before you leave : China (Barclays)

bit.ly/banksuom

www.boc.cn/index.html

[group.barclays.com/
individuals/personal-banking](http://group.barclays.com/individuals/personal-banking)

WANT TO
KNOW MORE ?

University Advice on Health

NHS Direct- find your nearest GP/dentist/ A&E department

Information on the University's Disability Support Service

bit.ly/healthuom

bit.ly/nhsdirectuom

bit.ly/disableduom



“Employers across the globe tell us about the skills they look for in graduates from the UK. Getting involved with students from other countries to develop your global mindset, gaining work experience and building your leadership skills are all frequently mentioned as key qualities sought.”

Amanda Conway,
Head of International Career Development, The University of Manchester

MAKE THE MOST OF MANCHESTER

One of the great attractions of The University of Manchester is our wide range of facilities and services, to increase the opportunities available and ensure that there is always someone who can help you. Here at Manchester we want you to make the most of your time here, whether that be taking part in some of the “My Learning Essentials” workshops, or coming along to the Atrium in University Place to explore careers, studying abroad, volunteering, health and wellbeing or seeking financial advice.

All students at Manchester are strongly encouraged to develop new skills, insights and experiences by getting involved fully in campus life. This not only helps to make the Manchester experience more enjoyable, but also helps you to develop your language skills, broaden your horizons, and gain the experience and insight which is so valuable to employers across the globe.

All our services are connected up across campus, with University Place acting as the central point for all the information, advice and guidance you will need to make the most of your time here. You will easily recognise our “Make the Most of Manchester” signs across campus, just keep a look out for staff members and fellow students wearing the distinctive black and white badges and t-shirts They will be on hand to answer any queries that you have.

ALAN GILBERT LEARNING COMMONS (AGLC)

AGLC (MAP 2, 63)

The University’s Learning Commons offers you a flexible, ultra-modern and stimulating space in which to learn and relax.

Centrally located and open 24/7, the Learning Commons includes over 1000 study spaces, around 400 computers and wifi access throughout. There are facilities for group and independent study, IT-led study or simply quiet time. The building is environmentally sustainable, with features such as day lighting sensors to make the best use of natural light and solar cells to generate electricity. The £24 million building has been designed specifically to meet the needs of the 21st-century student, in consultation with the Students’ Union.

The AGLC holds workshops and drop-in sessions that offer academic skill and employability support. There are also a number of online resources on a variety of topics. Check out My Learning Essentials (bit.ly/libraryuom) for more information.

THE ATRIUM

1ST FLOOR, UNIVERSITY PLACE (MAP 2, 37)

tel +44 (0)161 275 3033 / 275 3781

email atriumadvice@manchester.ac.uk

www.uomtheatrium.wordpress.com

Centrally located on the first floor in University Place, and open from 9-5pm Monday to Friday, the Atrium includes a large quiet study lounge with PCs and wifi access throughout. There are facilities for independent and group study. The Atrium is also a “one-stop-shop” for students: whether you are looking to explore your career, interested in volunteering, studying or working abroad or wanting to find out more about student finance, health and wellbeing. Feel free to pop into the Atrium on any week day and have a look around. The Atrium houses many resources on careers and studying abroad, as well as information about exciting activities taking place across campus, and beyond. The helpful advisers who work in the space, including the Student Money Adviser and the Student Support Adviser, are available for appointments and drop-ins throughout the year and can be on hand to answer any queries that you have. They work alongside other colleagues across campus to provide the right support you need to make the most of your time here, and can put you in touch with other services as and when necessary.

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CAREERS SERVICE

THE ATRIUM, 1ST FLOOR, UNIVERSITY PLACE (MAP 2, 37)

tel +44 (0)161 275 2829

www.manchester.ac.uk/careers

The Careers Service has a team of specialists who can help you to make the most of your time in the UK, understand what employers look for, and further your career plans. The Careers Service website has hundreds of job opportunities including graduate jobs, part-time and casual work, as well as volunteering opportunities. This includes opportunities outside the UK. The Careers Service provides personal appointments with careers advisers, a job application checking service and practice interviews, as well as regular opportunities to meet graduate recruiters on campus at careers fairs, skills workshops and presentations. Some events are specifically tailored to international students such as international job fairs. They also run volunteering and mentoring programmes including a career management skills module and the Manchester Leadership Programme, which undergraduates can take as part of their degree.

COUNSELLING SERVICE

5TH FLOOR, CRAWFORD HOUSE (MAP 2, 31)

tel +44 (0)161 275 2864

email counsellingservice@manchester.ac.uk

www.studentnet.manchester.ac.uk/counselling

The University Counselling Service provides free, individual and confidential help to all students facing difficulties that are affecting their personal wellbeing or ability to study or work. Common reasons for seeking help include low motivation, poor concentration, feelings of anxiety, conflict, uncertainty or isolation, and low mood. Students also seek help with family and relationship difficulties, and problems adjusting to a different culture. As well as seeing students individually, the Counselling Service offers a range of groups and workshops including managing anxiety, managing academic pressures, managing low mood, managing procrastination, and improving confidence and assertiveness. The service also offers a range of self-help tools on their website, including information and advice, online programmes and audio files.

To make confidential enquiries or an initial appointment, call between 9am and 4pm Monday - Friday.

"I would definitely recommend using the Careers Service which has helped me a lot. Once you go there you can see why they're consistently named one of the best in the country. There's always someone to help you with any queries and if they don't have adequate information about something that you're interested in, they try their hardest to get back to you with more information."

Kehinde Oniti



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DISABILITY SUPPORT OFFICE (DSO)

2ND FLOOR, UNIVERSITY PLACE (MAP 2, 37)
tel +44 (0)161 275 7512 fax +44 (0)161 275 7018
email dso@manchester.ac.uk
www.manchester.ac.uk/dso

The DSO provides support for approximately 5000 disabled staff and students in the University including those with specific learning difficulties (such as dyslexia), mental health difficulties and medical conditions. We strongly advise you to let the University know if you do have a disability so that we can identify if support can be provided. If you require a significant amount of support, for example if you have personal care needs, it is essential that you discuss this with the DSO before coming to Manchester. Initial enquiries can be made over the telephone or by email, or you can make an appointment to see a disability advisor to talk things through in person. All enquiries are treated confidentially.

FOODONCAMPUS

www.manchester.ac.uk/foodoncampus

FoodOnCampus operate a variety of restaurants and cafés in convenient locations across campus serving a delicious selection of drinks, snacks, sandwiches, soups and hot meals. Wherever possible Halal, vegetarian, vegan, international and Fairtrade options are available.

INTERNATIONAL ADVICE TEAM

STUDENT SERVICES CENTRE (MAP 2, 57)

tel +44 (0)161 275 5000
email iat@manchester.ac.uk

The International Advice Team provides information and gives advice and guidance to all international and EU students with any problems including immigration, and are an authorised provider of immigration advice under the Immigration Services Commissioner's exemption scheme. You can telephone or call into the Student Services Centre to make an appointment to see an adviser.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY

WILLIAM KAY HOUSE, 327 OXFORD ROAD (MAP 2, 69)
tel +44 (0)161 275 4959 fax +44 (0)161 275 7696
email int.soc@manchester.ac.uk
www.internationalsociety.org.uk

The International Society, based within the University campus, is a thriving centre for international students in the Manchester area. Members of the Society total over 7,000 and come from more than 150 countries. The Society is a great place to make friends and contacts during your time in Manchester. Each semester there is a varied programme of social and cultural activities as well as day and overnight visits during the whole year to many places of interest. These provide a good opportunity for you to see many parts of Britain during your stay.

A full timetable of informal classes runs each term including English classes, from beginners to advanced, as well as other languages and activities from around the world. A Families Group meets each week giving the opportunity for students, or the partners of students, and their children to socialise together, go on trips to local places of interest and has guest speakers such as health visitors. In addition, the Society organises a Hospitality Scheme to link international students with local people and holds three receptions each year where hosts and students can meet socially.

The Society has its own café which provides a wide International Menu. (All hot food is Halal).

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IT SERVICES

www.manchester.ac.uk/its

All students at the University are provided with access to the internet on campus and an email account which can be accessed on or off campus. University email accounts offer instant messaging, mobile phone compatibility and 25GB of online storage. There are more than 3700 computers on campus, including large clusters for all students and School and Faculty-specific clusters. Most clusters provide printing and scanning facilities and some are open 24 hours a day, seven days week. The University is in the process of providing wireless access across the whole campus with key student areas already covered. Most courses will include an element of online learning, with access to course materials, interactive learning activities and communication tools for keeping in touch with staff and students. The Hornet internet service is available free of charge in nearly all of the University's halls of residence. For more information see hornet.manchester.ac.uk. IT support can be accessed online, via the telephone, or at face-to-face service desks in the Library.

THE JOHN RYLANDS LIBRARY

150 DEANSGATE, MANCHESTER, M3 3EH (MAP 3)
tel +44 (0)161 306 0555
www.library.manchester.ac.uk/deansgate

The John Rylands Library located in the city centre is one of as the best example of neo-Gothic architecture in Europe and is indisputably one of the finest libraries in the world. As a student at The University of Manchester you are able to consult the wide range of Special Collections items held within the library as well as enjoying the themed exhibitions and events which change on a regular basis. Or you may just wish to browse the wonderful range of gifts in the shop or sample the local produce served in the cafe. Not only does it house some of the University's most significant Special Collections, it is also a wonderful place to browse, study, shop and enjoy.

LEGAL ADVICE CENTRE

UNIVERSITY PRECINCT CENTRE (MAP 2, 30)
tel +44 (0)161 306 1264
email free.legal@manchester.ac.uk
www.law.manchester.ac.uk

The Legal Advice Centre is a free and confidential service run by the Law School and its students during term time which can provide legal advice on a wide range of matters, including tenancy disputes.

UNIVERSITY LANGUAGE CENTRE

www.ulc.manchester.ac.uk

As a registered student of the University, you are able to attend support classes in academic English free of charge. This includes classes in academic writing, academic speaking and listening, pronunciation and grammar. You will also be able to make use of the one-to-one writing tutorial service and receive personalised feedback on your written academic English. You may wish or be asked to take an English test shortly after starting your academic programme. The results will only be used to indicate to you/your tutors where you may need English language support. Your tutors may recommend that you attend the free classes.

The University Language Centre also offers part-time English courses to prepare students for either IELTS or Cambridge English examinations. Students also have the opportunity to learn a variety of other languages, which are offered free of charge on a credit-rated basis (10 or 20 UK/5 or 10 EU credits), or you may pay to take classes without receiving credit. Classes cost approximately £325 including assessment.

More information about the support services provided by the ULC can be found on their website at www.ulc.manchester.ac.uk. For information on pre-sessional language classes, [see page 14](#).

MAKE THE MOST OF MANCHESTER

LIBRARY

BURLINGTON STREET (MAP 2, 55)
www.manchester.ac.uk/library

The University Library is one of the best-resourced academic libraries in the country, providing the largest collection of electronic resources in the UK as well as holding more than 4 million printed books and manuscripts. There is a Main Library plus eight smaller, subject-specific site libraries spread across campus. Our special collections are held in the world-renowned John Rylands Library in the city centre where there are regular events and exhibitions for you to enjoy. We are constantly updating our facilities to meet the changing needs of our students; in some of our libraries we have created a range of learning and social spaces including group study rooms and laptop zones. There are specialist staff to provide training, help and support for your subject area, as well as dedicated accessible equipment facilities.

The Library holds workshops and drop-in sessions that offer academic skill and employability support. There are also a number of online resources on a variety of topics. Check out My Learning Essentials (bit.ly/libraryuom) for more information.

MANCHESTER MUSEUM

OXFORD ROAD (MAP 2, 44)
www.museum.manchester.ac.uk

Manchester Museum is the UK's largest university museum and all of its collections are designated by the government as being of national and international importance.

Manchester Museum is home to one of the largest and most important collections of ancient Egyptian artefacts in the United Kingdom. The Vivarium houses a wide variety of live animals including frogs, toads, snakes and other reptiles and amphibians. One of the star attractions in the Museum is the T.rex, displayed in the pre-historic gallery alongside rare examples of fossils dating back to the Ice Age.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE: STUDENTS

WATERLOO PLACE, 184 OXFORD ROAD (MAP 2, 38)
 open from 9am – 4pm (weekdays)
 tel +44 (0)161 275 2858

The service offers advice about students' fitness to undertake courses and any appropriate adjustments that may be required, as well as screening and vaccinations where necessary for certain courses, for example medical students. As well as providing comprehensive travel advice, vaccinations, and travel packs for course related travel eg field work, the service can provide advice on issues such as sexual health, alcohol, drugs and contraception. They also undertake health surveillance where required by legislation and can provide medical certification for a range of non-course related activities. Advice may be available in emergency situations, such as if you are taken suddenly ill on campus or during examinations. Students may be seen following Faculty or School referral, self-referral or, where necessary, for health surveillance required under legislation or screening due to course requirements. Referral may also be made by other support services. This is a confidential and specialised service. It is not a GP service and all students should register with a local NHS GP. **See page 65.**

Please Note: Occupational Health Services for students in the school of Nursing, Midwifery and Social work can be accessed at **Jackson's Mill, Sackville Street - North Campus**
 tel +44 (0)161 306 4007/5806
 fax +44 (0)161 306 3245

"Look for opportunities to get involved in research or projects to gain experience."

Tian Li



MAKE THE MOST OF MANCHESTER

SPORTS AND FITNESS

HEAD OFFICE, WILLIAM KAY HOUSE, 333 OXFORD ROAD (MAP 2, 69)

tel +44 (0)161 275 699

www.sport.manchester.ac.uk

Sport and fitness is very much a part of student life at the University. With numerous sports clubs, fitness programmes and excellent facilities on offer, it is the perfect chance to compete in your favourite sport – or try something new. Here are some of the programmes available to you:

- Athletic Union – More than 40 sport clubs cater for all levels, from beginners to elite athletes; most compete on Wednesday afternoons in the British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) leagues
- Campus Sport – Play recreational sport with friends in a series of leagues designed with the emphasis on having fun and feeling part of campus life
- Hall Sport – A free timetable of fun sports for students living in our halls of residence
- Fitness Manchester – Keep fit and healthy with our extensive health, fitness and wellbeing programme, with dance classes, boot camp, holistic therapies, campus walks, jogs and much more. You can also get involved with volunteering through the Sports Volunteer Scheme, giving you the opportunity to gain valuable work experience, develop leadership skills and give back to the local community.

If you are competing at a regional or national level in your sport, you could be eligible for support and funding through one of our SPORT Manchester Scholarship schemes.

If you prefer to play sport or exercise in your own time, then as a student you will be entitled to discounted fees and memberships at many University sports facilities. For more information visit our website www.sport.manchester.ac.uk If you have got any sport-related questions then why not join our Facebook page www.facebook.com/sport.manchester or follow us on Twitter [@SportManchester](https://twitter.com/SportManchester).

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY LEARNING

tel +44 (0)161 275 0930

email universitycollege@manchester.ac.uk

www.college.manchester.ac.uk

The University College lets you broaden your educational horizons, step out of your comfort zone and explore subjects beyond your main degree subject that both fascinate and inspire you. Our course unit showcase the breadth and depth of research that The University of Manchester can offer. Many units are based on current, cutting-edge thinking, allowing you to gain inspiration and enthusiasm from new challenges, and participate in bigger conversation about the issues and questions that interest you. Our innovative teaching, learning and assessment models will equip you to challenge conventional thinking, giving you the freedom to learn for the love of learning, while helping you to develop as a person and make yourself more attractive to employers. You can choose from an ever-increasing range of subject areas that are not related to your main degree programme, so you really can satisfy your curiosity and broaden your horizons. All our optional course units are credit bearing and count towards your undergraduate degree. Course units cover diverse subjects such as business enterprise, globalisation, science and arts collaboration, social statistics, physics, critical thinking and languages, and are available to take on programmes which have 'free choice' options available to them. Where you have free choice options in your degree programme take a look at what options the College can offer to help make of the richness and diversity of undergraduate education at The University of Manchester.

"If you wish, contact your national society and find fellow students from your country (But really, that is not necessary. Start making new friends!)."

Tian Li

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THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER STUDENTS' UNION

STEVE BIKO BUILDING (MAP 2, 68)

tel +44 (0)161 275 2930

manchesterstudentsunion.com

The Students' Union is an organisation dedicated to representing students, and meeting their social, educational and welfare needs. The Union represents students at all levels of the University and actively aims to improve student life. Officers are elected from the student body. As a student you will automatically become a member of the Students' Union and of the NUS (National Union of Students). This allows you to participate in free activities run by the Union and if you buy an NUS Extra card gives you a discount in some shops and on public transport. The Students' Union building is the hub of student activities and includes shops, a free, confidential and independent advice service (**see 76**), concert venues, a café and a bar. It is home to the University's own newspaper and radio station as well as more than 200 societies including many international societies. The Union also gets involved in local and national campaigns.

"Make sure you bring an umbrella! Unfortunately, that will be essential! Other than that, come with an open mind - be prepared for a possible culture shock and embrace it as much as possible! Discover as much as you can about the city, the University and the people of Manchester. If you come open-minded, with an open heart, you will fall in love with Manchester during your time here."

Sarah Yellowley

STUDENT SERVICES CENTRE

SOUTH CAMPUS:

BURLINGTON ST (MAP 2, 57)

NORTH CAMPUS:

JOULE LIBRARY, SACKVILLE STREET BUILDING (MAP 2, 1)

open from 9am-4pm, Monday - Friday apart from Tuesdays, 10am-5pm

tel +44 (0)161 275 5000

email ssc@manchester.ac.uk

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

The Student Services Centre is a central point for information and advice for all students. The Centre provides help with a huge range of issues including examinations, certificates, transcripts, sources of funding, fees payment, registration and more. If you need any advice with any of the practical matters of University life or just don't know where to go for further information, you should contact the Student Services Centre.

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STUDENTS' UNION ADVICE SERVICE

STEVE BIKO BUILDING (MAP 2, 68);

open from 10am-4pm weekdays including vacations

tel +44 (0)161 275 2930

email advice@umsu.manchester.ac.uk

manchesterstudentsunion.com

The Advice Service is based on the ground floor of the Students' Union building on Oxford Road. Full-time advisors provide independent and confidential advice and information tailored to the needs of students at The University of Manchester. The service is comprehensive, covering all areas of welfare advice from funding to housing and specialising in academic appeals and disciplinary issues. Elected student officers, who can also be accessed through the Service provide representation within the University. You can book an appointment, or just drop-in.

STUDYING AND WORKING ABROAD

THE ATRIUM, 1ST FLOOR, UNIVERSITY PLACE (MAP 2, 37)

tel +44 161 275 8021/8262

fax +44 (0)161 275 2058

email goabroad@manchester.ac.uk

www.manchester.ac.uk/international/studyabroadandexchanges

The International Programmes Office is responsible for all undergraduate Erasmus, Exchange and Study Abroad students joining the University for a semester or year of study as well providing current students with the opportunity to spend a year or a semester abroad as part of your Manchester degree within Europe and beyond. The International Programmes library, situated in the Atrium, has a wealth of information and advice and you can book an appointment with an International Programmes Adviser for further information on opportunities abroad. The Atrium houses dedicated Global Guidance Ambassadors who are on hand throughout the week to answer any queries about studying and working abroad. The ambassadors are current students who have been abroad on exchange and can provide you with information and advice about their own experience.

WHITWORTH ART GALLERY

OXFORD ROAD (MAP 2, 84)

www.manchester.ac.uk/whitworth

The Whitworth was founded in 1889 as the first English gallery in a park and is one of Manchester's best-loved cultural treasures. It is a free gallery with an internationally significant exhibition programme showing its own collection and international artists.

The Gallery is currently being transformed into a new 21st century gallery in the park. We look forward to welcoming you when we reopen in Autumn 2014.

NON-UNIVERSITY SUPPORT SERVICES

The UK Council for International Student Affairs (UKCISA) is an independent, charitable organisation which provides advice and information to international students studying in the UK. They have a wealth of information about all aspects of life and study in the UK on their website at www.ukcisa.org.uk

THE BRITISH COUNCIL

The British Council connects people worldwide with learning opportunities and creative ideas from the UK and builds lasting relationships between the UK and other countries. The British Council has offices throughout the world, where you can seek advice about coming to study in the UK. For more information email general.enquiries@britishcouncil.org or visit www.britishcouncil.org

EXTENDING YOUR STAY IN THE UK

The endorsement in your passport or Biometric Residence Permit (BRP) will show how long you can stay in the country. Don't forget, if you need an extension, you can apply in the UK or in your home country. If you stay in the UK after your immigration permission has expired, you risk being deported and banned from returning to the UK for at least 1 year.

TO APPLY IN THE UK

You must send your application to the UK Border Agency (UKBA) at least one month before your immigration permission expires. If you apply after your immigration permission has expired and the UKBA refuses your application, you cannot appeal against this decision and you must leave the UK immediately. You may also be banned from returning to the UK for one year.

It often takes several weeks to prepare all the necessary supporting documents required by UKBA so make sure that you begin the process at least two months before your immigration permission expires.

TO APPLY OUTSIDE OF THE UK

You should check the visa application process for your country on the UKBA website. This will tell you where you can make your application, and will give you links to your options for applying. If you are completing a paper application, you will need form VAF9 and Appendix 8

WORKING IN THE UK AFTER YOUR STUDIES

EEA/SWISS STUDENTS

The same conditions apply to EEA and Swiss students whether they are working while they are studying or whether they are working after they have graduated. Please see page 20 for more information.

ALL OTHER INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

If you are from outside the EEA/Switzerland you must apply to the UK Border Agency for permission to work as an employee or if you are planning to set up your own business or engage in self employment. If you are planning to work in the UK you may be eligible to apply for immigration permission under a Tier 2 visa if you find an employer to sponsor your application. Please look at the information on the International Advice Team and Careers Service websites as soon as possible about the options for work experience in the UK and visas, so that you can plan ahead. The Careers Service also organises a number of workshops throughout the year on working visas and what it means to be employable in the UK (including the skills, experience and personal qualities required and how this may differ internationally). For example, previous work experience in your home country or an internship in the UK during study, can significantly increase your chances of getting work in the UK.

To stay in touch with the latest UK and international job opportunities and to keep up to date with immigration news please see the Careers Service website at: www.manchester.ac.uk/careers and the section specifically for international students at: www.manchester.ac.uk/careers/international.

WANT TO
KNOW MORE ?

University Advice

bit.ly/immigrationuom

Advice and tips from Education UK

bit.ly/educareersuom

UKBA Guidance

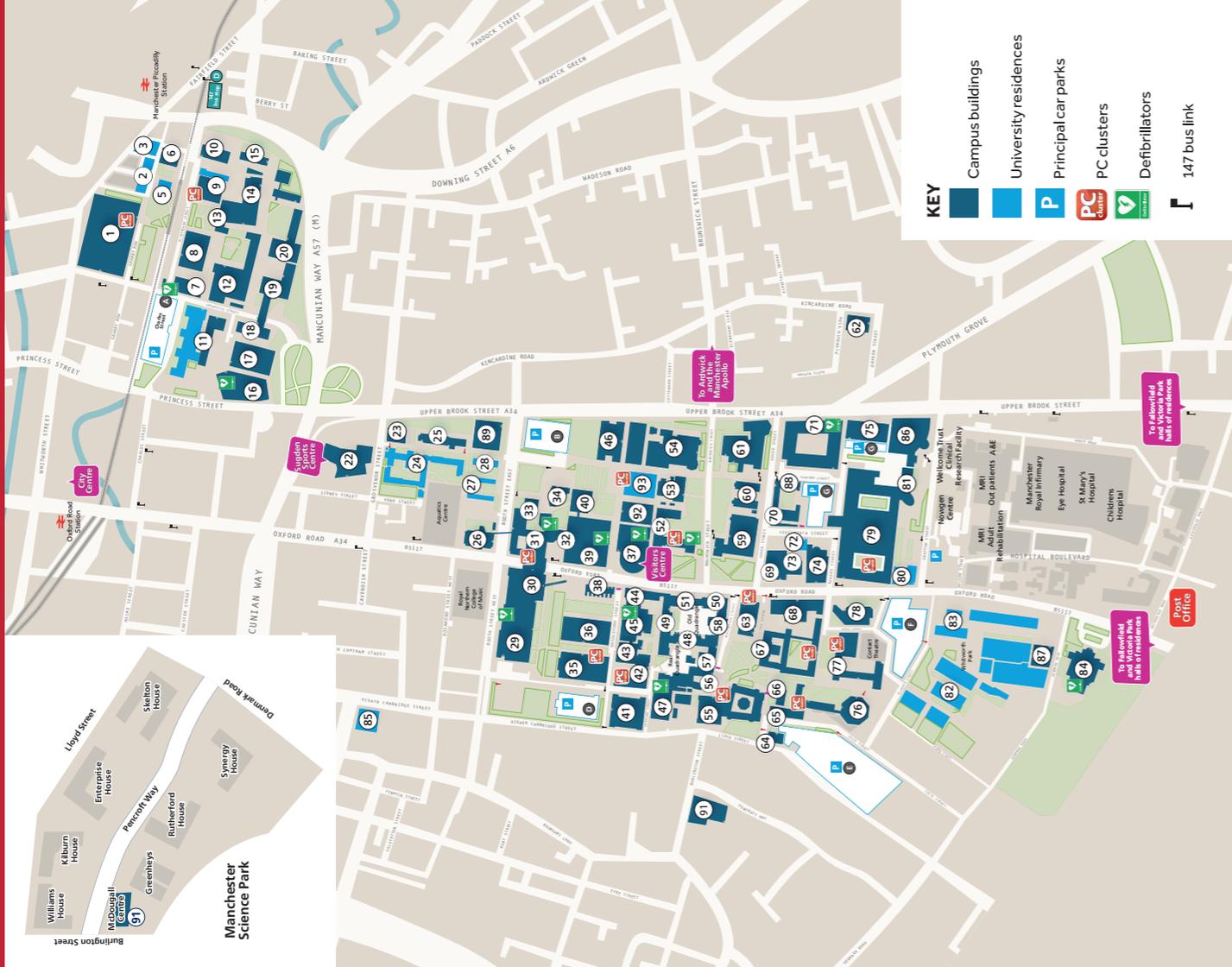
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The University Careers Service

bit.ly/careersafterstudyuom

MAP 2 CAMPUS



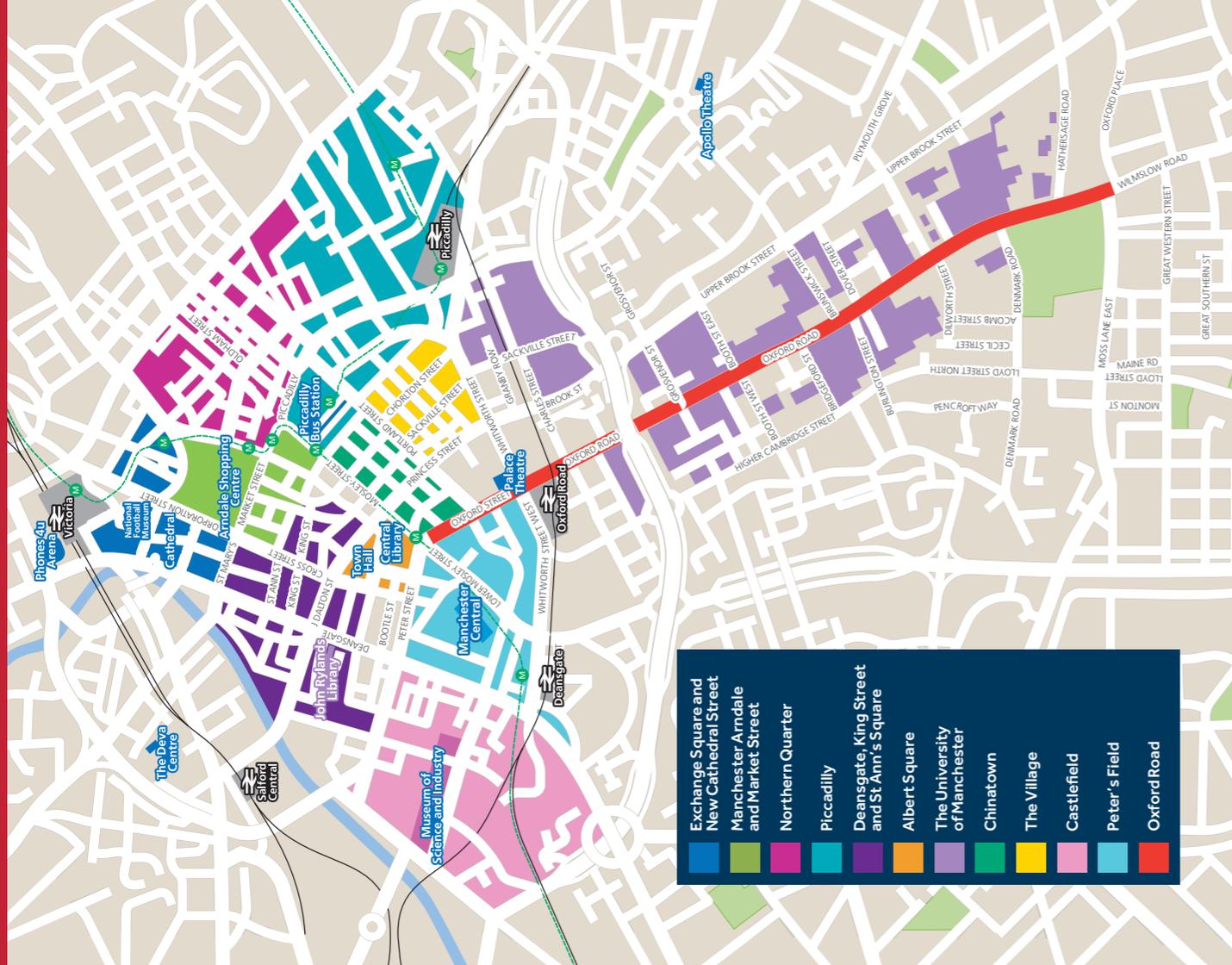
- KEY**
- Campus buildings
 - University residences
 - Principal car parks
 - PC clusters
 - Defibrillators
 - 147 bus link

- 1 Sackville Street Building
- 2 Lambert Hall
- 3 Fairfield Hall
- 6 Echoes Day Nursery
- 7 Paper Science Building
- 8 Renold Building
- 9 Barnes Wallis Building / Students' Union / Wright Robinson Hall
- 10 Moffat Building
- 11 The Manchester Conference Centre and Weston Hall
- 12 Pariser Building
- 13 Staff House Sackville Street
- 14 The Mill
- 15 Morton Laboratory
- 16 Manchester Interdisciplinary Biocentre - John Garside Building
- 17 George Begg Building
- 18 Faraday Tower
- 19 Faraday Building
- 20 Ferranti Building
- 21 Maths and Social Sciences Building
- 22 Sugden Sports Centre
- 23 Oddfellows Hall
- 24 Grosvenor Halls of Residences
- 25 Materials Science Centre
- 26 Manchester Business School East
- 27 Bowden Court
- 28 Ronson Hall
- 29 Manchester Business School West
- 30 Precinct Shopping Centre Harold Hankins Building Devonshire House
- 31 Crawford House
- 32 St Peter's House/Chaplaincy

- 33 Crawford House
- 34 Lecture Theatres
- 35 Prospect House
- 36 Humanities Bridgeford Street
- 37 Arthur Lewis Building
- 37 University Place
- 38 Waterloo Place
- 39 Kilburn Building
- 40 Information Technology Building
- 41 Dental School and Hospital
- 42 Martin Harris Centre for Music and Drama
- 43 Coupland Building 1
- 44 The Manchester Museum
- 45 Rutherford Building
- 46 Alan Turing Building
- 47 Coupland Building 3
- 48 John Owens Building
- 49 Beyer Building
- 50 Whitworth Hall
- 51 Whitworth Building
- 52 Williamson Building
- 53 Roscoe Building
- 54 Schuster Building
- 55 John Rylands University Library
- 56 Schunck Building Burlington Rooms
- 57 Student Services Centre
- 58 Christie Building
- 59 Simon Building
- 60 Zochonis Building
- 61 Chemistry Building
- 62 Dryden Street Nursery
- 63 Alan Gilbert Learning Commons
- 64 Environmental Services Unit
- 65 Mansfield Cooper Building
- 66 Stephen Joseph Studio

- 67 Samuel Alexander Building
- 68 Students' Union Oxford Road (also at number 9)
- 69 William Kay House
- 70 Dover Street Building
- 71 Michael Smith Building
- 73 Avila House RC Chaplaincy
- 74 Holy Name Church
- 75 AV Hill Building
- 76 AQA
- 77 Ellen Wilkinson Building
- 78 The Academy
- 79 Stopford Building
- 80 Horniman House
- 81 The Manchester Incubator Building
- 82 Whitworth Park
- 83 Halls of Residence
- 83 Grove House
- 84 The Whitworth Art Gallery
- 85 Opal Hall
- 86 Core Technology Facility
- 87 Denmark Building
- 88 Carys Bannister Building
- 89 Chemical Engineering and Analytical Sciences - James Chadwick Building
- 91 McDougall Centre
- 92 Jean McFarlane Building
- 93 George Kenyon Building and Hall of Residence

MAP 3 MANCHESTER CITY CENTRE



- Exchange Square and New Cathedral Street
- Manchester Arndale and Market Street
- Northern Quarter
- Piccadilly
- Deansgate, King Street and St Ann's Square
- Albert Square
- The University of Manchester
- Chinatown
- The Village
- Castlefield
- Peter's Field
- Oxford Road

ALL DIRECTIONS LISTED ARE TO THE VISITORS CENTRE IN UNIVERSITY PLACE (MAP2, 37).

BY AIR

Manchester Airport is approximately 14 miles from the University. The taxi fare from Manchester Airport is around £25.

BY BUS

From Piccadilly Train Station catch the 147 bus.

From Piccadilly Bus Station catch any of the following buses:

14, 16, 41, 42, 43, 44, 48, 111, 140, 142, 157 and 250.

From Victoria Train Station, catch the tram to Piccadilly Bus Station and catch one of above services.

From Manchester Airport catch the 43 bus.

BY ROAD

All approach routes are clearly signposted 'Universities'.

M62 (EASTBOUND), M602

Leave the M62 at J12 and join the M602. At the end of the M602 join Regent Road (A57) and continue along and join the A57M (Mancunian Way). Leave at the second exit, sign-posted A34 (hair-pin bend). To go to Sackville Street, keep right. To go to Oxford Road, keep left and join the A34 (dual carriageway) and get in the right hand lane. Turn right at the first set of traffic lights into Grosvenor Street. Stay in the left hand lane and turn left at the next set of traffic lights onto Oxford Road (B5117).

Go straight on through the next set of traffic lights and the University's Visitors Centre is on the left hand side in University Place.

M62 (WESTBOUND), M60

Leave M62 at J18 and join M60 ring road. Leave M60 at J22 and turn right at traffic lights onto Oldham Road (A62). Continue along until the end and turn left to join Great Ancoats Street (A665). Follow signs for the Universities and join the Mancunian Way (A57M). Leave at the second exit onto Higher Cambridge Street. Turn left at the next set of traffic lights onto Booth Street West. Continue to the next set of traffic lights and turn right. The University's Visitors Centre is on the left hand side in University Place.

M6/M56

Leave the M6 at Junction 19 and turn right onto the A556. Follow signs for Manchester Airport and join the M56. Stay on M56 until it joins Princess Parkway (A5103).

Continue for a further four miles before turning right at the Royal Brewery into Moss Lane East (B5219). Continue to the T-junction and turn left onto Oxford Road (B5117). Proceed down Oxford Road past the hospitals and the Holy Name Church on the right hand side. The University's Visitors Centre is on the right in University Place.

FROM M67

At the end of the motorway, join Hyde Road (A57). Continue along for approximately three miles, following signs for the city centre.

Upon reaching a major roundabout (the Apollo Theatre is on the left) take the second exit, Brunswick Street (signposted 'Universities'). Continue along and go straight through the next set of traffic lights. Continue to the T-junction and turn right onto Oxford Road (B5117). The University's Visitors Centre is on the right hand side in University Place.

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