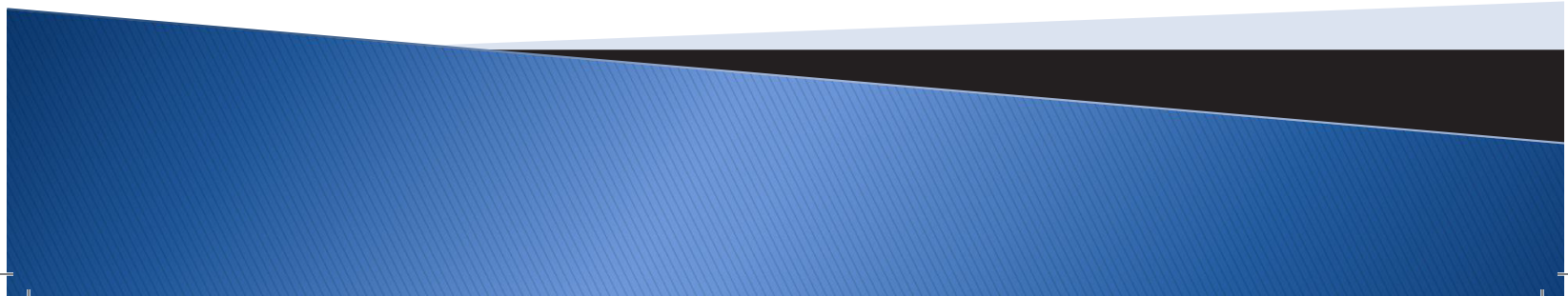


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2015–2016

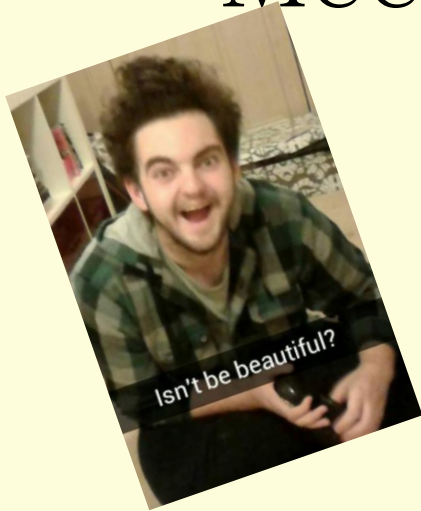
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Ciao e benvenuti!

Welcome to the University of Manchester! We are your peer mentors for the academic year 2015–2016. We have done almost everything you have done so we know how scary it is: Waiting for results, moving to a new city, making friends, dealing with everyday issues... Our aim is to try and make it easier for you! We have written this guide for you for before you come. There is a lot of information so do read it well!

Meet your peer mentors!



Name: Jake Adshead (Student Coordinator)

Degree Programme: Italian and Spanish

Favourite part of UoM: The tutors have been amazing; as have the people!

Favourite place for a night out: Canal Street (I can't stay in one bar for more than 30 minutes!)

Regret: Not having taken more films from the language centre

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Name: Hannah Sereni

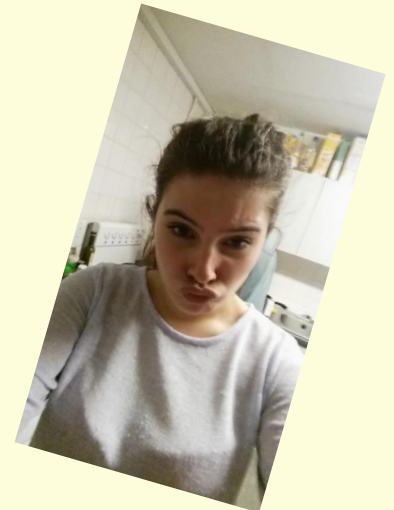
Degree programme: Italian and French

Favourite part of UoM: University life is amazing in a great city!

Favourite place for a night out: Band on the wall in the Northern Quarter

Regret: Not having gone for Shisha this year

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Name: Beth Kamen

Degree Programme: Italian and Spanish

Favourite part of UoM: Independence and doing an amazing course!

Favourite place for a night out: Deaf Institute – especially motown night!

Regret: Not participating in more societies

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Name: Rory Tynan

Degree Programme: Italian and Spanish

Favourite part of UoM: Moving out and growing up really quickly!

Favourite place for a night out: Sankeys and Factory on Thursdays!

Regret: Not taking full advantage of the curry mile and not going to an MMU flat party...

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Name: Joe Walsh

Degree Programme: Italian Single Honours

Favourite part of UoM: Being able to do what you really want to do!

Favourite place for a night out: Wherever the wind takes me!

Regret: Not joining enough societies

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Name: Gabriella Martorana

Degree Programme: Italian and French

Favourite part of UoM: The relationship between language tutors and students!

Favourite place for a night out: Mint lounge in the Northern Quarter

Regret: Not joining enough societies.

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Chat to us on the Italian Facebook page!

“University of Manchester Italian Studies 2015/16”

Meet your tutors!

Name: Elena

Teaches: Italian Language

Fun fact: I am a keen cyclist
and race random people on my
way to work!

Name: Salvo

Teaches: Italian Language

Fun fact: I can do a handstand
and a fantastic clucking hen!

Name: Liliana

Teaches: Italian Language

Name: Steve

Teaches: Italian Renaissance
and medieval literary and
cultural history

Fun fact: I got knocked off my
bike by Steven Hawkins!

Name: Francesca

Teaches: Italian Fascism and
modern literature

Fun fact: I won a gardening
competition aged 7

Name: Guyda

Teaches: Italian Medieval
Literature

Our advice to you...

- Based on our experiences (ahem, mistakes), we have compiled a list of things for you to remember!
 1. Keep on track of your deadlines
 2. Join lots of societies – you don't have to commit!
 3. Don't leave work until the last minute
 4. Do all work set to get the most out of your degree
 5. Prioritise your reading in order of what's most important
 6. Take advantage of the library and University Language Centre
 7. Ask lots of questions
 8. There are plenty of support services on campus – find them or ask any of us.
 9. Relax and have fun!

Here are our favourite places to “relax”!

- Canal Street – Manchester’s “Gay Village”, constantly voted the safest and friendliest night out in Manchester, and open to **everyone!**
- Deaf Institute – An independent venue for live music or club nights. Spread over 3 floors with different genres!
- Band On The Wall – Great live music for all tastes, plus it hosts Manchester’s own Mr Scruff!





- Sankey's – Full Moon Thursday
– Some big names DJ there (Redlight, Darius Syrossian).
Good mainstream first floor, RnB second floor



- Factory – Cheap as anything on Thursdays! £1 entry and £1 drinks, different music on all three floors
- Mint Lounge – a small venue and they run really good alternative nights, they run soul jam, jazz nights and good garage djs play there



And during the day...

- Afflecks Palace – A shopping complex for more alternative tastes – music, clothes, cafes, food, it has it all!
- Sidney St Café – Just near Manchester Metropolitan Uni, the staff are incredibly friendly (one of the mentors volunteers there!) and the food is incredibly cheap!
- Hop on a train and go to somewhere like Edale for a nice day in the Peaks!
- Old Trafford/Etihad – Choosing one will make half of Manchester love you and the other half fall out with you!
- Home – New Cornerhouse. Great art displays and film festivals for languages students!

And now the studying bit...

- You will be joining the department as either an ab-initio student or post-A-level student.
- If you are ab-initio, you will have 3 hours of grammar, 1 hour of oral and 1 hour of Linguistics, with a weekly culture lecture and a fortnightly culture tutorial
- If you are post-A, you will have 2 hours of grammar, 1 hour of oral and 1 hour of Linguistics, with the same cultural classes.

An example timetable...

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09:00				Grammar	
10:00	Grammar	Culture	Linguistics		
11:00					
12:00		Grammar			
13:00					
14:00					
15:00					
16:00	Oral			Culture	

This is an Italian studies timetable, which is approximately half of your degree. You will also have classes in your other subject as well! (Unless you're Single Honours, then your timetable is all Italian!)

Transport to/from Manchester

- Being the capital of the north, Manchester is very easy to transfer to and from!
- By air: Manchester airport is huge with flights from other UK cities, from European cities, and even from other continents (trip to Orlando, anyone?)
- By train: We have two main train stations: Piccadilly and Victoria. Trains come in from London, Leeds, York, Edinburgh, Cardiff, Brighton, etc...
- By coach: The National Express station has coaches from all over the country, but not as common as the trains
- By car: The M60 is a godsend, but traffic is mental in the centre and around.

Transport in Manchester

- Driving around Manchester is hectic, so in a word – DON'T! Instead...
- Bus: By far the best option. You can get from town, through the university, and even to Didsbury for just £1. NOTE: This is only on the blue Magic Bus.
- Metro: Not as prone to bad traffic but a little more expensive. Get you to the outer areas of Manchester quickly.
- Train: Overpriced, wherever you go! But still very quick...
- Bike/Walking: Some cycling paths around the city but mostly it's a very walkable city if you don't stray too far

What do I do now?

- Relax! You've worked extremely hard for these grades, so have a few lie-ins. In the meantime...
- Read through all the information and instructions regarding enrolling, signing into the IT system and picking your course units as and when the uni sends it to you
- Join our Facebook Group! It's called "University of Manchester Italian Studies 2015/16"
- Come along to all the welcome week events, **including** the "Italian Film and Food" on the Wednesday and the "Not-so-Da Vinci-Code" on the Thursday (don't look at me like that!)

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