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A Guide to The University of Manchester for US students

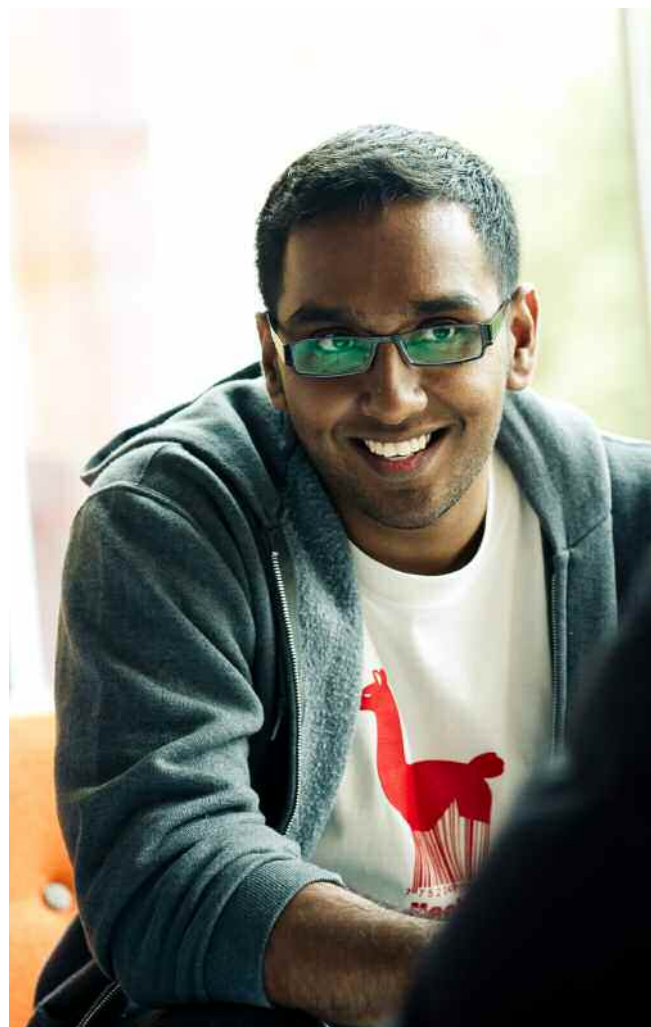
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Your journey starts here

Welcome to The University of Manchester's guide for US students. We're proud to offer an academic experience that will prepare you for a lifetime of achievement.

By joining us, you'll be studying at the largest campus-based university in the UK, with the biggest student community and an outstanding reputation for world-leading research, teaching and study facilities.

We are a member of the prestigious Russell Group, the UK equivalent of the Ivy League, and our city has been voted the most liveable in the UK by the Economist Intelligence Unit.



Why study at Manchester?

This is a university and city with endless possibilities - a place where you can take control of your future.



The University of Manchester is part of the prestigious **Russell Group**, the UK equivalent to the Ivy League

56th

We come 56th in the U.S. News and World Report **Best Global Universities Rankings 2016**



We are **one of the top 5 universities in the UK** (Shanghai Jiao Tong University Academic Ranking of World Universities 2015)



83% of our research is 'world-leading' or 'internationally excellent' (Research Excellence Framework 2014)

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Eight current prime ministers and presidents have been educated here, making it one of the top universities for world leaders (Times Higher Education 2015)



We offer **competitive tuition fees**, particularly in comparison to similar institutions in the US



Most undergraduate degrees take three years to complete, while master's take one year

93%

We have a **degree completion rate of 93%**



We are **the most targeted university by Britain's top graduate employers** (High Fliers Research 2015)

91%

91% of graduates go straight **into work or further study**

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3 Nobel Laureates are currently at the University



The University of Manchester is the **Largest single-site** university in the UK



Located in the **UK's most liveable city** (Economist Intelligence Unit)



Mainland **Europe is easily accessible** from Manchester



There are direct flights to nine US destinations, including New York, Chicago, Washington DC, Atlanta, Las Vegas, and Miami



We have a dedicated US team on hand to provide support and guidance throughout your studies

About the University

We are a university of world firsts and academic discoveries - from splitting the atom to creating the first stored program computer.

As a testament to this, we count 25 Nobel Prize winners among our former students and staff.

Currently, we have three Nobel Laureates working at the University, including Professors Sir Andre Geim and Sir Konstantin Novoselov, joint winners of the 2010 Nobel Prize for Physics for their revolutionary work with graphene.

The University is made up of four Faculties; The Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences, The Faculty of Humanities, The Faculty of Life Sciences and The Faculty of Medical and Human Sciences.

The Faculty of Humanities is the largest faculty in the University; it's equivalent to a medium-sized university. It has an unrivalled teaching portfolio and a reputation for research excellence which makes a positive difference to wider society – both locally and internationally.

The Faculty is made up of five schools: Manchester Business School; School of Arts, Languages and Cultures; School of Environment, Education and Development; School of Law; School of Social Sciences. It's the most popular faculty with US students.



"My time at The University of Manchester gave me a completely new perspective on my future employment and study. It opened so many new doors and encouraged me to think critically about the US, my own privileges, and the things that I had taken for granted. I think that I am leaving the programme not only a better scholar, but also a more reflective person, which will be important in the next phase of my life."

Nikki Luke, Connecticut

MSc Environmental Governance, 2015

Study with us...

As a student at The University of Manchester, you'll be joining one of the best study centres in the UK, where world-class research and an outstanding learning and student experience form key components of our core goals.

The University of Manchester teaches a vast range of subjects, so there's plenty of choice when it comes to making your initial decision about what to study.

The education system at English universities is different from the US. Here are some of the main differences:

- the cost of an education in England is comparatively cheaper;
- in general, courses take one year less to complete. Most undergraduate courses take three years, while a master's typically takes one;
- courses are more focused in England, meaning you start studying your specialism right from the start;
- the academic year begins in September and finishes in May or June;
- depending on the subject you choose, learning can be lecture based with only a few assignments and a final exam, rather than regular homework;
- the UK has a 93% degree completion rate.



Our degrees

Undergraduate degrees

Undergraduate degrees at The University of Manchester are more specialised than those at US universities, meaning you can get an in-depth understanding of your chosen subject right from the start. This is also the reason why most undergraduate courses take three years – rather than four - to complete.

We have the largest selection of undergraduate courses in the UK and each is informed by world-leading minds, bringing the latest research directly to the classroom.

Whether you're working towards a BA, BSc or BEng, you'll be able to make the most of our innovative technologies and learning environments, gaining skills that employers value.

Undergraduate programmes

Programme type	Definition	Example
Single honours	One subject major	Geography
Combined and joint honours	Double major or major/minor	English Literature and American Studies
Extra year	Non-credit programmes	Work placement year Year abroad Master of Engineering
Professional degrees	Professional accredited programmes	Master of Business Studies LLB in Law

Programme example - BA (Hons) Geography

Year 1	Key ideas in Geography (10 credits)	Introducing human geographies (10 credits)	Researching Manchester (10 credits)	Environmental processes and change (10 credits)	Introducing human geographies 2 (10 credits)	Physical geography (10 credits)
	Tutorials and book review (20 credits)	Tutorials and profile of a research geographer (20 credits)	Optional (10 credits) e.g. Geographies of sustainabilities	Optional (10 credits) e.g. Water resources and development	Optional (10 credits) e.g. Geographies of globalisation	Optional (10 credits) e.g. Environmental pollution
Year 2	Research design and overseas fieldcourses (20 credits)	Skills for geographers (20 credits)	Optional (20 credits) e.g. Economic geography	Optional (20 credits) e.g. Development & inequality	Optional (20 credits) e.g. Geography of life	Optional (20 credits) e.g. Rivers
Year 3	Dissertation (40 credits)	Optional (20 credits) e.g. Geography of life	Optional (20 credits) e.g. The Mediterranean landscape	Optional (20 credits) e.g. Energy, society and space	Optional (20 credits) e.g. Islands	

Postgraduate degrees

The University of Manchester's postgraduate courses draw upon our world-leading research, our strong links to global industry and association with professional accreditations.

Our Alliance Manchester Business School, for example, is part of a small and select group of institutions worldwide to receive three international accreditations - AACSB International, AMBA and EQUIS.

Admissions and entry requirements

Entry conditions will vary from course to course and will be based upon standard US equivalents of UK requirements.

Undergraduates

For high school applicants we require:

- A GPA of 3.0 or above
- SAT score of 1800 or above
The University of Manchester's SAT requirements will be updated for 2017 entry to reflect changes to the test from March 2016. More information will be available on our website at www.manchester.ac.uk/usa or contact us directly through our online enquiry form to find out more.
*The Designated Institution Code for The University of Manchester is 3737.
- ACT
We also accept ACT results, with a minimum composite score of 27 or above.
*ACT has assigned college code number 7026 to The University of Manchester
- AP scores
In three subjects, with a minimum score of grade 4 in each.
*SAT subject scores will be taken into consideration, however, we prefer candidates to offer AP test scores.
*The UK operates a system of 'conditional' and 'unconditional' offers. If we want to make you an offer, but you have not yet taken your AP tests, then we would usually make you a conditional offer subject to you achieving certain AP scores. You can submit your AP scores after you have made your application.

Community College applicants

- You'll need to provide your high school grades and standardised tests as above. You should also provide details of the credits you have taken at Community College or Four Year College.
- Some degree majors may recognise your completed Associates Degree for advanced entry to Year 2 of the bachelor's degree.

Transferring from a four-year institution

- A GPA of 3.0, preferably 3.3 or above.
- Students interested in gaining advanced standing* (beginning the course in Year 2), must demonstrate that studies undertaken to date match what has been covered here in Manchester.
*Year 2 is the highest advanced standing we offer
- Alternatives to transferring are to come to the University as a study abroad student, or to complete studies in the US and consider Manchester for a master's degree.



Postgraduate/research applicants

- An undergraduate degree.
- A minimum GPA of 3.0, preferably 3.3 or above.
- For some postgraduate programmes, the major or content of undergraduate courses may be taken into consideration.





How to apply

Undergraduate study

UCAS is the UK's centralised online application system through which all undergraduate applications for UK higher education are made. It allows students to apply to up to five different institutions or courses through a single submission.

The University of Manchester's UCAS code is **M20 MANU**.

Visit www.ucas.com for more information and advice on the application process, as well as tips for personal statements, international student visas and more.

Postgraduate study

The length of postgraduate courses in the UK typically differs from the US, with a master's taking an average of one year to complete and a PhD three years. Postgraduate students do not need to apply through UCAS; applications can be made directly to The University of Manchester.

Specific guidance for each subject area can be found on the relevant programme profile.

Step-by-step application guide

1. Choose your course

Whether you're studying for an undergraduate or postgraduate degree, our course and programme finder will help you choose your area of study.

www.manchester.ac.uk/study

2. Check the entry requirements

Entry requirements vary from course to course; be sure to look carefully at the details on the relevant programme profile.

3. Complete your application

Undergraduate students must apply through UCAS.

www.manchester.ac.uk/study

Postgraduate students need to apply directly to the University.

- Make a note of application deadlines.
- Make sure you have all your supporting documents scanned and ready to upload before applying.

4. Interviews/auditions

If your course requires an interview or audition as part of the selection process, this will be arranged with you directly.

5. Offers

We'll be in touch to let you know if your application has been successful. You'll receive one of three decisions:

– An unconditional offer

You have met the entry requirements and have been accepted on to your chosen course.

– A conditional offer

You need to pass your exams or get a specific grade in order to be accepted on to your chosen course.

– Unsuccessful

You have not met the entry requirements of your chosen course (e.g. exam grades), so cannot be accepted.

6. Accepting your offer

If you receive a conditional or unconditional offer, remember to accept your offer by the stated deadline. If you're applying for an undergraduate course, you'll need to do this through UCAS.

7. Apply for accommodation

We offer guaranteed accommodation for international students, provided you meet the requirements of your offer and apply before the deadline stated. See the accommodation office website for more information

www.accommodation.manchester.ac.uk

8. Prepare for your arrival in Manchester

You can find everything you need to know to help you plan your move to Manchester - from selecting accommodation to visa guidance and arrival information. See our international pages for more information.

www.manchester.ac.uk/study/international



Fees and funding

Fees

Studying for an undergraduate or postgraduate degree in the UK can be great value for money for students coming from the US. Prices are competitive compared to equivalent institutions at home and, as courses are more focused and intensive, you benefit from shorter periods of study than in North America or other English-speaking countries.

You can expect to pay on average \$40,000* (£24,200) per year of study, which covers tuition fees (including charges for registration, tuition, supervision, examinations and graduation), accommodation and living expenses.

As well as this, full-time students are entitled to basic healthcare from the NHS (National Health Service) upon payment of a compulsory annual levy of \$250 (£150).

*Based on May 1st 2015 rate of USD \$1.65 = GBP £1.00

Funding

Federal loans

The University of Manchester is recognised by the US Government for FAFSA federal student aid.

Many of our students are self-financing and use federal and private loans to pay for their education.

Our North American Loans team offers a dedicated service for US students who wish to use their federal and private loans to pay for their education. They can help you work out, step by step, how much funding you're entitled to and how to complete your loan application.

Scholarships

Some of our Schools will offer partial scholarships or bursaries; however, these do not always cover the full cost of tuition and living expenses. Details will be advertised on the relevant School website when scholarships are available.

Other scholarships on offer for US students include:

– Fulbright-University of Manchester Award

We're pleased to be funding a Fulbright-University of Manchester Award for master's study for September 2016 entry.

We have previously hosted Fulbright scholars undertaking master's courses in Law, Social Anthropology, International Relations and Development Economics.

You can find further details on the US-UK Fulbright Commission website www.fulbright.org.uk/fulbright-awards/exchanges-to-the-uk



– Marshall Scholarship

The University also offers Marshall Scholarships for graduate study in any subject at either master's or doctoral level (excluding the MBA).

Current and past Marshall Scholars have studied a wide range of subjects, including MA Humanitarianism and Conflict Response, Art Gallery and Museum Studies and MSc International Development.

– North American Foundation for The University of Manchester (NAFUM) master's award

An initiative that was set up by The University of Manchester US alumni, NAFUM is an independent foundation that supports our work and enhances our reputation in the US. The aim of the award is to provide a range of prestigious scholarships to attract students like you to our University.



Cost of living

Manchester's affordable cost of living makes it an ideal choice for those who want to enjoy a major city on a budget – it's consistently shown to be one of the most economical places in the UK for students to live.

You can enjoy some of the lowest travel costs in the country and with a total student population of more than 80,000 to attract, local businesses, services and nightlife venues compete for your custom with countless offers and promotions.

Below is a breakdown of spending for the average Manchester student for one academic year. It's important to bear in mind that all estimates made by the University are for single students. If you intend to bring your family, you should also account for their living expenses as well.

Estimated living costs 2015/16	Undergraduate (40 weeks)	Postgraduate (52 weeks)
Accommodation (self-catered)	\$8,240	\$10,000
Meals (excluding meals out)	\$3,960	\$3,120
Course costs (excluding tuition fees)	\$695	\$695
Clothes	\$660	\$860
Local transport	\$745	\$890
Other general expenses (e.g. photocopying, printing, laundry, phone calls, entertainment, sport...)	\$2,640	\$3,430
UK Visa health charge	\$250	\$250
Flight allowance	\$1,650	\$1,650
Total:	\$18,840 (£11,415)	\$20,895 (£13,930)

*These costs are intended as a guide only and estimates are based on average annual expenditure of a single student on a full-time course.

**For catered accommodation (breakfast and dinner on weekdays), add approximately \$580 (£350) to the total.

***Some courses will require students to pay for specific items, materials or activities not covered in the tuition fees, such as field courses. In these cases the University endeavours to keep additional costs as low as possible.



"Manchester is an amazing city and you just won't run out of things to do! Great football, great shopping, great pubs, museums, the curry mile, restaurants and much more. Plus there are lots of great things to see that are just a short train or bus ride away like Liverpool, The Lake District, Leeds and York."

John Hinton, USA

MSc Business Analysis and Strategic Management, 2013

Manchester, the most popular student city in the UK

We're proud to call Manchester our home and are not surprised that it has recently been voted the best place to live in the UK by the Economist Intelligence Unit – beating London, Edinburgh, Oxford and Cambridge to the top spot.

The city's unique character comes from its pioneering past – this is the place where the Industrial Revolution began, where the Pankhurst sisters were instrumental in securing the right for women to vote, and where the world's first stored-program computer was developed. It's a pretty inspirational place.

Culture

As well as the city's impressive past, its present and future are equally bright. Famed for progressive music events, you can expect to see the world's biggest DJs and musicians take to the stage almost any night of the week. The University's Whitworth Art Gallery, voted the Museum of the Year 2015, is just one of many fantastic cultural destinations in the city. Film and arts hub HOME is another, and the bi-annual Manchester International Festival plays host to an impressive line-up of world-famous artists and musicians debuting original work.
www.whitworth.manchester.ac.uk
www.mif.co.uk

Sport

Of course, you can't mention Manchester without speaking of its celebrated football teams; Manchester United and Manchester City, but there's much more to discover. Sportcity is just a few miles away from the main University campus and is the largest concentration of sporting venues in Europe - with cycling, tennis, squash and athletics facilities available. The city is also home to Old Trafford Cricket Ground, rugby clubs, basketball teams and more.

Shopping

Shopping is another major draw for visitors to the city, with almost every high street and designer name you can think of. The city centre's high street is lined with shops, boutiques and vintage clothing stores, while the Trafford Centre - a short bus ride from the city - is the second-largest shopping centre in the UK.

Eating out

The food and drink scene in Manchester is thriving - from pop-up, street food feasts to supper clubs, and five-course tasting menus by top chefs - there's something to suit all tastes and budgets.

Discover more about our fantastic city on the University website.

www.manchester.ac.uk/study/experience/student-life/city/

Around Manchester and the UK

London is just over two hours away from Manchester, with trains departing roughly every 30 minutes from 6am until 11pm daily. There are also good road and rail links to other major destinations within the UK, including Scotland and Wales.

If you want to get out of Manchester, the city is a hop, skip and a jump away from several areas of outstanding natural beauty. The Peak District is less than 30 minutes from the city, while the Lake District - the most celebrated national park in the UK - is only slightly further.

One of the most common reasons US students choose to study in the UK is because of the opportunity to travel to European cities or further afield. Manchester's ideally placed for this, as our international airport has direct links to over 190 worldwide destinations, including Berlin, Madrid, Paris, Rome and more.

Getting here from the US

It's easy for US students to travel to and from Manchester; there are regular flights from nine US cities, including New York, Washington DC, Chicago, Atlanta, Las Vegas, and Miami.



Student life

University location

The location of our campus is ideal; we're close enough to the heart of the city centre to be able to access everything on foot or a short bus ride, while University student accommodation is within easy reach.

Students' Union

The University of Manchester's Student Union is the largest in the UK and membership gives students access to more than 450 societies, as well as free and confidential advice and a wealth of ideas for things to do and see in Manchester. See the Students' Union website for more information

www.manchesterstudentsunion.com

Sport

Playing and being involved in sport is a big part of student life at the University and we offer a wide range of activities, as well as top-quality facilities.

There are 42 student-run sports clubs which compete in the British Universities and Colleges Sports (BUCS) competitions. There are also campus games and more than 40 hours of free weekly sport and fitness sessions run by professional coaches. For a full list of all sports on offer at the University, visit the website

www.sport.manchester.ac.uk

Careers service

A degree from The University of Manchester is recognised across the world, and our graduates are found in many professions in the US. In the UK, we're the most targeted university for graduate recruiters.

Our dedicated Careers Service is consistently voted the best in the UK by employers and offers a wealth of support for students across all degree levels; including advice on making career choices, creating plans to actively pursue opportunities and engaging students in a dialogue in a wide range of job sectors that they can work in.

As well as this, we have more employers recruiting on our campus than at any other university in the UK - more than 7,000 graduate recruiters, from major multinationals to small and medium-sized enterprises.

www.careers.manchester.ac.uk

Student support

Nearly 38,000 students study at The University of Manchester, but we make sure that everyone gets the support they need. Our International Relations team provides dedicated assistance for international students, right from departure in your home country through to arrival in Manchester - and beyond.

The Student Support Services Centre is also on hand to help deal with any questions you may have regarding finance, immigration, student cards or immigration.

The International Society

The International Society can be found on The University of Manchester campus and is a not-for-profit organisation which provides support for students coming from other countries.

As well as providing a warm and friendly environment, the society also arranges regular events and trips to other parts of the country, language classes and an opportunity to connect with a global community of students.

www.internationalsociety.org.uk



Accommodation

Living in University accommodation gives our international students security and your family back home peace of mind. What's more, we offer guaranteed accommodation to international students provided you can meet the conditions of your offer.

As an international student coming to Manchester for the first time, you'll benefit from the opportunity to live and study alongside British students, in a safe and welcoming environment. With over 8,000 rooms, we offer a variety of accommodation types, costs and locations. Much of our accommodation is very near to the main University buildings and all of it's within three kilometres of our campus.

Halls and facilities

The range of halls and types of rooms we offer is extensive; from modern self-catering apartments through to traditional college-style catered halls of residence. You're assured of your privacy as all rooms are single occupancy.

Facilities vary between halls, with all offering high-speed internet access, and most having social areas, libraries, music rooms and sports facilities.



Accommodation costs

University accommodation represents great value for money. Residency fees cover internet connection, personal possessions insurance and all utility services.

As an example, fees for 2015/16, based on a 40-week letting period, are:

- \$155 per week for a single self-catering room with shared facilities;
- \$200 per week for a single self-catering room with en-suite facilities;
- \$220 per week for a single room with shared facilities in a catered hall;
- \$220 per week for a single room in a single-sex hall.

Fees vary according to hall and/or room facilities. Please consult our Accommodation Office website for details of individual hall prices: www.accommodation.manchester.ac.uk

Safety and support

Student safety is one of our highest priorities. Security guards patrol 24 hours a day and cameras are located throughout the campus. Most halls have student swipe-card entry systems and each residence has a team of wardens and tutors who live within the hall to offer help and guidance.

Private accommodation

Manchester has a large supply of private rental accommodation in areas close to the University.

Manchester Student Homes operates on behalf of the city's universities to help students find University-approved accommodation in the private sector, and it provides useful general housing advice and listings of available properties.

www.manchesterstudenthomes.com/Accommodation





Our cultural assets

The University has many cultural assets, which are not only a fantastic study resource for our undergraduate and postgraduate students, but are also a benefit to the wider Manchester community.

The Manchester Museum

The UK's biggest university museum, with more than 4.5 million objects.

The Whitworth

This newly-refurbished art gallery has just been awarded the Art Fund's prestigious accolade of Museum of the Year, beating London's Imperial War Museum, the Tower of London attraction and Oxford University Museum of Natural History.

John Rylands Library

A gothic library which BBC viewers voted as one of the most beautiful in the world. It is home to unique collections and a study space available for students.

Jodrell Bank Observatory

Jodrell Bank Observatory, which is home to world-leading scientific research, also boasts beautiful gardens and exhibitions.



"The most valuable aspect of my time in Manchester was the University resources and the people. I enjoyed being able to actively participate with the community and to find activities related to my interests. I was able to get a lot out of my experience with Manchester because I put a lot into it. Having a Bachelor's Degree has gotten me a job at a great company in the financial sector of the United States. Without a degree, I could only be a teller. With a degree, I'm a Manager."

Meaghan Couture, Colorado

BA English Language, 2013

Meet us in the US

We have three International Officers dedicated to the US and they regularly make visits and attend exhibitions to meet prospective students like you.

For upcoming dates, please visit our USA website
www.manchester.ac.uk/usa

Visit us in Manchester

If you would like to visit us in Manchester and see our campus for yourself, our US team will be happy to assist with arrangements.

We also hold regular open days for undergraduate and postgraduate students. To find out when the next one is, please visit the Open Days section of our website
www.manchester.ac.uk/study/open-days

Contact us

Our International Officers and financial team are on hand to answer any questions you may have about studying at the University. Feel free to contact them:

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