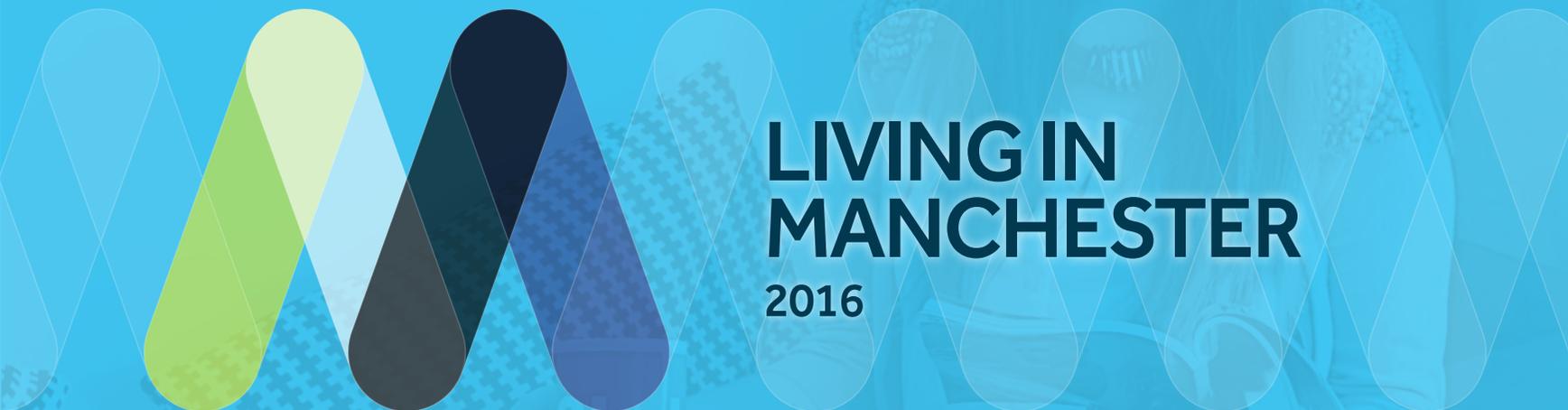


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Manchester is a great place to live and study, and we're confident you'll enjoy an amazing student experience if you choose to come here. Let us share with you the best of our city and what you can expect from the range of University accommodation available.

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Make the right choice



It's important that you find the right accommodation to best suit your needs, budget and lifestyle. With 20 halls of residence, ranging from traditional to modern, catered to self-catered, en-suite to shared facilities, single sex to mixed, there are so many options from which to choose.

We try where possible to provide suitable accommodation for everyone, so if you can't find what you are looking for, then get in touch with our Accommodation Office to discuss your requirements (see page 11 for contact details).

Compliance

The University of Manchester is signed up to the UUK Code of Practice. The Code outlines best practice and provides benchmarks for the management and quality of student housing in the Higher Education sector. For more information visit:

www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/acop

ACCOMMODATION GUARANTEED

The majority of new students coming to Manchester will qualify for accommodation under our extensive guarantee. To check if you're eligible and for more information visit:

www.manchester.ac.uk/accommodationguarantee



Why choose University accommodation?



Support

Help is at hand 24/7 from our helpful pastoral teams.



Cost

Our hall fees include contents insurance, Ethernet connection and all utility bills.



Security

Comprehensive CCTV network, 24-hour security and swipe-card access systems.



Flexibility

Adapted rooms for students with disabilities, catering for special diets and assistance for other medical conditions.



Facilities

Computer clusters, libraries, music rooms, launderettes and top-class sports facilities.



Experience

A friendly community atmosphere in halls, where there's always something going on. It's the ideal place to make new friends.



Choice

Catered or self-catered, single or mixed-sex halls, en-suite or shared bathrooms.



Environment

A living environment conducive to both study and relaxation.

Getting to know the halls

One of the best ways to immerse yourself in student life is to move into University halls of residence. With a wide variety of accommodation styles, dedicated support staff and an active social community, it's no wonder that every year thousands of new and returning students opt to move into our halls.





24/7

high-visibility
security patrols

159

pastoral staff supporting
students in halls

8,000

beds in our University
halls of residence

100mb

free Internet
connectivity in halls

2,000

breakfasts served in
catered halls daily

Welfare and security



Moving into University accommodation can be an exciting but daunting prospect, particularly if you're moving away from home for the first time. Your welfare and safety is vitally important to us and we have support on hand to help you settle in and feel safe and secure in your new surroundings.

Pastoral care team

Your hall will have a pastoral care team living in-house. The team is made up of postgraduate students or members of University staff who are on duty during weekday evenings, as well as over weekends and bank holidays for urgent matters.

The team is there to provide you with guidance and support, particularly if you're living away from home for the first time. It also plays a role in developing a strong community spirit, working with residents to organise social and sporting events throughout the year.

Security

We're committed to providing a safe and secure living environment with a combination of CCTV coverage and security patrols operating around the residences. Security staff are available on-call 24 hours a day. We'll also provide you with advice about keeping safe.

The University of Manchester works closely with Greater Manchester Police and supports initiatives to reduce crime in student areas.

Safe zones

The Students' Union has identified 28 student safe zones from Fallowfield to the City campus. These are businesses – often late-night takeaways – that offer assistance to students who are feeling vulnerable, unwell or want to order a taxi home.

You can download the free Greater Manchester Police Student Safety app to your mobile phone to find your nearest student safe zone based on your location.



Profile

Swoti Gola

PhD International Trade Law and Human Rights
and former pastoral team member

“When I first came to Manchester, I stayed in the halls of residence, since it was a new city and an altogether new experience. I found that having a pastoral team looking after the well-being of resident students was pleasant and it prompted me to become one when I found my way and settled in.

The role of a pastoral team member is challenging and full of interesting experiences. During my time in the role, I helped the students with moving in and settling into the new environment. While the pastoral team ensures that students are well looked after, it's also responsible for maintaining a balance between various interests.”

“Since pastoral care is provided in all University halls it doesn't matter which campus you're in; you're provided with the same level of help and support.”

Your options

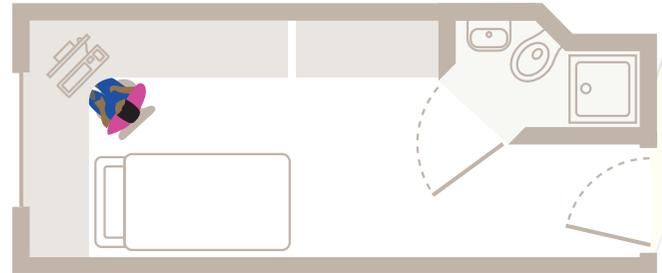
In your room

All rooms are single occupancy and contain a bed, desk, chair, wardrobe, shelving and internet access. You're welcome to bring your own TV but you'll have to purchase your own TV licence.



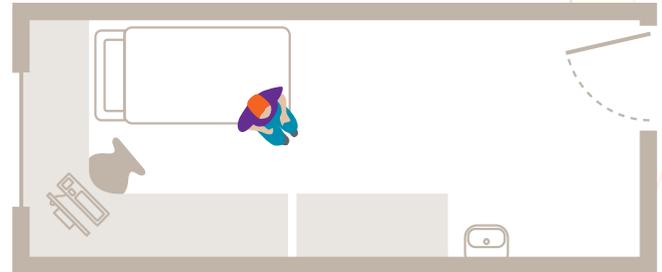
En-suite facilities

A popular choice but also the most expensive – these rooms have an adjoining bathroom comprising a shower cubicle, washbasin and toilet.



Standard washbasin facilities

Middle of the road in terms of price – your room will have a standard washbasin, and you'll have access to shared toilet and shower facilities at an approximate ratio of 1:4 dependent upon the hall.



Standard facilities

The cheapest option – washbasins, toilet and shower facilities are shared with other residents at an approximate ratio of 1:4 dependent upon the hall.



Catered halls

In catered halls your meals are provided, your dishes are washed and the cost is included in the residence fee – one less thing to worry about. Many of our students find it easier to budget in catered halls and, with a five-week menu cycle, you won't be served the same dishes day in, day out.

The dining style ranges from hall to hall. Some have cafeteria-type facilities, in others meal times are social occasions. One thing's for sure – whichever catered hall you choose, you can expect a fantastic dining experience.

Self-catered halls

If you want to choose what and when you eat, then the self-catered option is probably the right choice for you. These halls are typically grouped in shared flats or corridors. You'll get access to communal lounges and fully fitted kitchens. The only thing you'll need to bring is your own cutlery and crockery.

There are supermarkets and shops within walking distance of all halls of residence, so you won't have any problem stocking up on the daily essentials. If you're not in the mood to cook, then you can grab something while you're out from one of the many FoodOnCampus cafes or order from a nearby takeaway.

You could also have a meal in your nearest catered hall – information on availability and prices are available on hall noticeboards.



Family/partner accommodation

We have limited accommodation specifically for students with families and partners. Demand for our double rooms and for one, two and some three-bedroom self-contained flats typically exceeds supply, so we can't guarantee this type of accommodation (see our quick guide to halls on page 20).

Resident mix

Most halls are mixed sex apart from St Gabriel's Hall (female only) and St Anselm Hall (male only). We can also provide single-sex living spaces within some of our other halls.

Many halls contain a mix of students; however, we do have some undergraduate and postgraduate-only halls available (see our quick guide to halls on page 20).

Manchester City Football Club 3 m ↑



UNIVERSITY PLACE

← Piccadilly

← City Centre

↔ Oxford Road

↓ Liverpool 35 m
Lake District 95 m

↓ Lancashire County Cricket Club 2 m
Lowry Centre 3 m
Manchester United Football Club 3 m
Imperial War Museum North 4 m

- Manchester Aquatics Centre
- Manchester Museum
- University Library
- Students' Union
- Contact Theatre
- Academy
- The Whitworth

→ Manchester Airport 9 m
Chester 36 m

University Place to Fallowfield
1.7 m (2.8 km)
3990 steps
35 mins at medium pace

University Place to Opal Gardens
1.1 m (1.8 km)
2600 steps
22 mins at medium pace

University Place to Weston Hall
0.6 m (1 km)
1425 steps
12 mins at medium pace

Victoria Park
M14 5ES

Fallowfield
M14 6HD

Manchester Royal Infirmary

Accommodation Office (Grove House)

Visitors Centre

City

Armitage Sports Centre

Chancellors Hotel and Conference Centre

Manchester Student Homes

Rusholme



Accommodation map

Hall of residence

Postcode

93	George Kenyon Hall (PG)	M13 9PY
11	Weston Hall	M1 3BB
9	Wright Robinson Hall	M1 7JA

9 City (North) Administration Centre

Wright Robinson Hall
tel +44 (0)161 306 3131
email
northadmin.citycampus@manchester.ac.uk

Hall of residence

Postcode

97	Denmark Road	M15 6GQ
80	Horniman House	M13 9NT
82	Whitworth Park	M13 9WJ

82 City (South) Administration Centre

Grove House
tel +44 (0)161 275 4950
email
southadmin.citycampus@manchester.ac.uk

Hall of residence

Postcode

101	Canterbury Court	M14 5BX
102	Dalton Ellis Hall	M14 5RL
104	Opal Gardens	M14 5ES
107	St Anselm Hall	M14 5BX
121	Victoria Hall	M13 0FZ

102 Victoria Park (Dalton Ellis) Administration Centre

Dalton Ellis Hall
tel +44 (0)161 306 9840
email victoriaparkadmin@manchester.ac.uk

Hall of residence

Postcode

106	Burkhardt House	M14 5RR
105	Hulme Hall	M14 5RR
108	St Gabriel's Hall	M14 5RP

105 Victoria Park (Hulme Hall) Administration Centre

Hulme Hall
tel +44 (0)161 306 9880
email victoriaparkadmin@manchester.ac.uk

Hall of residence

Postcode

111	Ashburne Hall	M14 6HP
115	Oak House	M14 6HX
114	Owens Park	M14 6HD
116	Richmond Park	M14 6YY
112	Sheavyn House	M14 6HP
118	Woolton Hall	M14 6WS

114 Fallowfield Administration Centre

Owens Park
tel +44 (0)161 306 9900 (24 hrs)
email
centraladmin.fallowfield@manchester.ac.uk

The Accommodation Office

The University of Manchester
Grove House
Oxford Road
Manchester M13 9WJ
tel +44 (0)161 275 2888
email accommodation@manchester.ac.uk
www.manchester.ac.uk/accommodation

- Other halls may be available, please check on our website for further information.

City



The location of our City accommodation appeals to those wanting to be at the heart of the academic campus, within easy reach of the libraries, teaching buildings and the Students' Union.

The city is easily reached, with residents at the north end of our City accommodation area only a five-minute walk from the city centre, and others just a short distance away on foot or by bus.

It's only a 15-minute walk from one end of this area to the other, or you can travel on the Oxford Road link bus service for free when you show your student card.

There are two sports centres close by – the Sugden Sports Centre and the Manchester Aquatics Centre – both offering great-value memberships to students.



“Wright Robinson is a small hall, with only around 170 residents, so everyone gets to know each other.

The common room is really chilled out, with sofas, a pool table, a ping-pong table and more. We have film nights and quizzes in there.

There's about a 50:50 split here between UK and international students, so you get to experience different cultures – you can be living next door to somebody from the other side of the world, which is really nice! Sometimes we teach each other to cook dishes from each other's countries.

The reception staff are fantastic – they get to know every resident. The pastoral teams are available to help with any problem – they're really supportive and happy to chat. ”

Jack Lofthouse
BAEcon Business Studies and Sociology



Profile

Kaprese Douglas

LLB Law with Criminology

“ I love being close to Whitworth Park – it’s nice to walk around there in the summer. The University is also very near. It’s nice being so close to the Alan Gilbert Learning Commons – I can just walk back after working late.

In our first week, there was a pub quiz at a place called The Grove – the prizes were really big. First prize was a 40-inch TV! We didn’t win, unfortunately, but it was fun. They have a lot of parties there, including a Christmas ball.

I love the fact that there’s a gym here, which is only £10 to join for the whole academic year. There are also rehearsal spaces for musicians and a computer cluster – very handy if your laptop’s broken! ”

“ I like the social aspect of living here – whenever you go to the kitchen you get to stop and have a chat with your friends. ”

Victoria Park



Situated in a leafy conservation area and right in the middle of the City and Fallowfield locations, the halls here are ideally placed for both academic and social activities.

It's only a 15-minute walk to the University's academic campus, or you can catch a bus to get you to the University and into the heart of the city within minutes.

The popular Curry Mile is also close by, giving you access to a wide range of shops, restaurants and takeaways serving a variety of cuisine and produce, including halal and kosher foods.



“Opal Gardens is a very peaceful area, while still being a vibrant community, so you're well placed for heading on a night out or having a quiet night in. We're very close to lots of supermarkets here as well, so it's very convenient.

I really like the common room. It's a good place for meeting up – you can play table tennis or table football or watch a movie.

Opal Gardens is self-catered. When I arrived I thought that I'd be on a strict diet of quick food like pasta and noodles, but I quickly discovered that I can actually cook quite well. I try and share my food costs with a friend – that makes things a bit cheaper.

You develop friendships quite quickly as you're living with people who have been thrown into the same experience. This automatically gives you a support network.”

Nathan Eldridge
BA Management and Leisure

Aryanto Aryanto

BEng Mechanical Engineering with Management

“Hulme Hall is based in Victoria Park. I really like how it's so close to sports facilities – it's really easy to get to the Sugden Sports Centre, which is near the University, and the Armitage Sports Centre in Fallowfield.

Hulme Hall is a catered hall so you get the benefit of meals every day of the week – it's so nice to get hot food in the morning! But there are lots of other great facilities: a snooker table, table tennis, a gym and – my favourite – the squash court. You don't get one of those at every student hall!

In Victoria Park we get a good mixture of international and British students – you get to meet people from different places. Before I came I expected that I'd probably stay in my room all the time – but you get to know so many people in your hall. Everyone here is studying different things, and I think that's helped me to broaden my horizons and it's changed a lot of my opinions.

The support you get from the pastoral team is excellent. If you ever have an issue, you can talk to them very easily, and they'll come and solve it for you.”

“I'd recommend the Victoria Park area to anyone, as it's so close to the University, and there also buses running 24 hours between here and Fallowfield.”

Fallowfield



Fallowfield is two miles south of the city centre. With its vibrant and diverse local community, Fallowfield is a popular suburb.

Its innumerable restaurants, pubs, bars, cafes and shops cater for long-term residents and students alike.

All of the halls are located close to the main bus route to the University and onwards into the city. With excellent sports facilities available at the nearby Armitage Sports Centre, Fallowfield is a great choice if you favour a healthy lifestyle.



“ There’s a real student atmosphere in Fallowfield – everyone’s in the same boat as you and is really friendly. Travelling around is easy – there are bus stops in handy locations and the buses come every few minutes.

Richmond Park is nice as the blocks are next to each other – you never have to walk far to visit your friends.

The staff are really helpful here, from building maintenance to reception – if you have any problems you can ring anyone – and they’ll be there straight away.

I had to get used to self-catering – for the first few weeks I ate only food that you could put straight in the oven! But I’m starting to have more fresh food. There are always people in the halls who are good at cooking and they can teach you. ”

Ciao Sandhu
BEconSc Economics

Isabella Cohen

BA History of Art

“ I love living in Fallowfield. Everything is really accessible, especially by bus, but I also like to cycle. Platt Fields Park is nearby – I go jogging there every day.

It's easy to get to the heart of things, but you can still get away from it all if you want.

Ashburne Hall is super historic – it was built in the 1920s, and the dining room is beautiful. You have your own space, but you also get to mix with other people. There are three different common rooms, and people are always knocking on your door. We have a more formal dinner once a month, with a four-course meal that everyone dresses up for.

The catering is great and the cleaning staff are amazing – I talk to them every day. And I really like how secure it is. The Junior Common Room is really active, and they run a 'Mum and Dad' initiative to help new first-years settle in. ”

“ It's really close to the University and the city, but it has lots of independent cafes and bars of its own. I love going to Fallow Cafe – they do amazing food and coffee. ”

Getting involved



From the moment you arrive you'll be able to get involved in a myriad of different hall social and sporting events.



Hall sport

All residents in University accommodation get free access to more than 40 hours of sports and activities every week. The hall sport timetable, which is partly funded by Sport England and the National Lottery, is aimed at newcomers to sport or those that want to exercise on a social level. Sessions include body-conditioning classes, badminton, handball, cardio, tennis and much more – so make sure you pack your trainers.

“ Halls are hugely important to the experience of students in Manchester, particularly in your first year. Remember that halls are more than your home – they provide opportunities for social interaction, sport and organising events, and they're also there to provide a pastoral service when needed. So don't shy away from any of these things! **”**

Ellen McLaughlin
Elected Community Officer,
Students' Union Exec

Residents' Association

Most University halls have an active Residents' Association (RA) or Junior Common Room (JCR). As a resident you'll automatically become a member and the annual membership fee is included within your accommodation fees. Each RA or JCR appoints a committee, elected by hall residents, to organise many hall socials, trips and sporting events including welcome events, parties, formal dinners and sports days.

Find out more
www.sport.manchester.ac.uk/sport/hall

Cost of living

Manchester is an affordable place to live and very popular with students on a budget. Student discounts on a wide range of goods and services, including transport, fashion and entertainment, are available across the city.

“ Share your expenses. My friends and I share everything: tea, milk, toothpaste. We cook together and even buy birthday presents together. ”



Profile

Taylor Elliot

BNurs Mental Health Nursing

“ If you budget well, it takes the stress out of managing money. Banking apps are useful for this – they can alert you if you’re close to your overdraft. I always work things out in advance – I add up my nursing bursary and student loan, deduct my rent, then work out my monthly budget.

I look for things that are going to make things cheaper, like railcards. In my first year I got a tastecard from my bank, which offers discounts in lots of restaurants. My friends laugh at me because I’m always looking to get discounts. I say to them: you won’t be laughing when we’re saving money!

If you have time, then part-time work can help top up your finances. In the summer break I worked in a pub. At the University you can get paid for helping out at open days and interviews – these are great as you make money while being an advocate for your course. ”

Quick guide to halls

The majority of undergraduate licence agreements are for 40 weeks, which includes Christmas and Easter vacation periods.

All our licence agreements enable you to leave your possessions in your room during the holidays. For postgraduates most accommodation is for 51-52 weeks.

Notes

- 1 Fees quoted are indicative for 2015/16 only. You should consult the Accommodation Office website for precise prices. Fees for 2016/17 will be set in April 2016 and may be subject to increase. With the exception of some family accommodation, all fees include contents insurance and utility bills.
- 2 Some mixed halls offer single-sex areas/flats; consult individual hall webpages for details.
- 3 For full details on the type of adaptations in each hall please contact the Accommodation Office.

Self-catered halls	Location	No of places	UG	PG	Contract length	Average per week (1)	Internet access in room	Mixed sex (2)	Single sex	En suite	Standard washbasin	Standard	Adapted facilities (3)
Burkhardt House	Victoria Park	129	✓		40	£132	✓	✓		✓			
Canterbury Court	Victoria Park	117	✓		40	£132	✓	✓		✓			
Denmark Road	City	344	✓		42	£138	✓	✓		✓			
George Kenyon Hall	City	302		✓	40/51	£130	✓	✓		✓			✓
Oak House	Fallowfield	1,088	✓	✓	40/51	£92	✓	✓			✓	✓	
Opal Gardens	Victoria Park	408	✓		40/51	£132	✓	✓		✓			
Richmond Park	Fallowfield	503	✓		40	£132	✓	✓		✓			✓
Sheavyn House	Fallowfield	237	✓		40	£132	✓	✓		✓			✓
Victoria Hall	Victoria Park	430	✓		40	£128	✓	✓		✓			
Weston Hall	City	521	✓	✓	40/51	£131	✓	✓		✓			✓
Whitworth Park	City	1,245	✓	✓	40/51	£98	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
Wright Robinson Hall	City	170	✓		40	£104	✓	✓			✓		



Catered halls key

- A Breakfast and dinner weekdays; cash cafe weekends
- B Breakfast and dinner plus limited weekend catering
- C Breakfast and dinner weekdays

Catered halls	Location	No of places	UG	PG	Contract length	Average per week (1)	Internet access in room	Mixed sex (2)	Single sex	En suite	Standard washbasin	Standard	Adapted facilities (3)	Catering
Ashburne Hall	Fallowfield	171	✓	✓	40/51	£135	✓	✓			✓	✓		A
Dalton-Ellis Hall	Victoria Park	280	✓		40	£141	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	B
Hulme Hall	Victoria Park	323	✓		40	£141	✓	✓			✓			B
Owens Park	Fallowfield	1,048	✓		40	£135	✓	✓			✓			A
St Anselm Hall	Victoria Park	126	✓		40	£141	✓		✓M		✓			B
St Gabriel's Hall	Victoria Park	105	✓		40	£135	✓		✓F	✓	✓			C
Woolton Hall	Fallowfield	194	✓	✓	40/51	£135	✓	✓		✓	✓			A

Family/partner accommodation	Location	No of places	PG	Contract length	Average per week (1)	Internet access in room
Horniman House	City	39	✓	52	£166 - £190	✓

Living off campus



If you're considering staying at home or moving into privately rented accommodation, then there's plenty of help and support available to you. Whether it's providing opportunities for you to meet new people, ensuring you're renting from an accredited landlord or providing impartial housing advice – we can help.

Living at home

If you decide to live in your own home while you are studying, you still have the opportunity to take part in an active student life. More and more students are choosing to stay at home for a variety of reasons, so you won't be alone.

There are plenty of ways to make new friends, including joining societies and attending Welcome events. The Students' Union offers the active Students Living at Home society that meets up regularly and provides the ideal platform for those who want to engage with University life from the very first day.

Commuting to and from the University is easy due to Manchester's extensive public transport network and

the University's proximity to mainline train stations. The University is served by numerous buses and parking is available in one of our many car parks located around the campus.

Manchester Student Homes

Manchester Student Homes is the University's officially approved housing bureau and provides information on good-quality, well-managed properties available in the private sector.

All landlords registered with Manchester Student Homes are accredited to ensure they provide student accommodation that is managed to a high standard.

Manchester Student Homes also provides students with free general housing advice, contract checking and mediation services. A number of landlords and private halls have been awarded the International Friendly Standard, ensuring international students receive a fair service in regards to booking and contractual terms.

Find out more
manchesterstudenthomes.com



Zainab Ahmed

BA Social Sciences

“Living at home doesn't mean you miss out on the student experience. I only live about 45 minutes from the University, so I'm just a bus ride away. I'm doing the same things as I would if I'd moved into halls of residence.

I enjoy the comfort of living home, the food, getting your washing done. I like having that family environment and being free from distractions.

Another benefit for me is the financial side. I'm not spending money on rent, so I can save that and put it towards my future.

I found on arrival that many people on my course tended to socialise with the people they lived with. But I made a lot of friends by being involved in societies. I did a lot of work with the Islamic Society and RAG – you get the chance to meet so many people whom you thought you'd never meet, and they'll usually have the same interests as you.”

“When I'm making use of the facilities at Manchester, or working in the library, that's when it hits me: I am a Manchester student. You don't need to live in halls to feel part of the University.”

Getting to know the city

Whether you're relocating to Manchester or have lived here all your life, you'll have many opportunities to immerse yourself in exciting new experiences, both at the University and across the city. You'll have plenty of time to explore your surroundings when you arrive but we hope to give you a flavour of the lively and diverse culture that Manchester has to offer.

600

bus services registered
in Greater Manchester

514,417

people live in Manchester



807

millimetres of rainfall a year compared to UK average of 1,125

1

The best place to visit in the UK, according to Lonely Planet

34

miles to the nearest beach at Southport

200

different languages spoken by Manchester's population



City life



Manchester offers a student life that can be tailored to your own tastes. You'll find a vast number of ways to enjoy yourself, enrich your learning and socialise – all on a student budget. You'll quickly see why this is the most popular student city in the UK.

Manchester's enduring energy and cosmopolitan creativity can be seen in its impressive array of festivals, thriving arts and culture, lively music scene and nightlife, multicultural cuisine and passion for sport. Here are just some of the things you can get up to in your spare time.

Enjoy local and international sport

Manchester has long been synonymous with football thanks to Manchester United and Manchester City – but there's much more to discover. Sportcity is just 3.5 miles from the main University campus and is the largest concentration of sporting venues in Europe offering cycling, tennis, squash and athletics. You'll also find other popular sports including basketball, rugby, swimming and cricket – to name a few.

Explore the entertainment scene

Manchester's many theatres and venues attract major West End musicals, alternative productions, comedy acts, variety performances and shows. The city has numerous cinemas showing both mainstream and independent films, and HOME, a new purpose-built centre for international contemporary art, theatre, film and books. There is definitely enough to keep you entertained.





Rufei Fan

MSc International Development: Public Policy and Management

“Manchester is a big city, but not too big. It’s very relaxing to live here. People are nice and friendly. If I’ve ever been lost, I’ve asked for directions, and people are always happy to help.

I really like visiting the BBC at Media City – it’s a new development that has a modern style, but if you take a tour you’ll get that sense of history.

At the other end of the scale, there’s the Town Hall – it’s an important historic landmark for the city. There are always activities going on there – the Christmas Market is a particular favourite!

Manchester is located quite central in the UK. I took a day trip with the International Society to the Lake District. The landscapes were beautiful, and we learned all about Beatrix Potter. It doesn’t take long to get to anywhere from Manchester.”

“Manchester is modern, but it’s also historic – it’s a good blend.”



FAVOURITE PLACE

“ My favourite place in Manchester is *Intu Trafford Centre*. It's only a short car journey or bus ride away but there's so much to do – you can easily spend all day there! It's great for shopping and you'll find most of your high-street shops along with a selection of restaurants and fast food places, a cinema, bowling lanes, laser quest, an aerial rope course, and miniature golf! ”

Lauren Jane Taylor
BSc Geography with International Studies

Go shopping

Manchester city centre is renowned for its shopping facilities, which encompass brilliant British designers, established worldwide brands and quirky independent one-offs. For a retail and leisure experience on a grander scale, take a short bus ride to Intu Trafford Centre, with more than 200 stores under one roof.

Take a walk in the park

Manchester has lots of open green spaces, so there's plenty of choice when you need to take a break from the hustle and bustle of the city. Nearby Platt Fields and Heaton Park are great places to walk, jog, picnic or sit and reflect. If you crave the countryside, then the national parks of the Peak District and the Lake District are within easy reach.

Listen to live music

If you love music, then you'll love Manchester. The city regularly welcomes the world's best bands and DJs at venues ranging from the intimate (such as Soup Kitchen, Band on the Wall and the Deaf Institute) to the huge (O2 Apollo and Manchester Arena). The Manchester Academy, alongside our Students' Union building, also hosts both well-known and up-and-coming bands.

“ There is so much to do! From the endless nightlife to the sport that goes on, be it football, rugby union and league, cycling at the Velodrome, swimming at the Aquatics Centre, or cricket at Old Trafford. The city also has a really vibrant cultural mix – perfect for me doing languages! ”

James Fraser
MLBM French

Visit a museum or gallery

Enjoy the award-winning museums and galleries of Manchester – many of which offer free entry. Covering everything from modern art to classic masterpieces, the campaign for social justice to the history of football, internationally important textile holdings to ancient Egyptian artefacts – there is something for everyone.

Eat out

You'll never be short of food and drink options in Manchester. The city is a multicultural medley of gastronomic delights, with cuisine from practically every nation and to suit any budget. To get started, try the biggest Chinatown in the UK outside of London, or the famous Curry Mile of Rusholme.

Find out more
manchester.ac.uk/city



Profile

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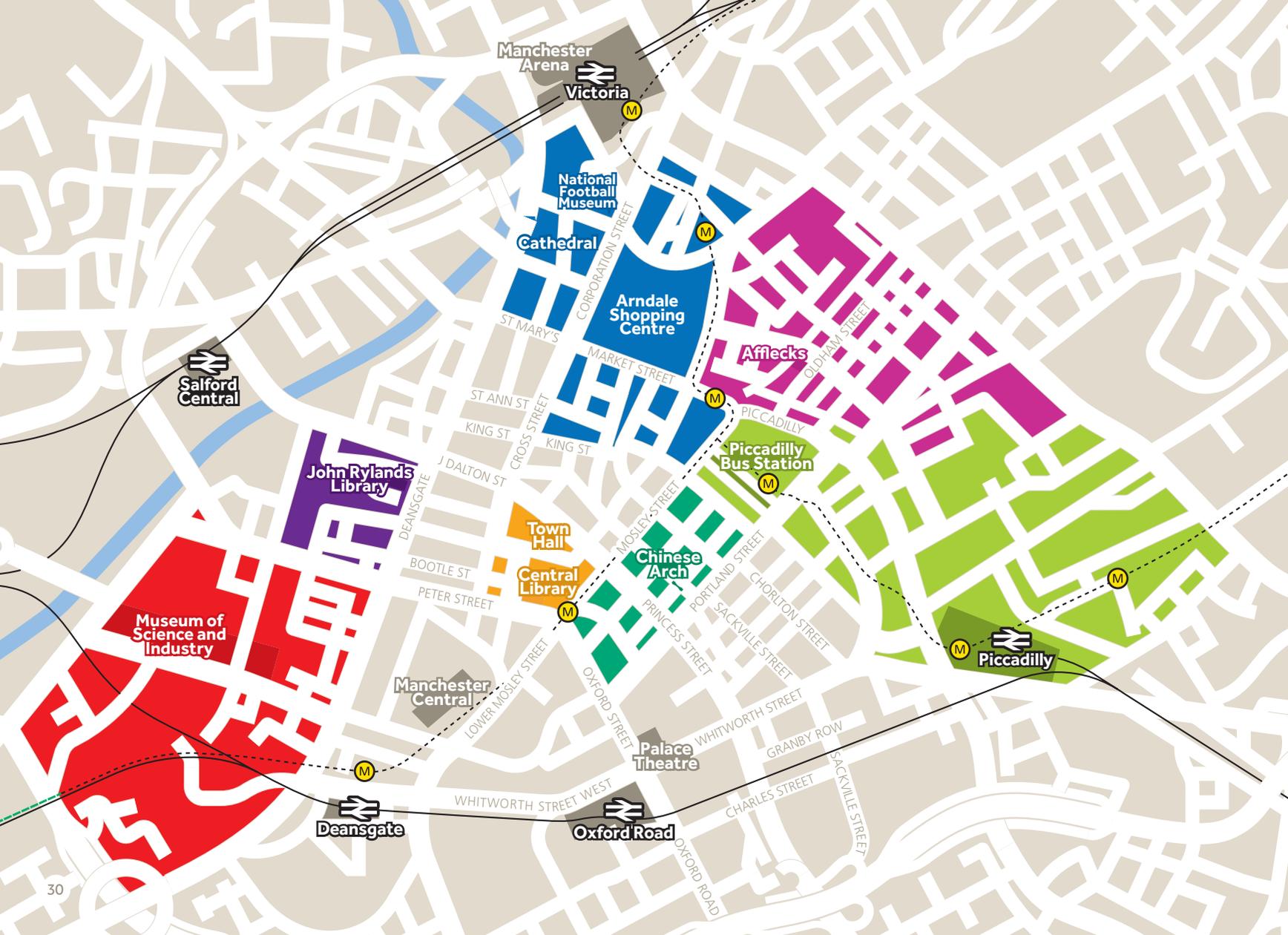
“Manchester is so welcoming. I feel at home and very safe, which I think is very important when you're a student from a faraway country.

And it's so diverse – you get to meet people from all over the world – people you'd never thought you'd meet.

The city has offerings for all people and all tastes. If you like sport, you can take a stadium tour. If you like history, you have museums. If you like contemporary art, you can go to galleries. If you're a foodie, there are lots of restaurants to go to. If you can't decide, there are lots of resources online where you can check the ratings of places – it's all very easy to access.

Personally, I like to go to a couple of restaurants in Chinatown and a few Indian restaurants on the Curry Mile in Rusholme. The latter is very homely for me – it feels like being back in India! ”

“It's very friendly – you feel as though this is where you're meant to be. ”



Manchester Arena

Victoria

National Football Museum

Cathedral

Ardale Shopping Centre

Afflecks

Piccadilly Bus Station

John Rylands Library

Town Hall

Central Library

Chinese Arch

Museum of Science and Industry

Manchester Central

Palace Theatre

Piccadilly

Deansgate

Oxford Road

Finding your way

The city centre comprises several districts, each with their own distinct history and unique atmosphere.

● Market Street, the Cathedral Quarter and Manchester Arndale

At the indoor Arndale mall you can shop until you drop at over 240 shops and department stores. Stepping outside, you'll be met by everything from premium department stores, such as Harvey Nichols and Selfridges, to high street favourites – you're sure to find what you're looking for.

● Spinningfields

The business district of the city is home to some of the biggest names in finance and professional services including Barclays, Deloitte and Guardian Media Group. But it's not all about work. You'll also find some of the trendiest cocktail bars, restaurants and pricey designer shops here.

● Castlefield

An inner-city conservation area where you'll find a Roman fort, the world's oldest industrial canal, cobbled streets and brick warehouses – it's one of the most peaceful areas of the city.

FAVOURITE PLACE



“ My favourite place in Manchester is the National Football Museum. Whether you are a big fan of football or not it's a fun place to visit. There are lots of different exhibitions and interactive activities, and if you want to pick up a memento, the gift shop is worth a visit. The building itself is pretty spectacular and, if you get lost, don't worry as the staff are really friendly and helpful. ”

Kate Lau
MPharm Pharmacy

● Albert Square

The impressive 19th-century Town Hall building dominates the square which forms the centre of many of Manchester's biggest festivals, including the Manchester International Festival and the Christmas markets.

● Chinatown

One of the most colourful areas of the city, Manchester's Chinatown is an ever-popular destination with countless restaurants, Asian supermarkets, and events and festivals all year round.

“ Everything is less than a 15-minute bus journey away, whether you want to go shopping, see a football game, see a concert or go for food. You can walk almost everywhere. ”

Hannah Richards
BA English Language

● Piccadilly

A great place to start your exploration of the city. You'll find the main train, bus and tram stations here, as well as the Visitor Information Centre.

● The Northern Quarter

Vintage fashion boutiques, independent cafes, fashionable bars, music venues and the indoor markets at Afflecks make this the perfect place for chilled-out days and alternative nights out.

The application process



As soon as you receive your offer letter from the University you can complete your application online at: www.accommodation.manchester.ac.uk/applications



Top tips:

- You must submit your application by 31 August in order to take advantage of our accommodation guarantee. For visiting and exchange students the date for submission is prior to 31 July.
- Before you submit an application you'll need to create an online account with us.

- We'll keep in touch via email, so make sure your email address is accurate and active.

If your contact details change after you submit your application, then you should notify us as soon as possible.

- Adjust your email account settings to ensure our emails don't get automatically filtered to your spam or junk folder.
- You should list three preferred halls. The majority of students will be allocated one of their preferred halls.
- If you have special requirements, then let us know and we can take into account your needs when allocating a room.

What happens next?

- You'll receive an offer of accommodation from us as soon as your academic department or School confirms you are definitely coming to Manchester.
- Offers are sent via email, so make sure you check your emails regularly over the summer period.
- You must reply to our email offer immediately, as will be outlined in the email.
- Once you accept the offer you'll be asked to make an online prepayment of £400 by the date in the email.
- If you don't respond as instructed, then you'll forfeit the room and it will be offered to another student. A second offer cannot be guaranteed.

What's next?

Before you make your accommodation selection we suggest you consider your requirements carefully. You need to think about your preferred lifestyle and personality. Some of the factors you might want to consider include:

- **Location**

The map on pages 10/11 gives you a clear idea of the location of the accommodation.

- **Cost**

En-suite facilities are more expensive than standard and standard with washbasin facilities. Costs for catered halls and self-catered halls also vary.

- **Gender mix**

We offer both single and mixed-sex halls. If gender mix is important to you, make sure you select accordingly.

- **Hall size**

Smaller halls of residence tend to be more familial, enabling you to make friends quickly, while our larger halls offer a high level of social activity and provide greater independence.

- **Hall facilities**

If facilities such as access to sports halls or grounds are important to you, then factor this into your decision.

- **Special requirements**

If you need specially adapted facilities due to a disability, we recommend you contact the Accommodation Office before submitting your application.

- **It's your decision**

Talk to your friends and parents about the options available, but ultimately it's you who'll be living in a hall of residence.

Come and visit us

To get a sense of the accommodation available, why not visit us? Our Open House event, taking place on Sunday, 13 March 2016, is the perfect opportunity to visit our accommodation, view the facilities and the bedrooms, and chat with current residents. The Accommodation Office will be available to answer any questions you might have and a free shuttle bus will get you and your family members around.

Don't worry if you can't make it; we offer organised tours of our Fallowfield campus most Wednesdays between January and March. There's also plenty of information on our website.

Contact us

If you have any questions about our accommodation, then we'd be happy to help.

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