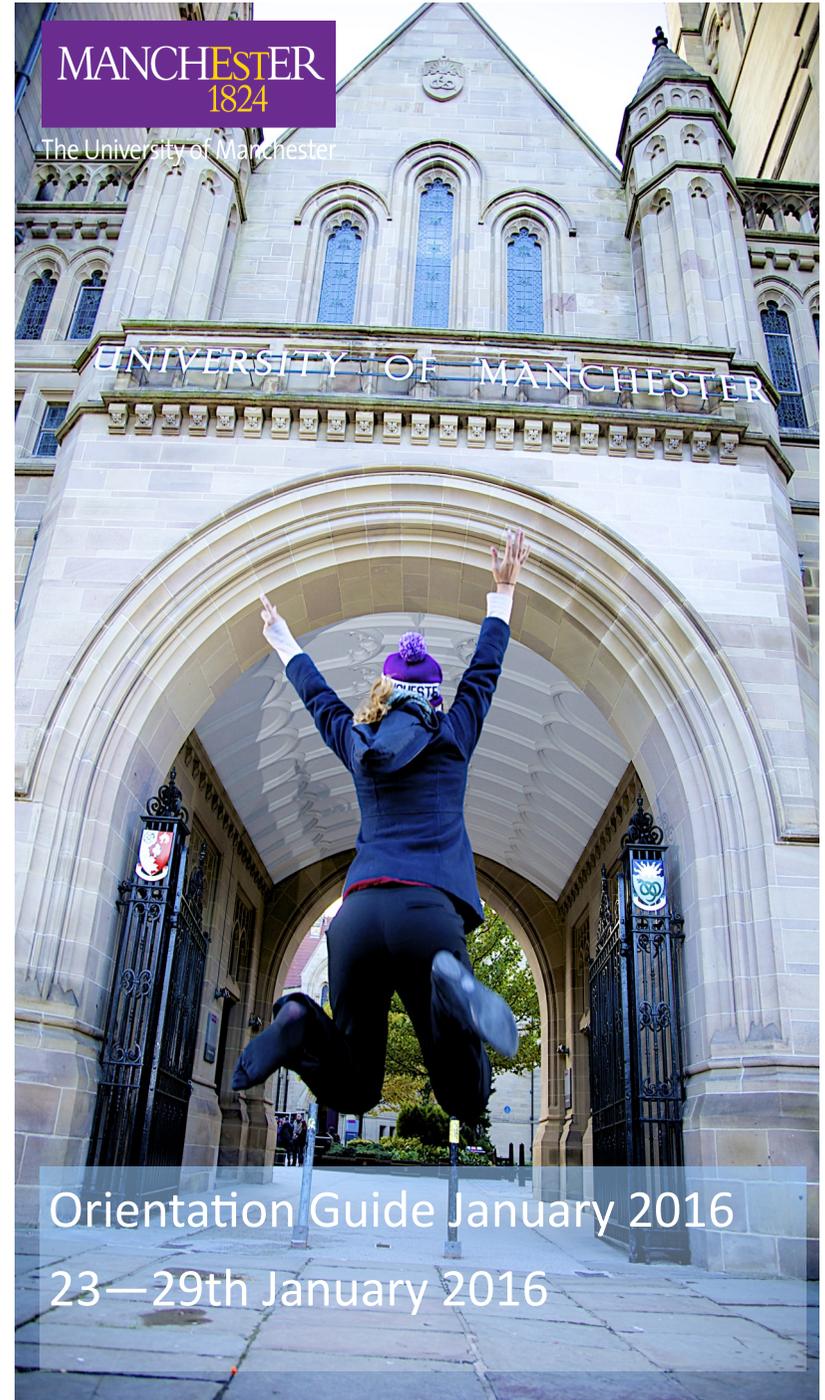


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23 — 29th January 2016

# Welcome to The University of Manchester



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Thank you for choosing to study at The University of Manchester this year, we are very excited to share our wonderful city with you! Studying in another country is an fantastic opportunity to discover a different culture and meet new people. We also understand that this experience can sometimes be confusing and overwhelming too, so we have prepared this guide to share some general advice and highlight your Orientation Programme.

The Orientation Programme helps you to prepare to make the most out of living and studying in the UK. Use this guide alongside any other arrival information you have received from your faculty or programme supervisor. We have created these events to offer you the opportunity to get to know your campus, to learn about the skills you need to study in the UK, and to have fun meeting new and interesting people.

We look forward to meeting you, and encourage you to come to as many events as you would like. Remember to sign up early for those requiring tickets because they will sell out fast. Please also ensure you attend the presentations on Monday and Tuesday. The Core Presentations on Monday 25th January contain key information to prepare you for your new life in Manchester, and the presentations on Tuesday 26th are specific to your programme (please see inside for details). There will not be another opportunity for you to collect the information packs the University has prepared for you.

We look forward to meeting you soon

The Orientation Team

## CONTACT US

If you would like to know more about any of the events listed in this guide, or about coming to Manchester, get in touch: [orientation@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:orientation@manchester.ac.uk) or call us on + 44 161 275 7384



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# Programme of events— open to all students

## Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th January

Time	Activity	Location
12pm	Area Tours	University Halls Helpdesks
2pm	Area Tours	University Halls Helpdesks
5pm	A Warm Welcome	International Society

### HALLS HELPDESKS

If you arrive in your accommodation over the weekend, we have Halls Welcome Desks available in Owens Park and Whitworth Park.

These teams will be running tours of the area at set times each day which you are welcome to join. If you are not in University Halls but live nearby you are also very welcome!

### AREA TOURS

**Saturday and Sunday 12pm & 2pm.**

Discover the local area around your accommodation, find out how to get to campus and meet other students living close by.

Tours are guided by current students who can answer your questions about the area.

**Fallowfield Halls:** Meet at Owens Park reception

**Victoria Park & City Halls:** Meet at Whitworth Park Halls entrance

### Accommodation

You should have already made arrangements with the University or with a private accommodation provider before you arrive in the UK. Accommodation is NOT provided as part of Orientation so you must check your contract to make sure your date of arrival reflects the actual day you want to move in.

## Sunday 24th January, 5pm:

**A Warm Welcome at the International Society  
Oxford Road (BUILDING 69)**

Join us for hot chocolate and a Warm Welcome to Manchester. Meet other new students and start your Orientation Week with an informal and relaxing evening. Stuck for conversation? We also have comedy to watch and board games to play. Meet at the International Society or check your nearest Hall's Helpdesk for a meeting time if you would prefer to head over with other students living near you.





## AskMe Helpdesk

If you have questions or concerns about the Orientation event, the campus or Manchester, you can always come to get help and information from our Student Ambassadors on the AskMe Desk in University Place, Building 37 on the map.

**Open 8am-4pm on 25-29 January and 10am-4pm on 27-29 January**

If you wish to purchase tickets for the City Walking tours and John Rylands evening, the Northern Quarter Coffee Crawl, or the City Dash Scavenger Hunt you can buy these here. Places are limited to please book early to avoid disappointment.

# Programme of events

## Monday 25 January

Time	Activity	Location
10– 12pm	CORE PRESENTATIONS	University Place, Lecture Theatre B
2–3pm	Presentation on English Language Support	University Place, Lecture Theatre B
5.30pm	Speed Meet and Mingle	Manchester Museum, Oxford Road

### CORE PRESENTATIONS

The core presentations will give you critical Information on studying and living here in Manchester.

You will listen to a formal welcome to The University as well as presentations on studying in the UK, safety and security, the Students' Union, the city of Manchester, banking and how to get along with the British.

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE SUPPORT

An optional session to find out more about the help available for you to improve your English language skills. Staff from the University's Language Centre will be joined by a panel of students to answer your queries.

### OPENING A UK BANK ACCOUNT

On Monday 25th January and Tuesday 26th January from 10-4, there will be the opportunity for you to open a bank account with Bank of China UK or Barclays, in University Place. For your convenience, and to avoid the queues, it is advisable to begin the registration process online before your arrival.

To open a bank account, you require your **passport, your offer letter addressed to the university and your university accommodation contract.**

Please note, the main banks on campus are Barclays, HSBC, Lloyds and Natwest but there are also other banks in the city centre.

### SPEED MEET AND MINGLE

For one night only, the Manchester Museum opens its doors late, kick-starting Orientation Week with a fast-paced, fun filled evening. Join us in the Living Worlds exhibition to meet as many people as you can in a short amount of time and the winning team will receive a prize! Afterwards, you are invited to 'Mingle After Hours' at the Student Union, where you can grab a bite to eat!

No ticket required but please arrive early as places are limited. We look forward to meeting you. (BUILDING 44 on the campus map)



# Presentations

The presentations on Tuesday morning in University Place (Building 37 on your map) are **compulsory** for all ERASMUS, STUDY ABROAD & WORLDWIDE EXCHANGE students. They contain crucial information about course unit enrolment, timetables and regulations. Please check the table below for more information on the timing of your session. Please arrive beforehand to collect your information pack.



Please note, these presentations are only suitable for students on a one or two semester exchange programme.

Tuesday 26 January		
	ERASMUS STUDENTS	STUDY ABROAD & WORLDWIDE EXCHANGE STUDENTS
8:45—9.30 am	Pack collection—Foyer area in front of Lecture Theatre B, University Place	
9.30—10.30am	Presentation for ERASMUS Students—Lecture Theatre B, University Place	
10:45—11.30am		Pack collection—Foyer area in front of Lecture Theatre B, University Place
11.30—13.00 pm		Presentation for Study Abroad & Worldwide Exchange Students —Lecture Theatre B, University Place
2.00—2.30pm	Tier 4: Your Visa, Your Responsibility—Lecture Theatre B, University Place	
3.00pm	Walking Tour of the City followed by an Evening at John Rylands Library	AskMe Desk, University Place

## Tier 4: Your Visa, Your Responsibility

This session is mandatory for students on Study Abroad and Exchange programmes for one or two semesters who are studying under the Tier 4 scheme.

These students have certain obligations to fulfil as part of their academic study and we, as a sponsor, are also required to ensure these regulations are adhered to. This session will take you through this process and enable us to collect the relevant documents.

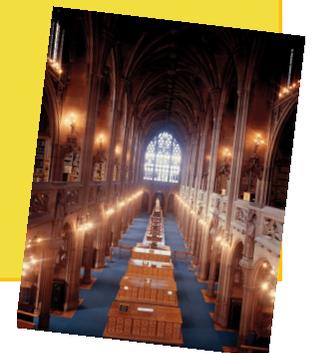
**Please bring with you – your passport, your visa, originals of your academic transcripts and a copy of your secure English Language test result (if applicable) .**

## WALKING TOUR OF THE CITY FOLLOWED BY AN EVENING AT JOHN RYLANDS LIBRARY

Join us for a guided walking tour around Manchester’s city centre where our knowledgeable guides will share a wealth of facts and information about your historic new home.

The tour ends with a hot drink at the beautiful John Rylands Library, home to one of the world’s finest collections of rare books and manuscripts. Marvel at this enchanted space as you wander around for a private evening viewing.

TICKETS COST £5 EACH from AskMe Desk



# Programme of events—open to all students

## CAMPUS TOURS:

Campus Tours will leave from the Students' Union at **10am** on **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday**. Come for a walk round the main campus buildings to find out more about our history and meet other new students. BUILDING 68 ON THE CAMPUS MAP

## Wednesday 27 January

Time	Activity	Location
Day free for enrolment and registration activities		
10am	Campus Tours	Students' Union, Oxford Road
4pm	Afternoon Tea	International Society, Oxford Road

## Thursday 28 January

Time	Activity	Location
Day free for enrolment and registration activities		
10am	Campus Tours	Students' Union, Oxford Road
11am	Northern Quarter Coffee Crawl	Meet at Students' Union, Oxford Road. Please arrive early
6pm	Whitworth Lates: Tibor Reich (see over)	Whitworth Art Gallery, Oxford Road

## Friday 29 January

Time	Activity	Location
Day free for enrolment and registration activities		
10am	Campus Tours	Students' Union, Oxford Road
13:30	City Dash: Welcome to Manchester	AskMe Desk, University Place. The coach will be leaving at 13:30 so please arrive before this time

## Afternoon Tea

Join us for a traditional English Afternoon Tea Party at the International Society (BUILDING 69) No need for a ticket, come alone or bring a friend for some tea and fresh scones!



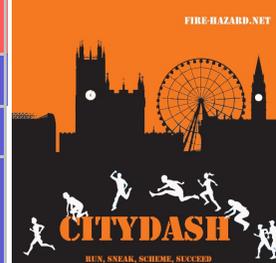
## Northern Quarter Coffee Crawl

This is a great chance to familiarise yourself with Manchester's popular and bohemian Northern Quarter, as you dip into its' café culture. Sample some different coffees and enjoy a slice of cake or two! Get your ticket early on from the AskMe Desk and meet at the Students' Union



## Citydash: Welcome to Manchester

In association with [Fire Hazard](#) and hosted by [Playfuel](#), we invite you to run, sneak, find clues and solve puzzles to discover the city in a very different way. Get your bearings, find checkpoints and grab points - but make sure the guards don't catch you. You can play for speed and stealth, or rack your brains to solve cryptic clues — there are many ways to win. And it all happens in the heart of the city. TICKETS COST £5 each from AskMe Desk



# Additional Event Information for all students

## Whitworth Lates: Tibor Reich

Start the weekend early with Thursday Lates – a sociable, late night opening that is the perfect place to meet up with friends, explore the gallery and enjoy a specially curated selection of talks, performances, film screenings, live music and artist interventions at our multi-award winning Whitworth Art Gallery.

This retrospective exhibition celebrates the centenary of Tibor Reich, a pioneering post-war textile designer, who brought modernity into British textiles. The exhibition explores the ideas behind his innovative textiles, photography, ceramics and drawings.



**Students' Union Events :** In January, the Students' Union will be holding two large events which you may want to attend

## Refreshers Fair, Tuesday 2 February, 12:00 – 16:00, Academy 1

Missed out the first time around? Then don't miss our Refreshers Fair in January! You can sign up to societies, enter some cracking competitions, pick up some freebies, and discover the great nights and opportunities at the Students' Union and Academy Venues.

## Winter Pangaea, Saturday 30 January, Students' Union

Pangaea is the largest student festival in Europe, with 15 rooms of music, including all Manchester Academy venues, Students' Union and outdoor spaces. The festival combines talents from many of Manchester's successful independent promoters to showcase a diverse range of music and entertainment. Pangaea is now a member of the Association of Independent Festivals.

This year, Pangaea undergoes a digital revolution with a throwback to your pastimes of yesteryear, drawing on Sonic, Space Invaders and Sypro to turn the Students' Union into a pixelated party like none before. Progress through 15 new real-time levels—conquering a range of terrains, style and obstacles along the way as we celebrate our tenth anniversary.



# INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY



over 5,000 members from more than 120 countries



The International Society welcomes you to Manchester! We are here to make the most of your student life!

**Trips around the UK** every weekend to interesting places such as Oxford, York, the Lake District, North Wales and many more!



A **Families' Group** which aims to bring people in the same situation together so they and their children can make friends & have fun!



**Small World Cafe** - serving freshly cooked international dishes lunchtime every weekday. Halal and Vegetarian options available.



**RocketWorld** - an intercultural learning experience where you visit school children between 7 and 11 years old to promote international friendship



Social Events such as **Cultural Evenings** hosted by volunteers from different countries, where you can learn about new cultures and meet people from your home country, as well as from other countries!



**Language Classes:** informal way of learning a new language with over 20 different languages to choose from!



It's more than just a community, it's a family.  
- Sarbik Banarjee, India

International Society has helped me to broaden my perspective of the world & to enrich my knowledge about other cultures.  
- Gabriel Sanchez, Mexico.



University is about making friends and experiencing every possibility in life, I found all of it at the International Society.  
- Chen Daming, China

Learning, Love, Friendship, Peace and unforgettable memories that will always be cherished  
- Khalifa Aljabr, Saudi Arabia

[www.internationalsociety.org.uk](http://www.internationalsociety.org.uk)

[www.facebook.com/theinternationalsociety](https://www.facebook.com/theinternationalsociety)

[www.twitter.com/theintsoc](https://www.twitter.com/theintsoc)



# STUDENTS' UNION

Student life isn't just about studying. It's about making friends, having fun and exploring a new city.

At Manchester, we have the UK's largest Students' Union and are run by students, for students. We want you to get involved! We can provide you with space, resources and money to get involved and make the most of your time at University.

The Students' Union is the voice of the student body, representing the views and interests of our students to the University and on a local and national scale. Through our elected Exec Team and our democratic decision-making processes, we ensure that all of our students have a say on how their Union is run.

We help the University to make decisions in the interest of our students and we support and run key campaigns for positive change.

Additionally, we offer training and development opportunities for students and are responsible for over a thousand student representatives, to ensure your views are always heard.

The Students' Union is at the heart of student life and we've got an activity to suit everyone. Whether you're a committed fundraiser, have a passion for volunteering or simply want to meet like-minded folk, we've got it covered. With over 460 societies ranging from KnitSoc to Scuba Diving, you're sure to find a society for you. If there isn't one we'll help you create your own!

We know that leaving home for the first time can be daunting, so our Advice Service is here to help you with personal, academic, financial and accommodation issues. This service is completely free, totally confidential and run by professional advisors who are independent from the University.

In our building you can enjoy fresh and tasty food at Biko's Cafe, grab a meal deal from The Store or relax over a pizza and a drink in the Union Bar. We're a charity, so every penny you spend at the Students' Union is reinvested into developing and improving services for students.

The Students' Union is also home to Manchester Academy, one of the UK's most iconic music venues. We also host Pangaea, Europe's largest student-led festival. Taking place three times a year, Pangaea sees over 5,000 students descend upon the Students' Union for an exciting evening boasting a diverse range of music and entertainment.



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You can find us at  
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Contact us  
Tel +44 (0161) 275 2930



## Food Outlets on Campus

Meals are not provided (unless you are living in catered halls), but there are plenty of food outlets across campus. Look out for the Kosher and Halal symbols or ask the friendly staff for advice.

### Weekdays only

EATS canteen, University Place ( Building 37 on the map) : Serves a choice of hot lunches

Potters café, Simon Building (on Brunswick Street) : Hot and cold lunches, and coffee

Alan Gilbert Learning Commons café—on the ground floor

Small World café , International Society (Building 69 on the map) : Canteen style hot lunches—very good value

### Weekdays and Saturday

Blackwells Bookshop Starbucks: on the ground floor

### Everyday

Bikos Café in the Students Union: great value, good range of hot and cold food

Sainsburys, Oxford Road (next to the Stopford Building) :Small supermarket with a large range

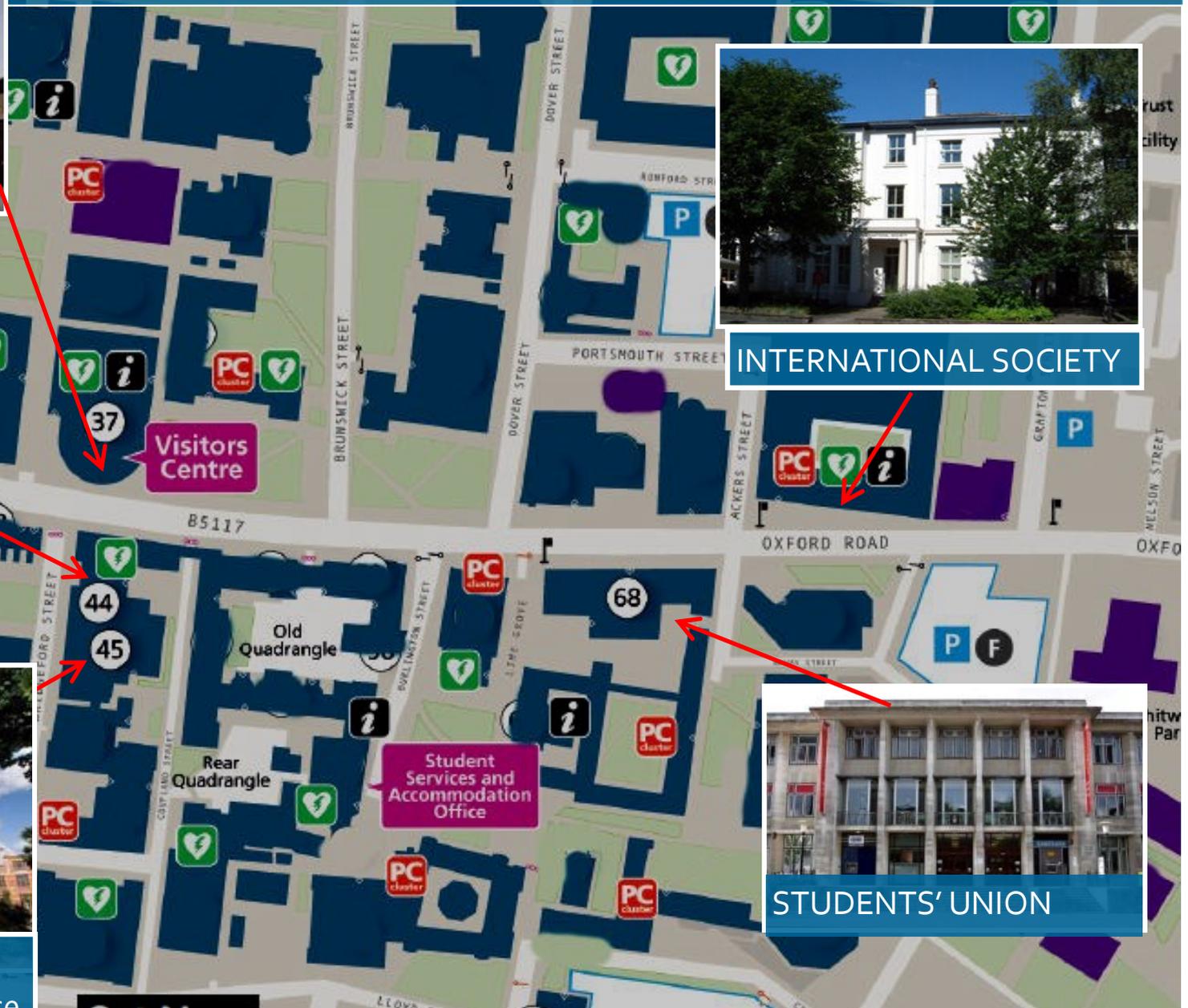
KRO bar, Oxford Road (on Oxford Road next to the International Society) : Large all-day menu with a good atmosphere

Costa Coffee (on Oxford Road next to the Stopford Building)

UNIVERSITY PLACE



# Campus Map



MANCHESTER MUSEUM



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY



RUTHERFORD BUILDING—  
International Programmes Office



STUDENTS' UNION





# Key Information

## LOCATIONS

### Where is the International Programmes Office?

The International Programmes Office is located in the Rutherford Building on Coupland Street. To reach it, walk under the arch that has the Manchester Museum sign above it. Continue past the Manchester Museum, and the Rutherford Building is the red brick one on the right hand side.

### Where is the Student Services Centre?

On Burlington Street which is in between the Alan Gilbert Learning Commons and the Whitworth Building. The Student Services Centre is half way down towards the main library building, on the right, down the steps.

### Where can I find information about where buildings are when I am on campus?

There are large campus maps on signs around the campus. Otherwise you can collect a free campus map from one of the helpdesks at University Place. You can also pick up campus maps throughout the year from the Visitors' Centre in the foyer of University Place. If you have a smartphone you can download the Manchester app <http://bit.ly/Q1U2as>

## POLICE REGISTRATION

Certain nationalities are required to register with the police within 7 days of arrival in the UK. Please check the vignette in your passport, your BRP card, or your Home Office decision letter to see if you need to register. If you have any registration queries please email [ssc@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:ssc@manchester.ac.uk) and remember to include your student ID number. Although your appointment may not be for several weeks, this will not affect your immigration status. Until you receive your Police Registration Certificate, please carry your appointment letter with you, especially if you are leaving the UK as an Immigration Officer may request it. It is a legal obligation to attend your appointment.

## Transport

Transport for Greater Manchester <http://www.tfgm.com/>

147 Shuttle Service North to South Campus <http://www.route147.co.uk/>

MetroShuttle [tfgm.com/buses/Pages/metros Shuttle.aspx](http://www.tfgm.com/buses/Pages/metros Shuttle.aspx)

### How do I get around the city?

The most convenient ways to get around the city are by walking, cycling or by bus. The Fallowfield campus is a short bus journey (allow 20-40 minutes) from the main campus and within walking distance (about 40-50 minutes). The Sackville Street end of the campus is next to the city centre. There are a number of different bus companies, but those commonly used by students include Stagecoach, Magic Bus or First. You can either buy single tickets as you go from the bus driver or buy a bus pass in advance. You can travel free between the Sackville Street campus and Oxford Road on the 147 bus by showing your student card.

### Which is the cheapest bus to take?

For the cheapest fares you need to look into weekly, term or annual tickets. Once bought, you can use them as many times as you like within the dates stated. Magic Bus (numbers 142 & 143) and First Bus (number 42, 43, 141, 142) offer £1 fares anywhere between the city centre and south Manchester. They also offer weekly passes. Unirider passes can be used on both Stagecoach and Magic buses, and can be bought at the Students' Union, or from their website.

### What about travel to other parts of the UK?

Train travel in the UK is expensive unless you book in advance. A ticket to London for instance would cost between £70 and £160 if bought on the day and only £19 if bought a month in advance. You can buy tickets online from web sites such [www.thetrainline.com](http://www.thetrainline.com) and find out more at [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

Coaches are usually considerably cheaper especially those from the Megabus company—find out more at [www.nationalexpress.com](http://www.nationalexpress.com) and <http://uk.megabus.com> which has tickets on the day to London for £10.

You could also have a look at the International Society trips on their website <http://www.internationalsociety.org.uk/Trips.html>—they go all over the country and are very good value.

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Explore the city of Manchester

[www.creativetourist.com](http://www.creativetourist.com)

[www.timeout.com/manchester](http://www.timeout.com/manchester)

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See you very soon.

International Programmes Office and  
the Orientation Team