

January 2010 Orientation Programme for Study Abroad, Exchange and Erasmus Students

Monday, 25 & Tuesday, 26 January

The Orientation Programme for Study Abroad, Exchange and Erasmus Students will take place on the 25th and 26th January 2010. The aim of the Programme is to help you to settle in the new environment and to familiarise you with different aspects of living and studying in Manchester.

Please note that the Programme is compulsory and that accommodation will not be provided. In order to confirm your attendance, please fill in the booking form which will be available via www.manchester.ac.uk/international/orientation shortly.

Exams will be ongoing during this period so we ask all participants to keep noise to a minimum.

Monday, 25 January 2010

Time	Venue	Activity	Presenter
09.00 – 16.00	University Place Reception	Helpdesk	
09.20 - 09.30	University Place Theatre A	Arrival	
09.30 - 09.40	University Place Theatre A	Welcome	Tanya Luff, Head of International Relations, Student Recruitment, Admissions and International Development
09.40 – 09.50	University Place Theatre A	Practical instructions for Programme	Stephanie Nixon, Study Abroad Officer
09.50 – 10.20	University Place Theatre A	Living in Manchester - a guide to local services	Pete Ryan, Orientation Assistant
10.20 - 11.00	University Place Theatre A	International Society	Sam Harris International Society
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee Break - Eats Cafe		
11.30 - 12.00	University Place Theatre A	Health matters	Liz Aniteye, Senior Occupational Health Adviser, Student Occupational Health
12.00 – 12.30	University Place Theatre A	Support Services on Campus	Alex Drury, Academic Advisory Service; Welfare Advisor, Students' Union; Laura Hardman, International Advice Team
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch - Eats Cafe		
13.30 – 14.00	University Place Theatre A	Police & Personal Safety	Scott Schofield, University Police Liaison Officer and Ian Halliwell, Crime Reduction Advisor
14.00 – 14.30	University Place Theatre A	A Guide to Study in the UK	Janet Vale, Senior Advisor, Academic Advisory Service
14.30 - 15.00	Break		
15.00 – 15.30	University Place Theatre A	English Language Support (<i>Optional</i>)	Jane Bottomley, In-sessional Co-ordinator
15.00 – 16.00	George Kenyon Computer Cluster	Computer Registration Drop in session (<i>Optional</i>)	Sinead Renold, Shared Service Desk Manager, IT Services

Tuesday, 26 January 2010

Time	Venue	Activity	Presenter
09.00 – 16.00	Rutherford Building	Helpdesk	
09.30 – 11.00	Chaplaincy Theatre, St Peter's House	Guidance on registration for Erasmus Students	Caroline Whitehand, Manager of Study Abroad Unit & Sarah Bloor, Study Abroad Adviser
10.00 – 11.00	St Peter's House Entrance	Campus Tour (Study Abroad and Exchange Students Only)	
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11.30 – 13.00	Chaplaincy Theatre, St Peter's House	Guidance on registration for Study Abroad and Exchange Students	Caroline Whitehand, Manager of Study Abroad Unit & Sarah Bloor, Study Abroad Adviser
18.00 – 23.00	Jabez Clegg	Pub Quiz followed by Music	

Wednesday, 27 January 2010

13.30	Meet at the International Society	Police Registration	
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Thursday, 28 January 2010

14.30 – 15.00	The International Society, William Kay House	Students with Families	Sue Fernley, Director, International Society
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Friday, 29 January 2010

11.00 – 14.00 TBC	Brunswick Street (meet at 10.50 prompt)	City Coach Tour	£3 per ticket. Tickets can be purchased from the Rutherford Building
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Saturday, 30 January 2010

10.00 – 16.00	Occupational Health, Waterloo Place	Vaccinations	
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Further information on presentations

Living in Manchester

Information on how to get around Manchester, things to see and do, where to shop and how to make the best of your time in our dynamic university city are all covered by this session.

International Society

Take time to find out more about the International Society, a charitable organisation which is unique to the city of Manchester. Sam Harris will inform you about the work that the charity conducts for you as students including extra-curricular activities, events and day trips as well as allowing you to meet many likeminded people from across the globe.

Health matters

This session is led by a qualified nurse from the University Student Occupational Health Centre and will provide information about the University's health provision and give you simple tips for keeping healthy and how to seek help if you are unwell.

Support services on campus

Find out about huge the range of support services available. Representatives from the International Advice Team, Students Union and Academic Advisory Service will be on hand to provide you information concerning a whole range of services available to you as a student at The University of Manchester.

Police and Personal Safety

This session focuses on the role of the police and how to look after your personal safety and property. The session will be split into two talks, one from our campus police officer and one from our Crime Reduction Advisor. **Certain categories of students must register with the police shortly after arrival in the UK** - Please check the stamp put in your passport when you enter UK to see if you need to register with the police.

A guide to study in the UK

The UK academic system may be very different from that in your home country. This session will cover what is expected of you during your study time at Manchester whilst also giving you information on what you can expect in the way of support from our academics.

English Language support (optional session)

The session provides an opportunity to find out how the University can help you improve your English during your studies.

IT Sign-up (optional drop-in session)

If you have not yet completed your IT sign up or have a question regarding the sign up process then you will be able to drop by the computer cluster situated at University Place during this period. We will have both Purple People and staff on hand to help you during the sign up process, however, you will need to bring your UID Number (this is your student number) with you.

Guidance on registration for Erasmus Students and Guidance on registration for Study Abroad and Exchange Students

These sessions detail registration information specific to the category of student. Each session will also provide further information your academic programmes, credit/course loads, timetables, attendance, assessment, transcripts and academic support. **Manchester Business School (MBS) students please note that your registration procedures will differ from those detailed in these sessions. These will be covered in the MBS induction programme.**

Campus Tours (optional)

Student assistants will be leading the Campus Tours, familiarising you with the layout of the Oxford Road Campus, pointing out important buildings such as the Library, your department and catering outlets. Please ensure you meet at the specified meeting point.

Students with families (optional)

This session is an informal questions and answers session on the subject of childcare, schooling, accommodation and healthcare. At 15.00 you will be joined by other students who have their families with them in Manchester who will be more than happy to share their experiences with you.

Vaccinations

Meningitis C is a potentially serious disease which has a higher prevalence amongst student populations. The University of Manchester is offering to vaccinate all international students against Meningitis C free of charge, and is also offering to vaccinate students against Measles, Mumps and Rubella (the MMR vaccine) at the same session. A vaccination session, staffed by fully qualified medical staff, will be held in the Occupational Health Centre.