

Students' Union

The Students' Union is home to over 400 different societies. There is something for everyone – but if you feel like there isn't, you can apply to create a new society! For more information on existing societies at the Students Union you can check out this link: <https://bit.ly/2NCzMBR>

One of the many societies available at the Students Union is the Living at Home Society – this society aims to connect students with other commuter students, creating a network for students to support one another and share their experiences. To join this society or learn more about it, you can find more information at this link: <https://bit.ly/2YxEt3X>

Volunteering

Take part in activities that support other students or get involved in charities and non-profit organisations in the wider community outside of campus. To find out more and keep up to date with volunteering projects and opportunities, follow the Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/UoMVolunteering/>
Alternatively, you can visit the central volunteering page: <https://bit.ly/2mkRxty>

● FAQ'S

I'm worried about coming home late from campus or a night out on my own. What can I do to feel safe?

It's important to always plan your way home in advance so you have a safe and convenient route home. Make sure to check the times of the last buses/trains/trams to your local area. If you use a taxi service, make sure it is a reputable company and check for the ID badge of the driver. The Students' Union run a "Safe Taxi Scheme" which means you can get home even if you haven't got any money on you. For more information, please check: <https://bit.ly/2jirP6V>

I have 9am lecturers and I am worried about commuting – what can I do to make it easier?
Early starts can be difficult, especially when you're

travelling some distance – we recommend to plan your journey in advance with at least one contingency route, should you need it. It is good practise to make the journey at least once before your first lecture, to help familiarise yourself with the route and how long it will take on average.

In between all my lectures and seminars, and the travelling – I'm feeling very tired and stressed. Who can I talk to?

Support staff or Student Experience managers based in your School will be able to provide some advice and guidance about your concerns, or signpost you to support services. My Learning Essentials provide courses that you can book on to that help you discover how to manage stress effectively and how to manage your workload. For more information please check: <https://bit.ly/2gdmmfD> The University also runs a counselling service, which provide both 1-2-1 sessions and group sessions to help students look after their mental health and personal wellbeing. More information can be found at: <http://ow.ly/AB6l3okOdWG>

I have a long gap between lectures, where can I spend my time?

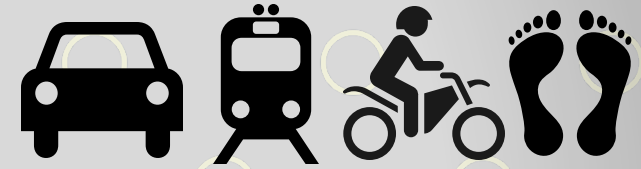
There is plenty of space on campus for all your needs! There are computer clusters and study spaces across campus as well as common rooms and break out areas for students. Additionally, there are several cafes on campus too which provide additional social spaces for you to use and enjoy!

Where can I meet other commuter students?

Some Schools will be hosting a pre-arrival event specifically for commuter students! Alternatively, you can join the Living at Home Society, which aims to create a network for commuter students. You can find more information on their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/LivingatHomeUoM>

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:

<http://www.welcome.manchester.ac.uk/new-students/welcome/arriving-campus/living-in-manchester/travel-around/>

● INTRODUCTION

Increasingly, more students are choosing to commute to University – this should not be a hindrance to having a full and enriching University experience. Many look back on their University years as some of the best years of their life; this is down to more than just the academic achievements gained through Higher Education. This often relates to the extracurricular activities one engaged in while at University, the new experiences gained and the diverse selection of people they met and connected with. Your academic accolades will serve you well after you have graduated; but there are a plethora of other skills and experiences to be had during your time at University that will enhance your University experience and distinguish your CV. This leaflet aims to give you some useful information to help make your transition into University life as positive as possible.

● GETTING HERE

The University of Manchester is in a central location that is easily accessible via public transport. We recommend travelling to campus before your first day just to help you familiarise yourself with the route you intend to take to and from campus, and how long it will take you. There are several different ways in which you may choose to get here:

Buses

If you are travelling by bus the University of Manchester is well serviced by several different bus services. Prices range from £15 a week to £240 annually. If you are travelling from Piccadilly Gardens you can take any of these buses: 14, 16, 41, 42, 43, 42a, 42b, 44, 45a, 48, 111, 140, 142, 143, 157, 250.

There are several apps and websites available that help map out your journey for you; for more information on how to reach your destination please check out: <https://bit.ly/2gH755c>

To travel between south campus and north campus, The 147 runs a free service for University of Manchester students. Just show your ID card when getting on to the bus. The free zone runs from outside the Student's Union on Oxford Road up to Sackville Street in North Campus. For more information about the 147 route please check: <https://bit.ly/2YkTn2o>

Car

If you are travelling by car, we know that parking can be somewhat of a hassle. You can find more information on parking here:

<http://ow.ly/gWZb30knRYi>. Please note: if you have a blue disability badge or a temporary disability you might be able to park on a staff car park and for a reduced price with support from the Disability Advisory and Support Service. More information about where to park can be found here:

<https://bit.ly/2u3X4IA>

Train/Tram

The Oxford Road station is very close to both North & South campus. You can easily walk down to either side of campus, or alternatively you could take the 147 to reach your destination.

Bike

If you choose to cycle to the University, there are plenty of spaces on campus to lock up your bike. For more information on how the University supports safety procedures for your bike, please check: <https://bit.ly/2yGQprN>

● WORK/PLAY BALANCE

University life is not solely about your academic studies – there are several, just as vital, elements to enrich the student experience. As well as providing work spaces on campus, we also provide common rooms and break-out areas across campus to offer places for students to relax and use in a relaxed and social manner. Below we have listed some information about space on campus for you to utilise!

Study Spaces

Studying at home can sometimes be difficult and full of distractions. Many students prefer to come on to campus to study – to accommodate this, there are plenty of study spaces and computer clusters around campus. We know that during peak periods it can be hard to find a computer so it is worth having a look on the PC Availability link which details which clusters have computers free and which are full: <https://bit.ly/2m1VgeF>

Social Spaces

The Students' Union have put together a map of all the common room spaces on campus; both space that is available for all to use as well as spaces/common rooms that are specific to certain Schools. To find out more, check out this link:

<http://ow.ly/eEW330kkfX5>

Below we have listed some social spaces open to all:

Barnes Wallis	- Break-out area & Cafe North
Ellen Wilkinson	- CG.11, AG.14,5
Humanities	- G47A
Jean McFarlane	- Atrium space
Mansfield Cooper	- Ground Floor seating area
Martin Harris	- F33
Roscoe	- 13
Samuel Alexander	- WG14, WG114, S2.1a, W2.14, W3.13
Williamson	- 3.34
Zochonis	- B6

Additionally, the Students' Union have put together a microwave map allowing students to locate their nearest microwave to heat up their lunch/leftovers! Find out more here: <https://bit.ly/2ugOlyd>

● GET INVOLVED

Academia is one part of your University experience; but being involved in extracurricular activities is a great way of meeting new people and gaining new skills and experiences and adding to your social capital. There are several different ways to get involved while at University; you can join a society or club, volunteer or become an ambassador to name a few!