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Abstract from the staircase of our grade II listed Rutherford Building. Ernest Rutherford walked these corridors and it's where the first artificial nuclear reaction took place, sometimes described as 'splitting the atom'.

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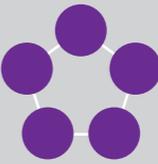
Credentials



6th in the UK, 8th in Europe, 33rd in the world**



Best UK city to live in*



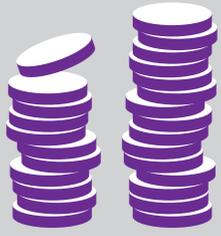
Five research beacons

8 8th most innovative university in Europe***

£3.3m investment for Creative Manchester, equipping graduates for the creative industries



University of the year for graduate employment****

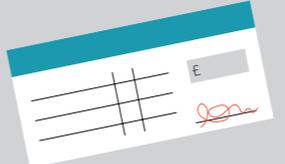


Community

40,000 students from more than 160 countries



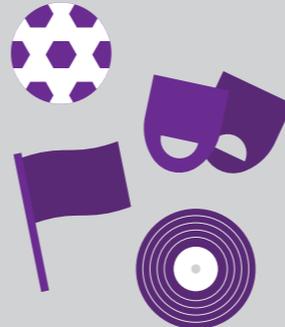
£135k raised for charities by students each year



9/10 of our recent graduates go straight into employment or further study



400 400+ societies formed by students reach out to our local and global communities



UK's largest students' union

287 students from developing countries supported through the Equity and Merit programme

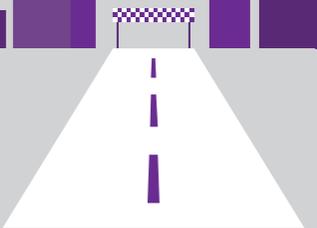



25 Nobel Prize winners have worked or studied here

The first UK university to provide peer support for every first-year undergraduate student



1,600+ Manchester students, staff and alumni took part in the 2019 Great Manchester Run

*The Economist's Global Liveability Index 2019
**Academic Ranking of World Universities 2019
***Reuters Top 100: Europe's Most Innovative Universities 2019
****The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2020

**"I BELONG IN A
PLACE WHERE
THEY ARE WISE...."**

**Find yourself
at Manchester**

Inclusivity and ambition lie at the heart of our success at The University of Manchester. It's what attracts world-leading minds, global industrial partners and international graduate employers to our historic doors.

We thrive best and achieve the most when we welcome diverse people and perspectives, embracing and combining differing talents, expertise and experiences, and watching as creative ideas develop.

We know that each and every one of you has an individual path to tread, a unique calling to personal and professional

fulfilment. And we want to help you to articulate and achieve your highest aspirations, your wildest dreams.

Choose Manchester and tackle life's biggest challenges across multiple disciplines. Learn from, work alongside and contribute to multiple local and global communities. Participate in a wealth of transformative activities and opportunities that can set you on your personal path to success.

Find yourself at Manchester – and find where you belong.

**HERE, WHERE
THE EDUCATED
LEARN TO RISE."**

INSPIRE AND BE INSPIRED

With characteristic elegance of expression, Manchester poet and University Chancellor Lemn Sissay reveals how The University of Manchester welcomes people from all walks of life, inspiring us as individuals while uniting us as one community.

Open the dawn in the open sky.
The laboratory.
Open the book, open the challenge,
with open eyes.
Open. Out. Look.

Open all minds, open all dreams.
Research, question. Open all doors,
open all senses, open all defenses.

Ask: What were these closed for?

In the possibilities of light, the nature
of trust, the strength of unassailable us.

How strong the night lies as light
aerates the dark and atomic dreams
multiply from a graphene heart.

We who have walked the world in the
name of here and where we came from
stand in this great city and say:
I belong here, I belong.

I bring my past, I bring my future.
I bring my rights and I bring my song.

I stand atop The University
of Manchester.
We belong here. We belong.

HERITAGE HEROES

For nearly 200 years Manchester has led the way in shaping the modern world through our discoveries, ideas and knowledge, aiming to improve people's lives through our research and teaching. Meet some of our pioneers in their fields – and dare to dream of your own story of success.

Christabel Pankhurst

Manchester Law graduate Christabel Pankhurst couldn't practise law in 1906 because she was a woman. Instead she became a driving force in the suffragette movement, helping to break down the barriers of gender inequality and secure women the right to vote.

Alan Turing

Mathematician, computer scientist and World War II code-breaker Alan Turing came to Manchester in 1948 to carry out pioneering work on the world's earliest computers. His revolutionary work on computational theory and artificial intelligence remains at the heart of computer science today.

Arthur Lewis

Originally from the West Indies, Arthur Lewis became Britain's first black professor when appointed at Manchester. Considered a global expert in his field of economics, he gained a Nobel Prize in 1979 for his work undertaken here.

Catherine Chisholm

Manchester's first female graduate of medicine, Catherine Chisholm, became a paediatrician and worked hard with local women and civic leaders to found the Manchester Babies Hospital in 1914 – now the Duchess of York Hospital for Babies. She is considered the founder of modern neonatology.

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DEVELOPING TOMORROW'S HEROES

Today, our continued investment in world-changing research and learning means you'll be taught by, and even work alongside, some of the finest minds across the globe, enjoying exceptional resources, facilities and support services.



Groundbreaking research

Discover innovative projects, technologies and policies that will shape the future.

Take multidisciplinary courses based on cutting-edge research from inspiring Manchester academics via our University College of Interdisciplinary Learning.

Discover inspiring perspectives and discussions on topics of global importance, plus excellent networking opportunities, at our public lectures and international conferences.

Be one of the first to try out new and emerging technologies at our free Digilab events.

Always open, always on

Experience flexible services designed to meet your needs, giving you access to knowledge, advice and resources around the clock via various channels.

Enjoy 24/7 access to modern, flexible study spaces at our Alan Gilbert Learning Commons, designed for and by our students.

Access exceptional library resources both in person and online, including one of the world's finest collections of rare books and manuscripts.

Learn at your leisure with downloadable podcasts of your lectures.



Support for success

Your personal academic contact offers tailored, informed advice on your studies as well as on practical and pastoral issues.

Should you prefer to talk to a fellow, more experienced, student, you'll find several successful peer support programmes.

For financial, academic and wellbeing support, use our Student Support and Advice website, or speak to the ResLife team if you live in University accommodation.

For personal advice and support, our University Counselling Service and Students' Union Advice Service can help, while Nightline offers a sympathetic ear throughout the night.

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STELLIFY STARS

Social responsibility is a core goal of the University. That's why we provide everyone with opportunities to make a difference to the world and to choose their own way of doing so. Be inspired by what you could achieve by three of our Stellify trailblazers.

"The bond we formed is something I will always cherish."



Aya - Understanding the issues that matter

While studying for the BSc in International Development, Aya Wietzorrek took part in the University's Ethical Grand Challenges, a set of activities open to all students, to explore three of the 21st century's biggest issues: sustainability, social justice and workplace ethics. These built on the interests in global inequalities and human rights that she'd developed while volunteering.

"I really wanted to study at a big university with a vibrant academic community with a lot of opportunities. For me,

Stellify, is an example of one of these opportunities that I was looking for."

"My most memorable moment as part of the Stellify experience was volunteering during my first year at the International Society. We planned and hosted cultural evenings throughout the year as part of the "International 16" project. It did take up a lot of my time but the bond we formed is something I will always cherish, as well as how much we got to learn about different cultures from each other!"

"I also took up a role as a PASS (Peer-assisted Study Sessions) leader, assisting first-year students in their *Introduction to Mathematics* module. While it was challenging at times, it was great to help students with something I too struggled with and it was a brilliant way for them to meet other students."

"For new students I would say try and get the most out of Stellify and Manchester generally! Your university experience is so much more than just reading notes and going to lectures."

Callum - Learning without boundaries

Originally from Moston, in Manchester, Callum Mogridge was never encouraged to aim for university until he went to college. After completing the Manchester Access Programme (the University's flagship widening participation scheme), he received a donor-funded scholarship to study psychology at the University. He decided to use his Stellify experience to volunteer with school children, helping the next generation to realise their potential.

"I volunteered for a year in a high school in Moston and worked with children with behavioural issues and learning disorders on a 1-2-1 basis, running through the lesson with them to give them the support and attention they needed."

"It was great to see them develop! You're giving something to young people who wouldn't get that perspective otherwise and they could be the person that comes up with a cure for cancer, so it's giving them that equal opportunity and raising their aspirations."

"I also started a voluntary role working with the LGBT foundation doing HR work. This is helping me put my organisational psychology into practice, get more experience and develop skills while working for a good cause."

"I love the idea of learning without boundaries. You can get a lot out of your degree but you can get a lot outside of it as well. Stellify has that framework to encourage people to do more with a degree."

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Bethan - Creating my future

Coming from a family of teachers, Bethan Counsell wanted to do anything but teach. However, a summer internship in Uganda changed everything.

Through her involvement in Stellify and her time in Uganda, Bethan realised the path she wanted to take after University.

“My initial motivation for doing Stellify came from my experience with Peer Support. I signed up to be a PASS leader in my first year and then realised that it would make up a big part of the Stellify Award and so completed the other activities that went alongside.”

“I have always tried to make the most of every opportunity that is presented to me and thought it would be an excellent way to make myself stand out to employers.”

“The Stellify activities that I completed during second year helped me to get an internship teaching in Uganda last summer. I talked about the skills I’d gained from the programme throughout the application process and also found them useful while teaching out there. This experience was truly life changing and I know I wouldn’t have been considered for the internship had I not been taking part in Stellify.”

“Stellify has made me realise what I want to do, because I didn’t have a clue when I started university and I’d say to someone who was just starting to try as much as you can, as you might find something you love that you’ve never thought of.

“It’s the beauty of the University, there’s so much you can get involved in - so many different things!

Aya, Bethan and Callum all graduated with the Stellify Award following the successful completion of all the University’s Ethical Grand Challenges, 40 hours of community volunteering and the fulfilment of two leadership roles.

STELLIFY

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Transformation for Manchester undergraduates

Stellify means “to change, or be changed, into a star”. At Manchester we invite every undergraduate to undertake their own unique Stellify journey; to grow, lead and make a difference to others, learning to think independently and creatively, setting them up for a lifetime of success.

Manchester is unique in UK higher education in having social responsibility as a core strategic goal. Stellify allows you to share in our commitment to making a positive difference to the life and future of our society by taking socially responsible decisions that have real, beneficial, measurable impacts on the people and the world around us.

The Stellify experience

You can choose your own path through the Stellify experience. Here are a few examples.

- **Ethical Grand Challenges** engage you in questions relevant to global societies and contemporary workplaces, while you undertake community volunteering and leadership experiences. One challenge

runs in each year of study in the fields of sustainability, social justice and workplace ethics.

- **Optional course units** from our University College of Interdisciplinary Learning incorporate learning from world-leading minds and different subjects into degree studies, and can count towards your degree. You could discover the art of enterprise, examine the place of science in the modern world, or learn what it means to be a leader.

- **Student volunteering** enables you to gain hands-on skills and experience while contributing to communities at a local, national and global level.

- **The Stellify Award**, our most prestigious extracurricular accolade for undergraduates, enables you to stand out from the crowd to future employers.

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MORE THAN JUST A DEGREE

A major advantage of coming to the diverse and dynamic University of Manchester is the incredible range of extracurricular activities and opportunities we offer that can truly spark your potential. Add any of the following activities to your list of things to do while at Manchester, and become the type of person and professional that you want to be.



- Expand your horizons and study abroad at one of our many excellent partner institutions across the globe, from Sweden to Singapore.
- Make a difference to yourself and to others in local and global communities with a massive variety of volunteering opportunities and support open to you.
- Gain commercial confidence and business connections via work placements, internships or even a year in industry.
- Take a leading role in one of our sports club by joining the Athletic Union.
- Broaden your knowledge with a course unit from our University College for Interdisciplinary Learning* - anything from British Sign Language to leadership and enterprise.
- Attend an Insight Day and networking events to get inside knowledge on industries that you may want to work in after graduation.
- Stand up for your peers and become a recognised leader by becoming a student rep.
- Develop new hobbies, passions and abilities by joining one of our Students' Union societies and sports teams – and enjoy the social side, too.

*Open to undergraduates only as an accredited part of your degree.

MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME



There's a real sense of community in our accommodation; many Manchester students make friends for life in their halls of residence. You'll also find living options to suit everyone: modern and traditional, catered and self-catered, undergraduate and postgraduate.

Accommodation guarantee

You're guaranteed a place in student accommodation for your first year (and throughout your studies, if you're an international student), as long as you meet certain criteria. Get all the details here: uom.link/my-accommodationguarantee

ResLife

Meet and mingle, compete and collaborate with fellow students through our ResLife programme of activities and events – and access support on any topic from ResLife Advisers in every hall of residence.

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@ @uomreslife

Residents' Association / Junior Common Rooms

Most University halls have one of these elected student committees, which organise social and sporting events galore. Join in – and maybe get elected yourself.

Hall sport

From badminton to body conditioning, you'll find something to suit your preferred style and level of fitness in 35 hours of Hall Sports activities each week. As a hall resident you will also receive a free semester 1 membership to the Armitage Centre.

Peace of mind

CCTV coverage and security patrols across campus 24 hours a day put you in safe hands.

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VICTORIA PARK



Norbert Magos

BSocSC Politics and International Relations
From: Hungary
Lived in: Dalton Ellis Hall

Why did you choose Victoria Park?

I was looking for something affordable, and found a very cheap option sharing a double room with my best friend from Hungary. I wanted to try out the catering. And I loved the look of the place – I'm kind of into these traditional buildings.

What was it like settling in?

I wanted to make new friends, so I basically sat next to people in the dining room and talked to them! And I went to some of the welcome events, which were nice; they put on a board games night – I remember really enjoying that!

I really like Dalton Ellis. It's so relaxing, leafy and green – that's the best part. Then there's the cleaning service, the food – it's all amazing.

What are the social activities like?

There are some cool ones. We had a Chinese New Year event organised by the JCR student committee: we gathered in the bar, ate a Chinese takeaway, watched Kung Fu Panda 3. That was fun. We also have parties with free drinks, playing table tennis and giant Jenga.

I also joined in with lots of sporting activities like interval training, self defence classes, hiking and caving.

What are the local amenities like?

Great shops. Lidl is amazing. And Poundland – sandwiches for £1!

The Ford Maddox Brown is a lovely pub with a nice atmosphere and a fireplace in winter.

And there's the Whitworth gallery, with a lovely cafe and garden.

What is your favourite aspect of hall life?

You're never alone. You can always find someone to chat with – and different people, so you don't get bored. You can play pool, table tennis, and there's even a squash court.

We often host movie nights in our double room; there's a nice white wall, and I bought a projector from Amazon.

I also loved our formal dinner. I was lucky enough to sit next to an amazing conversationalist. The food, the beautiful decoration, the service – it was all fantastic.

Who would belong in Victoria Park?

I think it's quite quiet, ideal for people who are not very party-oriented. It's very good for people who are passionate about university; there are lots of study facilities, libraries and computer clusters.

Most halls are catered, so it's great for a person who doesn't like to cook that much. Maybe this person would also like tea nights in the bar – or simply lying back and reading on the courtyard grass in summer. It's so relaxing.

Distance from campus:



5 mins



6 mins



18 mins

Features:



The Whitworth and Whitworth Park



Green space



The Curry Mile

CITY



Stuart Johnson

PhD Organic Chemistry
From: Scotland
Lived in: Whitworth Park

Why did you choose city accommodation?

Actually, I didn't! I'm a ResLife Adviser; we only get to choose catered or self-catered accommodation. I feel pretty lucky to be placed in the University's most convenient location on campus.

Whitworth Park is a stone's throw from the Students' Union, as well as tonnes of other amenities. It has a private bar and gym onsite which is pretty impressive. There's usually some sort of entertainment organised for the end of the week in the bar to kick-start your weekend.

What was it like settling in?

It was super easy and barely an inconvenience. The only challenge for me was to remember my flatmates' names, but the vibe was friendly and everyone quickly made me feel welcome.

What's the location like?

It's amazing and so close to lots of things! Living near campus is a breeze, it takes all the effort out of getting to and from University and there's no need to spend money on a bus pass. My accommodation is next door to the Manchester Academy and the Students' Union, which is ideal for those who don't like to rush a night out. I feel like I have extra hours in my day.

What's it like being a ResLife Adviser?

It's great; I wish I had applied sooner. You get to experience a duty of care role with noticeable feedback from how much effort you put in.

ResLife is also good for student wellbeing. As a postgraduate student, you have the bedrock of confidence to deal with situations that others may not feel so adept at. The ResLife team recruit regularly, so there is ample opportunity to apply once you have reached taught master's or postgraduate research level.

What's your favourite aspect of hall life?

Sociability. Some halls, like Whitworth Park, are a blend of undergraduate and postgraduate students so there's a range of people you can get to know. You find yourself mixing with individuals who have different ideas and personalities, all you have to do is get out there and make the most of it.

Whitworth Park is great for having the chance to get involved in lots of events. The Resident's Association or Junior Common Room (JCR) run socials including karaoke nights and subsidise trips – and I have the opportunity to get out too. So far we've been on a day trip to the Peak District and we will soon be visiting the Lake District.

Who would belong in city accommodation?

Anyone who doesn't like commuting! Plus those who like to hit the snooze button two or three times and are still able to make it to class on time. It's the perfect social mix as it's not too busy, but it has a community feel. City accommodation has your University, gym, social and supermarket needs all rolled into one!

Distance from campus:

		
3 mins	5 mins	10 mins

Features:

 Closest to city and campus

 Manchester Museum

 Sugden Sports Centre

FALLOWFIELD



Elizabeth Martin

BA Modern History and Politics
From: England
Lived in: Ashburne Hall

Why did you choose to live in Fallowfield?

I wanted an environment that felt more like a community; Fallowfield is exactly that. I looked at Ashburne on a visit to Manchester and it was so beautiful. It just felt like the right environment for me to do well in.

What was it like settling in?

I'll be honest: I found it quite difficult. You're away from home, from your support network of friends and family, making decisions for yourself; it was quite difficult adjusting.

But you do find your niche. I never intended to be on the hall's JCR committee. But I decided to take every opportunity that came up, because otherwise I'd never know where my place was. And I found this really supportive group of people.

What was it like being part of the JCR?

It gave me an opportunity to meet and mingle with people, and to give Ashburne a reputation for socialising and integrating people. I developed skills dealing with people, managing money and I had so much fun.

The committee was like a little family; we supported each other and we made friends for life.

What are the local amenities like?

Fallowfield has a great nightlife and social scene. There are lots of small independent bars and restaurant chains on your doorstep, great supermarkets and convenience stores.

What is your favourite aspect of hall life?

Formal dinners, where we all dress up and interact with different people. And the morning after a night out, when everyone just sits together, ordering takeaways and chills. It's a really nice, caring community. We have a big Facebook group, which is a great way of connecting with people, and getting support at any time.

Who would belong in Fallowfield?

Somebody who's enthusiastic and excited about new opportunities, meeting new people and trying something different – you'll find your routine and your passions.

You have your independence and your freedom – but you also have ResLife, security staff and people you see every day. You're in a lovely enclosed community where you take care of each other.

Distance from campus:

		
8 mins	15 mins	30 mins

Features:

 Restaurants, bars, shops

 Armitage Sports Centre

 Mix of students and local residents

LIVING AT HOME



Charlotte Mellor

MSci Medical Biochemistry
From: England
Lives in: Ashton,
Greater Manchester

Why did you choose to live at home?

It was close by and cheap. I already knew Manchester, so didn't feel the need to discover it as a student. I have a good support network at home: friends, family and my cats!

I also run a Girlguiding unit in Ashton, so I can still fit that around my studies.

How easy was it to meet and mingle with fellow students?

I think I was more scared than I should have been. My course is very small, so it was easy to get to know the people on it. I've met loads of other people who live at home, so I realised it's not that uncommon.

I realised too that just because I live at home it doesn't mean I can't go out with other students; I just have to remember that I have a longer journey home.

How helpful is the Living At Home Students Society?

I did their residential before university started: two days staying in halls with other students who live at home.

It was great for that first bout of confidence and getting to know people. We socialised, did all sorts of activities. I still talk to some people I met there.

Private renting

You might decide to rent a property from a private landlord, especially if you're moving to Manchester with a family, or looking to share with a group of friends. If so, we can still help you.

We work with Manchester Student Homes, an organisation that provides:

- accurate information on good quality student properties;
- a list of accredited landlords;
- contract checking;
- mediation services.

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[manchesterstudenthomes.com](https://www.manchesterstudenthomes.com)
[@manchester.ac.uk](https://twitter.com/manchester.ac.uk)

who I wouldn't have known otherwise, because they're on different courses.

What do you do to feel part of the Manchester student community?

I come in! It would be easy to stay at home and catch-up on my lectures all day. But I interact with people in my lectures, exercise, go out for food. I also work as a student ambassador and I'm a PASS leader.

I also like knowing other students who live at home; people who understand the pain of commuting!

What is your favourite aspect of living at home while studying?

I like having my family and other friends close by. I have my cats at home, my own space – I can take time out from uni and switch off.

How can students living at home still feel they 'belong' at the University?

Find what you want to do at university and do it. Join societies, help to run them and do volunteering work.

And don't be put off. Lots of people told me to move out: "It's what you do at university!" But if you think living at home is right for you, do it. You won't be alone.

Check your contract length!
If you only want to stay in Manchester during term-time (41 weeks for undergraduates), be aware that private rental contracts often last a full year, so you might end up paying for 11 weeks that you don't need.

Where you'll be based

Our accommodation is set across three main areas, all within easy reach of the campus, the city and amenities. Each area offers something different but all offer a great place to live and study.

City

Our city accommodation is located close to the city centre and at the heart of our teaching campus.

Average journey to campus:
 10 minutes on foot
 7 minutes by bike
 5 minutes by bus

Victoria Park

Leafy and tranquil, Victoria Park is just a brisk walk or a short bike ride away from campus.

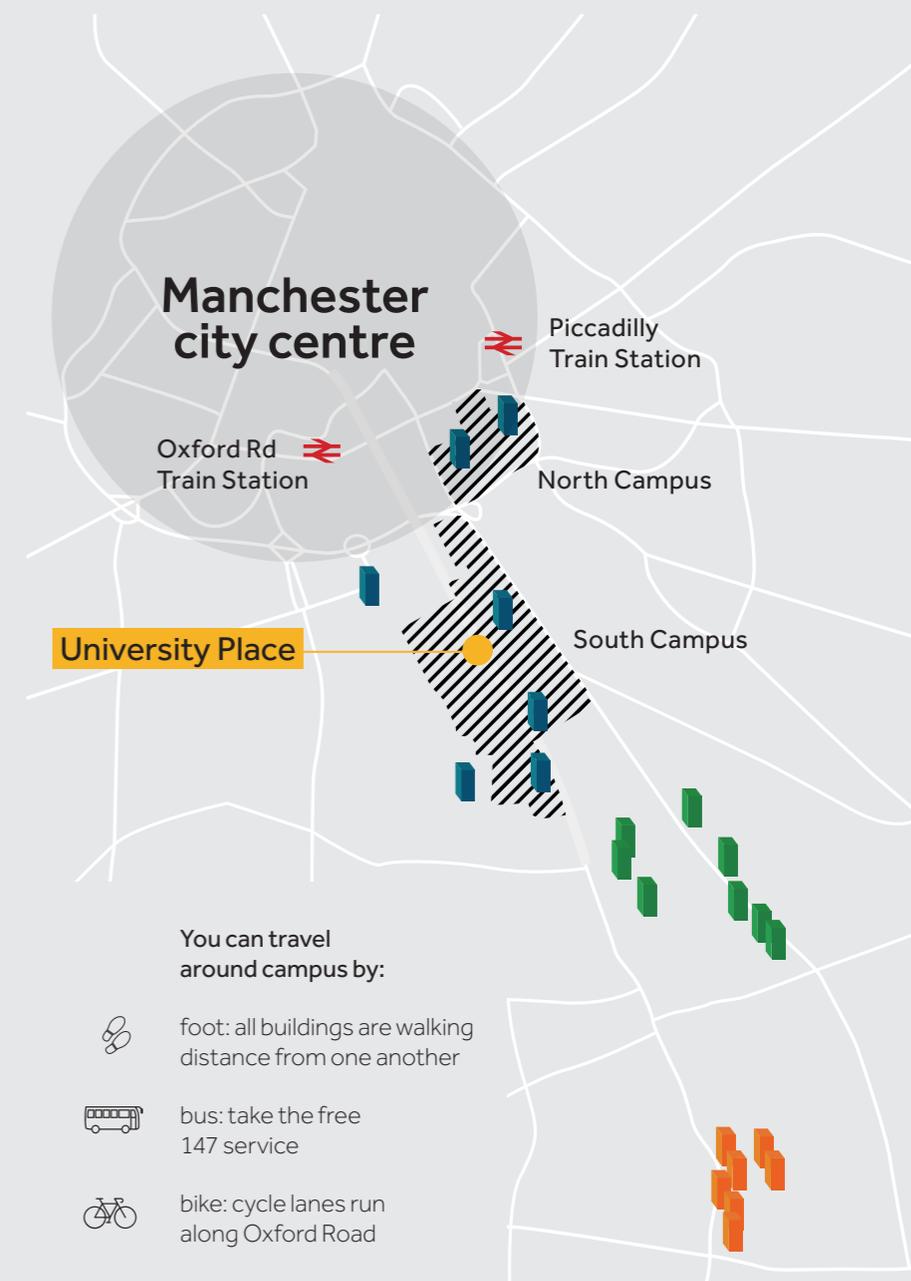
Average journey to campus:
 18 minutes on foot
 5 minutes by bike
 6 minutes by bus

Fallowfield

A vibrant, mixed residential suburb, Fallowfield offers plenty of amenities. It's also within easy reach of the city.

Average journey to campus:
 30 minutes on foot
 8 minutes by bike
 15 minutes by bus

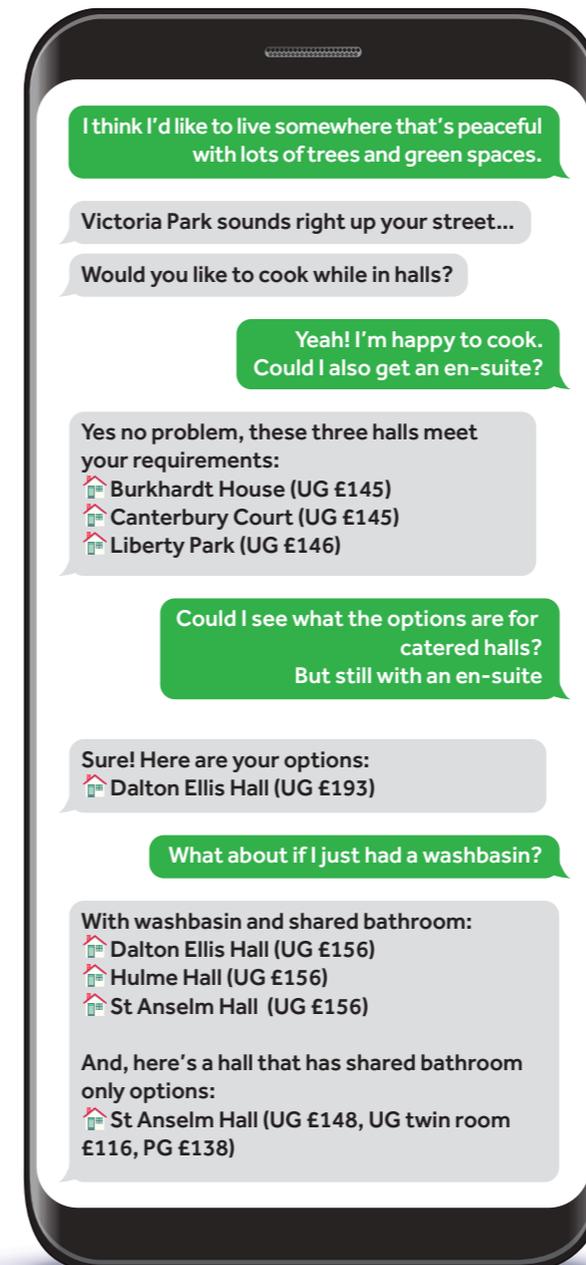
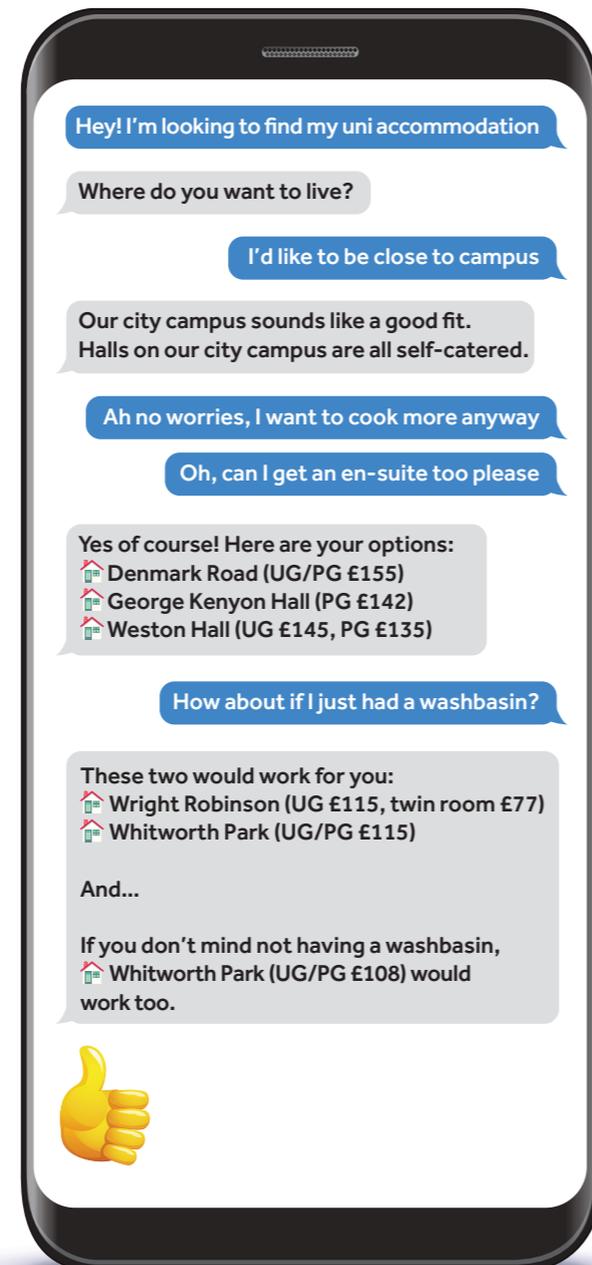
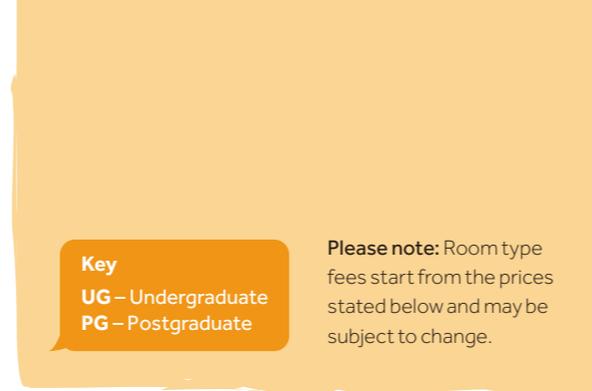
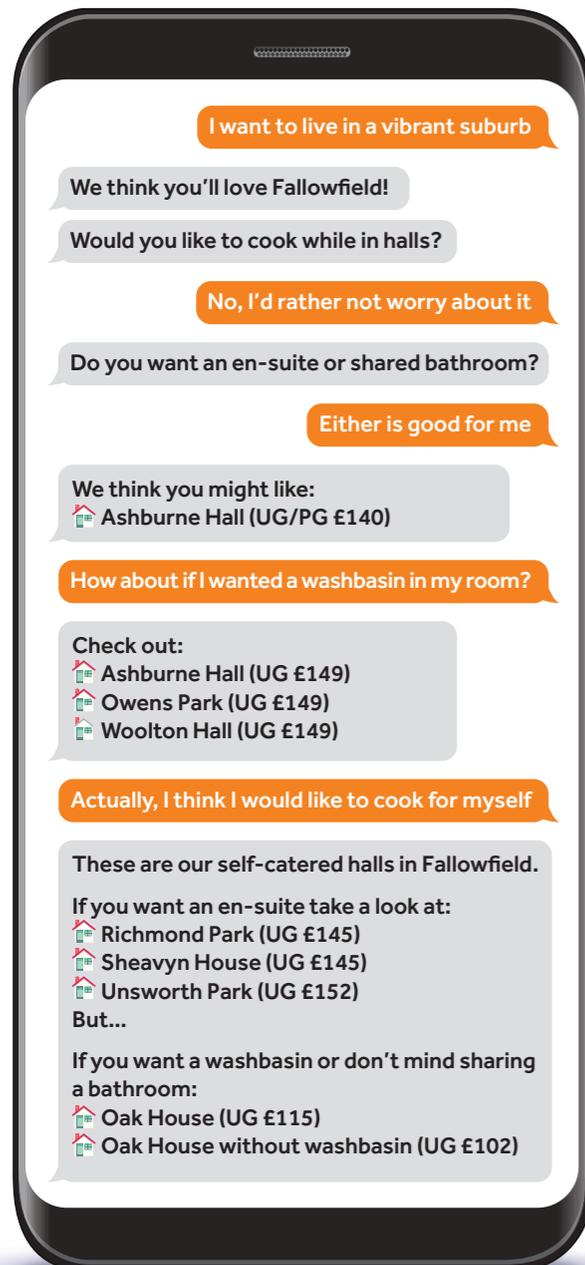
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You can travel around campus by:

-  foot: all buildings are walking distance from one another
-  bus: take the free 147 service
-  bike: cycle lanes run along Oxford Road

WHERE DO YOU BELONG?



Getting the student home you want

Your five-step guide to applying for Manchester student accommodation.

- 1. Create your shortlist**
Choose your five accommodation options from our halls of residence.
- 2. Secure our accommodation guarantee**
Apply asap, by 31 August at the latest – or by 31 July if you're a visiting or exchange student – in order to get a guaranteed place in our halls of residence.
- 3. Mention any special requirements**
If you have any special requirements that might impact on your accommodation needs, tick the appropriate box on our application form and we'll do our best to help. You may be sent a further assessment needs questionnaire which will ensure we provide the most suitable accommodation for you.
- 4. Wait for our email**
We'll email details of your accommodation offer, and how to accept it, during the summer – once we have confirmation that you're coming to Manchester.
- 5. Don't forget to pay**
Once you accept your accommodation offer, we'll ask you for a £400 advance licence fee payment. If you don't respond, we may offer your room to someone else.

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Please note: Fees quoted are indicative for 2019/20 and may be subject to change.

The majority of licence agreement periods are 41 weeks for undergraduate students (with some exceptions of 42 weeks), and 51 weeks for postgraduate students. This includes Christmas and Easter vacation periods, which enables you to leave your possessions in your room during the break.

Hall use may be subject to change, for up to date information please refer to the Accommodation website.

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SEVEN MANCHESTER MUST-DOS

“Manchester’s got everything except a beach,” claims Manchester musician Ian Brown. Start to explore “everything” here, with seven things you really must do in Manchester.



1

Appreciate the arts

Manchester has its finger on the cultural pulse. From world-famous classics and blockbusters to the new and the niche, you'll find plenty to absorb, and be absorbed by.

HOME arts centre,
Palace Theatre,
The Lowry,
The Whitworth,
Manchester Craft and Design Centre,
Manchester Print Fair.

Soak in the sounds

The beat of great music has always pumped Manchester's urban heart. Excite your eardrums with everything from clubbing to classical, Grammy-winning to up-and-coming, digital to vinyl.

The Warehouse Project,
Parklife,
The Bridgewater Hall,
Manchester Arena,
Band on the Wall,
Kingbee Records,
Manchester Academy,
The Royal Northern College of Music.



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Enjoy the beautiful game

Synonymous with Manchester across the world, football (never say soccer!) gets the pulse racing and fans chanting across the city. Take in games, stadium tours, and a little sporting history.

Manchester United FC,
Manchester City FC,
National Football Museum.



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Experience the festivals

The city's array of festivals truly has something for everyone. Celebrate alongside the city's multitudes of cultures, exploring and enjoying exciting themes and performances.

Manchester International Festival,
Manchester Literature Festival,
Manchester Food and Drink Festival,
Makers Markets,
Manchester Pride,
Manchester Fringe.

Discover the heritage

The birthplace of the Industrial Revolution has many stories to share. Discover Manchester's revolutionary spirit, or simply drink in its many architectural delights.

People's History Museum,
Pankhurst Centre,
Chetham's Library,
Bridgewater Canal,
John Rylands Library,
Victoria Baths.



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...And five budget-boosters

Manchester is one of the UK's most affordable cities. Here's how to make your money go even further.

1. Travel smart

Buy travel passes for the bus, train or tram, and hop on the free 147 bus (weekdays) – or use the city's cycling network.



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Understand the science

So many world-changing ideas and innovations have come out of Manchester – and continue to do so today. Discover existing achievements, or dabble in something new.

Bluedot Festival,
Manchester Science Festival,
Museum of Science and Industry,
Students' Union Alternative
Lecture Series.

Explore the outdoors

Get on your bike (or in your walking shoes), because there's a surprising amount of green space in and around Manchester. City parks, suburban gardens, National Trust grounds and more.

Whitworth Park,
Fletcher Moss Gardens,
Tatton Park,
Lyme Park,
Bridgewater Way,
The Peak District.



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2. Hunt down deals

Get NUS's TOTUM card for discounts from top high street and online stores, and search online for loads of local student discounts and shopping events.

3. Cheap eats

Manchester has hundreds of happy hour deals for dining out, and discount supermarket chains for groceries.

4. Re-use and recycle

Buy second-hand books, clothes, bicycles and more from charity shops, student fairs and online.

5. Monitor your money

Download banking apps such as Cleo to keep track of what you're spending, where and when.

FLAVOURS OF MANCHESTER

Whatever your taste or budget, you'll find something to enjoy on our city's culinary circuit.



British classics

There's nothing quite like a traditional British roast dinner... unless it's a British pie... or British fish and chips. Try them all here.

Pie & Ale	£
Wright's Fish & Chip Shop	£
The Marble Arch	££
Albert's Shed	££
Annies	££

Vegan ventures

Once a fringe movement, veganism has "gone viral" across the globe. Here you'll find plant-based delights aplenty.

V-Rev	£
Ice Shack	£
Earth Café	£
On The Eighth Day	£
Fuel	£
The Allotment	££



Coffee and confections

Cafe culture is alive and well across the city, with many innovative independents among the usual global brands.

Sugar Junction	£
Idle Hands	£
Siop Shop	£
Pollen Bakery	£
North Tea Power	£
Black Milk	££

Oriental delights

Forget packaged instant noodles and find authentic dishes hailing from across the whole of Asia, all within our city.

Mi and Pho	£
Siam Smiles	££
Kyotoya	££
Tampopo	££
Tattu	£££



Curry cravings

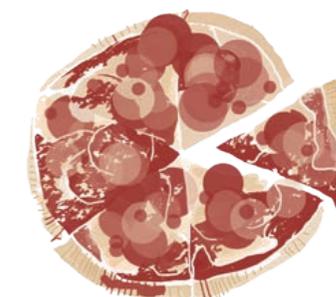
When it comes to spicy delights, you're spoilt for choice in Manchester – and that's before you even get to the famous Curry Mile.

This & That	£
Cafe Marhaba	£
Sanskruti	£
Amma's Canteen	££
Mowgli Street Food	££
Mughli Charcoal Pit	£££

All-American heroes

Burgers and grills, ribs and shakes, waffles and fries; America's finest food (and drink) is all up for grabs across Manchester.

Northern Soul	£
New Yorker Diner	£
Almost Famous	££
Solita	££
Alabama's All American Eatery	££
Cane and Grain	££



Pizza and pasta

Apparently more pizza is consumed in the UK than in Italy. You'll certainly find plenty of options on your plate right here.

Rudy's	£
Slice	£
Honest Crust	££
The Pasta Factory	££
Salvi's	£££
Rosso	£££

Mancunian markets

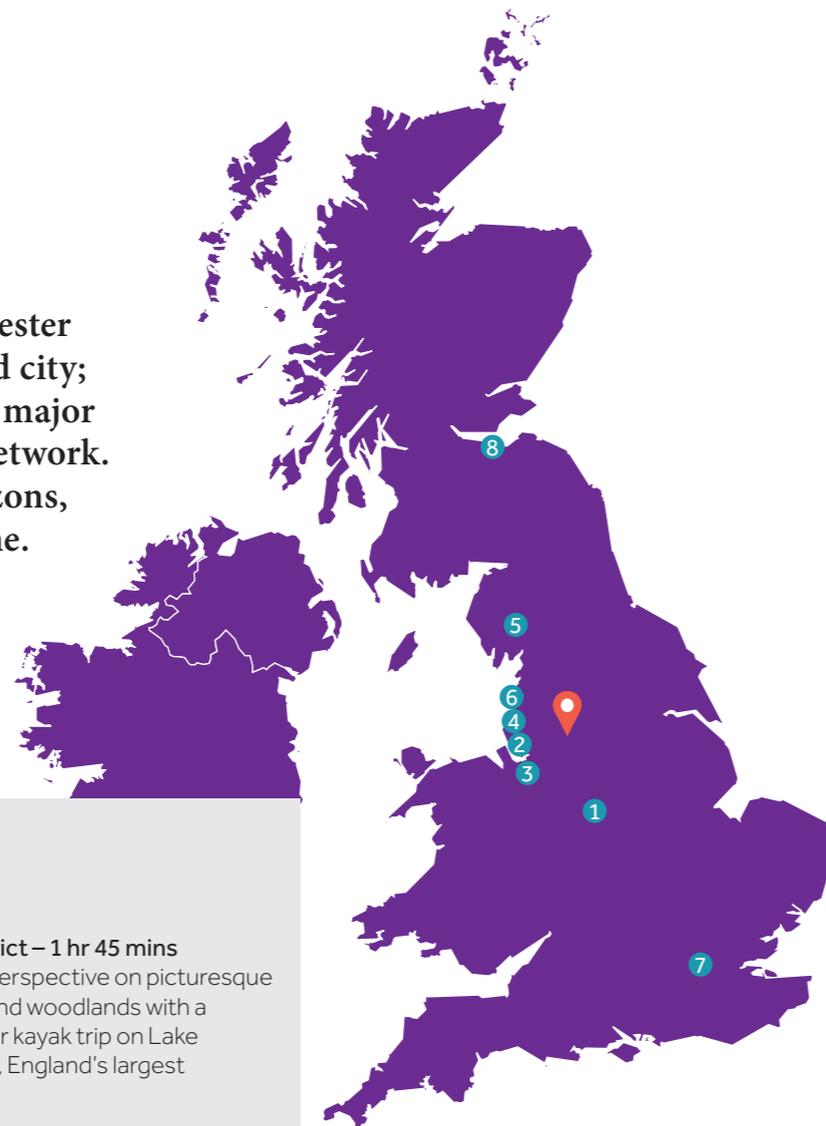
Enjoy all forms of tasty treats for any budget at various markets and street food events across Manchester. Start here.

Grub	
Levenshulme Market	
Arndale Market	
Mackie Mayor	
Altrincham Market	
The Market - University Place	

Halal
Many Manchester restaurants cater for the Islamic community. You'll find everything from halal meat curries at Asha's Indian restaurant, to halal Aberdeen Angus steak at Rump 'N Ribs Steakhouse.

MORE TO EXPLORE

Located at the heart of the UK, Manchester is perhaps the country's best-connected city; it has the "UK's best airport"* and is a major hub in the nation's extensive railway network. Perfect if you love to explore new horizons, or just escape the city from time to time.



By rail

1. Peak District – 45 mins

Enjoy beautiful views while hiking or biking in this National Park.

2. Liverpool – 55 mins

Take The Beatles' Magical Mystery Tour bus and view this city through a musical lens, ending at the famous Cavern Club where the "Fab Four" performed.

3. Chester – 1 hr

Wander the ancient walls of this city founded as a fortress in the first century, or visit its Roman amphitheatre, the largest in Britain.

4. Blackpool – 1 hr 30 mins

Traditional English seaside resort with the famous Pleasure Beach amusement park, Christmas illuminations and more.

5. Lake District – 1 hr 45 mins

Get a fresh perspective on picturesque mountains and woodlands with a boat cruise or kayak trip on Lake Windermere, England's largest natural lake.

6. Ainsdale – 1 hr 45 mins

Explore the nature reserve, picnic on the beach, or try your hand at the local extreme sport: kitesurfing.

7. London – 2 hrs 10 mins

Britain's world-famous capital city needs little introduction. Explore its neighbourhoods, see the iconic sights and get back in time for tea.

8. Edinburgh – 3 hrs 30 mins

The Edinburgh Fringe Festival is the world's largest arts festival, well worth the journey to this historic Scottish city.

Travel tip
Book rail tickets in advance for cheaper fares, and buy a student railcard (£30) for up to one-third off all rail fares over a year.

uom.link/my-railcard

*Named the UK's best airport in 2019 for the fourth year running at the Global Awards, by *Travel Weekly*.

By air

1. Dublin, Ireland

• 1 hr

2. Paris, France

• 1 hr 30 mins

3. Amsterdam, Netherlands

• 1 hr 25 mins

4. Berlin, Germany

• 1 hr 50 mins

5. Prague, Czech Republic

• 2 hrs 15 mins

6. Barcelona, Spain

• 2 hrs 30 mins

7. Reykjavik, Iceland

• 3 hrs 20 mins

8. Dubai, United Arab Emirates

• 7 hrs 50 mins

9. New York, US

• 8 hrs

10. Phuket, Thailand

• 15 hrs 20 mins



The Manchester Playlist

Switch on, turn up and enjoy our Manchester playlist featuring artists and songs from our great city.

1. Oasis – Don't Look Back In Anger

2. Blossoms – There's A Reason Why

3. Elbow – Station Approach

4. Mr Scruff – Get A Move On

5. Tobi Sunmola – Run Free

6. Simply Red – Stars

7. 808 State – Pacific State

8. The Courteeners – Not Nineteen Forever

9. The Buzzcocks – Ever Fallen In Love

10. Take That – Shine

AN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

Manchester is proud to welcome one of the largest international student populations in the UK. Diversity is part of our strength, so we invest in diverse forms of support to ensure students from across the world can make the most of their time with us and be the best they can be.

What was it that made you pick The University of Manchester?

When applying, I definitely knew that I wanted to be in the UK. The University of Manchester was particularly attractive as it was very reputable for physics. I also chose it because of the city, I wanted to be in a vibrant place, especially as music is very important to me. The opportunities that Manchester offers both academically and outside of study led me to choose Manchester.

What help and support did your receive in the lead up to your arrival?

I remember a representative came from Manchester to Dubai to talk about the University, answer questions and discuss life as an international student. I was glad to know that they were reaching out to me and the whole process felt very two sided. Receiving print in the mail and a welcome pack with a luggage tag let me know that the University was expecting me to arrive. I also received a phone call from the Manchester calling campaign, something that I myself became a part of during my studies. The whole process felt very personal throughout which really stood out to me.

How was your welcome to Manchester?

During Welcome week there was so much catered towards international

students, things like workshops for student safety and how to register with your GP. They expected me to come knowing absolutely nothing and gave me all the information I needed to settle in, everything about Welcome week was really smooth.

Did you get involved in any societies?

In the first year I came I joined the Indian Dance society, something I'd never done before, which was really fun. In my second year I joined the sky diving society, where I jumped four times, something I never thought I would do before university. Last year I was also Model Manager for Manchester Charity Fashion show which was organised to raise money for homelessness in Manchester.

How easy did you find it getting involved alongside your studies?

Everyone is so welcoming and inclusive, the aim of societies is to let people try new activities and experiences and meet other students. On my course, there's a lot of support provided for students, so I felt I could get more involved in things outside of my studies knowing that if I had any problems or issues that someone will always have my back and be able to provide help.

How global in outlook have you found Manchester, is its diversity important to you?

It's very global! On my foundation year I was with students across STEM, a very diverse group with people from all over the world which really helped me settle into Manchester and my course. Joining societies and simply just walking around Manchester you can really see how global the city is. I also had the opportunity to go and volunteer for a summer in India through the University.

What would you say are the best things about Manchester and the University?

The main thing I stress to my friends at home is that there is something in Manchester for everyone! For me personally it was the music, I've been to open mic nights and through these met people that led to me performing in a band at the SU. There are so many links that lead to new opportunities.

What advice would you give to international students beginning their journey at Manchester?

There are so many opportunities open to you, make the most of your time here!

It can be hard work at times, don't take it for granted. But if you put in the effort the rewards are more than worth it.

Lamia Mahfouz

BSc Physics
From: UAE

Preparing to study in the UK

If you are a non-EEA national and you wish to study in the UK for more than six months, you need to apply for a Tier 4 (General) Student Visa in your home country before you travel.

Find out more here:
uom.link/my-visa

If you have any questions or concerns about your visa application, you can email our Student Immigration Team: visa@manchester.ac.uk

English language support

If English isn't your first language, we run several pre-sessional English language courses over the summer. These can help you to develop the level of English

you need to meet the conditions of your offer – as well as help you to adjust to spoken native English and to your new surroundings before term starts.

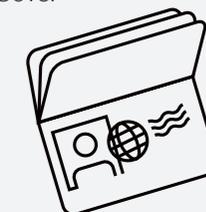
To improve your English language proficiency further, we run a year-round *English for Academic Purposes* course, as well as various classes throughout the year for our international students covering academic writing and speaking, pronunciation and grammar.

Find out more and register for any of these courses here:
uom.link/my-ulg
+44 (0)161 306 3397
preessional@manchester.ac.uk

Do I need an English qualification?

For unconditional offers, no further proof of your level of English is required for your course. You may of course choose to attend a pre-sessional English course to help develop your fluency further.

For conditional offers based on an English language requirement, please check the exact requirements with your School. You may need to retake IELTS, or attend one of our pre-sessional courses mentioned above.



IF YOU LIKE THE SOUND OF A UNIVERSITY THAT...

- is recognised and respected by employers and universities worldwide;
- attracts and welcomes diverse people, perspectives, partnerships and talents;
- practises and promotes social responsibility towards local and global communities;
- invests in transformative opportunities and support to help you advance and achieve;
- has a pioneering character that has shaped, and continues to shape, the modern world;
- provides a variety of accommodation options with supportive communities;
- and is based in one of the world's most dynamic, entertaining and positive multicultural cities, at the heart of the UK;

...then we believe you truly belong at Manchester. Choose us, and prove us right!

I choose Manchester. What's next?

Undergraduates with an unconditional offer

Once you've received all your offers, log onto UCAS Track and accept ours. Your place with us will soon be confirmed.

Undergraduates with a conditional offer

Decide whether you want us to be your first choice (firm) or second choice (conditional), and enter these choices on the UCAS Track system. Then check UCAS Track on exam results day to see if you've been accepted.

Postgraduates

Simply read your offer letter and follow the instructions carefully. If you have any questions or issues, talk them through with your academic School. For contact details, see:

[uom.link/my-schools](https://www.manchester.ac.uk/study-at-manchester/postgraduate)

If Manchester's not for you

We understand. It's important that you choose a place that feels right for you, with opportunities, inspiration and support that can help you become the best that you can be. And who knows, perhaps we'll see you at a later stage in your career.

Good luck!

Not ready to decide?
Keep reading...

Getting connected

For those of you already eager to come to Manchester, or yet to make your final decision, this is the perfect time to find out more about your potential future home and a life-changing learning community.

Visit us

Come to Manchester. Explore our beautiful, bustling campus and city; discover where you might live, eat, relax and mingle; quiz our students on what the Manchester experience is really like.

Open days

Our 2020 undergraduate open days on Friday, 19 and Saturday, 20 June are a great opportunity for you to ask any final questions and really get to know our campus and city.

[uom.link/my-opendays](https://www.manchester.ac.uk/visit-us)

Explore on your own

Get maps and tips to help you take a self-guided tour of the University at our University Gift Shop, at the heart of our campus. Open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

[uom.link/my-maps](https://www.manchester.ac.uk/visit-us)

Guided visits for undergraduates

Experience a campus tour, a University presentation and a Q&A session with current students. Running most Wednesday afternoons.

[uom.link/my-guidedvisits](https://www.manchester.ac.uk/visit-us)

Coming from overseas

Whether you would like a bespoke tour of the University when you are visiting the UK, or you just have a question about Manchester, contact us via email or through our Facebook page!

You will receive an email invitation to attend one of our in-country or web-based pre-departure briefings. Alternatively, check when we will next be in your city via the link below.

offer@manchester.ac.uk
[f UoMInternational](https://www.facebook.com/UoMInternational)
[uom.link/my-countryvisits](https://www.manchester.ac.uk/visit-us)

Accommodation tours

Enjoy a guided tour of some of our halls of residence, including a peek into a student bedroom or two.

Available most Wednesday mornings until the end of March.

[uom.link/my-accommodationtours](https://www.manchester.ac.uk/visit-us)

Keeping in touch

We'll continue to send you information and inspiration: everything you need to help you decide on your future, and prepare for student life.

Keep an eye on your inbox

Discover Manchester students, stories, events, opportunities and more, via our e-newsletters. Add us to your safe senders list.

Keep us posted

We've got lots to share with you via email and post; don't miss out! If your contact details change, please let us know via UCAS if you're an undergraduate, or contact your academic school directly if you're a postgraduate (see [uom.link/my-schools](https://www.manchester.ac.uk/visit-us) for contact details).

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