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The Manchester Advantage



TAKE ADVANTAGE

Your place at The University of Manchester is much more than a space on a course. It's the beginning of a journey that will equip you for a lifetime of success.

You'll benefit from teaching informed by some of the world's greatest minds, pioneering learning facilities and an education that encourages you to think differently, developing you as an individual and a future professional. You'll enjoy a friendly and compact campus, at the heart of a uniquely cosmopolitan city, with easy access for exploring the UK and beyond.

When you've graduated, you'll have a degree that employers all over the world will recognise as a marker of excellence. We hope that this publication will help you decide that Manchester is the best place for you to shape your life and career.

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CONGRATULATIONS

A message from

Professor Dame Nancy Rothwell
President and Vice-Chancellor



I know you have been offered a place to study at this University. Congratulations – we have many, many more applicants than places.

You will also have offers from other universities, so have tough choices to make. The decision is an important one and it will help shape your future professional and personal life. If we can be of further help in making your decision, do contact us. I have been at The University of Manchester for over 20 years, as a teacher, a researcher and now as President and Vice-Chancellor. Like you, I've had a number of other offers. But I can never imagine leaving such an exciting and vibrant university in a great city! If your own hopes and ambitions are drawing you to make the best you can of your personal potential, Manchester may be the place for you.

OUR AMBITION

We published *The Manchester Agenda* nine years ago, which set out our ambition for The University of Manchester to be one of the world's leading universities, an ambition which has been emphatically restated in our Manchester 2020 vision. Many thought that some of our goals were just dreams. For example, we set ourselves a target of having four Nobel Prize winners by 2015 and we achieved this by 2010, after two of our staff won the Nobel Prize for Physics. As a student at The University of Manchester you will benefit from the University's ambitions for the future. I know that my own students, whether from the UK or across the world, feel proud to work here and have benefitted enormously from their rich experience and great opportunities. Whether you are a student preparing for your first degree or an established researcher, you will find a strong commitment to excellence, great support and outstanding facilities.

AN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

The University of Manchester has always been welcoming, with a large and diverse community. Staff and students of the highest calibre are attracted here to work in many subjects such as the arts, science, engineering, business and medicine. Manchester already attracts students from more than 180 countries and is a truly multicultural campus in a multicultural city. We want to make your Manchester experience something to be proud of for the rest of your life and something that you will tell your family and friends about for years to come.

WORLD-CLASS RESOURCES

The University of Manchester is committing resource and facilities to ensure that we become one of the top institutions in the world, and that teaching and research take place in an environment that allows you to flourish. We are planning to invest £1 billion over the next ten years to create a world-class campus for our staff and students. Our Estates Masterplan will create a single campus and will involve the construction of new teaching and research buildings, student facilities and major improvements to the public realm. This investment is in addition to the £750 million we have spent since 2004 on superb buildings and facilities to ensure that your studies will take place in a first-class setting. Students in every Faculty are already benefiting from new state-of-the-art laboratories, classrooms, workshops and online learning resource centres. To give you two examples: the University Place development provides a hub both for major events and for student support, and the Alan Gilbert Learning Commons at the very heart of the campus has been designed to give students a focal point for learning in a state-of-the-art 24/7 environment.

INNOVATION IN TEACHING

The University of Manchester is committed to giving you the support services, learning environments, teachers and infrastructure equal to the best in the world. It is home to some of the most innovative teaching initiatives, including the University College for Interdisciplinary Learning and the Manchester Leadership Programme, which aims to produce graduates with intellectual and leadership qualities who will be attractive to prospective employers and contribute to society as a whole.

GRADUATION AND BEYOND

The University of Manchester is already recognised by the world's employers as being a top destination to recruit graduates. The Manchester 2020 vision is designed to continue and strengthen this reputation by ensuring that our degree programmes open doors to the world's most prestigious and professional workplaces. We consider all of our graduates as part of a life-long family and many maintain regular contact with us from across the world. I try to visit as many of our alumni bases as possible.

I hope this has given you a flavour of our vision at The University of Manchester and that you will join us at this exciting time in our history.

The very best of luck to you, whatever path you choose.

WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

A message from

Mike Gibbons

Director of Student Recruitment
and International Development

Firstly, let me congratulate you on being made an offer to study here at The University of Manchester. We understand that choosing a university is one of the most important decisions you will ever have to make, and this brochure aims to show you the benefits of studying here in Manchester and what you can expect when you arrive.

RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

Manchester's outstanding performance in the most recent RAE in 2008 (see page 8) means that we are rightfully placed as one of the UK's leading research universities. This ranking not only shows the international impact of our research – it also gives our students a distinct advantage. The best international teaching and learning universities are great research institutions, where successive generations of students and staff can mix with, and learn from, many of the best and brightest people in the world.

GLOBAL REPUTATION

It's not just in the UK that Manchester's reputation for quality goes from strength to strength. We have a worldwide reputation for leading research, teaching and innovation. In 2010, we celebrated the award of the Nobel Prize to two of our physicists, Professors Sir Andre Geim and Sir Konstantin Novoselov, for their pioneering work with graphene.

Manchester has sustained a strong performance in the prestigious Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU) Academic Ranking of World Universities, which in 2013 placed us 5th in the UK and 41st worldwide.

WORLD-CLASS FACILITIES

Our students enjoy outstanding facilities for research and teaching. We have an ongoing programme of investment to ensure that you have access to an excellent learning environment. This is part of our commitment to joining the top universities in the world.

YOUR FUTURE

A degree from The University of Manchester is recognised worldwide. Our reputation with employers throughout the world for the quality of our graduates is outstanding (see page 24). We are one of the most targeted universities in the UK by graduate recruiters, with hundreds of global companies visiting our campus. Our courses are career-orientated with input from industry and commerce, ensuring that you'll gain relevant skills for real-life situations.

A WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT

We offer a number of welcome and support services for international students to give you the best start to your studies (see page 14). These include our free University Shuttle Service to Residences, as well as an Orientation Programme packed with talks and social events aimed at new international students like you. We have more choice of accommodation than any other UK university, with approximately 8,500 single study bedrooms in a variety of halls of residence. We are pleased to guarantee accommodation to international students for the full duration of their course (see page 18 for conditions and more information).

With students from more than 180 countries, our campus is lively, cosmopolitan and welcoming. It's located close to the heart of Manchester, England's 'second city', a vibrant, multicultural place with all the amenities you would expect of a modern European city and a popular student destination.

FIND OUT MORE

I am confident that Manchester is an excellent choice for your studies. However, if you should need any assistance in making your decision, please contact the International Office for guidance. Please use the dedicated email address for The University of Manchester offer-holders: offer@manchester.ac.uk.

We will answer your questions as soon as possible.

WORLD-CLASS RESEARCH

The University of Manchester has a thriving research culture, with over 3,900 academic and research staff, and we attract over £280 million in external research funding every year.

WHAT OUR RESEARCH MEANS FOR YOU

As a student here, you'll add to the dynamic research culture flourishing throughout our Schools and will benefit from international research leadership, under distinguished scholars. A strong research profile is essential for a university to attract the highest quality academics.

Whichever level of study you are pursuing, you will gain directly from our high-quality research environment. Research excellence informs the content of our courses. Our links with industry ensure that teaching responds to the needs of our rapidly changing world. Many of our undergraduate programmes include research elements, allowing you to better appreciate and to contribute to the diverse range of studies taking place. At postgraduate level (and on some undergraduate courses) you will be directly involved in pursuing cutting-edge research and pushing the boundaries of creativity.

We're determined to break down traditional barriers between academic areas to introduce new interdisciplinary ways of working. This is beneficial to our research, bringing new ideas to our teaching practices and to your learning experience.

We increasingly engage our research with the major challenges facing society today, such as climate change, energy security, poverty alleviation and global development and the ageing population. This gives us a strong base on which to inform our teaching. You can find out more about the pioneering research being undertaken at the University by visiting our website at:

www.manchester.ac.uk/research

MANCHESTER DOCTORAL COLLEGE

All postgraduate research students become members of our Manchester Doctoral College (MDC) when they register for one of our programmes. We work in collaboration with these students to generate internationally leading research that has real impact in the UK and beyond; promote high-quality supervision, monitoring and support; ensure the highest standard of excellence in programmes in partnership with our Faculties and Schools; support interdisciplinary activity across the University; and work to sustain a vibrant scholarly research community. Find out more at:

www.manchester.ac.uk/mdc



Professor Sir Konstantin (Kostya) Novoselov

Physicist and joint winner of the Nobel Prize for Physics (2010)

"The work that got us the Prize, we started in Manchester. It was originally a side experiment from our mainstream work – we always have a few side experiments going, small things, sometimes crazy. I think this is really within the culture of the British system – you are allowed to do those crazy experiments, which allows you to be creative."

Professor Novoselov works in the School of Physics and Astronomy. He received the Nobel Prize for Physics in 2010 and a knighthood in 2012 in recognition of his work, with Manchester colleague Professor Andre Geim, on a revolutionary super-material called graphene. When not dealing with international fame, he is devoted to his research, delivering lectures to undergraduate students and watching *The Big Bang Theory* (on which his work has featured).

"The main reason you should come to Manchester is the quality. For studies, it's probably the best. Academics here apply really huge efforts, in one-to-one tutorials and so on. The fact that it's a huge place is an additional benefit. You always have experts in any field you need and, if you want to continue for a master's or PhD, you have a great choice of people to learn with here."

Find out what Kostya thinks about the people of Manchester and the moment he discovered he'd won the Nobel Prize.

www.manchester.ac.uk/ug/profiles

WORLD-CLASS RESEARCH – RESEARCH ASSESSMENT EXERCISE

The Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) is the UK government's formal method of assessing the quality of research in universities. The University of Manchester's outstanding performance in the most recent RAE (2008) confirmed our reputation as one of this country's top research-led institutions across all major academic subjects.

RAE results determine how approximately £1.5 billion in UK government research funding is distributed each year. The UK universities that undertake large volumes of high-quality research are rewarded with a larger proportion of funding to invest in new researchers, teachers and facilities. The world's best teaching and learning universities are great research institutions, so the results are important for current and prospective students. In the most recent RAE exercise in 2008, each subject area was given a 'quality profile' showing the proportion of research activity, according to the following categories:

4* - world-leading

3* - internationally excellent

2* - internationally recognised

1* - nationally recognised

Unclassified

THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER'S PERFORMANCE IN RAE 2008

The large and complex data included in the RAE mean there are a number of different ways of analysing the results. A ranking which looks at the volume of research activity, judged to be in the two highest possible quality levels of 'world-leading' (4*) and 'internationally excellent' (3*), shows Manchester in third position behind Oxford and Cambridge. This can be seen in the table below.

Whichever way the results are analysed, we rank among the country's top performing universities.

- The diversity of research at Manchester is unrivalled in the UK: we submitted research in 53 subject areas, more than any other UK university.
- The University of Manchester came top in the country for quality in six subject areas: Cancer Studies, Dentistry, Nursing, Russian, Sociology, and Spanish and Iberian Studies. The results also highlighted our exceptional performance in areas including Engineering, Biology, Development Studies and Music.
- 65% of research activity at Manchester was judged to be 'world-leading' or 'internationally excellent.'

You can find more information about the RAE 2008 results at:

www.manchester.ac.uk/research

www.rae.ac.uk

www.hefce.ac.uk

Research volume (RAE 2008)

Ranking	Institution
1	University of Oxford
2	University of Cambridge
3	The University of Manchester
4	University College London
5	University of Edinburgh
6	University of Nottingham

INNOVATIVE TEACHING



We're committed to excellence in teaching and providing the very best learning environments for you.

This means you'll learn from leading teachers and scholars who are acknowledged international experts in their respective fields. You'll develop skills and gain experience that will be fundamental to your future career.

We employ a wide variety of teaching techniques, from traditional laboratory-based work, lectures and seminars to eLearning.

The University's wealth of facilities (see page 14) will help you make the most of your studies.

Teaching at Manchester benefits from the following:

- Advanced learning technologies that provide a richer learning experience for students. Online learning tools complement our high-quality, face-to-face teaching through innovative and interactive exercises, simulations and problem-based activities. We are also creating technology-rich learning spaces across the campus, including access to the widest range of digital resources of any UK university.
- The University College for Interdisciplinary Learning, which enables students to take optional units and mix with those from other disciplines to explore ideas from different perspectives. Units showcase the research and knowledge found at the University and encourage students to expand their educational horizons beyond the boundaries of their degree programme.
- A dynamic research-led culture, which means that teaching is kept up-to-date with cutting-edge thinking and technology.
- Courses that reflect the needs of industry and business to ensure you acquire the skills and knowledge necessary to flourish within your chosen career.

We recognise and reward excellent student performance. A range of prizes and bursaries, including the Manchester Medal, are presented each year to the best students. When you graduate, we'll provide you with a comprehensive Higher Education Record of Achievement (HEAR), covering your entire course. Your Record of Achievement will identify and detail transferable life skills as well as your academic grades, in order to help you demonstrate the value of your learning experience to future employers.



ACADEMIC QUALITY

The British Government's Quality Assurance Agency most recently audited the standard of teaching and student support at the University in 2005 and 2006. It gave the University the best possible outcome, saying that the Agency had "broad confidence in the soundness of the University's current and likely future management of the quality of its academic programmes and the academic standards of its awards".

TEACHING STYLES

Sofia Lobos

from Chile

Studied for an MA in Arts Management, Policy and Practice

"Studying at the School of Arts, Languages and Cultures was a very challenging, but at the same time an exciting experience, as I had the opportunity of being practically and theoretically motivated by the lecturers."

"Most of the seminars had at least two guest speakers over the semester who provided a very practical approach to the arts scene, not only in Manchester, but also in other cities, including London. In addition, at least one field trip was organised each semester, which helped to connect the conceptual background discussed in seminars to a practical base."

"One of the things I enjoyed the most over my year living in Manchester was the opportunity to discuss new ideas and cultural policies carried out in an international environment. There was no place for a 'right' or 'wrong' answer, as developing a strong argument and knowledgeable viewpoint were considered the basis for performing well."

PROBLEM-BASED LEARNING

Akib Khan

from New Zealand

Studying for a five-year MBChB in Medicine

"Problem-based learning (PBL) is an excellent tool aimed at helping us develop the skills needed to be successful in medicine."

"Each week our PBL group is presented with a clinical case that we discuss to form learning objectives. We shape the basis of our knowledge through a combination of anatomy sessions, lectures and self-study. In our clinical years PBL takes on a vital role where we apply this knowledge to real-life scenarios."

"We are encouraged to explore each topic in as much detail as we like – even to the frontier of cutting-edge research. Highly qualified tutors (experts in their own scientific/clinical fields) provide us with support. Not only will PBL allow you to excel academically, it will also provide you with exposure to a wide variety of personalities. Rotating PBL groups every six months allows us to interact with many other medical students, clinicians and academics – helping create a great sense of community."



ACADEMIC FACILITIES AND SUPPORT

Our excellence in teaching is underpinned by an impressive range of world-class academic facilities and support services.

FACILITIES

We have invested in a wealth of central and discipline-specific facilities. The following are some examples.

THE ALAN GILBERT LEARNING COMMONS

Opened in 2012, this iconic £25 million building was designed with partners across the University and in consultation with the Students' Union.

The space has been created specifically to support the learning needs of future generations of students, using technology designed to enrich the University experience. Students are free to use the facilities as they choose, in group study, independent study, or simply for quiet time.

The Learning Commons is run by the University Library, with a dedicated team of staff able to offer help and support with all facilities. It's open 24/7 and offers a flexible, ultra-modern and stimulating space in which to learn and relax. Cutting-edge IT facilities, a range of flexible learning spaces and a host of student-centred services are all available within its walls.

LIBRARIES

With continuous investment in an academic library that is one of the biggest in the UK, and extensive cross-campus IT facilities, we ensure that a wealth of resources are available to help you study successfully.

- The University of Manchester Library is one of the UK's best-resourced academic libraries with more than 4 million printed books and manuscripts, over 41,000 electronic journals, 500,000 e-books and several hundred databases.
- In addition there are site libraries spread across campus for your convenience.

COMPUTING

We have one of the largest academic computing facilities in Europe, including:

- almost 4,000 PCs across campus;
- Ethernet connections in all halls of residence rooms;
- wireless access to the Internet from the main campus;
- the Blackboard virtual learning environment and dedicated IT support.

SUPPORTING YOU

There may be times during your studies when you feel that you need some help or advice. You'll be assigned your own 'personal tutor' who will provide you with support throughout your time here. We also provide a range of central support services, including:

- the Disability Support Office, which will help if you have additional needs arising from a medical condition, a physical or sensory disability, a specific learning difficulty, such as dyslexia, or a mental health problem that affects your study;
- the Counselling Service, which provides professional and confidential counselling for students with personal problems affecting their work or sense of well-being;
- the Students' Union Advice Service, with full-time advisers who can assist with issues such as housing or finance.

THE STUDENT SERVICES CENTRE

Located at the heart of campus, the Student Services Centre (SSC) is the central point of contact for all administrative and support services once you enrol at the University. From registration and fees to exams and graduation, our friendly staff in the SSC will be on hand to help you.

The SSC has a dedicated International Advice Team (IAT) for international students. Members of the IAT are trained to provide help with issues of particular concern to students from overseas, including visa advice.

STUDYING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

Cliff Workman

from the USA

Reading for a PhD in Medicine and President's Doctoral Scholar

"Last year, I packed up my life and moved from the east coast of America in order to pursue my doctorate at The University of Manchester."

"This was the most life-changing decision I've ever made and 12 months later, I am extremely pleased to have made it. The University is exceptional – not only has it attracted the leading researchers in my field, but it is ranked among the best research institutions in the world, with a strong commitment to supporting innovative research."

Furthermore, the support I've received from my supervisory team, research unit, School and the University as a whole has made me confident that I'm receiving the best possible preparation for my academic career. Through regular meetings with my supervisory team, numerous training and professional development opportunities, chances to attend and give scientific talks via the Faculty of Medical and Human Sciences Graduate Society, and opportunities to provide feedback on my course to the University's President and Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dame Nancy Rothwell, the University proves unquestionably its dedication to my academic success."

PERSONAL AND ACADEMIC TUTOR

Professor Ian Cotton

Tutor in the School of Electrical and Electronic Engineering

"I am a personal tutor and provide pastoral (or personal) support in addition to academic support. If a student needs help with anything at all, then they can come and see me."

"On an academic level, students can come and talk about any academic problems they may be experiencing. Every week a personal tutor will meet with their students. The focus changes in the tutorials. In the first weeks the focus is about getting

to know each other. As you go through the year the tutorials become more academic. Tutorial groups typically comprise four or five students. In the UK we have a culture of interaction and questioning and, at times, disagreeing with lecturers. Our aim within the time the student is with us is for them to become someone who is really capable of independent thought. Companies recruit graduates from UK universities because they have ideas and can solve problems, not just complete routine tasks."



GUARANTEED ACCOMMODATION



Whatever type of accommodation you prefer, you are likely to find it in Manchester.

WHAT IS AVAILABLE?

With approximately 8,500 single study bedrooms in 23 different halls of residence, The University of Manchester offers a variety of living environments. These include:

- fully catered halls (meals provided) or self-catered (providing your own meals);
- single-sex and mixed-sex options;
- en-suite accommodation or shared-bathroom facilities;
- traditional halls or modern residences;
- undergraduate halls, postgraduate halls or halls that accommodate both.

Whichever residence you choose, all University housing includes your own study bedroom, equipped with a bed, desk, chair, wardrobe and shelving for your study materials. All halls provide free Internet access.

For an overview of the halls please visit:

www.accommodation.manchester.ac.uk/our-accommodation

THE INTERNATIONAL GUARANTEE

Unlike many other universities, The University of Manchester guarantees a place in a University owned (or managed) hall of residence to every overseas student for the full duration of their studies, provided they:

- are coming to the University alone;
- pay the overseas rate of tuition fees;
- have submitted an application for accommodation by 31 August;
- apply for accommodation in subsequent years for the full academic session, and by the due deadline in February;
- have met the conditions of their offer if they are an undergraduate student, or have firmly accepted a place at the university by 31 August if they are a postgraduate student.

If you fall outside of these conditions, do not worry: the Accommodation Office is likely to be able to find you a room, and if not, our staff will advise you of other available options.

The University offers some family and partner accommodation, and Manchester Student Homes (page 21) can assist with finding private housing for larger families.

www.manchester.ac.uk/accommodation





The University has three accommodation zones: City campus, Victoria Park and Fallowfield.

City campus is the most centrally located of the three. If you wish to be situated close to the city centre, this is the place to be.

Victoria Park offers a quieter environment, only ten minutes' walking distance from the heart of the University campus and less than five minutes from the lively cosmopolitan suburb of Rusholme.

Fallowfield has a great social atmosphere and is where many students choose to be based. Very frequent buses connect it with the University campus and city centre. It is approximately two miles from the University campus.

HALL FACILITIES

- Self-catered residences include dining areas and kitchens equipped with cookers, fridge-freezers, microwaves and kettles.
- Catered halls include areas where snacks can be prepared.
- All halls have on-site laundries.
- Halls provide a focus for student social life, with hall societies active in music, drama, sport and other activities. Some halls have specific amenities such as computer clusters and sports facilities.

SUPPORT AND SECURITY

- Each hall has an assigned warden and a team of tutors to offer guidance and support.
- All halls of residence have swipe-card access systems, and each accommodation area has an extensive CCTV network and 24-hour security.

INTERNET FACILITIES

One of the great advantages of University accommodation is that the majority of bedrooms have a 10Mbps broadband Ethernet connection. This means that you can connect your computer to the University's network and get access to the Internet, email, games servers, library catalogues, online journals and a massive range of software. There is also dedicated IT support in case you have any problems connecting to the service.

THE ACCOMMODATION OFFICE

The University's Accommodation Office has a dedicated team to assist and advise international students on accommodation issues. Whatever your query, there will always be someone to help. No appointment is necessary and the office is open from Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

You should have received the Student Accommodation brochure. If, however, you still have questions or would just like some advice, please contact us.

The University of Manchester
Accommodation Office
tel +44 (0)161 275 2888
email accommodation@manchester.ac.uk
www.manchester.ac.uk/accommodation

More information about applying for accommodation can be found on pages 56 and 57.

NON-UNIVERSITY ACCOMMODATION

You may prefer not to live in a University hall. There is a large supply of private accommodation for rent in and around the city of Manchester. The University (together with Manchester Metropolitan University) also manages Manchester Student Homes (MSH), an agency which can help you locate a property or a room in a shared house either before or upon arrival. MSH is the only University of Manchester-approved source of private sector accommodation. It advertises more than 9,000 bed spaces in a variety of types of housing. All properties comply with current safety regulations and security standards, and most are close to campus.

You can access their online services at:

www.manchesterstudenthomes.com



RESIDENTIAL SUPPORT

Swati Gola

from India

Studying for a PhD in International Trade Law and Human Rights and residential tutor at the Fallowfield campus

"When I first came to Manchester, I stayed in the halls of residence since it was a new city and an altogether new experience."

"I found that having a pastoral team looking after the well-being of resident students was pleasant and it prompted me to become one when I found my way and settled in. The role of residential tutor is challenging and full of interesting experiences. We help the students with moving in and settling into the new environment. While we ensure that our students are well looked after, we're also responsible for maintaining a balance between various interests. Since pastoral care is provided in all University halls, it doesn't matter which campus you're in; you're provided with same level of help and support."

"Manchester is one of the most multicultural and vibrant cities in the UK and the University is at the heart of it. My experience so far has not once made me doubt my decision to come here and I'm sure that you'll enjoy your life and experiences here as much as I do."

MANCHESTER CAMPUS

Michelle Magin

from the USA

Studying for a postgraduate degree in German Studies

"With the opening of the 24-hour Alan Gilbert Learning Commons, and the renovation of many existing buildings, Manchester is investing more than any other UK university in its campus."

"Alongside these newer developments, the University offers you a rich cultural environment. The architecturally stunning John Rylands Library in Deansgate is home to numerous rare collections, while the main library has over 4 million volumes. The collections of the iconic Whitworth Art Gallery and the Manchester Museum add not only to the campus, but the city as a whole,

offering an opportunity for you to connect to the wider community."

"Our campus is a short distance from Piccadilly Gardens, the Arndale Shopping Centre, the Northern Quarter and the 'Curry Mile', so you're never far away from the city's livelier spots. For international students, day trips to Wales and the Lake District, run by the International Society, are a great way to see more of the UK, while the main Students' Union oversees dozens of societies for students interested in anything from extreme sports to computer programming. As a Flat Tutor, I see the positive impact of the residents' associations, which hold social events, and even trips abroad for those in University accommodation."





A BRIGHT FUTURE

The University of Manchester is consistently voted as one of the most targeted universities in the UK in The Times Top 100 Graduate Employers.¹

An excellent reputation with graduate employers

In the 2013 QS World University Rankings, we scored a maximum 100/100 for "Employer Reputation" for the quality of our graduates.²

With almost 4,000 recruiters advertising jobs, exhibiting at fairs and presenting on our campus, these surveys support our reputation for outstanding and highly employable graduates.

A highly regarded university careers service

Almost 80% of Manchester students use our careers service and 75% of users rate it as good or excellent.³

Almost 90% of international students are satisfied with their careers service provision at The University of Manchester.⁴

Exciting opportunities to meet recruiters and enhance your employability

We have long-standing relationships with leading multinational recruiters, who participate in many of our careers events and workshops to develop our students and those all-important skills such as leadership, team-working and demonstrating initiative. Many of our UK employers can also refer you to their positions around the globe.

We run specific events for groups of international students, such as our international employer events and online networks of international alumni. We also subscribe to an online database of international job vacancies to help you stay connected to your local job market.

www.manchester.ac.uk/careers/international

Support to manage your own career progression

You can meet with specialist careers consultants for professional advice, skills training and guidance to help plan your career. We can also help you to explore how employers recruit differently across the globe.

In addition, you can benefit from specialist services for international students to make the most of UK and global opportunities and boost international employability. Resources include our popular International Students Careers Week and online materials.

www.manchester.ac.uk/careers/internationalweek

Support to explore UK options

We offer a dedicated website and regular blog features, guiding international students on the changing UK work visa regulations and how international students can benefit from UK work opportunities.

www.manchester.ac.uk/careers/international
www.manunicareersblog.com

Exciting opportunities

We advertise internships, part-time jobs and volunteering opportunities. This will help you to enhance your employability through gaining valuable work experience. You can also be alerted to opportunities that utilise your language skills as they arise.

www.manchester.ac.uk/careers/workexperience

Be mentored by the best

Our award-winning mentoring programme, Manchester Gold, provides access to more than 500 mentoring opportunities, with representatives from companies including Goldman Sachs, Rolls-Royce, HSBC, PricewaterhouseCoopers and IBM. Our mentoring programme also puts students in touch with international alumni across the globe.

www.manchester.ac.uk/careers/mentoring

¹ The Graduate Market in 2013: an annual review of graduate vacancies and starting salaries at Britain's leading employers – High Fliers Research Ltd.

² The QS World University Rankings, 2013 – of over 600 top universities around the world. www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings

³ The UK Graduate Careers Survey, 2012 – High Fliers Research Ltd.

⁴ The International Student Barometer survey 2011-2012 – i-Graduate, autumn 2011.



Change your future, change your world

The Manchester Leadership Programme gives undergraduate students the unique opportunity to combine academic study with volunteering in order to develop skills essential for future leaders. You can hear from leaders within business, public and charity sectors as they share their thoughts on leadership in the 21st century.

www.manchester.ac.uk/mlp

What now?

We hope this has given you an idea of the range of resources we can offer and the opportunity that a Manchester degree can present if you choose to get involved and develop your employability. Now it is up to you to take that challenge and use the help and services that are available.

www.manchester.ac.uk/careers

To get started early we have some videos and tips online for offer-holding students at:

www.manchester.ac.uk/careers/students/international/coming

Studying for a master's?

Our careers materials for offer-holding students can help you to get ahead. Ensure you have the skills and experience now to enable you to apply effectively for graduate positions when you arrive. The recruiting cycle can start as early as October!

THE CAREERS SERVICE

Rudo Mugwagwa
from Canada

Studying for an LLB in Law

"As an international student coming from a different system it was difficult to know where to begin when pursuing a commercial legal career.

"My academic tutor directed me to the Careers Service, which had a wealth of experienced advisors and online resources. The service's website gave me vital information on events and workshops that were specifically geared towards law students. I was able to create a personal calendar that included firm presentations, information sessions and skills workshops. By attending these events in my first year,

I was able to understand the process of becoming a solicitor and the expectations of commercial firms.

"I had the chance to interact and network with firm representatives, and I was even able to get informal work experience through a panel of city law firms.

"Along with these insightful events, the Careers Service provided personal assistance for my job applications, including mock interviews and assessments. A particular challenge I had was structuring my résumé, highlighting the relevant experience and attributes for which firms would be looking. I was able to get feedback and resources that helped me enhance my work profile not only for legal experience but also for jobs in general."



THE CITY OF MANCHESTER

With events, facilities and attractions to suit every lifestyle, Manchester is lively, culturally diverse and easy to enjoy on a student budget.

According to the 2013 Global Liveability Report, there is no better city in which to live in the UK. In fact, about a quarter of our students love Manchester so much, they make it their home after completing their studies.

Manchester's unique character comes from its pioneering past; this is the place where the Industrial Revolution really took hold. The city grew dramatically in the 19th century on the wealth created by cotton, and its amazing Victorian civic buildings, mills and factories shout: "This is Manchester. We have arrived."

But it is not all about industry. Manchester nurtures creativity and hosts international sporting events. Never content to live on past glories, this is a place that looks to the future with a passion for progress.



TIME OUT IN MANCHESTER

With its huge variety of attractions, Manchester will never leave you short of things to do. Here are just a few ways to spend your spare time.

Enjoy local and international sport

The city is famous for its football teams, Manchester United and Manchester City, and you can get discounted match tickets from the Students' Union. It's also home to the National Football Museum. Having hosted the Commonwealth Games, Manchester is an international city of sport, boasting world-class facilities for swimming and the first national velodrome,

where the victorious Team GB Olympic cycling team train. You can also see local and international cricket and rugby here, use the world's largest indoor ski slope, or sign up for the Great Manchester Run, the UK's favourite 10km race.



Listen to live music

If you love music, then you'll love Manchester. The city regularly welcomes the world's best bands and DJs at venues ranging from the intimate (such as Soup Kitchen, Band on the Wall and the Deaf Institute) to the huge (such as Manchester Central and the Phones 4u Arena). The Manchester Academy venues, housed within our Students' Union building, also host both well-known

and up-and-coming bands, from Boyce Avenue to Skrillex. The Bridgewater Hall offers regular classical concert performances, with many more held within the University's Martin Harris Centre for Music and Drama and at the neighbouring Royal Northern College of Music.



Explore the entertainment scene

There are a number of theatres and venues in Manchester, producing the UK's best repertory scene outside London. The city has numerous cinemas showing both mainstream and independent films, and an annual Latin American film festival. Students can receive discounts for films and plays. Another treat is live comedy, which you can watch at venues such as the Comedy Store and The Frog and Bucket.



Visit a museum or gallery

Manchester enjoys award-winning museums and galleries, many with no entry charge. You can go and visit stunning buildings and explore fascinating collections, whether it be film, photography, dinosaurs or contemporary art. There is something for everyone.

Eat out

Manchester offers a wide range of cafes and restaurants, many of which offer discounts for students or early diners. The city hosts an annual food and drink festival and there are frequent city centre markets selling regional produce. Manchester's multicultural nature is reflected in the options available. The bustling areas of Rusholme,

at the heart of the South Asian community, and Chinatown, in the city centre, offer a wealth of choices, but you'll also find everything from Ethiopian to Russian cuisine within easy reach.



Go shopping

Manchester is known as the shopping capital of the north-west, with brands and boutiques to satisfy all fashion tastes and budgets. Quirky independents await you in the Northern Quarter and at specialist markets, while designer labels can be found in Spinningfields and New Cathedral Street.

The Trafford Centre, a short bus ride from the University campus, is a shopping mall that provides department stores, cinemas and eateries, all open late and in one place.



Take a walk in the park

Need a break from your studies? There are plenty of green areas to explore in and outside the city to escape the bustling city life. Whether you take a walk to Platt Fields Park or travel by train to the Peak or Lake Districts, you'll find it easy to enjoy the great outdoors.



... and much more!

There is always something to do in Manchester. Throughout the year there are a number of festivals featuring music, comedy, food and drink, film, science and literature, just to name a few. From Chinese New Year to the Christmas markets, you will never be bored in Manchester.

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

- **Piccadilly** is where you will find the main train and bus stations, and tram stops. At its centre, Piccadilly Gardens has a variety of coffee shops and eateries, and hosts a food market.
- The main areas for shopping are to be found in **Manchester Arndale Centre**, **Market Street**, **Exchange Square** and **New Cathedral Street**.
- **Albert Square**, where the 19th-century Town Hall is located, hosts a variety of events, including one of the city's Christmas markets.
- The **Northern Quarter** has vintage fashion boutiques, cafes offering everything from traditional British tea to American-influenced cakes and milkshakes, and fashionable bars and music venues.



CHINATOWN

Ever popular for its countless restaurants, Asian supermarkets and events, Chinatown fills the area with vibrant colour and flavours. Chinatown is centred around the impressive imperial arch (pictured) and is one of the largest Chinatowns in the UK.



DEANSGATE

The longest and one of the oldest thoroughfares in the city centre, Deansgate boasts a wealth of food and drink options, as well as a cinema, shops and much more. It's also home to the University's neo-gothic John Rylands Library, where you'll find a variety of rare manuscripts and printed books, exhibitions that are open to the general public and usually free of charge to visit, and special collections of interest to academic scholars.



MULTICULTURAL MANCHESTER

Anum Azam

from Pakistan

Studying for a BAEcon in Economics

"My first thoughts at the mention of Manchester are commonly 'the capital of football', thanks to Manchester United and Manchester City.

"However, there is so much more to the city than this. Founded in Roman times, emerging through the Industrial Revolution and hosting the Commonwealth Games in 2002, Manchester has become one of the world's most vibrant and cosmopolitan cities. Manchester's long-term residents speak more than 200 languages between them and contribute to a vast diversity of ethnic backgrounds, religions and cultures.

"Manchester has something to entertain everyone, with museums, galleries old and new, shopping centres, cinemas and theatres. And it's a gastronome's paradise: you'll find Mexican, Chinese, Indian, Russian – the list is endless – in high-class restaurants and street-food takeaways alike.

"The city gives a perfect balance between its traditional values as a pioneering, industrious metropolis and its multicultural warmth, fusing cultures from across the globe and welcoming the traditions of those who come here."

COSMOPOLITAN CITY

Chen Issac Tseng

from Taiwan

Studying for an MPharm in Pharmacy

"Manchester has one of the most culturally and ethnically diverse environments in the UK and it enriches my student and life experiences in many ways.

"The University has the largest student population in the UK, giving me the chance to meet more students from all around the world and experience their unique cultures. I never feel alone because I can always find and meet people from the same country. In addition, Manchester is well known for the Curry Mile, where a variety of South Asian food restaurants, music shops and groceries are situated. There are also plenty of

restaurants in Chinatown, where you can definitely satisfy your taste buds when you crave Chinese cuisines.

"There are always lots of events going on in Manchester throughout the year. The month-long Christmas markets have hundreds of stalls where you can find anything from German beer, Italian Cannoli Siciliani to potato pancakes from Luxembourg. It is always good to treat yourself with some food while you are wandering around in the market. Manchester International Festival is one of the most exciting artist-led festivals you can find. In the festival you can enjoy gigs, film and visual arts that are the new works from around the world.

"Studying and living in Manchester not only gives me the wonderful opportunity to learn about British culture but explore other foreign cultures that I am falling in love with now."



OUR STUDENTS' FAVOURITE PLACES

The Northern Quarter

"The Northern Quarter is a section of the town centre that has become one of my favourite places to visit in Manchester. It has a vast number of cute and quirky shops and boutique stores to browse, most notably the terraced market that is Afflecks. When you fancy a bite to eat, there is a large array of fancy tea shops, as well as restaurants and cafes. By evening, it transforms into a haunt for young creatives and professionals, offering smaller and slightly pricier alternatives to the big nightclubs of Manchester, with cocktail bars and intimate clubs. All in all, it's a nicely tucked away alternative from the usual student stomping grounds."

Lily Bland from England

BA English Literature and American Studies (Year 3)

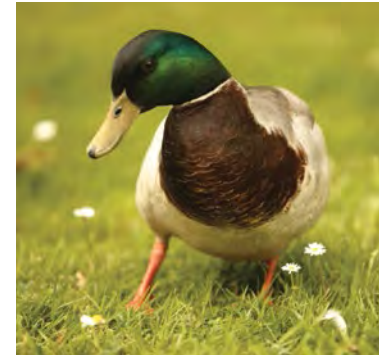


Heaton Park

"My absolute favourite place in Manchester is Heaton Park. In my opinion, it's the most beautiful park in Manchester. Whether the day is sunny or cloudy, it won't let you down. The park has everything you would ever want, from a gorgeous English estate to a cafe overlooking the lake. Even if you want to go on a quick hike, you can do that there. They also have carnivals and a petting zoo. My favourite time to go is during the winter because of the beautiful white snow. If you ever want a break from the Manchester metropolis, I highly recommend going – it's very easy to get to, using the Metrolink from Piccadilly Gardens. Hope to see you there!"

Sophia Camp from The Dominican Republic

BSocSc Social Anthropology (Year 3)



The Font

"The Font is a great place for students to unwind in Manchester. There is an amazing food menu, which makes it an excellent place to get lunch, especially as it is located just off Oxford Road. Not only is The Font a brilliant place to catch up with friends in the day, it is also a good place to meet up in the evening. Cocktails are as cheap as £2, there's a huge range of world beers and the music creates a warm atmosphere, which is perfect for a relaxed night out. And best of all, entrance is free!"

Ashaki Newton from England

BA Modern History with Economics (Year 2)



The National Football Museum

"Whether you are a fan of football or not, the National Football Museum is a fun place to visit. It opens everyday and the admission is free, so you can spend a whole afternoon in there. There are exhibitions that change regularly, along with numerous permanent displays and interactive activities, and a great cafe and gift shop."

"Everything is well located, so you will easily find your way, but if you need any help, don't worry! The staff are very helpful and friendly. The building itself is spectacular; it really is worth going."

Kate Lau from Hong Kong

MPharm Pharmacy (Year 3)

The Trafford Centre

"The Trafford Centre is one of my favourite places to shop in Manchester, offering a wide range of high-street and designer shops all under one roof."

"The Trafford Centre is not only a great place to visit for shopping but it can also be a great day out, with numerous restaurants located in the Great Hall and a leisure complex offering bowling, cinema, Laser Quest and miniature golf. It's easily accessible by car or by bus from the University campus."

Lauren Jane Taylor from England

BSc Geography with International Studies (Year 4)



Teacup

"Teacup is one of my favourite places to go in Manchester. It's a great place to catch up with friends, as it's really nice inside and the staff are friendly."

"They do huge varieties of tea, great food and amazingly brightly coloured cake. Sometimes it can be a bit pricey so, when I go, it's usually for a treat."

Jessica Nightingale from England

MA Public Policy and Governance



The Cornerhouse

"This is the Cornerhouse! This is the place you want to be if you are into independent (and not so independent) films. You might even be able to find a movie from your country once in a while."

"There's also great food and a gift shop, and it frequently hosts art exhibitions. What's more, it's perfectly placed on Oxford Road, just a short walk from campus."

Mauricio Ramos from Peru

BEconSc Economics (Year 3)



SPORTS AND SOCIETIES



Manchester is a city with a worldwide sporting reputation, and you'll find plenty of ways to get involved here at the University.

SPORT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

SPORT Manchester offers students the opportunity to participate in sport and fitness activities at any level, from fun instructor-led courses for the complete beginner to sport scholarships for elite athletes and everything in between.

The University's Athletic Union is the competitive side of sport, with more than 40 clubs representing the University in the British Universities and Colleges Sport leagues (BUCS). An excellent performance last year secured us a 9th place finish in the overall UK league table.

Other sports activities on campus include:

- Campus Sport leagues, covering five sports, with more than 100 teams from halls and academic departments playing each other on a weekly basis;
- Hall Sport, which provides beginner sessions for students living in University accommodation;
- Active Manchester beginner courses in a variety of activities and sports, including Zumba, pilates, yoga, badminton and squash;
- the Sport Volunteer Scheme, which links registered students with sports-related volunteering opportunities across the city, enhancing personal skills and future employability.

More information can be found at the SPORT Manchester website:

www.manchester.ac.uk/sport

SPORT FACILITIES IN MANCHESTER

The legacy of the Manchester Commonwealth Games is visible across the city and on campus with many world-class facilities, including Manchester Aquatics Centre, Manchester Velodrome and Sportcity, all within easy reach.

There are three main sports centres on campus, all with excellent fitness suites and a range of indoor and outdoor facilities.

More information can be found on our website:

www.manchester.ac.uk/sport/facilities-and-membership

STUDENTS' UNION

The University of Manchester's Students' Union is an organisation for all students at the University. Autonomous from the University and democratically controlled by students, the Union is one of the most active in the country. It offers you:

- over 250 societies catering for all interests, talents and hobbies;
- volunteer groups that give you the chance to get involved in a wide range of activities outside your studies. Opportunities include working with adults with learning difficulties, running social events for elderly people and taking food to homeless people around Manchester;
- the opportunity to work on creative and media projects including *The Mancunion*, the student newspaper, Fuse FM, the University's student radio station, and Fuse TV, our student-run TV station;
- the opportunity to stand as an elected student representative in academic, liberation and specific interest roles, and make a real change to the lives of University of Manchester students.



THE STUDENTS' UNION ADVICE SERVICE

The Students' Union Advice Service is a free, confidential service where you can get information and advice on personal and academic issues. It's run by professional advisors who are independent of the University, and is located on the ground floor of the Students' Union building.

You can speak to the Advice Service about academic issues, housing matters and student finance. Our advisors are experienced in dealing with formal procedures at the University, problem landlords and financial blips and can help get the best outcome for you.

You can find out more about the Students' Union by visiting:

www.manchesterstudentsunion.com

STUDENT SOCIETIES

The Students' Union has many student clubs called 'societies'. Societies are groups of students that share common interests, such as sporting, academic, political, creative, or general interest. Many international cultures and nationalities are represented by a society.

Examples of international interest societies at Manchester

African Caribbean	Korean
Arab Society	Latin American
Amnesty International	Malaysian
Bangladesh Students	Mauritian Society
Buddhist Society	Mexican
Chinese Students	Nigerian
Christian Union	Pakistan Society
Eastern African Society	Persian
Hindu Student Forum	Russian-speaking
Indian	Saudi
Indonesian	Sikh
International Society	Singapore
Islamic	Sri Lankan
Japanese	Thai
Jewish	Turkish
Kazakh	Vietnamese





INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY

Sam Harris

International Society – www.internationalsociety.org.uk

"The International Society is an independent, not-for-profit organisation which is based on the University campus."

"We want to help you enjoy your time in Manchester by providing you with a warm and friendly welcome to the city. We organise trips, classes, activities and social events throughout the year to help you make the most of your time outside your studies."

"Every weekend we offer trips to places across the UK. The trips are a fun, cheap and easy way of seeing more of Britain. We also currently offer classes in over 20 different languages."

"Social events include discos, barbecues, quiz nights, world food evenings, cultural evenings and live music nights. We also have a families' group that provides a warm and friendly meeting place for the partners of students and their children."

SOCIETIES AND THE STUDENTS' UNION

Cannon Lim

from Singapore

President of the Singapore Student Society of Manchester (SSSM) and studying for a BAEcon in Business Studies and Economics

"The University of Manchester offers a wide range of societies for students to join, suiting every individual interest."

"You can get involved with societies covering sports, music, international interests, dance, politics, recreation and many more. If, by any chance, you can't find a society to match your interests, you can always propose your idea to the Students' Union and create your own."

"The Students' Union is a place where every student can have their voice heard. It helps students solve many of the difficulties they might face during their time at university, such as coping and managing with exams, depression, relationships and accommodation matters. The Students' Union also allows student societies to host events at different venues, mostly for free. Many students see the Students' Union as a 'problem solving' place or even as a 'home' due to the huge amount of facilities and services on offer."



MONEY AND FINANCE



Manchester is an affordable and cosmopolitan city. It's home to around 100,000 students, so shops and businesses are used to catering for people on limited budgets. You can get some really great deals if you're prepared to shop around.

COST OF LIVING

Manchester is an affordable place to live and very popular with students on a budget. You can benefit from student discounts on a wide range of goods and services, including transport, fashion and entertainment.

TUITION FEES

In order to give you certainty in your financial planning, the tuition fee payable each year will be fixed for the duration of the programme. If you enter as a student from September 2014, you'll pay the same tuition fee for each subsequent year of your programme.*

Your offer letter will specify the tuition fees for your course. For more information on tuition fees please visit the Student Services Centre website:

www.manchester.ac.uk/ssc

To help you manage the costs of study, you can opt to pay your fees in instalments once you have set up a UK bank account. More details about this will be sent to you shortly before you register. If you have any questions about the costs of study you should contact your academic School.

* Please note that this does not apply to clinical undergraduate programmes in Medicine and Dentistry, or to progression from our foundation year to a degree programme.

Estimated living costs for 2013/14**

Expenses	40 weeks undergraduate	52 weeks postgraduate
Accommodation (average cost for self-catering halls)	£4,620	£5,145
Meals	£1,450	£1,965
Books and stationery	£400	£490
Clothes (including provision of warm clothing and footwear)	£400	£490
Local transport	£520	£665
Other general living expenses (photocopying and printing, laundry, phone calls, consumables, entertainment, sports, cooking equipment etc)	£1,495	£1,875
Total	£8,885	£10,630

** Please note that these figures may increase in line with inflation.



SHOPPING IN MANCHESTER

Yiran Zhu
from China

Studying for an MSc in Human Resource Management and Industrial Relations

"The Manchester I've got to know is a creative, vivid city, unrecognisable from its post-industrial heritage."

"There are independent boutiques and top-flight shops, cool bars and snug pubs. I really like visiting Cloud 23, a unique and memorable venue located at the highest point in Manchester – you feel almost able to touch the clouds."

"It's quite easy to hear brilliant music, get to know great people and eat at fantastic restaurants. Manchester is rightly proud of its variety of dining options. It's one of the world's most exciting food experiences, and is more than capable of satisfying the diverse tastes of our international students."

"With two sites of luxury designer shopping choices offered by Selfridges, the UK's largest inner-city indoor shopping centre in the Arndale, and a gigantic out-of-town shopping and leisure complex at the Trafford Centre, Manchester is a truly unforgettable destination for fashion lovers."

WORKING PART-TIME

Panitas Sureeyatanapas
from Thailand

**Caller in 'Manchester Calling' and Teaching Assistant
PhD student at Manchester Business School**

"I work as a teaching assistant, working with first-year undergraduate students."

"The experience will be very useful when I return to work as a lecturer in Thailand. I'm also participating as a caller in 'Manchester Calling', an annual campaign run by the International Office. The campaign gives a personal contact service to international offer-holders. My role is to provide them with guidance and information about student life in Manchester. It's not only a great experience but also an opportunity to make many new friends."

"Manchester is a cosmopolitan city offering many opportunities for students to work part-time. I know many other international students who work outside the University, at places such as Manchester United Football Club, Primark, the Phones 4u Arena and the Bridgewater Hall. As an international student in the UK, I try to use my spare time to travel around Europe, and earnings from the part-time jobs enable me to achieve this. I believe that by working either within or outside the University, you not only earn extra money but also broaden your experience of British culture, improve English language skills and gain confidence in working within a multinational environment."



ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSES

At The University of Manchester we offer a number of English language courses to fully prepare you for studying in the UK.

WHY DO WE ASK FOR AN ENGLISH QUALIFICATION?

Your educational experience is very important to us. An ability to communicate in English is vital to your academic performance and progress. It is essential that you have a level of fluency that will allow you to benefit fully from lectures and tutorials. A high level of English is also a valuable skill that can improve your job prospects internationally.

IF YOU HAVE AN UNCONDITIONAL OFFER

No further proof of your level of English (for your academic course) is required if you have an unconditional offer. However, you may still benefit from a pre-session English course to help develop your academic skills and fluency. The three-week pre-session course is specifically designed for students holding an unconditional offer, with a high level of English (minimum IELTS 6.5).

IF YOU HAVE A CONDITIONAL OFFER BASED ON AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

If the School feels you will need further language instruction before starting your course, it will make you a conditional offer based on an English language requirement.

If you receive such an offer, please check the exact requirements carefully with your School. You may, for example, be required to retake IELTS.

The terms of your offer may specifically include a pre-session course at The University of Manchester. If it does not, please ask your School before making a booking to confirm whether satisfactory completion of a pre-session course will fulfil the English language requirement of your offer.

WHAT IS A PRE-SESSIONAL ENGLISH COURSE?

A pre-session course is an intensive English course, usually taken in the summer before beginning your academic studies in September. The length of the course you will require will depend on your current level of English and how much you need to improve to meet the required level.

UNIVERSITY LANGUAGE CENTRE

The University Language Centre (ULC) at Manchester runs several summer pre-session courses. The courses are accredited by the British Council, through Accreditation UK, and by the British Association of Lecturers in English for Academic Purposes. The courses are designed to provide you with the level of English you need to meet the conditions of your offer and run for 3, 5, 10 or 20 weeks. Some of our pre-session courses are tailored to areas such as law, science and technology, humanities and social sciences, and business and management. Please refer to the ULC website for further details.

Students attending pre-session courses in Manchester have found them an excellent way to prepare for their academic course. The pre-session courses also helps you to acclimatise to spoken English in your new surroundings.

The ULC also offers a year-round English for University Study course for students who need to make larger improvements in their English language proficiency.

If you are interested in registering for a course or would like further information, please visit our website or contact the ULC.

tel +44(0)161 306 3397
www.manchester.ac.uk/langcent
email presessional@manchester.ac.uk

ULC pre-sessional English course details

Course code	Dates	Length	Fee
PS20	22 April – 5 September 2014	20 weeks	£5,300
PS10a	22 April – 27 June 2014	10 weeks	£2,650
PS10b	30 June – 5 September 2014	10 weeks	£2,650
PS5	4 August – 5 September 2014	5 weeks	£1,325
PS3	18 August – 5 September 2014	3 weeks	£795

ENGLISH LANGUAGE SUPPORT DURING YOUR STUDIES

The ULC also offers you support to further improve your English skills during your academic course. There are free 'in-sessional' classes for international students, which include workshops in academic writing, academic speaking and listening, pronunciation, and grammar. The ULC also gives you access to a wide variety of learning resources for developing your language skills.



STUDYING ON A PRE-SESSIONAL COURSE

Xin Cheng
from China

Studying for an MSc in Organisational Psychology

"Before I started my studies at Manchester, I took the ten-week pre-sessional academic English course.

"It helped me to improve my academic English, which was especially useful as it taught me how to write essays and do presentations. As my MSc program requires me to have good ability in academic writing and speaking, this course was really helpful. The participants on the course were all international students, and so it was a good chance for us to make friends here before beginning our studies. We felt like a family. The teachers not only taught us academic English, but also how to live a better life in the UK.

"I would recommend this course because a good standard of academic English ability is vital for you to do well at university. I have to say, since starting my MSc, I've realised how important the pre-sessional course has been. The English we used to learn in China would only help us with our everyday communication – it wouldn't help with our academic English ability."



ORIENTATION AND WELCOME



It's very important to us that, when you arrive in Manchester, you feel welcome and settle easily into your new surroundings. We run a number of events through our Orientation and Welcome programmes to give you the best possible start to living in the UK.

PRE-DEPARTURE BRIEFINGS

Each year, staff from the International Office organise pre-departure briefings in a number of countries to provide information to help you prepare for your arrival in Manchester. These briefings allow you to ask any questions you have about moving to the UK and give you the opportunity to meet other students from your country who will be studying at Manchester. Further details of these events will be posted on the International Office website:

www.manchester.ac.uk/international

ARRIVAL GUIDE

To help you prepare, you will be sent an arrival guide giving you comprehensive details about living in Manchester and studying at the University. With a list of tasks to be completed and a planner to help you schedule them, the guide will be very helpful to you before and after arriving in Manchester.

WHEN YOU LAND IN THE UK

For a week in September each year, student helpers and staff will be at Manchester Airport from 8am to 9.30pm each day. If you're flying into Manchester, you'll find friendly faces to greet you, answer any immediate queries and give you advice about making the last part of your journey.

SEMESTER DATES 2014/15

First semester

Attendance	15 September 2014 to 11 December 2014
Christmas vacation	12 December 2014 to 12 January 2015
Attendance	13 January 2015 to 25 January 2015

We also provide a free shuttle bus service from the airport to University accommodation. If you are travelling alone and moving into University accommodation, you will be able to book on to this service, which will take you, free of charge, to your new home. Manchester Airport is the third largest in the UK and has daily direct flights from all over the world. Don't forget that if you're arriving into another airport in the UK, and can take a coach to Manchester Airport, you can take advantage of the same facilities.

ORIENTATION AND WELCOME

We run two main Orientation programmes in September and January of each year. There are events suitable for all new students; these provide an enjoyable and informative start to life in the UK and are a good foundation for your future studies. The sessions include both practical advice and social events. We'll send further details to you and post them on the International Office website:

www.manchester.ac.uk/international

MORE INFORMATION

If you would like to know more at this stage about the range of services to help you settle at Manchester, please visit our website:

www.manchester.ac.uk/international

Second semester

Attendance	26 January 2015 to 19 March 2015
Easter vacation	20 March 2015 to 13 April 2015
Attendance	14 April 2015 to 5 June 2015



PRE-DEPARTURE BRIEFINGS

Fran Halliwell

Senior International Officer at The University of Manchester

"Pre-departure briefings are an important and useful opportunity to meet with a representative of The University of Manchester and receive advice on:

- what you should do before you leave your home country;
- getting to the University when you arrive in the UK;
- what you should bring with you;
- the Orientation and Welcome Programme.

"It's also an opportunity to check on the status of your accommodation and any payments you may have made to the University.

"After all details have been checked, you can relax and learn about all the activities and facilities available to you when living in Manchester. We'll give you information about the University as well as the city's attractions, nightlife, and cultural interests. You'll be able to chat with students in the same position as you, learn from their experiences and share your own."

HELPING YOU SETTLE IN

Rebecca Duffy

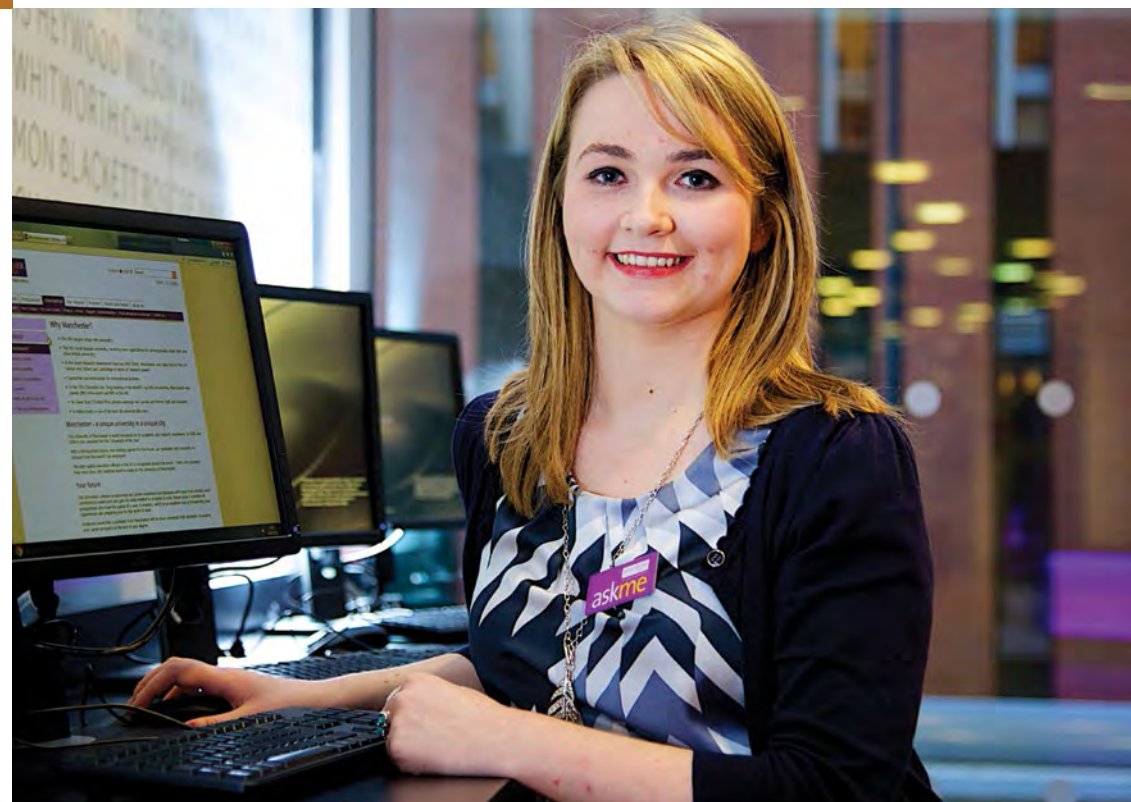
International Relations Assistant at The University of Manchester

"Orientation is a programme of events designed to give international students the best start to their academic and social life in Manchester. The programme includes talks by members of staff, tours of the city and University campus, and plenty of social events giving you the opportunity to get to know people from all over the world.

"Our team of Student Ambassadors will be there to guide you through every step of Orientation. Arriving at Manchester Airport on your own? They will be there to greet you and show you to our free shuttle service taking you directly to your University

accommodation. Not sure of the best place to buy food? They will travel with you to the supermarket during Orientation. Just want to ask a few questions about life as a student in Manchester? The Student Ambassadors will share their first-hand knowledge of the city and the University. Want to meet students from the UK? Even though UK students do not take part in Orientation, you'll have plenty of chances to meet them through our Welcome events.

"Manchester is a fantastic place to live and study, and the Orientation team and Student Ambassadors are looking forward to showing you exactly why."



WHAT NEXT?

YOUR OFFER

You should have received, or will shortly receive, your offer of a study place. Your offer will either be conditional (C) or unconditional (U). Either way, we would like to know that you want to accept the offer we have made.

CONDITIONAL AND UNCONDITIONAL OFFERS

There are two types of offers: conditional and unconditional. Some applicants are made conditional offers which state that they must achieve certain grades in the appropriate examinations or English language score. Applicants who have already completed examinations may be made unconditional offers with no conditions attached. If you have any questions about your offer, please contact your academic department.

When you have completed all your examinations, and know your results, please send them to your academic department, so that we can confirm you have met your conditions. We ask you to send a copy of a formal transcript or results slip, via email if possible. If you have met your conditions, your offer will become unconditional. Even if you have not quite achieved the grades we asked for, you should still send your results to us.

If your offer is conditional only on an English language score, you may wish to consider taking a pre-session English language course here at the University. Make sure you check with your academic department to confirm that this is acceptable – see pages 48 to 49.

POSTGRADUATE APPLICANTS

You will receive your offer directly from your academic department once they have made a decision on your application. To accept your offer, please follow the instructions in your offer letter.

UNDERGRADUATE APPLICANTS

You will be able to check the details of your offer on UCAS Track. UCAS Track is an online system that allows you to follow the progress of your application and check your decisions. If you supplied UCAS with a valid email address when you first applied, they will email you when a decision has been made. Once you have received decisions from all your choices, UCAS will contact you again with information about responding to offers. If our offer is conditional and you wish to accept it, you will need to decide whether you want us to be your first choice (firm) or your 'safety net' option (insurance).

If you need further guidance on the UCAS process, visit: www.ucas.com

COMMUNICATING WITH US

Whether it is to accept your offer, or simply provide a change of contact address, it is important that you keep in touch with us. Accurate contact details are especially important so that we can send you key documents such as your accommodation offer or your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) required to apply for your study visa. Undergraduate applicants should remember to update their contact details on UCAS Track if they change. Postgraduate applicants can update contact details directly in the applicant portal.

ACCOMMODATION

Once you accept our offer of a place to study here (even if it is conditional), you are then ready to apply for a place in our accommodation.

There are many halls to choose from, so we suggest you take some time to select your top three preferences. To help you do this, read your copy of the Student Accommodation brochure, which you should have received separately. You can also browse and apply online at:

www.manchester.ac.uk/accommodation

If you are an unaccompanied student paying tuition fees at the international rate, you will be guaranteed an offer of accommodation for the full duration of your studies.

WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY OFFER OF ACCOMMODATION?

In the summer, we start to send out licence agreements by email to all unconditional firm candidates who have applied for accommodation in halls. It is very important that as soon as you receive your accommodation offer you accept your room, following the online procedure detailed in your emailed offer. Failure to do so within the seven-day deadline will mean that you may lose your offer of a room. Please make sure you check your emails regularly and keep us informed if your email address changes.

APPLYING FOR A VISA

If you are a non-EEA National and you wish to come to the UK to study for more than six months, you need to obtain a visa to do so and you must apply for a Tier 4 Student (General) visa in your home country before you travel. Applying for a Tier 4 visa should be straightforward as long as you prepare carefully.

Once you have accepted your offer and met any conditions, we will send you a CAS statement by email. This statement will provide you with your CAS reference number and additional information that you must use when applying for your student visa for The University of Manchester.

You must provide the Home Office UKBA with the original academic documents that are listed in your CAS statement. You should also be prepared to show the Home Office UKBA the original financial evidence that you have the necessary funds for your tuition fees and living expenses while you are in the UK. Students studying some science, engineering or medical programmes may need to apply for Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) clearance before applying for a student visa. If your CAS statement states that you require ATAS clearance, please see this website for more information: www.fco.gov.uk/atas

For further information on preparing your Tier 4 visa application, please visit www.manchester.ac.uk/international/apply/visas. This webpage also provides information for students who are already in the UK, studying on a Tier 4 visa, and who will need to apply for an extension to study a new course at The University of Manchester.

If you have questions or concerns about your visa application to study at The University of Manchester, please email visa@manchester.ac.uk.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATIONS YOU CAN EXPECT TO RECEIVE

We realise that there is a lot of information to take in. As long as you keep your contact details up to date, you can be sure that we will send you more information throughout the coming months, including:

Arrival guide: this will contain practical information about living and studying in Manchester. It has been designed as a reference guide for you to keep as you travel to Manchester.

Orientation guide: as your journey to Manchester approaches, you'll receive information about our welcome services, including the University Shuttle Service to Residences from Manchester Airport and our Orientation Programme. As with other key publications, this will be made available as a download at: www.manchester.ac.uk/international/support

Registration details: these are the official 'joining instructions' that provide information about how to register at the University. They will be sent to you by your academic school here at Manchester.

Face-to-face meetings: the University conducts pre-departure briefings for offer holders in various locations around the world from May each year. We will contact you if we are holding a briefing in your country.

Questions

The International Office is here to answer any questions you may have about student life at The University of Manchester:

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