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WELCOME TO THE SCHOOL OF ARTS, LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

Welcome to the School of Arts, Languages and Cultures (SALC) at the University of Manchester! You are now part of a School that brings together world-leading research and outstanding teaching in a dedicated and diverse staff team. The Arts are an essential part of the University's mission and at the forefront of its international reputation. Attracting the best talent, the School aims to provide our students with a learning experience of the highest quality, taught and guided by inspiring academics using state-of-the-art resources, making our graduates highly sought after by employers.

Social responsibility and public engagement is embedded in everything we do in the School. We seek to create and develop knowledge that makes a difference both to those researching and studying in the University and in the wider world. Our course offering in the fields of arts, languages, and cultures is amongst the broadest and most diverse of any UK university, and we are committed to inter- and multi-disciplinarity at all levels of study and research. All students have the chance to take course units from across the School, and we would urge you to make the most of this exciting breadth of opportunity during your time with us.

Our research, recently recognised as world-leading in the UK's "Research Excellence Framework (REF)", is underpinned by the recently established *Creative Manchester* platform, which brings together staff and projects from across the university, and by two major research institutes: the John Rylands Research Institute and Library (JRRIL), which makes use of the rich resources of the historic John Rylands Library on Deansgate; and the Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute (HCRI), focusing on humanitarianism, conflict responses, global health, international disaster management and peacebuilding.

This is in addition to several other centres including the Centre for Jewish Studies, the Centre for New Writing and the Institute for Cultural Practices (ICP), all of them combining rigorous research with a strong focus on external engagement, working with partners in the health, policy, heritage, cultural and business sectors.

The School is home to over 5,500 undergraduates and postgraduates, and it employs over 350 academic staff, 40 postdoctoral research fellows, research associates and research assistants, as well as a large cohort of teaching assistants, all supported by a large team of professional support services staff. Teaching and research in the School are supported by rich resources within the University, for example the collections of the University of Manchester Library (including the world-famous John Rylands Library in the city centre), the Ahmed Iqball Ullah Race Relations Resource Centre, the Manchester Museum and the Whitworth Art Gallery, as well as in other distinguished Manchester archives and museums. The School also operates its own cultural assets such as The Martin Harris Centre for Music and Drama, and partners with the Confucius Institute. Outside the University, we have excellent links with a range of cultural partners such as HOME, The Royal Exchange, Contact and Library theatres, the Hallé Orchestra, the Instituto Cervantes, the Alliance Française, and the Società Dante Alighieri.

This guide has been written for you in conjunction with current students to help you navigate through your first year and beyond. We hope you find it useful, and once more, **welcome to Manchester!**

WELCOME TO MODERN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

Message from Head of Department

Dear Student,

We are writing to congratulate you on your recent examination success (or, if you are making a deferred application, your earlier examination success). It is a pleasure to be welcoming you to one of the UK's leading universities in one of Europe's most exciting cities.

We are very pleased you will be joining our vibrant community of learners in Modern Languages and Cultures, all of whom are dedicated to the study of modern languages and the communities all around the world in which those languages are spoken. Our excellent team of lecturers and language tutors are all eager to work with you during your time here as an undergraduate.

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This guide also introduces you to some very important members of staff within the different language programmes, and some ideas for things to do before you arrive. You will find out more at your first welcome meeting.
Once again, congratulations, and we hope you will get a well-deserved rest before starting university. We very much look forward to meeting you in September.

Professor Julia Dobson
Head of Modern Languages and Cultures

ARABIC AND MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES (AMES)

Academic staff in AMES are very much looking forward to welcoming you to our department here in Manchester.

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During Welcome Week you will first meet me, your Programme Director. I will next introduce you to the rest of the AMES members of staff. Students will also have a chance to briefly introduce themselves to their peers. The AMES Welcome Talk will include a briefing about your first year of study. While you are not expected to prepare anything at all in advance, you are expected to attend all of the department's and the school's scheduled activities

I wish you and your family great health and all the very best for the rest of your summer. I look forward to seeing you in Welcome Week.

Dr Tom Woerner-Powell
Programme Director, AMES

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CHINESE STUDIES

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In Welcome Week, you'll meet with the language tutors and lecturers who will be teaching you over the course of your programme. We'll talk a little about what to expect in your first year, and then later in the semester you'll be assigned to an academic advisor, who will be your first point of contact for any academic-related questions. Those of you who have learned some Chinese before will be taking placement tests so that we place you into the most appropriate level of Chinese language.

You will of course learn more about what you will be studying in your first year when you arrive, but if you would like to start getting into a Chinese frame of mind for your studies, you could do some (or all!) of the following:

Have a look through MDBG (https://www.mdbg.net/chinese/dictionary), an excellent language resource where you can find new words, do practice vocabulary quizzes if you already know some Chinese, and learn more about Chinese characters and all kinds of other things.

- Read an introductory history of China - you could try Patricia Ebrey's Cambridge Illustrated History of China, Third Edition (Cambridge University Press, 2022).
- Watch *Spring in a Small Town* (1948), a classic Chinese film by well-known director Fei Mu. It's available on YouTube (with English subtitles!), and was voted best Chinese film of all time by the Hong Kong Film Critics Society.
- Watch one of the Mandarin series that have been added to Netflix over the past few years. You can enable the subtitles and use them to practice your listening comprehension. The Untamed is one favourite of mine.

I hope you'll find this mix of resources stimulating. They'll start you thinking about what it means to study Chinese and the Sinophone world, and some will provide you with resources you'll turn to time and again. Until we meet for Welcome Week, I wish you all the best for the rest of the summer!

Dr. Zhaokun Xin
Senior Lecturer in Chinese Culture and History
Undergraduate Programme Director, Chinese

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EAST ASIAN STUDIES

Dear Student,

Welcome to the East Asian Studies programme and to learning about one of the most dynamic and important areas of the world! We are looking forward to meeting you in Welcome Week. Your Programme Directors for the 2026-27 academic year is Dr Sharon Kinsella. Sharon has been teaching a course on the period of colonialism and Japanese empire in China and Korea and beyond in recent years. We are sure you have already been learning lots about various aspects of East Asia out of your own interest, but here are a few suggestions for things you could do before you arrive in Manchester:

- Read an introductory history of East Asia – Patricia Ebrey and Anne Walthall eds. *East Asia: A Cultural, Social, and Political History* (Wadsworth Publishing Co Inc., 2014) is a good one and you will certainly find it useful in your coursework at Manchester.

• With regard to Chinese history, you could try Patricia Ebrey's *Cambridge Illustrated History of China*, Third Edition (Cambridge University Press, 2022). Similarly, it would be very useful to read a good modern history of Japan. A couple of possibilities are *A Modern History of Japan* by Andrew Gordon (OUP, 2008), or Christopher Goto-Jones *Modern Japan: A Very Short Introduction* (OUP, 2009). There are also good modern histories by Kenneth Pyle and Janet Hunter.

• In terms of contemporary East Asian films, you know more than I do, so I look forward to learning from you! However, in terms of classic films, you might want to watch Spring in a Small Town (1948), by well-known director Fei Mu, voted best Chinese film of all time by the Hong Kong Film Critics Society! Equally important for the Japan context are the films of Kurosawa Akira and Ozu Yasujirō.

• If you are keen on literature, try Jun'ichiro Tanizaki's classic novel The Makioka Sisters, about a well-off merchant family in Osaka in the late 1930s. I would also highly recommend novels by Natsume Soseki, such as Kokoro or And Then, both from the early 20th century. For Chinese literature, of course there are the classic novels of Lu Xun, Ba Jin and Lao She, but you might also find Mo Yan's works interesting.

Also, keep in mind that specifically for East Asian Studies, cultural products such as manga, animation, music (J-pop, K-pop), dramas, and propaganda posters can be a great source of study.

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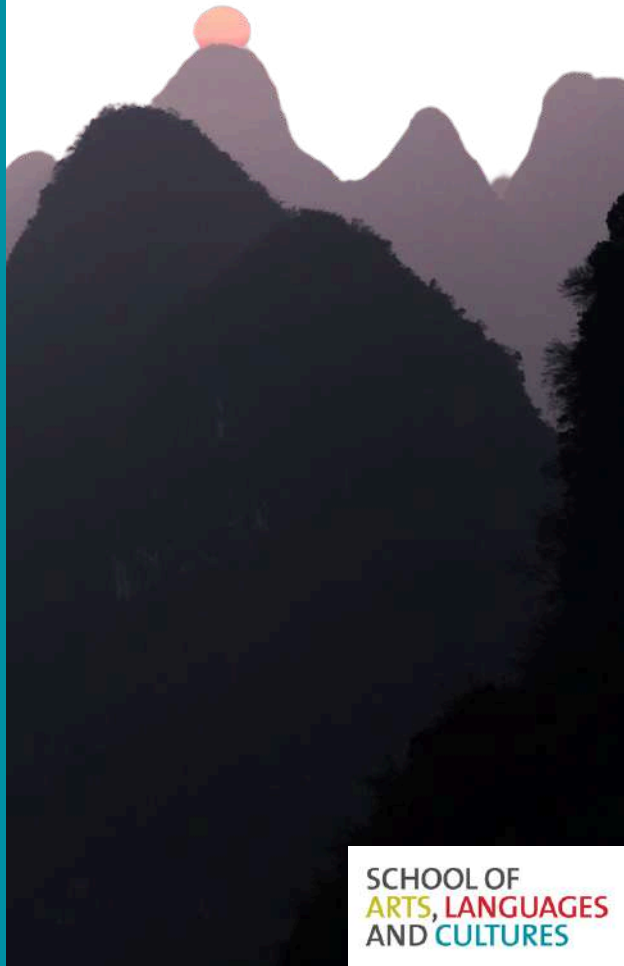
Enjoy the rest of the summer, and we look forward to meeting you in September!

Dr Sharon Kinsella
Programme Director, East Asian Studies



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FRENCH STUDIES

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During Welcome Week, you will have the opportunity to meet me and all the staff in French Studies, and find out what you will be studying in your first year. There is no need to do preparatory work over the Summer, but if you'd like to, you can definitely start to improve your French and do any (or all!) of the following before September:

• Read and watch news stories about France and the French-speaking world. TV5 Monde is an excellent source of free and reliable journalism on political, social and cultural issues: https://www.tv5monde.com/ Once at University, you will have access to free subscription to many daily and weekly newspapers, including Le Monde, Libération, Télérama...

• Listen to French radio and podcasts on a range of subjects, for instance France Inter : https://www.radiofrance.fr/franceinter (general news and cultural programme), France Culture: https://www.radiofrance.fr/franceculture (more high-brow cultural and philosophical debate); or 'slow news': www.newsinslowfrench.com/

• Work on your French grammar (oh oui!): www.francaisfacile.com/

• Read any novel, short-story or collection of poetry you can find (try authors Guy de Maupassant, Colette, André Gide, Annie Ernaux, Marie Ndiaye, Georges Perec...); or listen to audiobooks in French: www.litteratureaudio.com/

• Watch any French and francophone films, documentaries or series (Netflix has a few). Once at University you will be given free subscription to various streaming websites.

• Browse the art collection of France's national art gallery, Le Louvre: https://www.louvre.fr/

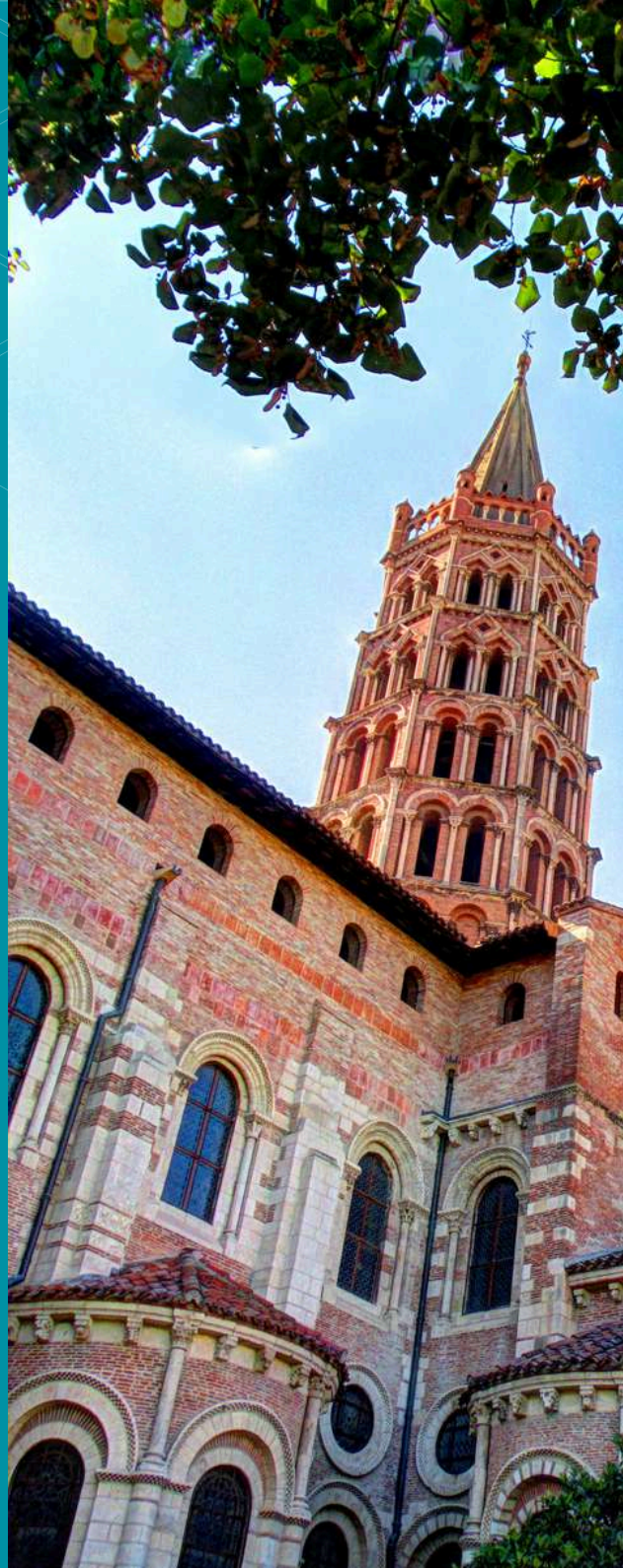
• Listen to French and francophone music on What the France?!, the French music radio aimed at international audiences: https://whatthefrance.org/

• Did you know? In Manchester we are lucky to have an Alliance française, a cultural and language centre for all things French; check their upcoming events (some are online): www.afmanchester.org

Take a look, too, at our French Studies staff page on the University of Manchester: https://www.alc.manchester.ac.uk/modern-languages/about/people/french-studies/

I hope you find these sources interesting – they prefigure the material you will engage with in your studies with us, across history, literature, cinema, art, popular music, linguistics, and more. In the meantime, I wish you all the best for the rest of the Summer, and really look forward to meeting you in Welcome Week.

Dr Jeff Barda
Programme Director, French Studies



GERMAN STUDIES

Herzlich willkommen!
We're very much looking forward to you joining our community of German learners at Manchester. In Welcome Week, we'll hold a get-together when you can meet members of German Studies staff, and there will also be opportunities to chat to peer mentors and get to know the German Society. You'll find out more about what you will be studying in your first year, but there's no need to wait until teaching starts! You can get into the right frame of mind straight away, by doing some (or all!) of the following:

- Read a news story about the German-speaking world and international news from a German perspective – you could try Der Spiegel: www.spiegel.de/international or Deutsche Welle: www.dw.com/en/top-stories/s-9097
- Watch German news on Deutsche Welle: www.dw.com/en/media-center/live-tv/s-100825

Whether you are a beginner in German or have taken German at A-Level, you could buy and start to read *Essential German Grammar* by Martin Durrell, Katrin Kohl and Claudia Kaiser (3rd edition, Routledge, 2026). This will give you a flavour of some of the topics and issues that you'll be studying in your first and second year, and which you'll be able to explore further over the course of your degree.

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In the meantime, I wish you all the best for the rest of the summer and look forward to meeting you in Welcome Week.

Dr Wiebke Brockhaus-Grand
Programme Director, German Studies

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ITALIAN STUDIES

We're very much looking forward to welcoming you to the community of Italian learners at Manchester. In Welcome Week there will be a meeting with me, in which I'll introduce you to the other members of staff who'll be teaching you in Italian Studies. You'll also have the chance to meet our Peer Mentors, students from second and final year who'll be on hand to help you navigate your first weeks at University. You'll learn more about what you will be studying in your first year when you arrive, but if you would like to start getting in the frame of mind for your studies you could do some (or all!) of the following:

• Read some news stories about Italy from an Italian perspective – you could try: https://www.repubblica.it/ , or Google News Italia, to access multiple outlets: https://news.google.co.uk/news?ned=it

• Listen live to Italian online radio stations here: https://radiomap.eu/italiano
• Try the News in Slow Italian (does what it says on the tin but requires App!): https://www.newsinslowitalian.com

• Do some reading around contemporary Italian politics and society, such as Bill Emmott's book, Good Italy, Bad Italy (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2013).

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I hope that you'll find these materials interesting – they'll give you a flavour of some of the topics and issues that you'll be touching on in your first year and which you'll be able to explore further over the course of your degree. In the meantime, I wish you all the best for the rest of the summer and I look forward to meeting you in Welcome Week.

Professor Stephen Milner
Programme Director, Italian Studies

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JAPANESE STUDIES

We are looking forward to seeing you and to having you join us soon. When you start your studies with the University of Manchester there will, of course, be lots of things to do, people to meet and arrangements to make. In Welcome Week there will be a meeting for all new Japanese Studies students. I will be introducing you to the staff and the courses then, so I won't discuss your degree programme in detail here. However, all of you (whether doing single honours or joint honours) will be joining the language programme, and for beginners and near beginners (who will be joining JAPA51011 Japanese 1) we very strongly recommend that you (re)learn the hiragana and if possible also the katakana script before your arrival, as we will check the hiragana during Welcome Week and start teaching/checking katakana soon after that. Below are some suggestions for help with this.

Recommended Apps for Beginners

1. Learning Hiragana & Katakana

- Dr Moku – Helpful mnemonics for memorising kana
- Kana Master – Kana charts and quizzes
- Hiragana/Katakana Memory Hint – Reliable kana learning app with audio and stroke order (by Japan Foundation)

2. Practice & Revision

- Kana Drill – Vocabulary and verb conjugation practice (for iOS only)
- Duolingo – Useful for daily revision and hiragana/katakana

3. Fun Learning (Optional)

- Memrise – Fun kana memory games! (try Japanese 0 / Japanese 1)

4. Dictionary (Essential!)

- Shirabe Jisho – Dictionary with kanji stroke order and example sentences (for iOS only)
- Japanese Dictionary Takoboto

You can also use the Genki self-study room, as they have useful hiragana and katakana charts with proper stroke orders and sounds:
https://genki3.japantimes.co.jp/en/student/hiragana/
https://genki3.japantimes.co.jp/en/student/katakana/

For learning how to write kana beautifully and correctly, see also:
Hiragana: https://kyozaidl.nipponhyojun.co.jp/shin1/hirakata-animation/html/hk.html?h_h01_0_1_win
Katakana: https://kyozaidl.nipponhyojun.co.jp/shin1/hirakata-animation/html/hk.html?k_1_win

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Youtube Videos

Hiragana & katakana song! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PAfi3D9K7lk

The hiragana song: ひらがなのうた! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NjvuIx5N_qE

The あいうえお song! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PE7sW2KoiGI

If you are a beginner and will take JAPA51011 Japanese Language 1, then please purchase the set textbook (Banno E, Ohta Y et al Genki I: An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese (Tokyo: Japan Times, 3rd revised edition 2020): ISBN-13: 978-4789017305) and accompanying workbook (ISBN-13: 978-4789017312). (We have no special recommendation about where to purchase.)

If your language study is already fairly advanced, then we suggest you review and revise, as we will be giving a placement test in Welcome Week to check understanding of content equivalent to the end of Lesson 20 of the Genki II textbook. This will determine who goes into the JAPA51031 Japanese 3 course, which starts at Lesson 21 of Genki II.

You do not need to do any specific preparation for other courses, but you may wish to do some general background reading. We suggest one of the following, either of which will give you a useful introduction to the history of modern Japan. Second-hand copies are fine, and are cheaper than new ones.

- Modern Japan: A Very Short Introduction by Christopher Goto-Jones (OUP, 2009)
- Japan Story: In Search of a Nation, 1850 to the Present by Christopher Harding (Penguin, 2019),

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I hope you enjoy the summer. I, and all my colleagues, look forward to meeting you in Welcome Week.

Dr Peter Cave
Programme Director, Japanese Studies

RUSSIAN AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES (REES)

We're very much looking forward to welcoming you to the community of Russian learners at Manchester. In Welcome Week there will be a meeting with me in which I will introduce you to Russian and East European Studies staff and current students, as well as the Student Leaders of our Peer-Assisted Study Scheme (PASS). You will learn more about what you will be studying in your first year when you arrive, but if you would like to start getting a feel for your studies you could do some (or all!) of the following:

• Get up to date on current events in Russia, Ukraine and other countries where Russian is widely spoken– for news in English, you could try *The Moscow Times* www.themoscowtimes.com, *Meduza* meduza.io/en, *The Kyiv Post* https://www.kyivpost.com/ or *The Baltic Times* https://www.baltictimes.com/

• Read introductory texts to Russian history, culture, society, literature. For example: Geoffrey Hosking, Russia: People and Empire, 1552-1917 (Harper Collins, 1997); Orlando Figes, Natasha's Dance: A Cultural History of Russia (Allen Lane, 2002); William Leatherbarrow and Derek Offord (eds.), A History of Russian Thought (Cambridge University Press, 2010); Caryl Emerson, The Cambridge Introduction to Russian Literature (Cambridge University Press, 2011). To know more about the current Russo-Ukrainian conflict, you can read Maria Popova and Oxana Shevel, Russia and Ukraine: Entangled Histories, Diverging States (Polity, 2024).

• Start delving into the reading for your core content course RUSS10251: The Making of Modern Russia— the set text is Gregory Freeze, ed., Russia: A History (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002).

If you are a beginner in Russian, you'll find it useful to start familiarising yourself with the Cyrillic alphabet and the basic sounds of Russian—try the Introduction (Russian letters and sound system) section on Russian for Everyone:
www.russianforeveryone.com

If you have studied Russian before, you'll find it useful to do some revision—try some of these materials:
Russian:

- An Interactive On-line Reference Grammar: www.alphadictionary.com/rusgrammar/index.html

- Poetry Reader for Russian Learners — Digital Companion: russianpoetry.yale.edu/

I hope that you'll find these materials interesting. They'll give you a flavour of some of the topics and issues that you'll be touching on in your first year and which you'll be able to explore further over the course of your degree.

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In the meantime, I wish you all the best for the rest of the summer and I look forward to meeting you in Welcome Week.

Dr Rachel Platonov
Programme Director, REES

SPANISH, PORTUGUESE AND LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES (SPLAS)

We're very much looking forward to welcoming you to our community of students! During the SPLAS meeting in Welcome Week I will introduce you to the members of staff in the department, the colleagues whose courses you'll be participating in over the next four years.

In the first few weeks of teaching you will also get to meet your Peer Mentors, students going into the second and final years of their programmes, who are ready to help you navigate through your first year at University. And, of course, you'll also have the chance to meet the other first-year Spanish and Portuguese students, some of whom will become your best mates for years to come. So don't miss it! During Welcome Week you will also learn more about what you will study in your first year, but if you're raring to go you could do some (or all!) of the following:

Keep up with the news from Spain, Portugal or Latin America – you could try El País, BBC Mundo or an English-language paper like The Buenos Aires Herald or The Portugal News. If you have some Portuguese already you could look at the on-line edition of Público or BBC Mundo on Brazil. All of these are available online and their home pages are easy to find. If you want to expand what you already know about the histories of Spain, Portugal or Latin America try reading one of the following textbooks: John Charles Chasteen's Born in Blood and Fire: A Concise History of Latin America (New York: Norton, 2011); William D. Philips and Carla Rahn Philips's A Concise History of Spain (Cambridge: CUP, 2010); Boris Fausto's A Concise History of Brazil (Cambridge: CUP 1999); or David Birmingham's A Concise History of Portugal (Cambridge: CUP, 1993). If you are picking up Spanish from scratch, purchase and browse through the following textbook: F. Rosales, et al., Campus sur. Libro del alumno (Barcelona: Difusión, 2017). You'll use it in your grammar classes throughout the first year.

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Dr Valentino Gianuzzi
Programme Director, SPLAS

MODERN LANGUAGE AND BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT

Welcome to the Modern Language and Business & Management (MLBM) programme! As MLBM students, you will have two welcome talks in your first week here: you will come to the MLBM welcome talk with me, and also to the welcome talk given by the language you are studying.

Please make sure you attend both!

There will also be at least one event organised by the MLBM Peer Mentors – MLBM students in their second year or final year who give help and support to first year students. Each of you will have your own peer mentor.

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I look forward to meeting you in Welcome Week.

Professor Catherine Franc
Programme Director, MLBM

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ENGLISH LITERATURE AND A MODERN LANGUAGE

Welcome to English Literature and a Modern Language at Manchester! Most of your Welcome Week content will come from your language area, so please ensure you check who your programme director is for your chosen Modern Language.

You should, however, also familiarise yourself with the English Literature side of your degree. The Programme Director for English Literature is Prof. Fred Schurink

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Enjoy the summer and I look forward to welcoming you in September!

Professor Minjie Xing
Program Director for Joint Degrees

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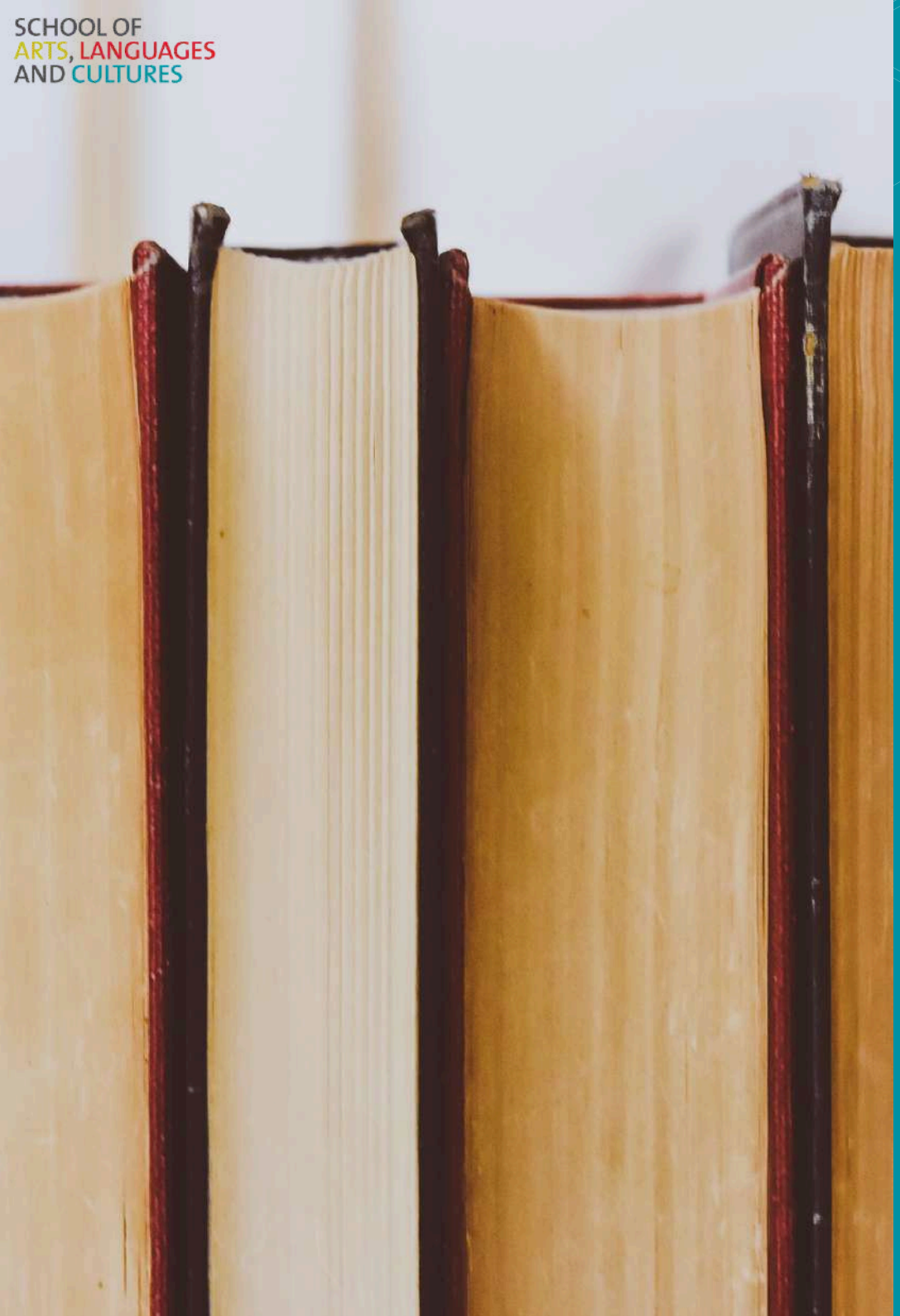

LINGUISTICS AND A MODERN LANGUAGE

Welcome to Linguistics and a Modern Language at Manchester! Most of your Welcome Week content and ongoing administrative support will come from your language area, so please ensure you check who your programme director is for your chosen Modern Language.

During Welcome Week, though, we also want you to get to know the department of Linguistics and English Language (LEL), so please attend relevant events and familiarise yourselves with our materials. The Programme Director for Linguistics is Dr Richard Zimmermann

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Professor Minjie Xing
Program Director for Joint Degrees

SOCIOLOGY AND A MODERN LANGUAGE

Welcome to Sociology and a Modern Language at Manchester! We're very much looking forward to meeting you and helping you settle into your studies. During Welcome Week you should familiarise yourselves with both sides of your degree, so please look out for all relevant information and events provided by your chosen Modern Language. I will lead a welcome talk for all Sociology and a Modern Language students in any combination. Please make sure you attend both.

Things can be a bit daunting for joint honours students in particular during the hectic first days of your degree, but please be reassured that teachers and support staff will be on hand to help you find your feet.

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I look forward to welcoming you in September.

Professor Minjie Xing
Programme Director, Sociology and a Modern Language

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POLITICS AND A MODERN LANGUAGE

Welcome to Politics and a Modern Language at Manchester! We're very much looking forward to meeting you and helping you settle into your studies. During Welcome Week you should familiarise yourselves with both sides of your degree, so please look out for all relevant information and events provided by your chosen Modern Language. I will lead a welcome talk for all Politics and a Modern Language students in any combination. Please make sure you attend both.

Things can be a bit daunting for joint honours students in particular during the hectic first days of your degree, so please do get in touch with me if you have any questions or concerns – I can always point you in the right direction if I can't help you directly. Remember that teachers and support staff are on hand to help you find your feet.

Over the next few weeks, we will be posting information on our Welcome Week website; this will include your Welcome Week timetable. We will also send you information via email, so please regularly check your university email account once set up. You can find our Welcome Week website at:
www.welcome.manchester.ac.uk

I look forward to welcoming you in September.

Professor Minjie Xing
Programme Director, Politics and a Modern Language

STUDENT SUPPORT HUB

Your Student Support Hub is the place for advice, support, and guidance. We can help you with queries from registration to graduation and everything in between.

You can come and visit us or alternatively, call or email us using our contact details below.

If you would like to discuss something of a more personal or sensitive nature, our Student Support and Wellbeing team are also based at the Hub and can hold a private, 1-2-1 meeting with you in our Wellbeing Room. They can also refer you to the Counselling and/or Disability Advisory Service for more specialist support.

Answers to many frequently asked questions can be found in the SALC Student Community site (which is also where you'll find your student handbook). You will have access to the site as soon as you have set up your IT account.

- Activate your IT account
- Access the SALC Student Community site
- Access your Student Handbook

Location: Lower Ground floor, Samuel Alexander Building (next to the Lime Café). We are number 67 on the Campus Map (which can be found on the University of Manchester webpage) or please see our virtual tour video for directions.

Opening hours: 9am – 5pm, Monday – Friday (10am - 4pm outside of term time)
Telephone: +44 161 529 3348
Email: salc.hub@manchester.ac.uk
Follow: Facebook | Instagram | SALC Students Blog

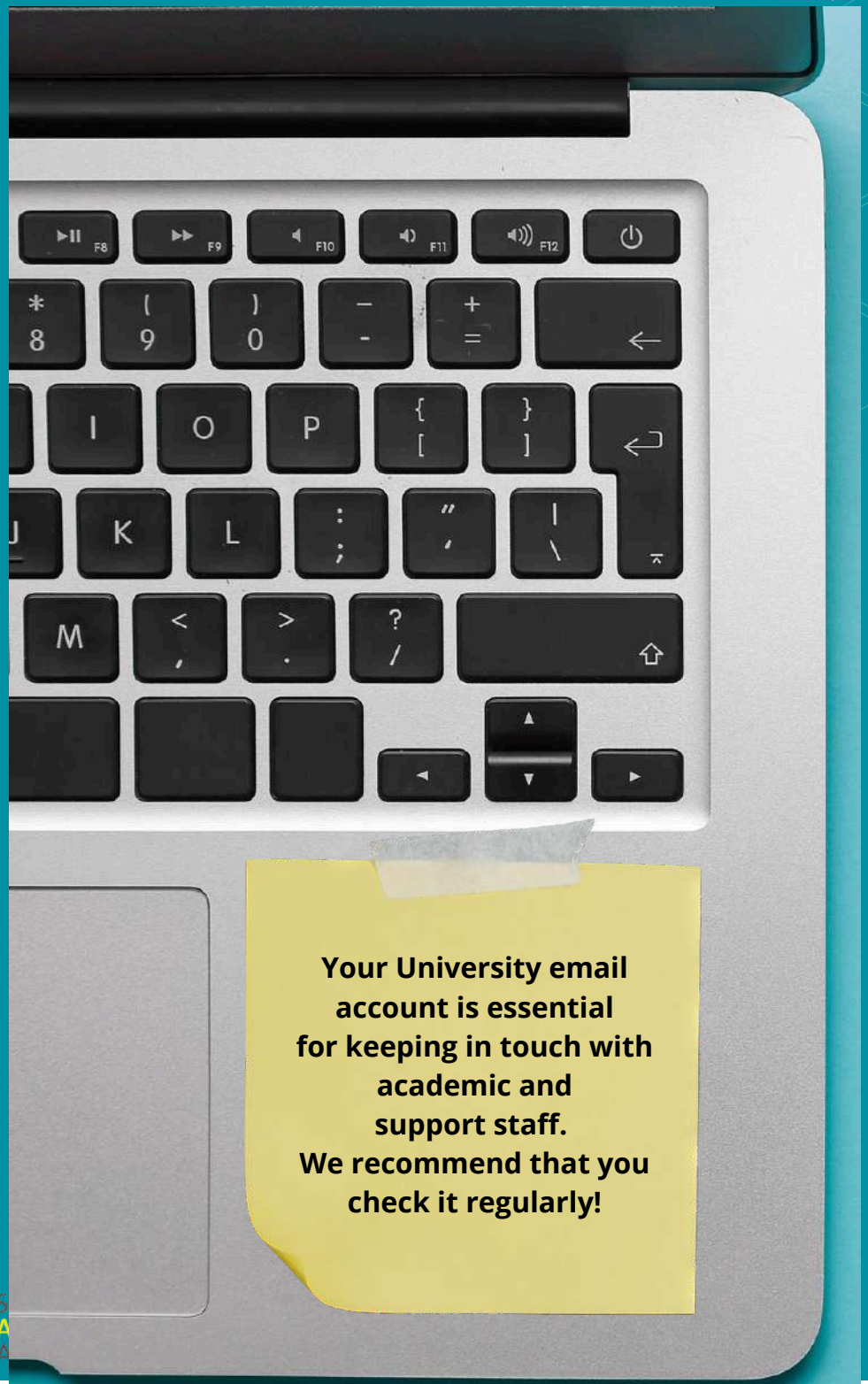
For more information about the student support services available as a University of Manchester student, visit our Student Support site.

YOUR STUDENT COMMUNITY SITE

The SALC Student Community Site is your one-stop hub for information, guidance and support throughout your time at university. You'll find everything you need in one place. Key information includes your Student Handbook, course unit selection guidance, programme structures, assessment information, important policies and procedures, staff contacts, and details of the support available to you. The site also highlights opportunities to enhance your university experience, from placements and study abroad to volunteering, leadership and personal development activities.

It's also where you'll find the latest news, events, opportunities and important updates from across the School. Check in regularly so you don't miss out on anything that could enhance your student experience.

We recommend bookmarking the site as soon as your IT account is activated and making it one of your first stops whenever you have a question about your studies or student life.



SET UP YOUR IT ACCOUNT

You will receive your unique University of Manchester ID in communications sent by your Admissions team, along with instructions for activating your IT account. This is your gateway to university resources so make sure to activate your account as soon as possible.

Once you've signed up for your IT account, you'll be given your username, which you'll need to:

- complete any outstanding admissions processes;
- register as a student;
- open a library account;
- access software, email and the internet from any network computer;
- access 'Canvas', your virtual learning environment;
- access 'My Manchester'.

Activate your IT account

My Manchester is the self-service system that brings all of your online university services together in one place. From My Manchester you can access your email, library account, timetable and grades.
Visit My Manchester

For further guidance, visit the Welcome site.

REGISTRATION

Registering at Manchester is an online process that requires you to confirm your personal details, check course information, and pay (or make arrangements to pay) your tuition fees.

What do I need?

- An email from the University inviting you to register.
- Your IT account username and password (the one you set up when you activated your IT account).
- Personal details and contact details.
- Your term time address. This is the address where you'll be studying from in the first term – you may need to confirm where you're living before you complete this. For some of you this address will be your student accommodation address. If you're studying online then it will be your home address.
- Your course details.

How do I do it?

- Log in to MyManchester with your new IT account details.
- Go to the 'Registration' tile and follow the on-screen instructions.
- You have ten steps to complete. At the end of each step, a green 'completed' tick will appear. To go back to a previous step, simply click on the step you want to return to (do not use the back button on your browser).

You'll need to fill in all ten steps to complete your registration by 30th September.

Once you've completed your registration, you'll receive an email inviting you to collect your student card.

For full guidance on the registration process, please visit the Welcome site.

SELECTING YOUR COURSE UNITS

You will need to make your course selections **by 12pm on Thursday 24th September**, to ensure your timetable is ready for teaching to commence on Monday 28th September. You can make your selections from Monday 14th September.

First, you should find your programme structure on the Student Intranet to check your mandatory units, and research any options available to you. You can make your selections using the student self-service system through the My Manchester self-service system.

Remember:

·You will be automatically enrolled onto your core/mandatory units, so check whether you have optional or free choice units to choose using your programme structure.

·Research your optional and free choice units using the Course Unit Database.

·Watch the guidance video and instructions before you attempt to self-select units in the system. We also have additional School guidance on our School Intranet.

Don't forget we are here to help you so if you're struggling, so please get in touch with us at salc.courseunits@manchester.ac.uk or come and see us in person at the Student Support Hub where we will be running course unit selection drop-ins until Friday 9 October.

ACADEMIC ADVISORS

Academic Advisors are members of the academic staff associated with your degree programme.

Their role is to provide support and advice to you throughout your time at university. At the start of the semester, you will have receive an email confirming the name and contact details of your Academic Advisor.

If you're unsure who your Academic Advisor is, you can also check this via MyManchester.
Just head to 'Student Services', then to the 'Student Centre' and you will see 'Program Advisor' on the bottom right of your screen.

Why is it important to reach out to advisors and how they can help?

Personal Wellbeing
University life presents different challenges. Advisors act as a voice of calm, and will be able to suggest different methods to help you cope with any stresses or pressures you may face.

Academic Progress
Advisors will suggest different methods to help you keep on top of your academic work, and can help you to develop based on your marks and feedback. If events beyond your control affect your ability to study, they can explain the 'mitigating circumstances' process to you.

Career/Future Plans
Having direct communication with an experienced member of staff is a valuable resource. Advisors can help direct you to development opportunities and careers advice after discussing your aims and ambitions. They can also write references for you.

How can they help?
Your advisor will be introduced to you during your first week. They will be happy for you to contact them about anything. If there is an issue that does not fall within their expertise, they can assist you in finding a solution. You might be surprised at the range of sources of support available to you.

CANVAS & SEAtS

Canvas

Canvas is the University of Manchester's central learning environment. Throughout your time studying at The University of Manchester, you will use Canvas to navigate your course, access course materials, lecture recordings, submit assignments, and more.

The Canvas Student app lets you access course units and groups on your mobile device. You can submit assignments, join discussions, view grades, access materials, check calendars, manage To Do items, get notifications, and read Inbox messages.

Canvas Guides

The Canvas Student Guide has over 200 articles that each answer a question that relates to using the Canvas interface as a student. Each article also includes Next and Previous links so you can easily navigate to related content.

You can also watch these videos for students.

Canvas Support

If you need further help with Canvas, you can raise a support ticket with the Central Digital Learning team via Connect.

Access Canvas

Helpful Canvas tip!

When choosing your organisation, you must select 'The University of Manchester' (the other 'Manchester University' is an institution in the US.) 'Student Getting Started Resources' contain guidance on logging in to the Canvas Student App.

SEAtS

The SEAtS system allows both students and staff to log attendance at scheduled on-campus teaching sessions and activities (such as lectures, tutorials, labs and seminars).

SEAtS actively supports your engagement and wellbeing, allowing us to offer you further support should you need it. We know that a 'dip' in attendance can be a sign that you may be experiencing problems. Knowing this can help us to help you with any areas you may be finding hard – whether that's timetable clashes or feeling overwhelmed with work or personal situations that make attendance difficult.

Learn more about how to use SEAtS via our Student Support website.

UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

The University is located on the south side of Manchester city centre and comprises two main areas:

- The Oxford Road area – formerly The Victoria University of Manchester campus
- The Sackville Street area – formerly the UMIST campus

Interactive campus maps

You can find your way around our campus using our interactive maps.

- Campus map
- Nancy Rothwell Building

There are regular shuttle buses to pick up and drop off students at various points around the campus. These are also highlighted on the campus map.

Your safety and security on our campus is always our first priority. If you need to contact our Security team, you can call at any time of day or night on **(0)161 306 9966, or download the SafeZone app.**

Accommodation and city maps

- Accommodation map – a map of University-owned accommodation (PDF, 270KB)
- City map – the location of the University in Manchester (PDF, 5.4MB)

You can also experience a self guided tour around campus. Just search “Visit UoM” on either Apple App Store, or Google Play, to find out more.

Accessibility

Our campus map shows the wheelchair-accessible route around the University. Please note that the published route does not cover all areas of the campus due to ongoing/planned construction works. The route is likely to be modified as and when areas of the campus are redeveloped.

There is also an accessibility map for the University on the AccessAble website. It includes access guides for each building.

STUDENT LIFE

Whether you've always lived in Manchester, or you're a brand new resident, there is always something new and exciting to experience in such a diverse and exciting city! The School of Arts, Languages & Cultures is situated in the heart of Manchester, and is just a short walk, bike or bus ride away from a brand new experience.

Want to explore what the city has to offer?
Follow the university's city guide to find out more about getting around the city, things to do and what opportunities are available to you beyond Manchester itself.

Learn from other students and check out our SALC Student Blog! We feature posts from SALC students on a number of subjects- from experiences on a year abroad, to tips and tricks on how to balance your studies with your job, or what it's like being a joint honours student, the list is endless! If you'd like to contribute to the SALC Student blog, you can get in touch with the Information, Advice and Guidance team, to find out more.

You could also join one of the hundreds of student societies available at the Student's Union- and if you don't find a club that fits you, you could try forming your own!

Stay up to date with student news and events
With a community of students from over 190 countries, there is always something to do across campus.

The Student News site is a great resource to find out about upcoming events, university news and helpful information across the academic year. We also have a very active SALC Student Instagram and SALC Community site so make sure to add these to your favourites so you find out about upcoming SALC student related news and events.

Religion, faith and culture
We have a diverse and multicultural community with a vibrant mix of beliefs, faiths and cultures. Not only are there Multifaith Prayer and Contemplation spaces across campus, but there are a number of faith and religion dedicated societies available to join.

LIBRARY

The University of Manchester Library is a fantastic resource for your studies, and one that you should aim to familiarise yourself with as soon as possible during your time at the University of Manchester. As well as books, journals, audiovisual resources, music scores and other hard copy texts, it provides access to an extensive collection of online materials too, including access to eBooks, databases and journal articles via Library Search. An invaluable starting point here is the Library's collection of subject guides which highlight relevant and academically recommended material in your discipline and are regularly updated with new acquisitions. They also offer links to our extensive study skills offer – so well worth bookmarking!

The Library has a number of physical locations which combine resources and study spaces. These include the Main Library and the study and learning centre known as the Alan Gilbert Learning Commons.

There are also a number of specialist or subject specific libraries across campus. You can find more information about these here, but in summary the specialist libraries relevant to SALC subjects include:

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- The Art and Archaeology Library in the Mansfield Cooper Building
- The University Centre for Academic English (UCAE) Library in the Samuel Alexander Building
- The John Rylands Library on Deansgate in the city centre
- The Ahmed Iqbal Ullah RACE (Race Archives and Cultural Engagement) Centre in Manchester Central Library - this is an open access library specialising in the study of race, migration, diversity and furthering social justice.

View Get started with the Library and visit the Library website for more information on how to make the most of the Library, our collections, study spaces, Library IT services, training and study skills, together with details of our locations and opening times.

MY LEARNING ESSENTIALS

My Learning Essentials is the Library's programme of skills support, including both online resources and face-to-face workshops, which will aid you in your personal and professional development.

My Learning Essentials workshops offer a relaxed group environment where you can try out new strategies for yourself while learning from and with peers. The online resources cover everything from referencing, to managing your procrastination, to writing a CV and you can access them through the Library website from wherever you are, whenever you need to!

What makes My Learning Essentials great?

- My Learning Essentials offers support to the whole student community, regardless of your subject and at all stages of undergraduate and postgraduate study.
- It's all about gaining new skills to help you through your studies as well as developing the abilities you already have!
- You choose to develop skills and interests which are relevant to you, at times and using the methods that suit you best.
- It's a great way to get the most out of your time at Manchester; helping you to make the best use of all of the specialist resources and support the University has to offer.
- Our partnerships with services across campus, such as The University of Manchester Mental Health Support Team and Disability Advisory and Support Service (DASS) connect you to the vital support that you need, when you need it.
- Dedicated careers sessions, combined with the opportunity to select the skills and competencies you would like to develop, means My Learning Essentials can help prepare you for the world after your degree!

Look out for MLE on your course

Some of you will have the opportunity to experience the MLE online resources and face-to-face sessions embedded as part of your degree course.
This is where we have partnered with your tutor, selecting materials that will provide you with the skills and tools you need to complete the course unit.

Find out more about My Learning Essentials.

PEER MENTORS & PASS

Peer Support is all about students helping each other out within their learning community. Our main goals are to make your experience as a student better and to help you become a leader in your learning community.

When you start as a first-year student, you'll be part of a Peer Assisted Study Session (PASS) or a Peer Mentoring group. These groups are led by higher-year students on the same course of study who have been through what you're going through. Before they start, all our student leaders go through training to make sure they're ready to support you. They also keep learning through skill-enhancing debriefs and workshops throughout the year.

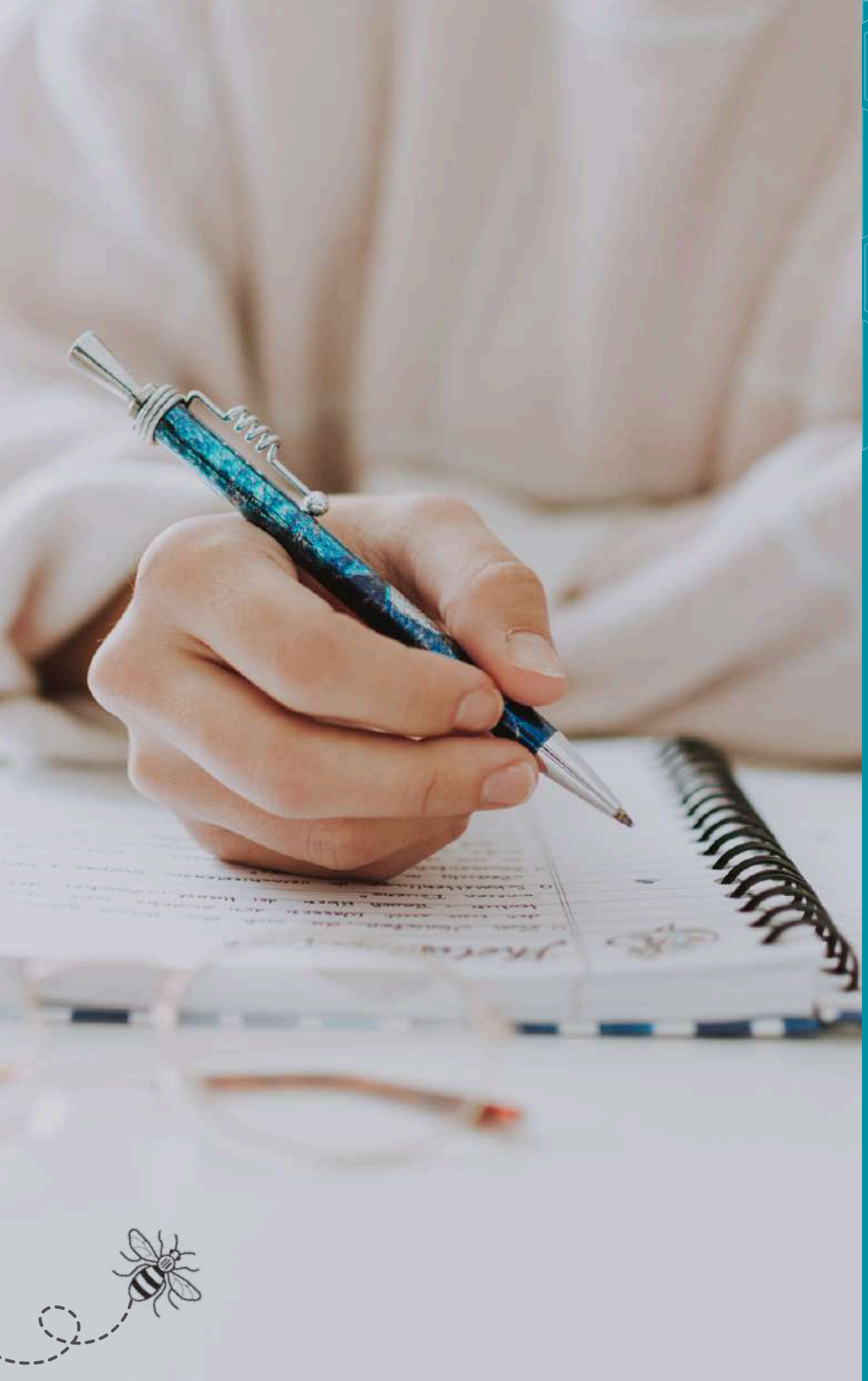
So, what's in it for you? There are lots of **benefits to joining in with Peer Support:**

1. You get to ask questions to students who've been there before. They can give you tips and tricks to do well at university from their own experience.
2. It's a safe space to bring up your ideas, problems, and questions. Sometimes it's easier to talk to other students than to speak up in a lecture!
3. It's a chance to meet other people on your course and build relationships that can help you throughout your time at Manchester.

Peer Support's goals are simple but important:

- **Teamwork**: We want to encourage students to work together and support each other.
- **Better experience**: Our goal is to make your university experience the best it can be through Peer Support schemes.
- **Leadership**: We believe in empowering students like you to become leaders in your learning community through schemes like Peer Mentoring and PASS.

So, if you want to make the most out of your university experience, consider getting involved in Peer Support!



ACADEMIC SUCCESS PROGRAMME

Boost Your Academic English with the Academic Success Programme

The Academic Success Programme offers a range of free workshops and resources designed to help you build confidence and improve your Academic English skills. Whether you're writing essays, giving presentations, or participating in seminars, this programme can help support you.
W**orkshops include:**

Academic Writing
- How to structure and write assignments
- Expressing critical thinking in your writing
- Writing fundamentals and techniques for impact

Academic Speaking
- Communicating effectively in seminars
- Presenting with confidence
- Improving pronunciation and fluency

Academic Grammar
- Grammar essentials for academic writing
- Understanding and applying grammar rules

In addition, special workshops are available at key times in the year, including:

- Adjusting to Academic Life (from October)
- Writing Your Dissertation (from March)

Workshops are delivered **online and on campus** by experienced tutors who will guide you through the key features of academic English - helping you become a more independent and confident learner.

📍 **Find out more:** manchester.ac.uk/academicsuccessprogramme
📧 **Contact us:** academicsuccess@manchester.ac.uk

LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE FOR ALL PROGRAMME (LEAP)

LEAP, part of the School of Arts, Languages and Cultures, offers students the opportunity to study a language course alongside their degree. LEAP offers 13 languages at levels ranging from beginners, all the way up to advanced in some languages. Therefore, whether you are an absolute beginner or a holder of a GCSE or A-Level in a certain language, you will be able to find a language that suits you.

Students can study these courses for credit as part of their degree or choose to take them on a non-credited basis (for a fee). These language courses are also open to members of the public and University staff for a fee. Aside from the choices that LEAP offers, the wonderful thing about the programme is that at the end of your degree you may have also obtained a level in some languages amounting to a C1 (advanced) on the Common European Framework for Languages (CEFR).

Learning a new language provides access to diverse sources of knowledge, enhances professional opportunities and gives you better chances of employability. It enables you to create a unique blend of knowledge, experience and transferable skills to suit your needs. As languages facilitate cross-cultural communication and understanding, learning them will foster critical thinking, empathy and adaptability. Learning languages enriches lives, bridging gaps between diverse communities and fostering a more inclusive and cohesive world.

So, what are you waiting for? Enrich your experiences and LEAP into languages! Taking a LEAP language course for credit is subject to academic approval, entry requirements, language level test, availability and timetabling constraints. Therefore, you need to check this with your School first.

To learn more about LEAP, visit the LEAP website and/or meet a LEAP Tutor on 21-23 September from 9am-4pm in room NLG.9, Samuel Alexander Building.

DIGITAL HUMANITIES

Discover how digital tools and methods can help you explore your subject in exciting new ways; understand how digital technology is transforming our world, creating opportunities and inequalities.

Develop New Skills

Our course units complement your studies with training in digital methods and a deeper understanding of how digital media and technology are shaping our lives and our future. You will explore how digital methods such as mapping, text mining, and data visualisation can transform the way you read, understand the past, and communicate your ideas. You will also develop key skills that are increasingly essential for students of the humanities today — from working critically with data and recognising bias in algorithms, to designing creative digital projects and communicating complex ideas effectively to diverse audiences. You will gain confidence in applying digital approaches to humanities questions, bridging the gap between traditional scholarship and emerging technologies. As part of your learning, you will create and curate your own digital projects and develop specialist expertise in digital methods relating to your main subject area — be it history, literature, languages, philosophy, cultural studies, or the arts. Our course units take place in Digital Humanities Labs, where students will also be provided with laptops. Note that no technical experience is required, as all training will be provided.

Participate in the Debates of Tomorrow

Our course units also touch on key concepts and debates around digital media, technology, and culture, such as data collection and civil liberties or the ethics of artificial intelligence. Why do search engines misrepresent women and people of colour? How do digital platforms spread conspiracy theories and 'fake news'? The Minor will help you understand the pressing debates of our time and equip you with the knowledge and critical perspective you need to make your voice heard.

Find a Job You Enjoy

With its combined focus on technical skills, creativity, and critical thinking, our course units prepare you for careers that value people who can bridge the gap between creative and technical work. Employers increasingly seek graduates who can analyse information critically, use digital tools to tell stories with data, and communicate insights effectively — skills that Digital Humanities training provides.

Digital Humanities Certificate

All our courses are available as free choice units. Completing two Digital Humanities course units will earn you a Certificate in Digital Humanities that allows you to document your skills.

Digital Humanities Minor

Students on Single Honours degrees can also choose to take a Minor in Digital Humanities. This is 40 credits a year, equivalent to one-third of your course credits for the year. Many of our course units are also available as free choice units.
Find more information at: https://www.digital-humanities.manchester.ac.uk/study/minor-in-digital-humanities/ or contact the programme director.

Dr Giulia Grisot,
Programme Director, Digital Humanities
giulia.grisot@manchester.ac.uk

DISABILITY ADVISORY AND SUPPORT SERVICE (DASS)

Nearly 25% of students at the University of Manchester have shared that they have a disability. The Disability Advisory and Support Service (DASS) works with disabled applicants and students to ensure they can access the support and adjustments they need to succeed at university.

DASS can help with:

- Support and adjustments for applicant interviews and transition into University.
- Academic support, including lecture recordings, coursework extensions, sharing information about your support needs with relevant staff, and timetable-related adjustments.
- Exam support, such as extra time, rest breaks, specialist equipment and alternative exam venues.
- Library support, including individual library inductions and extensions on high-demand loans.
- Accommodation support, including room adaptations, specialist equipment and location-based adjustments.
- Mentoring support, including one-to-one mentoring, workshops and body-doubling sessions.
- Transition support, including tailored welcome events and activities designed to support your move into university life.
- Advice about external funding, including the Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA).

How do I register with DASS?

Registering with DASS is simple and can usually be completed in a few steps:

1. Complete our online registration form
2. Provide evidence of your disability. The easiest way to do this is to email a photograph or scanned copy of your evidence to dass@manchester.ac.uk . Alternatively, you can deliver your evidence to the DASS Reception Desk on the second floor of University Place, Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9PL (open Monday – Friday, 10am – 4pm).

If you do not currently have suitable evidence, or are finding it difficult to obtain, you can arrange a Quick Query Appointment to discuss your circumstances with a DASS Adviser.

How do I contact DASS?

DASS is located on the second floor of University Place, Oxford Road, and is open Monday to Friday, 10.00am to 4.00pm.
Further information about how to contact us and access our services can be found here.

STUDENTS' UNION

Make the most of Manchester with your Students' Union.

University can be the best time of your life. University can be the worst time of your life. It can also be both, at the exact same time. But you're not doing it alone. Meet your Students' Union.
We're run by students, for students and we're here from the moment you become a University of Manchester student and belong. Check out some of the things we do below:

Find your Community
The Students' Union is home to over 350 Societies so whether you want to carry on a new hobby or find your next passion, there's likely a group of students waiting for you to join.
Can't find something for you? Why not create your own! You could even join our Manchester Media Group and gain experience in publishing and creating media for print, radio and television.
If Volunteering is more your thing, we work with a range of partners across the University, community and even nationally to help you make an impact.

Use your Voice
We want to make sure you are having the best time possible here at Manchester – whether it's improving your course, enhancing the city or lobbying the government, there's the space for you.

Becoming an Academic Rep means you can work to gather feedback as a team and work in collaboration with your lecturers to find solutions that best work for students. Be part of shaping the Union's direction through participating in our 'Union Assembly' or even suggesting an SUggestion.

Find Support
We're home to a free and confidential Advice Service which can give you support in a range of areas including: Academic, Financial, Student Life, Wellbeing and Housing Support.

Part-Time Work
Need help with finding part-time work or improving your CV? We run the JobShop which helps match students with jobs that work around your research both in the University, Students' Union and in the city.

Visit us in the Steve Biko Building or head to our website https://manchesterstudentsunion.com/

essentials

By University of Manchester Students' Union

Across the country, students are navigating the cost of living crisis in real time. At Manchester, we're not waiting for change. We're building it.

Essentials is here to support you in meeting your basic needs.

Whether you need help accessing essential items (such as food, cleaning, clothing, personal hygiene products and childcare items), facing financial difficulties, or some tips and tricks to help with budgeting and money management, we've got you covered.

Essentials is open to all University of Manchester students and offers:

- The Pantry for hardship emergencies and urgent needs
- The Wardrobe
- Community space and seating for study or spending quiet time
- Full kitchen facilities complete with tea & coffee, and breakfast cereals
- A variety of other activities and sessions designed to support your basic needs and wellbeing.

As well as our own services, we work closely with colleagues in the Union, University, and the wider community, to ensure you're signposted to the people that can help with the issues you're facing.
Find us at Thorncliffe House, 320-322 Oxford Road, M13 9NG.

Opening Times:
Monday to Friday
10am - 12:30pm
1pm - 4pm

ACADEMIC REPS

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE AN ACADEMIC REP FOR YOUR NEW COURSE?

Are you interested in making change, developing your programme and working with staff to close the feedback loop? Reps are student leaders who gather feedback & work with staff to make positive change in their programme. The role counts towards the STELLIFY award "Step Up and Lead" and you'll gain great experience through attending meetings, gathering feedback from your course mates & working on projects to enact change.

As an academic rep, you represent the students on your course in meetings with staff where you talk about feedback from students – what's going well & what needs to be improved. From this feedback, you work with staff to develop a positive student experience. You'll receive training from the Students' Union, so you don't need any prior experience – just an interest in helping improve student experience for yourself and your peers!

Key skills/experiences you will gain from the Rep role:

Professionalism
Negotiation
Leadership
Communication
Organisational skills
Networking
Problem-solving
Campaigning
Influencing
Working on projects

Sign up to be an Academic Rep by emailing studentreps@manchester.ac.uk and see www.manchesterstudentsunion.com/reps for more details!

THE CAREERS SERVICE

Hello and welcome to SALC!

We're the SALC Careers Team: Johanne, Ushma, James and Gareth. We're here to support you throughout your time at Manchester, whether you're looking for a part-time job, exploring future career options, applying for opportunities, or simply unsure where to start.

One of the best places to begin is your department's Careers and Employability pages on Canvas, where you'll find careers information, opportunities and resources tailored to your degree programme.

You'll also see us throughout the year. We regularly contribute to lectures across SALC and run dedicated drop-ins for SALC students, so there will be lots of opportunities to meet us and ask questions.

Getting Started

- For many new students, finding a part-time job is a priority. We can help you find opportunities, prepare applications and feel confident about balancing work alongside your studies. Our Finding Part-Time Jobs webpage - https://www.careers.manchester.ac.uk/experience/parttime/ - is a great place to start.

- As well as checking out the Careers and Employability pages on Canvas, follow us on Instagram (@uomcareers) to keep up to date with opportunities, events and careers advice.

- Once you've completed your university registration, you can also activate your CareerConnect account.

CareerConnect is your careers hub. You can use it to:

- Search for part-time jobs, placements and internships
- Book confidential one-to-one careers appointments
- Register for careers events and workshops
- Find support with CVs, applications and interviews

Come and Meet Us

You can visit the Careers Desk in the Atrium, First Floor, University Place, Monday-Friday during term-time, where our team can talk things through with you and help with any careers-related queries. You can also meet one of the team at our regular drop-ins on campus through the academic year.

For further information on where to find us, see https://www.careers.manchester.ac.uk/appointments/dropin/.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

We are delighted to welcome students from around the world to the School of Arts, Languages and Cultures (SALC).

The University's Welcome site contains everything you need to know before and after you arrive. We strongly encourage all international students to explore these pages and use them as their main source of information throughout the transition to university life.

Preparing for your arrival

Before travelling to Manchester, there are several important things you may need to arrange, including your visa, travel plans, accommodation and registration as a student.

Use the links below to get started!

- Online sessions for international students
- Visas and immigration
- Getting to Manchester
- Accommodation
- Healthcare in the UK
- Setting up a bank account
- Cost of living
- Careers support and advice
- International Support at your Students' Union

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Meet other students

The University is home to a vibrant international community. There are lots of opportunities to meet other students, make friends and get involved in activities, events and societies throughout the year.
The International Society is one of the largest student communities at Manchester and offers social events, cultural activities, day trips and opportunities to connect with students from around the world.

Support in SALC

If you have any questions before or after you arrive, your **SALC Student Support Hub** is here to help. The team can provide information, advice and guidance on registration, course unit selection, wellbeing, academic support and accessing specialist University services.
Email: salc.hub@manchester.ac.uk
Telephone: +44 (0)161 529 3348

Starting university in a new country can feel like a big step, but you're joining a welcoming and diverse community. We encourage you to make the most of the support, activities and opportunities available, and we look forward to welcoming you to Manchester.

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Come and chat with us on social media and stay updated with SALC news through our blog and Student Community Site!

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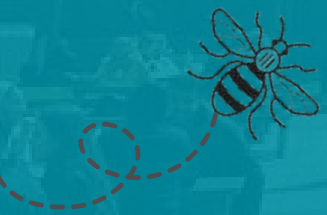

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