

UNDERGRADUATE AMERICAN STUDIES –WELCOME WEEK TIMETABLE SEPTEMBER 2024

If you are a Joint Honours student, please refer to the Welcome timetable for both of your subject areas. Where possible, we have scheduled our events to allow you to attend both Welcome talks and socials.

(Please note this is a live document and the schedule may be subject to change.)

Date/Time	Event	Venue
Thursday 12 September		
11:00-14:30	<p>Central Commuter Event (Optional event)</p> <p>This event is aimed at new students who will be commuting to university from home, rather than living on campus or with other students. The event is designed to help you meet other commuter students, get familiar with campus and introduce you to some of the support available while you study. You will meet with other commuter students at the Atrium, University Place for a short welcome talk, some ice breaker activities and an introduction from some of the groups who support commuter students on campus. After this, there will be an optional tour of campus in small groups and then refreshments available until 2:30pm.</p>	<p>The Atrium, 1st Floor University Place</p> <p>Please sign up to this event here.</p>
Friday 13 September		
10:00-10:30	<p>IT & Library information presentation for new UG students (Optional online event)</p> <p>If you are unable to join, you can check out our IT Services website and Library resource for further guidance on getting started.</p>	<p>Please join using this link: https://zoom.us/j/99418658462</p>
Monday 16 September		
12:00 – 13:00	American Studies Welcome Lunch	Christie’s Bistro
12:00 – 14:00	<p>SALC Commuter Event (Optional event)</p> <p>Join us for the SALC Welcome Week Commuter Students Event! Connect with fellow students from your area through our Neighbourhood Color-Coding and Networking Zones. Participate in</p>	<p>The Nest, Students’ Union</p> <p>Make sure to use this sign up link to reserve your spot.</p>

	<p>a fun Neighbourhood Trivia Competition with prizes and learn essential commuting tips tailored for Manchester. Plus, get familiar with the Sam Alex Building on a quick tour. Don't miss this chance to make new connections and enhance your commuter experience!</p> <p>Refreshments will be served.</p>	
13:30 – 14:30	<p>American Studies Welcome Talk (Dr Andrew Fearnley) This session will introduce you to everything you need to embark on your studies with us this year and attendance is <i>cordially required</i>. The talk is for all single honours and joint honours American Studies students.</p>	Mansfield Cooper G22
Tuesday 17 September		
11:30 – 12:15	<p>Mapping America: an introduction to the University's North American Map Collections Join us at the University's map library to view 10 maps of the Americas and US across three centuries, from European colonization, through westward expansion, to the present. As there are only limited places for this session, you'll need to sign up in advance using this form.</p>	Map Room Main Library—meet at the University of Manchester's Main Library entrance
15:00-16:00	<p>University Centre for Academic English Information Session (Optional event) Come along to find out about the University Centre for Academic English workshops and other resources to support you in your academic journey.</p>	Simon Building Theatre D
Wednesday 18 September		
8:00 – 9:00	<p>University Centre for Academic English Information Session (Optional event) Come along to find out about the University Centre for Academic English workshops and other resources to support you in your academic journey.</p>	<p>Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/92680447255 Meeting ID: 926 8044 7255</p>
10:00-11:00	<p>Introduction to American Studies Introductory Lecture with Dr. Eithne Quinn</p>	Roscoe Building room 2.3

11:00 – 12:00	IAS Seminar & Academic Advisor Meetings An opportunity to meet your Academic Advisor who will be there to support and advise you throughout your studies at Manchester. Look out for an email with the name of your academic advisor and the room where you'll be meeting.	Various Locations
12:00-15:00	SALC Wellbeing plant pot painting session (Optional wellbeing event) Join the Information, Advice and Guidance team for a plant pot painting session as part of Wellfest! Spend the afternoon decorating and creating whilst having the chance to meet other students during Welcome Week.	SALC Student Support Hub (Samuel Alexander Building lower ground floor next to Lime Café) Spaces are limited, so make sure you use this sign-up sheet to reserve your spot!
12:30 – 14:30	"Americans in Manchester" walking tour Run by American Studies staff, an optional tour of the city centre, drawing out Manchester's historical connections to the US from the 1770s on. An accompanying booklet can be found here . .	This tour of key places where American activists, writers, and artists spoke, stayed or performed while they were visiting the city of Manchester will begin at the Lincoln Statue at 12.30pm. The tour will finish back at Main Campus around 2.30pm.
13:30 – 14:30	LEAP Taster Session: Polish (optional) Come along for a taster session and to learn more about studying a language alongside your programme.	Williamson Building 4.04
14:30-15:30	LEAP Taster Session: Turkish (optional) Come along for a taster session and to learn more about studying a language alongside your programme.	University Place 4.210
Thursday 19 September		
11:00 – 12:00	University Centre for Academic English Information Session (optional) Come along to find out about the University Centre for Academic English workshops and other resources to support you in your academic journey.	Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/93279103398 Meeting ID: 932 7910 3398
14:00-15:00	LEAP Taster Session: Russian (optional) Come along for a taster session and to learn more about studying a language alongside your programme.	University Place 6.212
14:30-15:30	LEAP Taster Session: Persian (optional) Come along for a taster session and to learn more about studying a language alongside your programme.	University Place 6.210

Friday 20 September		
10:00 – 13:00 1hr slots	<p>Peer mentor meetings Look out for an email with the name of your peer mentor and the room where you'll be meeting.</p>	Various Locations
11:00-12:30	<p>Anxiety facilitation workshop: Hosted by AnxietyUK (Optional wellbeing event)</p> <p>In this online workshop hosted by AnxietyUK, you will learn more about the causes of anxiety and stress and how the mind and body react to them. This session will offer practical advice on how to recognise and manage the symptoms of anxiety and stress whilst working towards your degree.</p> <p>Don't miss this chance to gain valuable skills and connect with others.</p>	<p>Spaces for this workshop are limited, so please use this sign-up sheet to reserve your spot.</p> <p>This event will not be recorded.</p> <p>Note: Please sign-up using your UoM email address and a link to the workshop session will be sent to you via email.</p>
13:00 - 14:00	<p>Meet the SALC Graduates (Optional Event) Tune in to have the chance to hear from graduates from the School of Arts, Languages and Cultures about their own Welcome Week experiences and how these first few days of university helped them to prepare for their careers.</p> <p>A recording of this event will be made available for you to view if you are unable to attend.</p>	<p>Optional Online event</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/99530014105 Meeting ID: 995 3001 4105</p>
This online asynchronous activity can be completed at a different time to better suit your schedule.	<p>SALC Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Training (online asynchronous) Please use this time to complete the two modules in this online EDI course:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Sexual Consent' • 'Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Me' 	<p>You can access the course in Blackboard (Bb) under 'Organisations'.</p> <p>How to access University IT systems</p>
Wednesday 25 September		
10:00-12:00	<p>SALC Book Swap (Optional wellbeing event) Meet the Information, Advice and Guidance team in the SALC Student Support Hub to find some new books that may help with</p>	SALC Student Support Hub (Samuel Alexander Building lower ground floor next to Lime Café)

	your studies or donate any books from your previous years study for new students to use.	
14:00 – 16:30	<p>UG Student Support & Development Showcase (Optional Event) Learn about the Student Support and Development opportunities available to you as a UoM student, including introductions from the Wellbeing team, Careers Service, Stellify and Volunteering teams.</p> <p>You'll find out how to make the most of your University experience through social responsibility and employability enhancing activities and network with like-minded individuals.</p> <p>Refreshments will be served.</p>	<p>Roscoe Theatre B and Foyer</p> <p>Please sign-up for this event via this link.</p>
Thursday 26 September		
9:30 – 13:30	<p>Student Support and Wellbeing Drop-in (Optional event) An opportunity to meet members of the SALC SSW team and find out about university support services and how the team can help you if you are struggling during your time at university.</p>	<p>SALC Student Support Hub (Samuel Alexander Building lower ground floor next to Lime Café)</p>
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12:00-13:00	<p>American Studies Welcome Lunch and Lecture: for incoming and returning students</p>	<p>Mansfield Cooper Foyer</p>
13:00-14:30	<p>Guest Speaker lecture- Prof. Gary Younge</p>	<p>Mansfield Cooper G.20</p>
Monday 16 September- Friday 6 October		

09:00- 17:00	<p>SALC World Map (Optional wellbeing event) Head over to the SALC Student Support Hub and be part of our SALC World Map! Add a pin to show where you are from and be part of our Welcome Week Cultures and Community project.</p> <p>&</p> <p>Random acts of Kindness/ Mindful affirmations (Optional wellbeing event) Drop by the SALC Student Support Hub throughout Welcome Week to pick a wellbeing affirmation.</p>	<p>SALC Student Support Hub (Samuel Alexander Building lower ground floor next to Lime Café)</p>
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Important Extras

Ask an Ambassador!

Every morning during Welcome Week at 9:30am until 10:30am, we will be hosting an online ‘Ask an Ambassador’ session where you can ask our student ambassadors general questions about life at UoM. You can join the meeting here: <https://zoom.us/j/91635075052> and send in your questions in the Zoom chat.

We will try and answer as many questions as possible but if we don’t know the answers, we will do our best to point you in the right direction.

This session may be particularly helpful to any students who, for whatever reason, are unable to make it to Manchester for Welcome Week.



SALC Essentials is a series of online courses covering Health & Safety, Academic Malpractice Awareness and Wellbeing & Diversity. These mandatory courses form part of your induction. You need to ensure you complete these courses before Friday 25 October 2024. You can find these courses in your [Blackboard homepage](#). Please note that you can only access these courses once you are fully registered. (You’ll be invited to [register](#) between 1-30 September).

COURSE UNIT SELECTION | DROP-IN SESSIONS



Course Unit Selection 'Drop-ins' will be held Monday to Friday from 16 September to 4 October at the Student Hub (next to the Lime Café on the lower ground floor of the Samuel Alexander Building). If you have any questions about course unit selection, drop-in and talk to the team. For more information on course unit selection, please visit: <https://www.studentsupport.manchester.ac.uk/study-support/course-unit-selection/>

SUSTAINABILITY CHALLENGE

The [Stellify Award](#) is a prestigious extra-curricular award that you can earn throughout your time at Manchester. You'll develop new skills, enhance your employability and make a valuable contribution to the world around you. Upon completion of the award, you will receive a certificate and your [Higher Education Achievement Report \(HEAR\)](#) will be updated to reflect your extra-curricular achievements.

Forming the core of the Stellify Award are the [Ethical Grand Challenges](#). These interactive challenges allow you to explore the biggest global challenges - Sustainability (Yr 1), Social Justice (Year 2) and Workplace Ethics (Year 3+).

You will be automatically enrolled in the Sustainability Challenge. Find the Sustainability Challenge in the "My Communities" section of [Blackboard](#) (if you can't see the challenge, contact egc@manchester.ac.uk to request access).

GETTING AROUND CAMPUS

[Campus map](#)

[Interactive campus map](#)