SCHOOL OF ARTS, LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

UNDERGRADUATE DRAMA AND FILM

WELCOME WEEK TIMETABLE SEPTEMBER 2026

This timetable uses a colour key to highlight which departmental events are mandatory to attend, and which events are recommended. This key code can be found in the top right-hand corner of each timetable page.

Note for Joint Honours students: *If you are a Joint Honours student, talks that are relevant to you will be on your home department timetable (you can find out your home department by searching for your programme here). You will however be able to view the welcome talk recording for your other subject via the Student Community site (we'll let you know when the recording is live). If you would like to attend the welcome social for your second subject area (i.e. the subject outside your home department), you will need to refer to the relevant welcome timetable for details.*

If anything is unclear, please get in touch with your Student Support Hub: salc.hub@manchester.ac.uk / +44 (0) 161 529 3348

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IMPORTANT EXTRAS

The School Information Fair is running from 10am-4pm on Monday 21st September and Tuesday 22nd September. It is located in the north and south foyers of the Samuel Alexander Building, so you can't miss it whichever way you enter the building.

We will have staff from various teams on hand to provide information about their areas, including Careers, Placements, IT, LEAP and UCAE. Come and say hello and get your questions answered!

SALC | ESSENTIALS

SALC Essentials are online courses covering Health & Safety and Academic Malpractice.
These mandatory courses form part of your induction. You need to ensure you complete these courses by Monday 19th October. You can find these courses in Canvas.
Please note that you can only access these courses once you have activated your IT account and completed registration.

COURSE UNIT SELECTION | DROP-IN SESSIONS

Course Unit Selection 'Drop-ins' will be held Monday to Friday - 10am-4pm - from 21st September to 9th 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 click on the link below:
https://www.alc.manchester.ac.uk/student-intranet/study/your-programme/course-unit-selection/

USEFUL LINKS

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Optional Sessions
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TIME	MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER	TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER	WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER	THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER	FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER
09:30			**Introduction to Joint Honours Programmes with Linguistics or English Language** 9:30am - 10:00am **Alan Turing G.205** A short meeting introducing students to the specifics of doing a joint degree with Linguistics or English Language.		
10:00		**Welcome to Drama & Film students** 10 - 11:30am **Simon Building Theatre A** Meet your new colleagues and Head of Department for Drama and Film. Get a sense of what your programme will involve with the Drama and Film Undergraduate Programme Director.	**Meet your Academic Advisor** 10 am - 12pm ***Various locations*** This will be your chance to meet your Academic Advisor . Look out for emails for further specific time slot details.	**Drama Workshops for students on Drama/Drama and English & Drama and Film -Groups 1a and 1b** 10 - 11:30am Students will be allocated to a workshop group- look out for emails confirming which group you have been assigned to.	**Treasure Hunt Briefing 1** 10 - 11am **Engineering B_2B.026 M&T** Drama and Film's famous Welcome Week Treasure Hunt. Be prepared to head into Manchester to find answers to tricky questions! Prize for first team back! Come along to the briefing to find out how. Drama and Music students can attend.
10:30					
11:00					
11:30		**Meet all the staff** 11:30am - 12:30pm **Schuster Building Rutherford Theatre** We'll be joined by all the Drama and Film staff as well as by some special friends of the Department. You'll also get to meet the students who run some of the student societies. Drama and Music students can attend.			
12:00				**Drama Workshops for students on Drama/Drama and English & Drama and Film -Groups 2a and 2b** 11:30am - 1pm Students will be allocated to a workshop group- look out for emails confirming which group you have been assigned to.	

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12:30			**Drama and Film Welcome session for UG/PGT International students** 1 - 2pm **Martin Harris Centre G16**		**Meet the SALC Graduates** **1 - 2pm. Online via Zoom** Tune in to hear from SALC graduates about their own Welcome Week experiences and how these first few days of university helped them to prepare for their careers. **Join Zoom Meeting** Meeting ID: 391 813 174 902 890 Passcode: oJ7nn3Lq
13:00		**Drama/Film Lunch** 12:30 - 1:30pm **Martin Harris Centre John Thaw Studio** Joint Honours Drama and Music students can attend.			
13:30				**Drama Workshops for students on Drama/Drama and English & Drama and Film -Groups 3a and 3b** 1:30 - 3pm Students will be allocated to a workshop group- look out for emails confirming which group you have been assigned to.	
14:00				**UG Level 1 Plenary- History in Practice Lecture. Guest Speaker: Michael Wood** Joint Honours **Film Studies and History** Students Only. 2 - 4pm **Simon Building - Theatre E** A general welcome talk where you will receive essential information relating to your course, followed by a lecture by the broadcaster and historian, Prof Michael Wood.	**Treasure Hunt Briefing 2** 2-3PM **Engineering B_2B.026 M&T** Drama and Film's famous Welcome Week Treasure Hunt. Be prepared to head into Manchester to find answers to tricky questions! Prize for first team back! Come along to the briefing to find out how. Drama and Music students can attend.
15:00					**Shape a sustainable future with systems thinking: RoundView workshop (contd)**

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16:00			**Film Screenings** **(Optional Event for all students)** 3:30 - 6pm **Martin Harris Centre** **John Casken Theatre** A great opportunity to see the best films made by Drama and Film students over the last few years. Open to all Drama and Film students.		**Shape a sustainable future with systems thinking: RoundView workshop** **3pm-5pm** **(register for venue info)** Explore how arts, languages and cultures can be used to inspire sustainability action. Join Dr. Joanne Tippett for a free, hands-on workshop with the RoundView. See the registration link for further info. Limited spaces. **Advance registration required via this link**. Refreshments provided!
17:00	**Film and Music welcome** **(Joint Honors BA Film and Music students only)** 5pm - 5:30pm **Martin Harris Centre, Room G16** A welcome meeting for all BA (Hons) Film and Music students will take place with Dr Roddy Hawkins and Dr MaoHui Deng.				
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18:00					
19:00				**Welcome Week Performance** **Cancelled due to sudden cast illness** **Please check your email for recommendations for shows you could see in Manchester instead over the next week**	**Welcome Week Performance** **Cancelled due to sudden cast illness** **Please check your email for recommendations for shows you could see in Manchester instead over the next week**
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