

Semester 1 2021/22 local template – offer holders with on-campus option only

Subject: Your studies on campus next academic year

Dear offer holder

We know that this year has been incredibly challenging and that you will have questions about what to expect when you begin your studies with the University of Manchester.

You may have seen the University's recent [message about study next year](#). As the UK government's [roadmap out of lockdown](#) brings us all some optimism for the coming months, we expect that the start of the next academic year will see many students back with us in Manchester – learning through a blended approach, with a mix of both on-campus and online elements.

Your studies on campus next year

Our current plan is that students on your programme will have some activities on campus from Semester 1 next year. Welcome activities and Programme Induction will take place on campus in September for all new students. Please see the Term Dates document for specific dates on your chosen mode of study.

Your induction will take place on campus during welcome week and it is our view that, where possible, the practical elements of your programme are best delivered in person. It may be possible to deliver some practical sessions online should Government or University guidance changes or where there are other barriers to students attending these sessions On Campus.

Learning mode arrangements for Deaf Education: On campus or E-blended

As you might know, our programme is already designed to be offered in a range of ways including full time, part time, eblended and on campus. You are able to switch between modes of learning if your circumstances change part way through your course. The following paragraphs explain how our modes of learning work. If you need to understand more about the approaches to study please contact programme leads who would be happy to explain and support you to find the right mode.

On campus learning

Part Time (year 1 is Thursdays, year 2 is Fridays) or Full Time (Thursdays and Fridays)

Your studies will be a mixture of in-person on-campus activities and live online lectures and classes, other materials from your lecturers. The majority of your activity will be “synchronous”, where you learn live with your lecturer / peers and can interact as appropriate – helping you get support and feel part of a community. At times it will be “asynchronous”, where you access materials in your own time (within a framework provided by your programme).

This approach will help you study in a way that works for you, and allow the University to respond as quickly as possible to the planned government roadmap stages and any changes in restrictions over the coming months. We also plan to have on-campus libraries and study spaces open where possible, to support your learning. However please be aware that some restrictions are likely to remain in place, depending on government COVID regulations when we return to campus.

E-blended learners

Part time

Your studies will be a mixture of in-person on-campus activities during your campus workshops (Year 1 is September and January) and live online lectures and classes (mini conference in November). The rest of your studies will be “asynchronous”, where you access materials like presentations, video content, online discussion boards or collaborative documents in your own time (within a framework provided by your programme). Throughout the year there will be “synchronous” activities such as tutorials and drop-ins, where you learn live with your lecturer / peers and can interact as appropriate – helping you get support and feel part of a community.

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International students (including EAA)

International students will have additional considerations related to visas and travel restrictions when moving to the UK. We will keep you updated with any changes that may affect your arrival on campus. For further information see our [offer holder FAQs](#).

While our current plan is for students on your programme to be on campus from September, the pandemic is an ever-changing situation and we know there are still lots of uncertainties about next year. Please rest assured that we are following government guidance closely and planning intensely. We'll keep you updated with further information as and when it's available.

Our [offer holder FAQs](#) cover general advice for all offer holders. If you have specific questions about your programme or individual circumstances, contact [\[insert local contact\]](#).

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