

Welcome Week Timetable

September 2026

Postgraduate Taught (PGT) Politics programmes

Date	Time	Event	Location	Details
Monday 21 September	10:00 – 11:15	Welcome to Postgraduate Politics at Manchester	Schuster Building Blackett Lecture Theatre	- Welcome from MA Director (Dr. Cristina Masters) - Welcome to Politics at Manchester (Prof. Liz Richardson - Head of Politics) Detailed Welcome Week information is available in the 'Politics Hub' which you can access through Canvas. - Introduction to Seats (Slides)
Please see the schedule below	Please see the schedule below	Individual pathway meetings These are being held on Monday 21 and Tuesday 22 September you must refer to the schedule	Please see the schedule below	Please join your programme/pathway director and your peers to meet each other and discuss your module choices. Your programme/pathway director will lead an ice-breaker activity to help you meet other students on your course. You will be placed into small groups to enable a more personal discussion with your programme/pathway director about your choices.

		below to avoid missing these sessions		
Tuesday 22 September	10:00-11:00	Introduction to Careers	Simon Building Theatre: C	

Thursday 24 September	12:00 – 13.00	Library information and good academic practice	Simon Building Theatre: D	You will receive welcome materials from the University Library. Even if you have studied at Manchester before, please engage with the materials to familiarise yourself with the latest info. You can find these materials by logging into Canvas, clicking on 'Politics Hub' and then on 'Welcome'. The MA Director will then provide a lecture about good academic practice, where issues around citation and plagiarism will be covered. This session may be useful if you have not studied in the UK before or are returning to studies after a break. The talk will be recorded so you can watch it back in your own time.
	13:00 – 13:30	Outstanding Q&A's		Come along to this final session with the MA Director with any questions you have about any aspects of your course.
	13.30-13.45	IT Services Talk		IT Services pre-recorded presentation administered by the Programme Director.
	1.45 - 14.00	SU		Introduction to the Student's Union.
Thursday 24 September	15:30 – 18:00	Social Event	Arthur Lewis Building Ground Floor Common Room	Social event to meet your cohort and academics. Pizza, soft drinks, and the MA Welcome Week Quiz!
Friday 25 September	14:00 – 15:00	PG general course unit selection drop- in session for queries	Simon Building, Computer Cluster 6.004	This is a drop-in session is to support students with course unit selection queries and does not need to be attended by all students.

Individual Pathway Meetings

Date	Time	Pathway	Location	Pathway Director	
Monday 21 September	12:00 – 14:00	MA International Political Economy	Simon Building Room 4.04	Asma Abdi	
Monday 21 September	12:00 – 13:00	MA Human Rights	Online join meeting	Jamie Hagan	
Tuesday 22 September	11:00 – 12:00	MA Peace and Conflict	Simon Building Room 5.08	Sandra Pogodda	
Tuesday 22 September	11:00 – 12:00	MA Governance, Politics & Policy	University Place Room 2.219	Ed Goodger	
Tuesday 22 September	11:00 – 12:00	MA Political Economy	Simon Building Room 4.05	Stuart Shields	
Tuesday 22 September	13:00 – 14:00	MA Politics	University Place Room 4.205	Marcelle Trotes Martin	
Tuesday 22 September	14:00 – 16:00	MA International Relations	University Place Room 2.220	Pengfei Xu	