**UNDERGRADUATE MODERN LANGUAGES - WELCOME WEEK TIMETABLE SEPTEMBER 2023**

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| **Date/Time** | **Event** | **Venue** |
| **Monday 18 September** |  |  |
| 09:00 – 10:00 | **Welcome to Modern Languages**  An introductory session where you will receive essential information relating to the Department of Modern Languages and Cultures. | **Video can be accessed** [**here**](https://video.manchester.ac.uk/faculties/84a42e9f3376057e09c91fdb89587a16/7edcf400-884d-4664-be9d-afde95585ecd/) **or on Blackboard:** |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | **Welcome to Chinese Studies**  An introductory session for students studying Chinese. | **Samuel Alexander Building, Classics Wing - Room A112** |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | **Welcome to Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies**  An introductory session for all students studying Spanish and/or Portuguese. | **Simon Building – Theatre A** |
| 15:00 – 16:00 | **Welcome to French Studies**  An introductory session for students studying French. | **Simon Building - Theatre C** |
| 16:00 – 18:00 | **Chinese Language Placement Test**  Placement test for students with prior knowledge of Chinese | **Samuel Alexander Building, Classics Wing – RoomA18** |
| **Tuesday 19 September** |  |  |
| 09:00 – 10:00 | **Welcome to Arabic & Middle Eastern Studies**  An introductory session with your Programme Director for all students studying Arabic or Middle Eastern Studies | **University Place – Room 4.214** |
| 10:00 – 11:00 | **Welcome to Japanese Studies**  An introductory session for students studying Japanese. | **Roscoe Building - Room 2.3** |
| 10:00 – 11:00 | **Welcome to Russian Studies**  An introductory session for students studying Russian. | **Samuel Alexander Building, Classics Wing - Room A201** |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | **Welcome to German Studies**  Don’t miss this opportunity to meet the German Studies staff and find out more about the people who will be teaching you during your years in Manchester. You’ll also get a reminder of what to expect when teaching starts and the chance to ask questions about how things work. | **University Place – Room 6.207** |
| 13:00 – 14:00 (new time!) | **Introduction to East Asian Studies**  An introductory session for students studying East Asian Studies. | **Mansfield Cooper Building - Room 2.19** |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | **Creative Activists project with Manchester Jewish Museum – info talk (Optional Event)**  Come and find out about the brilliant Creative Activists project, run by [Manchester Jewish Museum](https://www.manchesterjewishmuseum.com/). They are looking for people aged 18 - 25 who are seeking to create powerful acts of sharing and connection with local communities to join the group. | **Samuel Alexander Building – Room A7** |
| 13:00 – 14:30 | **Meeting with Arabic & Middle Eastern Studies Staff and Social** Meet the teaching staff of Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies and your fellow coursemates | **University Place – Room 5.205** |
| 14:00 – 15:00 | **Chinese Studies Peer mentoring meeting**  Meet your Peer Mentors. | **Samuel Alexander Building, Classics Wing - Room A112** |
| 14:00 – 15:00 | **French Peer Mentoring Meeting**  Meet your Peer Mentors. | **Simon Building - Room 3.44A** |
| 15:00 – 16:00 | **Introduction to Italian Studies**  An introductory talk from the Programme Director for students studying Italian. | **Samuel Alexander Building, Room A215** |
| 16:00 – 17:00 | **Russian and Eastern European Studies Language Placement Test**  For students who *have* studied Russian before but who *do not have* a standard British qualification (e.g., GCSE, A-Level, IB) and for students who speak Russian at home and/or have had schooling in a Russian-language school. | **Samuel Alexander Building, Classics Wing – Room A116** |
| **Wednesday 20 September** |  |  |
| 10:00 – 11:00 | **Italian Studies Meet the Department and Q&A**  Meet all the staff in the Italian department, plus Q&A with the Programme Director. | **Mansfield Cooper Building - Room 2.03** |
| 10:00 – 12:00 | **Japanese Language Placement Test**  Placement test for students with prior knowledge of Japanese. All students who want to register for JAPA51031 should attend this session. | **Mansfield Cooper Building - Room 4.05** |
| 10:00 – 12:00 | **Japanese Studies – Hiragana**  An introduction to Japanese Script. All beginner  students registered for JAPA51011 should attend this session. | **Samuel Alexander Building, Classics Wing - Room A201** |
| 10:00 – 12:00 | **Programme Director's Office Hour for Arabic & Middle Eastern Studies Students**  The UGD office hour, is for the new students to ask questions/help/advice about any issues relating to the AMES programme. | **Samuel Alexander Building, Classics Wing – Room A202** |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | **Italian Studies Peer mentoring meeting**  Meet your Peer Mentors. | **Samue Alexander Building, Classics Wing – Room A214** |
| 12:00 – 14:00 | **Meeting for students of Arabic Language**  Meet the language team | **University Place – Room 4.214** |
| 14:00 – 15:00 | **Spanish - Meet an Academic (group 1 with Blanca González-Valencia)**  A chance to meet an Academic in the subject area. You will be contacted via email with the name of your allocated session and the location of this meeting before Wednesday 20th September | **Various Locations** |
| **Thursday 21 September** |  |  |
| 09:00 – 10:00 | **Welcome to Modern Language & Business Management**  **(MLBM)** | **Welcome talk can be found here:**  [**Video portal of The University of Manchester**](https://video.manchester.ac.uk/faculties/84a42e9f3376057e09c91fdb89587a16/21b3ac5f-04b8-4ec8-a08f-42f9a322e397/) |
| 10:00 – 11:00 | **Modern Language & Business Management (MLBM)**  **Q&A**  A brief introduction and Q&A about the MLBM programme. Directed at MLBM 1st year students. | **Via Zoom -**  <https://zoom.us/j/9787800512> |
| 10:00 – 11:00 | **Introduction to Joint Hons Politics/Sociology/HCRI and Modern Languages**  An introductory session for students studying Joint Hon-ours Politics/Sociology/HCRI and Modern Languages. | **Humanities Bridgeford Street Building – Room G33** |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | **Decoding Inequality: Discover the Digital Humanities**  Digital Humanities is available as a minor subject for single honours students to study as part of the Flexible Honours programme. Come along to this session to find out more. | **University Place - Room 4.213** |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | **Modern Language & Business Management (MLBM) Peer Mentoring Meeting**  Introduction to the Peer Mentoring scheme for MLBM students. Directed at MLBM 1st year students. | **Via Zoom:**  <https://zoom.us/j/9787800512> |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | **French - Meet an Academic**  A chance to meet an Academic in the subject area. You will be contacted via email with the name of your allocated session and the location of this meeting by Wednesday 20th September | **Various Locations** |
| 13:00 – 16:00  1hr slots | **Italian - Meet an Academic**  A chance to meet an Academic in the subject area. You will be contacted via email with the name of your allocated session and the location of this meeting by Wednesday 20th September | **Various Locations** |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | **Portuguese - Meet an Academic**  A chance to meet an Academic in the subject area. You will be contacted via email with the name of your allocated session and the location of this meeting before Wednesday 20th September | **Various Locations** |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | **German - Meet an Academic**  A chance to meet an Academic in the subject area. | **University Place 3.213** |
| 14:00 – 16:00  1hr slots | **Spanish - Meet an Academic (groups 2-6)**  A chance to meet an Academic in the subject area. You will be contacted via email with the name of your allocated session and the location of this meeting by Wednesday 20th September | **Various Locations** |
| 14:00 – 16:00 | **Flexible Honours Course Unit Selection Drop-In**  **(Optional Event)**  **For more information, please visit:** [**https://www.alc.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/flexible-honours/**](https://www.alc.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/flexible-honours/) | **Optional Online event**  *Join Zoom Meeting*  [*https://zoom.us/j/98391539060*](https://zoom.us/j/98391539060)    *Meeting ID: 983 9153 9060* |
| 16:00 – 17:00 | **Chinese Studies Social**  Meet and mingle with your course mates and teaching staff. | **Simon Building, Room 3.44B** |
| 17:00 - 19:30 | **Languages Welcome Social Event**  A great opportunity to network with people studying different  languages and get to know your Department. With themed canapes, wine, beer and soft drinks. | **Lime Café, Samuel Alexander Building** |
| **Friday 22 September** |  |  |
| 10:00 – 11:00 | **German Peer Mentoring and German Society meeting** | **Roscoe Building – Room 2.4** |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | **Russian and Eastern European Studies Social** | **Roscoe Building – Room 1.010** |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | **Japanese Studies Peer Mentoring Meeting** | **Stopford Building, Theatre 4** |
| 13:00 - 14:00 | **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.    A recording of this event will be made available for you to view if you are unable to attend. | **Optional Online event**  Join Zoom Meeting  <https://zoom.us/j/97113199663>  Meeting ID: 971 1319 9663 |
| 14:00 – 15:00 | **Japanese and East Asian Studies Social** | **University Place – Room 2.220** |

**Important Extras**

Logo for the School of Arts Languages and Cultures 'SALC Essentials' online course.

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 27 October 2023. You can find these courses in your [Blackboard homepage](https://login.manchester.ac.uk/cas/login?service=https%3A%2F%2Fshib.manchester.ac.uk%2Fshibboleth-idp%2FAuthn%2FRemoteUser%3Fconversation%3De1s1). Please note that you can only access these courses once you are fully registered (you can register online [here](https://www.welcome.manchester.ac.uk/get-ready/become-a-student/register-as-a-student/ten-steps/)).

Logo, Course Unit selection Drop Ins


Course Unit Selection ‘Drop-ins’ will be held each day in 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](https://www.stellify.manchester.ac.uk/) 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)](https://www.asesd.manchester.ac.uk/hear/student-info/) will be updated to reflect your extra-curricular achievements.

Forming the core of the Stellify Award are the [Ethical Grand Challenges](http://www.egc.manchester.ac.uk/). 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](https://online.manchester.ac.uk/) (if you can’t see the challenge, contact [egc@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:egc@manchester.ac.uk) to request access)**.**

**GETTING AROUND CAMPUS**

[Campus map](https://documents.manchester.ac.uk/display.aspx?DocID=6507)

[Interactive campus map](https://www.manchester.ac.uk/discover/maps/interactive-map/)