

UNDERGRADUATE MODERN LANGUAGES - WELCOME WEEK TIMETABLE SEPTEMBER 2024

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

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.

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		
09:00 – 10:00	<p>Welcome to Modern Languages</p> <p>An introductory session where you will receive essential information relating to the Department of Modern Languages and Cultures.</p>	<p>Video recording available here</p>
11:00 – 12:00	<p>Welcome to Chinese Studies</p> <p>An introductory session for students studying Chinese.</p>	<p>Samuel Alexander Building, Classics Wing - Room A116</p>
12:00 – 14:00	<p>SALC Commuter Event (Optional event)</p>	<p>The Nest, Students' Union</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 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>	<p>Make sure to use this sign up link to reserve your spot.</p>
13:00 – 14:00	<p>Welcome to Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies An introductory session for all students studying Spanish and/or Portuguese.</p>	Simon Building – Theatre A
15:00 – 16:00	<p>Welcome to French Studies An introductory session for students studying French.</p>	Simon Building - Theatre C
16:00 – 18:00	<p>Chinese Language Placement Test Placement test for students with prior knowledge of Chinese</p>	Samuel Alexander Building, Classics Wing – Room A114
Tuesday 17 September		
10:00 – 11:00	<p>Welcome to Japanese Studies An introductory session for students studying Japanese.</p>	Roscoe Building - Room 1.007
11:00 – 12:00	<p>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.</p>	University Place – Room 6.207
12:00 – 13:00	<p>Welcome to Arabic & Middle Eastern Studies An introductory session with your Programme Director for all students studying Arabic or Middle Eastern Studies</p>	University Place – Room 4.214
12:00 – 13:00	<p>Decoding Inequality: Discover Digital Humanities and Culture (Optional event)</p> <p>Take modules in the fields of Digital Humanities, Media and Culture to complement your degree with a minor subject (for single-honours students). Come along to this session to find out more about this fascinating field of study and how you can get involved.</p>	University Place - Room 4.213

13:00 – 14:00	Introduction to East Asian Studies An introductory session for students studying East Asian Studies.	Mansfield Cooper Building - Room 2.19
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 course mates.	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, Classics Wing – Room A215
15:00 – 16:00	Welcome to Russian Studies An introductory session for students studying Russian.	Samuel Alexander Building, Classics Wing – Room A115
15:00 – 16:00	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.	Simon Building Theatre D
16:00 – 17:00	Russian and Eastern European Studies Language Placement Test For students who <i>have</i> studied Russian before but who <i>do not have</i> 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 18 September		
8:00 – 9:00	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.	Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/92680447255 Meeting ID: 926 8044 7255
9:00 – 9:30	Introduction to Joint Honours Programmes with Linguistics A short meeting introducing students to the specifics of doing a joint degree with Linguistics or English Language	Alan Turing Building – Room - G.205
10:00 – 11:00	Italian Studies Meet the Department and Q&A	Mansfield Cooper Building - Room 2.03

	Meet all the staff in the Italian department, plus Q&A with the Programme Director.	
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 A115
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 A215
11:00 – 12:00	Italian Studies Peer mentoring meeting Meet your Peer Mentors.	Mansfield Cooper Building - Room 2.03
12:00 – 14:00	Meeting for students of Arabic Language Meet the language team	University Place – Room 4.214
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!
13:30 – 14:30	LEAP Taster Session: Polish (Optional event) Come along for a taster session and to learn more about studying a language alongside your programme.	Williamson 4.04
14:30 – 15:30	LEAP Taster Session: Turkish (Optional event) Come along for a taster session and to learn more about studying a language alongside your programme.	University Place 4.210
Thursday 19 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

10:00 – 11:00	<p>Modern Language & Business Management (MLBM) Q&A A brief introduction and Q&A about the MLBM programme. Directed at MLBM 1st year students.</p>	<p>Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/98635653412 Meeting ID: 986 3565 3412</p>
10:00 – 11:00	<p>Introduction to Joint Hons Politics/Sociology/HCRI and Modern Languages An introductory session for students studying Joint Honours Politics/Sociology/HCRI and Modern Languages.</p>	<p>Humanities Bridgeford Street Building – Room G33</p>
11:00 – 12:00	<p>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.</p>	<p>Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/93279103398 Meeting ID: 932 7910 3398</p>
12:00 – 13:00	<p>Academic Advisor Meetings (for HCRI Joint Honours) As a group, you will meet your academic advisor who will be your first point of contact over the year for pastoral, career, and academic related matters.</p>	<p>Samuel Alexander Building, Classics Wing A104</p>
13:00 – 16:00 1hr slots	<p>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 timeslot meeting before Wednesday 18th September.</p>	<p>University Place 6.207</p>
13:00 – 14:00	<p>Portuguese - Meet an Academic A chance to meet an Academic in the subject area.</p>	<p>Samuel Alexander Building W2.19</p>
13:00 – 14:00	<p>German - 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 18th September.</p>	<p>Various Locations</p>
14:00 – 15:00	<p>Japanese Studies Peer Mentoring Meeting</p>	<p>Stopford Building, Theatre 4</p>
14:00 – 15:00	<p>LEAP Taster Session: Russian (Optional event) Come along for a taster session and to learn more about studying a language alongside your programme.</p>	<p>University Place 6.212</p>
14:30 – 15:30	<p>LEAP Taster Session: Persian (Optional event) Come along for a taster session and to learn more about studying a language alongside your programme.</p>	<p>University Place 6.210</p>
14:00 – 16:00 1hr slots	<p>Spanish - Meet an Academic</p>	<p>Various Locations</p>

	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 18 th September	
15:00 – 16:00	Japanese and East Asian Studies Social Meet and mingle with your course mates and teaching staff.	Simon Building, Room 3.44B
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 lower ground floor
Friday 20 September		
10:00 – 11:00	German Peer Mentoring and German Society meeting	Roscoe Building – Room 3.3
11:00 – 12:30	Anxiety facilitation workshop: Hosted by AnxietyUK (Optional wellbeing event) 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. Don't miss this chance to gain valuable skills and connect with others.	Spaces for this workshop are limited, so please use this sign-up sheet to reserve your spot. This event will not be recorded. Note: Please sign-up using your UoM email address and a link to the workshop session will be sent to you via email.
12:00 – 13:00	Russian and Eastern European Studies Social	Roscoe Building – Room 1.010
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/99530014105 Meeting ID: 995 3001 4105
This online asynchronous activity can be completed at	SALC Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Training (online asynchronous)	You can access the course in Blackboard (Bb) under 'Organisations'.

a different time to better suit your schedule.	Please use this time to complete the two modules in this online EDI course: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Sexual Consent' • 'Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Me' 	How to access University IT systems
Wednesday 25 September		
10:00-12:00	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 your studies or donate any books from your previous years study for new students to use.	SALC Student Support Hub (Samuel Alexander Building lower ground floor next to Lime Café)
14:00 – 16:30	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. 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. Refreshments will be served.	Roscoe Theatre B and Foyer Please sign-up for this event via this link .
Thursday 26 September		
9:30 – 13:30	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.	SALC Student Support Hub (Samuel Alexander Building lower ground floor next to Lime Café)
17:30 – 18:30	German Welcome Social Join staff and students from German Studies for a welcome social with refreshments provided	Lime Café, Samuel Alexander Building lower ground floor
Wednesday 2 October		
9:30 – 13:30	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.	SALC Student Support Hub (Samuel Alexander Building lower ground floor next to Lime Café)

Thursday 3 October		
17:00 – 19:30	Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies Social Join staff and students from SPLAS for a welcome social with refreshments provided	Lime Café, Samuel Alexander Building lower ground floor
Monday 16 September- Friday 6 October		
09:00- 17:00	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. & Random acts of Kindness/ Mindful affirmations (Optional wellbeing event) Drop by the SALC Student Support Hub throughout Welcome Week to pick a wellbeing affirmation.	SALC Student Support Hub (Samuel Alexander Building lower ground floor next to Lime Café)

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 can register online [here](#)).

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](#)