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The University of Manchester
Alliance Manchester Business School

STUDENT SUPPORT HUB

WELCOME WEEK TIMETABLE **21-25 SEPTEMBER 2026**

MSc Business Analytics and Artificial Intelligence
MSc Business Analytics, Operational Research and Risk Analysis

Welcome to Alliance Manchester Business School (AMBS) and the MSc Business Analytics and Artificial Intelligence or MSc Business Analytics, Operational Research and Risk Analysis degree programme.

Below is a copy of your programme Welcome Week timetable. Each day there will be activities for you to get involved in and the chance to find out more about the course, School, and University.

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In addition to your programme timetable, there will also be University-wide Welcome activities to help you meet people and settle into our community. Check out the What's on during Welcome page and Students' Union events page to find out about other activities happening around the University of Manchester.

Take a look at the Welcome to Manchester webpages to help you settle in. These contain key information about registration, safety on campus, student support and preparing for your studies.

I hope you have a really enjoyable first few weeks on campus, making new friends and discovering everything that we have to offer. Best of luck for the new academic year!

We are here to support you every step of the way

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Monday, 21 September 2026

Time	Activity	Delivered by	Location
Anytime today	• Follow the steps on IT Services Information to get set up and ready for the start of year • Watch the Welcome and Introduction to PGT Study from Adam Frost, Director of Postgraduate Taught Programmes at AMBS		
10am-1pm	**Programme Induction 1 and Programme Social** • Meet your Programme Director: presentation followed by Q&A • This is an opportunity for you to talk with your peers, share experiences, and make friends in a relaxed setting. • Light refreshments will be provided.	Dr Azar Shahgholian	AMBS Building, Fourth Floor, Room 4.011a/b
2-4pm	**Programme Induction 2** • Course Briefing and Get Together • 'Get Started' with the University of Manchester's Library	Dr Azar Shahgholian, the Teaching Team, and The University of Manchester's Library team	AMBS Building, Fourth Floor, Room 4.011a/b

Tuesday, 22 September 2026

Time	Activity	Delivered by	Location
Anytime today	• Complete the BMAN61230 Health and Safety Course via Canvas • Complete the BMAN74940 Academic Malpractice Awareness Course via Canvas • Read more about the Academic Advisor information		
Anytime between 1-4pm	**AMBS Student Fair** (drop-in session) • Find out more about AMBS Student Societies (including an opportunity to join) as well as other support services and resources available for you as an AMBS student.		AMBS Building, Third Floor, HIVE Event Space

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Wednesday, 23 September 2026

Time	Activity	Delivered by	Location
Anytime today	• Passionate about improving the student experience? Find out more and apply to become your programme's Student Representative • Have a look at some useful checklists from the Transitioning to life at University to help you prepare for your studies • Important information about support available from the AMBS Student Support & Wellbeing Team		
GROUP 1: 9am-12 noon	**Beer Game Session 1** • ***NOTE: The cohort will be divided into two groups and you will need to attend either session 1 OR session 2. Your Programme Director will confirm the group allocation during your Programme Induction Activity on Monday.*** • This is an interactive simulation game where you'll take on different roles and experience the real-time challenges of supply chain management. This fun and fast-paced session ties directly into Business Analytics by showing the importance of data, forecasting, and decision-making in complex systems.	Dr Azar Shahgholian	AMBS Building, Fourth Floor, Room 4.011a/b
Anytime between 1-2pm	**Wellbeing Wednesday** (drop-in session) • Join us for some wellbeing craft activities, giant boardgames, or just take a moment to unwind and relax during Welcome week. You will also have an opportunity to meet our Student Support and Wellbeing (SSW) team and find out how they can support you during your studies here at AMBS.	Student Support and Wellbeing (SSW) team	**Cosy Campus Space** AMBS Building, Second Floor, Room 2.094
GROUP 2: 2-5pm	**Beer Game Session 2** • ***NOTE: The cohort will be divided into two groups and you will need to attend either session 1 OR session 2. Your Programme Director will confirm the group allocation during your Programme Induction Activity on Monday.*** • This is an interactive simulation game where you'll take on different roles and experience the real-time challenges of supply chain management. This fun and fast-paced session ties directly into Business Analytics by showing the importance of data, forecasting, and decision-making in complex systems.	Dr Azar Shahgholian	AMBS Building, Fourth Floor, Room 4.011a/b

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Thursday, 24 September 2026

Time	Activity	Delivered by	Location
10-11.30am	**Team Campus Challenge** • Join us for a fun adventure and an engaging team-building activity to get to know your peers. Please arrive early at the meeting point, as we will be exploring the campus for this activity.	IAG team and Student Ambassadors	AMBS Building, Ground Floor, Room G.003
1-2pm	**AMBS Building Tour** (optional) • Between 1-2pm there will be short tours of the building to familiarise you with our resources, facilities, and available support. The tours last around 15-20 minutes and numbers are limited to 15 students per tour group on a first come first served basis. Please sign up at the meeting point at 1pm.	AMBS Student Ambassadors	Meeting point: AMBS foyer
Anytime between 2-4pm	**Collect your free exclusive AMBS hoodie!** • Collect your free exclusive AMBS hoodie at the AMBS Student Support Hub. For every hoodie distributed, a tree has been planted to give back to nature.		**Student Support Hub** AMBS Building, Second Floor, Room 2.091

Friday, 25 September 2026

Time	Activity	Delivered by	Location
Anytime today	• Have a look at the University of Manchester Library website to see the resources, training and support available for you • Visit My Learning Essentials webpage - our Library's award-winning skills programme that provides online guidance and resources, workshop sessions, as well as drop-in support.		
10am-12 noon	Academic Writing Skills Session	Professor Julia Handl	AMBS Building, Fourth Floor, Room 4.011a/b
12-1pm	Postgraduate Careers Service Induction: Your MSc programme as a step into professional practice	AMBS Postgraduate Careers Service team	AMBS Building, Fourth Floor, Room 4.011a/b

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Open Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm
Drop in for information and advice during Welcome Week and throughout the year.

AMBS Postgraduate Taught (PGT) Handbook
The online handbook is the main source of information about your programme, studies and available support throughout your degree.

We recommend saving the online handbook as a favourite, or adding it to your bookmarks to give you easy access whenever you need it.

Interactive Campus Map
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