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## YOUR COURSE:

### Entry requirements

How do your grades compare to the entry requirements of the courses you are considering?

### Placements

Is there the option to undertake practical learning as part of your course?

### Tailored learning

Many courses offer the ability to tailor units to your interests. When you're researching courses think about:

- Do the units match your expectations?
- Are all the units mandatory or can you select units that interest you?
- How is the course assessed (eg coursework, lab reports, exams)?
- Are there any initiatives that will help you develop a good set of transferable skills?



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## YOUR CAREER:

### Careers and further studies

- What options does the course offer for progression?
- Will you be able to progress to further studies if you decide to?
- Does the course offer direct access to a specific career?

### Anything else?

Have a think about the subjects you enjoy and also if there is anything you are particularly good at.

You may also want to check out the careers or jobs that interest you and take a look at what qualifications are required.



### Manchester tips

- Some of our courses can be studied alongside a modern language, with industrial/professional experience, entrepreneurship or study abroad.
- We have an initiative called Stellify, which includes academic and extra-curricular activities to help you stand out and make a difference to the world.

# WHAT TO THINK ABOUT WHEN CHOOSING A UNIVERSITY

## FACILITIES:

Every university is different. You should think about what facilities are important to you and what each university has to offer.

### Take a look at:



Student's Union



Teaching spaces



Sports facilities



Course facilities



Libraries and online learning



Accommodation



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## LOCATION:

University will be your home for the duration of your studies. You should think about the location and where you'd like to live.

### Campus or city

- Are all university buildings close to each other?
- Are university buildings spread across the city/town?

### Location

- How far away from home would you like to live?
- How easy is it to get to university?
- Are there good transport links?
- How expensive is the town or city?
- Would you like to live in a city, town, near the seaside or countryside?



### Manchester tip

The University of Manchester is a campus university situated within a mile of the city centre.

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## SUPPORT:

University is one of the most exciting times of your life, but it can also be a little daunting and might be stressful at times.

When choosing a university you should look at the support on offer:



Academic support from tutors and advisors.



Disability support and assessment.



Pastoral care (eg counselling service, wellbeing advice).



Careers service



Financial support (eg bursaries, hardship funds).





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## RESEARCH:

Some UK universities are research-intensive, meaning the university is heavily involved in research activities such as developing new medical treatments or understanding the ecological effects of climate change.

A university's research is not mutually exclusive from its teaching though. Research can influence the study experience in several ways:

1. It is an indication of expertise.
2. The content and focus of the curriculum.
3. The development of research skills.

Research can also be a significant part of your experience at university, although the type of experience can vary greatly depending on where you study. If you are interested in developing your practical skills in research then it is important that you consider the quality of facilities that a university can offer and how these experiences are incorporated into the course.



## Manchester tip

The University of Manchester is a research-intensive university.

***GOOD LUCK!***

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