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The University of Manchester

**GET READY
FOR MANCHESTER**

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THIS IS YOUR FUTURE

Since 1824, great minds like yours have come to Manchester to question assumptions, create the exceptional and change the world.

Today, we're among the world's top ten universities for social and environmental impact* and a community committed to building a better future.

**Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2022*



When it comes to your university journey, getting accepted is just the start. Whatever your passions and pastimes, you'll feel you belong at Manchester. Here you'll find people, activities and experiences that will help you to grow and make your mark.

There can be a lot to think about before you arrive, so we've put together this essential guide that contains everything you need to know in one place. The most up-to-date information will continue to be published online – please check our Get Ready webpages regularly and take a look at our FAQs.

Get ready to make your mark at Manchester.

uom.link/get-ready



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ARRIVAL, WELCOME AND INDUCTION

To kick off your time at Manchester, we're organising an extensive programme of Welcome events – all with the goal of helping you settle in, make new friends and get fully prepared to start your course.

Key documents to remember

There are a few important details and documents you'll need to bring with you, especially if you're coming from abroad.

Passport

Visa (if applicable)

Accommodation
licence agreement

Record of any vaccinations you
have had (if applicable)

University acceptance letter



IT AND COLLECTING YOUR STUDENT CARD

Getting your University email address, IT access and your student ID are key steps for starting your studies.



- You'll be sent details for setting up your IT account via your email address during the application process.
- In early September you'll receive an email directing you to complete your registration. You must have completed the IT sign-up process above in order to do this.
- Once you've arrived and completed your student registration, you'll be invited to collect your student card.
- Your student card is your student ID. It gives you access to areas of campus such as the Library, and gets you student discounts in a range of shops and restaurants.

Welcome and induction

Our induction is based over two weeks beginning Monday, 12 September. There will be several Welcome events from the University, the Students' Union and the ResLife teams for residents in halls.

You'll have plenty of opportunities to get involved in a range of activities that will help you get to know the University and connect with people who share your interests.



Teaching and learning at Manchester

Students at The University of Manchester are joining in a dynamic and inclusive community of learners. Much of your time will be spent on campus, working with teaching staff and your peers in seminars, labs and lectures. You'll also have continuous online access to content and materials to enhance and support your learning.



Much of your learning will take place in real-time (or synchronously), where you'll be interacting with teaching staff and other students in a room on campus, or online. At other times you'll be working through materials at your own pace (or asynchronously), following a framework provided by your programme and supported by appropriate tools for learning.

This blended approach allows you to engage with some of your learning at a time and place that works best for you. The exact mix of activities and how they'll be delivered (on-campus or online) will depend on what works for each subject area. You'll receive further information about what your course will look like from your local programme team.

uom.link/get-ready-blended-learning

TRAVEL AND VISAS



Understand
visa requirements
(if applicable)

Wherever you're coming from, we're looking forward to welcoming you to Manchester, and are here to support you.

uom.link/get-ready-travel

Visas

Those who need to apply for a visa to study with us must have a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) issued by The University of Manchester.

When you are applying for a visa, we strongly recommend you choose the University as the place where you will pick up your BRP card, using the collection code 2HE372.

Check our latest guidance on immigration and visas:

uom.link/get-ready-visas



If your course requires an ATAS certificate, this must be obtained before applying for a visa. More information can be found online:

uom.link/get-ready-atas



BRP
collection code
2HE372



Getting to Manchester

Whether you're arriving by air, rail or road, check our website for our latest advice and guidance.

uom.link/get-ready-getting-to-manchester

Please check the latest UK government entry requirements before travelling.

www.gov.uk/uk-border-control

FIVE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ARRIVING IN MANCHESTER

We asked our students for their top tips about arriving in Manchester.



Aled:

“Get a bus pass as soon as you come. So many of my friends have spent loads of money on bus tickets, but bus passes are such a reasonable way to pay for all your travel. It saves you so much money and you can literally get anywhere in Manchester.”



Abisola:

“Follow @EatMcr on Instagram! They have all the best spots to go for food in Manchester. If you’re a fellow foodie like me, you’ll love it.”



Imogen:

“Make the most of Manchester’s live music scene. From the Academy to the Bread Shed, there are so many venues to go and see a gig any night of the week.”



Dorsa:

“Take your student ID everywhere with you so that you can make the most of student discounts and sales.”



Henrik:

“Be a ‘yes’ person. Get yourself out there! Go for all the opportunities, as Manchester is a great city with so many different people to meet from all different backgrounds.”

KEEPING YOU SAFE



You'll be fully briefed on health and safety as part of your Welcome and Induction activities, but in the meantime, explore how we're ensuring our campus is a safe and healthy environment for your studies.

uom.link/get-ready-health-safety



Security Team

Safety on and off campus

The city of Manchester is generally safe, but as in any large city, you should take precautions. We recommend students visit our student support pages for tips on keeping safe in the city.

You can call Manchester's Security Team 24/7. Their phone number can be found on the back of your student ID card.

We also encourage you to download the SafeZone app, which allows you to quickly contact the Security Team in an emergency.

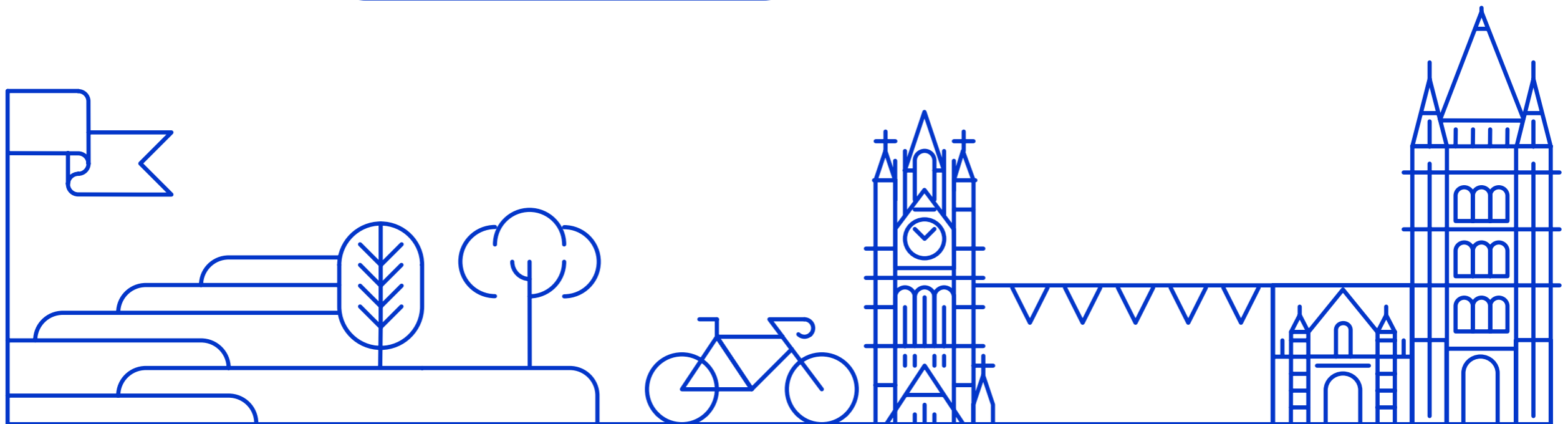
uom.link/get-ready-security

Avoid scams

You should only use approved methods to pay your fees to The University of Manchester, and remain vigilant of scams that offer to pay fees on your behalf at a discounted rate.

If you have any questions or are concerned you have been the victim of this type of fraud, please contact the University's Student Support Centre on:

ssc@manchester.ac.uk



HEALTHCARE



While studying with us, if you have an illness or injury that won't go away then it's best to make an appointment with your general practitioner (GP).

All students should register with a GP so that, if you ever need one, you can book an appointment. A GP:

- provides primary and continuing medical care in the community;
- refers patients to hospital clinics for further assessment or treatment;
- may run specialist clinics within the practice for patients with specific conditions.

They provide a range of services by appointment, including:

- medical advice;
- examinations;
- vaccinations;
- prescriptions;
- access to other NHS services such as non-emergency medicine.

Vaccinations

You can book a COVID-19 vaccination whether you have already received one dose, or are yet to receive any.

We also strongly recommend you're vaccinated against the following before coming to university:

- Measles
- Mumps and Rubella (MMR)
- Meningitis ACWY

If you're from the UK, you'll have probably had these immunisations – but it's worth asking your GP to check your health records.

If you're coming from outside the UK, it's important to make sure you get these vaccinations before you leave. If you are unable to do so, you can get them from your GP (local doctor) once you arrive.

Depending on where you are from, you may also need a certificate to prove you are free from infectious tuberculosis (TB) as part of your visa application.



Check vaccinations are up to date



Register with a GP

You can register with a GP once you know your term-time address. Use the NHS' 'Find a GP' tool.

www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-gp





EEA and Switzerland (with settled/pre-settled status):

Treatment is available for free on the NHS to all students from the EU/EEA and Switzerland who are studying in the UK for six months or longer and who have successfully applied for settled/pre-settled status.

International (except EEA with settled/pre-settled status):

If you're studying on a student visa you'll be entitled to receive NHS treatment, but you need to pay an immigration health surcharge as part of your visa application.

Citizens of Australia and New Zealand are exempt from paying the immigration health surcharge.

If you're not eligible for free NHS treatment, you should take out private medical insurance.

ACCOMMODATION



Whether you're looking to secure a room in one of our residential halls, a private rental, or plan to continue living at home while you study, find out the options available to you and what you should do next.

uom.link/get-ready-accommodation

Accommodation guarantee

The majority of new students coming to Manchester will qualify for accommodation under our extensive guarantee.

Find out if you're eligible:

uom.link/get-ready-guarantee



University accommodation

The University's huge range of accommodation means we've got something for all tastes and budgets.

You can apply for University accommodation by completing an online application. Applying is free, but if you wish to accept an offer of accommodation you'll need to make an Advance Licence Fee Payment of £400 to secure your room. You'll need a valid email address to complete the application and a valid University of Manchester ID number, which will be on your offer letter.

With our accommodation guarantee you can apply for a place in halls with the reassurance that your Advance Licence Fee Payment is fully refundable should you be unable to take up your offer to study at Manchester.

uom.link/get-ready-uni-halls

Private accommodation

There is plenty of private accommodation across the city if you don't fancy living in University halls.

Manchester Student Homes can provide details of privately rented properties, independent housing advice and a free contract checking service.

uom.link/get-ready-private

Living at home

Many students choose to live at home while studying at Manchester.

The Students' Union runs tailored support services if you're living at home to make sure you get the same opportunities to socialise with other students and, ultimately, as much out of university life as those living on campus.

uom.link/get-ready-home

MONEY



From setting up personal banking and getting budget-savvy to paying your tuition fees and finding scholarship information, we're here to help.

uom.link/get-ready-money

Tuition fees

All university students in the UK are required to pay tuition fees. Your offer letter from the University will state how much you need to pay.

If you have a UK bank account, you can pay your fees in instalments. You'll start to pay your fees during the registration process at the beginning of the year.

Financial support

There's lots of financial support available to help while you're studying. Find out more online.

uom.link/get-ready-finance

Need advice on managing your money? We've got you covered with our top 10 budgeting tips.

uom.link/get-ready-budgeting



Setting up a bank account

UK students

It's worth setting up a student bank account – they offer a wider range of services than current accounts, so it's important to consider your options. A main benefit of student bank accounts is an interest-free overdraft, which can be very handy during your studies.

International students

If you want to pay your tuition fees or University accommodation fees in instalments by Direct Debit, you'll need to set up a UK bank account.

It's also more convenient to have a UK bank account, as you can avoid transactional or currency conversion charges incurred through using a foreign bank card.

More information about setting up a UK bank account can be found on our finance pages.

uom.link/get-ready-banking

WELLBEING AND STUDENT SUPPORT



Looking after you is our key priority and your wellbeing will be central to your experience at Manchester. Our six ways to wellbeing will support you to feel good and live well throughout your studies.

We also have a comprehensive range of support services to help you with anything from employability and finances to counselling and study support. Check these out online.

uom.link/get-ready-support



“

The University's framework for wellbeing encourages everyone to take care of themselves. When I was a wellbeing champion, we held yoga afternoons outside and smoothie-making competitions. It was great because you met like-minded people. ”

Nancy McDonald
Alumna BSc Psychology



**Our six ways to wellbeing are:
Connect,
Give, Take Notice,
Be Active, Be Healthy,
Learn and Discover.**

MAKE YOUR MARK AT MANCHESTER

Our students are curious and creative, and want to make a positive impact on their community. At Manchester, they find their own voice, stand up for what they believe in and enrich the culture of our city.

As you prepare to begin your time at Manchester, find out how our students have made their mark during and after their time with us.

Working with his friend, Gareth used his degree, and a passion for urban agriculture, to grow sustainable mushrooms at home and Hive Urban Farms was formed.

“

We designed and built our own mini mushroom farm, growing oyster mushrooms on waste coffee grounds we collected from cafes around the city... we supplied various restaurants across the region, including Grafene, TNQ, Hispi and The Creameries. ”

Gareth Williams
Alumnus BA Geography





India and Gabriella were able to create a volunteering campaign which helped a cause close to both their hearts.

“

We created Once a Month, which aims to distribute care packages of sanitary items and chocolate to women in need.

Indy and I have developed a really strong friendship this year. We've pretty much spent at least four days a week together, whether it's at a volunteering project, planning another volunteering project, or going and doing research in the city centre together. ”

India Burgess
Alumna BA History

Gabriella Hartfield
Alumna LLB Law



Participating in the University's Manchester Access Programme (MAP) helped Safia to prepare for her studies. Now, as a summer intern she's helping others to gain the same advantages.

“

During MAP, I learnt how to research and reference, network, manage my time and be organised; this knowledge has been invaluable as a university student. Through my MAP summer internship, I'm hoping to enhance my existing skillset while also learning new skills such as content creation and administrative skills. ”

Safia Khan
BSc Cognitive Neuroscience and
Psychology



Gabriela came to Manchester because she was curious about the world around her, and her degree has widened her horizons.

“

There is an incredibly diverse student population on my course with people from different parts of the world, each with their own beliefs and values. This enriched the learning environment and expanded my views regarding the world... my degree helped me acquire a sense of social consciousness where I realised how my actions affected society. As a result, I started caring more about social issues such as the education gap that exists in the world, and modern-day slavery, among others. ”

Gabriela Ponce De Leon Rodrigo
BSocSci Politics and International Relations

THINGS TO DO



Why not use your summer to get ready? Talk to a current student, make a to-do list, explore our clubs and societies or think about your goals for the coming year. Now is the time to get excited!

Apply and confirm accommodation

Check if you need a visa and how to get one

Book your travel

Make sure you have copies of your ID and travel documents

Register with a doctor/GP

Complete the Criminal Conviction Declaration and Right to Study processes in My Manchester

My notes

SIX WAYS TO GET CONNECTED

Talk to a current student on
UNIBUDDY



and ask any questions you
have about student life
uom.link/get-ready-unibuddy

Join us on one of our
CAMPUS TOURS



to get your bearings for
when you arrive
uom.link/get-ready-tour

If you can't visit yet, watch our
**CAMPUS AND CITY
VIRTUAL TOURS**



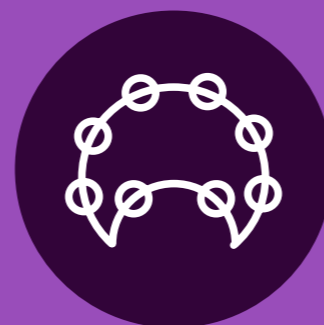
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Watch one of our
WEBINARS



to discover more about life at Manchester
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Check out the
STUDENTS' UNION



and see what it has to offer
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THINGS TO BRING

Use our checklist to make sure you have everything you need before heading off. Be sure to check what your halls provide as you won't want to bring extra things if you don't need to.



Also consider your room – there will be storage but not a huge amount, so pack sensibly and remember (for most of you) you'll be moving out again in June.

Packing list:

uom.link/get-ready-packing



IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS



ID

Student discount cards such as a railcard

Details of accommodation and license agreement

University acceptance letter

KITCHEN SUPPLIES



Pots and pans (see what you're able to share with housemates)

Scissors

Tupperware

Oven gloves

Tea towels

Bottle openers and tin openers

ELECTRONICS



Chargers

Extension cable

Headphones

USB memory stick

Umbrella

MISCELLANEOUS



Pack of cards

Small sewing kit

A weekend or 'home' bag

A reusable water bottle

BEDROOM



Hangers

Laundry basket

Small first-aid kit with plasters, paracetamol and other medicine

All information in this document was correct at the time of publication, but is subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, including actions taken by the University in line with the UK government advice around COVID-19, please check our website.

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