WELCOME WEEK TIMETABLE

BSc Psychology Year 2

Academic Year: 2026-27

Monday 21st – Friday 25th September 2026

Welcome back to your studies at the University of Manchester!

This document contains details of all the activities which have been organised to introduce you to our course and the campus. Different sessions are planned on each day. Make sure you attend these sessions so that you are ready to start the course. **Please pay attention to the study cohort (i.e. on campus, e-blended, full time).**

Semester 1 teaching starts in the week beginning 28th September. Make sure you have accessed your timetable in advance and are aware of all your sessions for this week.

You can use the following link to the campus map to help you find each session by its building number.
Map: https://documents.manchester.ac.uk/display.aspx?DocID=6507

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If you have any questions, please contact us at shs.hub@manchester.ac.uk
We hope you enjoy your week!

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Monday 21st September	
12:00-14:00	**MATURE STUDENT LUNCH**
	Staff: Lou Shirley, Liz McManus, Doron Cohen, Ruth Johnson, Amber Ruigrok, Lee Wickham & Rachel Ashworth **Location:** Ellen Wilkinson Building, room B2.4 Accessibility information: https://www.accessable.co.uk/the-university-of-manchester/access-guides/b2-4 **Activity Type:** Lunch **Details:** Are you a mature student? Mature students start their studies a little later and are defined as **any student who is 21 years or over at the start of their degrees**. We recognise that being a mature student can involve a different set of pressures, hopes and ambitions. In the Division of Psychology and Mental Health, there are large groups of students starting/ returning into academic life, and it can be difficult to spot people who you might identify as 'peers.' We would like to offer an opportunity to meet up and make yourselves known to each other, initially with some support from staff.

Tuesday 22nd September	
14:00-16:00	**TIME FOR SELF-STUDY: PLACEMENTS, STUDY ABROAD, CAREERS, UNIT SELECTION**
	Staff: Amber Ruigrok, Ming Wai Wan, Kamelia Harris, Emma Gowen & Wai Yeung **Location:** Online (Canvas – various Unit / Community spaces) **Activity:** Self-paced activity **Details:** Use this time to: • Read the **PSYC23000 Career Pathways in Psychology** 'Course Unit Information' content on the PSYC23000 Canvas unit space

	• Read the **Year Placement** 'Student Guide' information (from 'Why do a Placement Year' to 'Passing the Placement Year') in the BSc Psychology Community space on Canvas • Review the Student **Study Abroad** guide in the BSc Psychology Community space on Canvas • Review the **Year 2 Syllabus Booklets** in the BSc Psychology Community space on Canvas to finalise your Semester 1 unit choices if you have not done so already.

Wednesday 23rd September	
10:00-11:30	**WHAT TO EXPECT FROM YEAR TWO**
	Staff: Amber Ruigrok & Ming Wai Wan **Location**: Simon Building, Theatre E Accessibility information: **https://www.accessable.co.uk/the-university-of-manchester/access-guides/lecture-theatre-e** **Activity Type:** Lecture **Details:** This session starts with an introduction and welcome back by the Year 2 Tutors, BSc Psychology programme directors, Dr Liz McManus-Day and Dr Doron Cohen. This session will provide an overview of the year ahead and will highlight some key changes and important Year 2 related information. We will also be joined by the University Centre for Academic English to signpost you to their excellent resources.
11:30-13:00	**ACTIVE LUNCH**
	Staff: Amber Ruigrok & Ming Wai Wan **Location**: All over the Oxford Rd Campus **Activity Type**: Creating a Psychology Student Campus Map **Details:** During this active lunch break, you will be asked to work in groups to create a Psychology Student Campus Map. This will allow you to get used to campus again and find some good spaces and ideas to share with our Year 1 BSc Psychology students. You will be given instructions on what to do and how to create the resource during *What to Expect of Year Two* session.
13:00-14:00	**HOW TO SUCCEED IN YEAR 2**
	Staff: Amber Ruigrok & Ming Wai Wan **Location**: Simon Building, Theatre E Accessibility information: **https://www.accessable.co.uk/the-university-of-manchester/access-guides/lecture-theatre-e**

	Activity Type: Lecture and Panel Discussion **Details:** This session will provide some advice and support on how to succeed in Year 2. We will hear from students who have just finished Year 2, and we will also be joined by the Student Experience co-directors to brief you on the Year 2 Student Representatives elections.
14:00-15:00	**TAKING A YEAR OUT**
	Staff: Amber Ruigrok, Ming Wai Wan, Ruth Johnson, Emma Gowen, Kamelia Harris, & Wai Yeung **Location:** Simon Building, Theatre E Accessibility information: **https://www.accessable.co.uk/the-university-of-manchester/access-guides/lecture-theatre-e** **Activity Type:** Lecture and Panel Discussion **Details:** In this session, we will cover key details about the Year Placement and Study Abroad schemes. Please make sure you have reviewed the guides on Tuesday in preparation! There will be an opportunity to anonymously ask questions through a Padlet. We will also be joined by several students who will share their experiences of doing a placement year or going on study abroad.

Thursday 25th September	
10:00-12:00	**CAREERS AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT**
	Staff: Amber Ruigrok, Ming Wai Wan, Belen Lopez-Perez, Ruth Johnson, Ellen Poliakoff, Emma Brewin-Caddy & Billi Charrington-Golland **Location:** Simon Building, Theatre E Accessibility information: **https://www.accessable.co.uk/the-university-of-manchester/access-guides/lecture-theatre-e** **Activity Type:** Lecture **Details:** This jam-packed session will give you more information about support available in Year 2 for your career options and self-development. Our FBMH Careers Consultants will get you inspired about your career prospects and how to make the most of Year 2!

	You'll hear from our Social Responsibility lead, Professor Ellen Poliakoff, about the many ways you can contribute to social responsibility at Manchester whilst benefiting your personal and career development. You will also be provided with key information about the PSYC23000 Career Pathways in Psychology unit for BSc Psychology students by unit lead Dr Belen Lopez-Perez. Make sure you have read the information available in the Module 'Course Unit Information' in preparation! In addition, you are required to read through the 'Professionalism and Ethics' module.
13:30-15:00	**PSYCHOLOGY PLACEMENT FAIR** **Staff:** Belen Lopez-Perez **Location:** Jean McFarlane Building, room G.306 (opposite the SHS Hub) **Activity Type:** PSYC23000 Short Work Placement Fair **Details:** Having attended the morning session, BSc Psychology students are invited to come along to a bespoke Careers Fair where you will have the opportunity to meet some of our PSYC23000 Short Work Placement providers in the areas of education and mental health. You can ask questions about the roles available, the application processes, and familiarise yourself with what kind of placements our BSc Psychology students have secured in the past. For those opting for the employers' project, there will be also a dedicated stand where you can get more information about the projects running in the first term and what it involves.