WELCOME WEEK TIMETABLE

BSc Cognitive Neuroscience and Psychology Year 1

Academic Year: 2026-27

Monday 21st – Friday 25th September 2026

Welcome 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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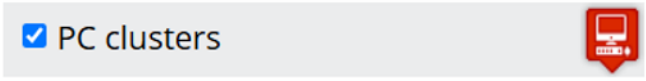
Monday 21st September	
10:00-11:00	**INTRODUCTION TO YOUR COURSE**
	Come along to this session from your programme director, Dr Ruth Johnson, which is all about what to expect from your course this year. There will be lots of useful information to help you settle in and make the most of Welcome Week too. **Staff: Ruth Johnson** **Location: Dover Street Building, room 1.036**
12:00-14:00	**MATURE STUDENT LUNCH**
	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. Being a mature student can involve a different set of pressures, hopes and ambitions. This informal lunch is an opportunity to socialise with other mature students and staff. **Staff: Lou Shirley, Liz McManus, Doron Cohen, Ruth Johnson, Amber Ruigrok, Lee Wickham and Rachel Ashworth** **Location: Ellen Wilkinson Building, room B2.4**

Tuesday 22nd September	
10:00-11:00	**SUPPORT INFORMATION SESSION**
	In this session, you will hear from several people about the various forms of academic, social and emotional support available to you. You will be introduced to our Academic Advising model and the Psychology Peer Mentor scheme. Some of our colleagues from the Student Hub & Wellbeing teams will also come tell you about how they can support you during your time at Manchester. **Staff: Wai Yeung & Matt Farr** **Location: Nancy Rothwell Building, Lecture Theatre A (room 2A.040)**
11:00-12:00	**STUDENT VIEW**
	During this Question & Answer panel you will be hearing from our second- & third-year Psychology students about their experiences of studying Psychology at Manchester. You'll have the opportunity to ask them questions and get their top tips on student life. **Staff: Matt Farr & Wai Yeung** **Location: Nancy Rothwell Building, Lecture Theatre A (2A.040)**

14:00-16:00	**GETTING STARTED** Getting used to new systems and a new Learning Environment can be very confusing. To help you navigate this new environment, IT services will be giving a short talk about the systems we use, how to get connected and how to get help if something doesn't work. We will be giving a live demonstration of Canvas, the Virtual Learning Environment where you can find your course content and other course related resources. We will also show you how to explore your emails, timetables, and discuss tips about how to get organised. Finally, we will talk about creating and building a course community. The Student Experience Leads will also be giving a short talk at the end of this session to introduce the student representative scheme and the role of our reps. **Staff: Wai Yeung & Matt Farr** **Location: Roscoe Building, Lecture Theatre A**
16:00-17:00	**BIOL10401 INTRO TO LAB SCIENCE (PRACTICAL UNIT) INDUCTION** A session to introduce you to the Semester 1 BIOL laboratory unit, "Introduction to Lab Science". **Staff: Ruth Grady** **Location: Online over Microsoft Teams** **Recommendation:** bring headphones and join from a campus PC Cluster. **Tip:** you can filter the Interactive campus map for PC clusters to find one:  Click this link just before 16:00 on 22nd to join the meeting: https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/313968604599653?p=9kulGKGb9KhvKlUd1W

Wednesday 23rd September	
11:30-12:30	**MEET YOUR BIOL10000 TUTOR** In this session, you'll meet your BIOL10000 Tutor and your Tutor Group, which will comprise other 1st Year Cognitive Neuroscience & Psychology students. Your group will all sit together and your Tutor will go through some key information with you while the group gets to know each other. **Staff: Donna Lloyd, Amber Ruigrok, Ruth Johnson, Wai Yeung, Thomas Donoghue** **Location: The Whitworth Hall Building** (you'll be given instructions on where to find your group in the hall!)
13:00-14:00	**MEET YOUR PEER MENTOR**

	***You will receive an email letting you know which group you are in and which location to attend.** At these meetings, you will meet your Peer Mentors and your group of peers. Your mentors will be able to show you around campus and help you settle into university life. As peer mentors are second and final year students, they know exactly what it feels like to be a first-year student and are a great source of tips and advice to help you settle in and succeed on the course. **Staff: Peer Mentors** **Location: Look out for your email with your session's location!**

Thursday 24th September	
10:30-12:00	**LAB COAT COLLECTION**
	Go along to the Stopford Building during this 90-minute window to collect your very own lab coat! **Location: Stopford Building 2nd Floor Teaching Laboratories ("SUGT2"), in Sections 11, 12, 13** (don't be afraid to ask if you feel lost, it's a big building!)
12:00-13:00	**PEER ASSISTED STUDY SCHEME (PASS)**
	An introduction to the Peer Assisted Study Scheme, which is run by the School of Biological Sciences. This is the 2nd peer support scheme available for BSc Cognitive Neuroscience & Psychology students! **Staff: PASS Leaders** **Location: Stopford Building, Lecture Theatre 1**
14:00-15:00	**PROGRAMME DIRECTOR DROP-IN**
	Come along to this **optional** drop-in if you have any questions for the Programme Director! Whether that's about anything from Welcome Week, or the coming Semester or beyond. If you have any questions or worries at this point in Welcome Week, this is a great opportunity to reach out for some help, which is always available! **Staff: Ruth Johnson** **Location: Simon Building, room 4.05**

Friday 26th September	
10:00-11:00	**WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?**
	To wrap up Welcome Week, this session will go over all the key information for the week and introduce a few different psychology related activities you can get involved with throughout the year. This session will also be a great opportunity to ask any unanswered questions from across the week.

	Staff: Wai Yeung & Matt Farr **Location: Roscoe Building, Lecture Theatre A**
14:00-16:00	**YEAR 1 COG NEURO SOCIAL**
	Join us for a chance to relax and socialise at the end of the week and ask any remaining questions you have. There will be food! And we should be joined by the Programme Directors for BSc Psychology and BSc Neuroscience, to welcome you to the Joint Honours experience. **Staff: Ruth Johnson, Liz McManus-Day, Harry Potter** **Location: University Place Building, room 6.207**