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# BEYOND THE CLASSROOM 2025-2026

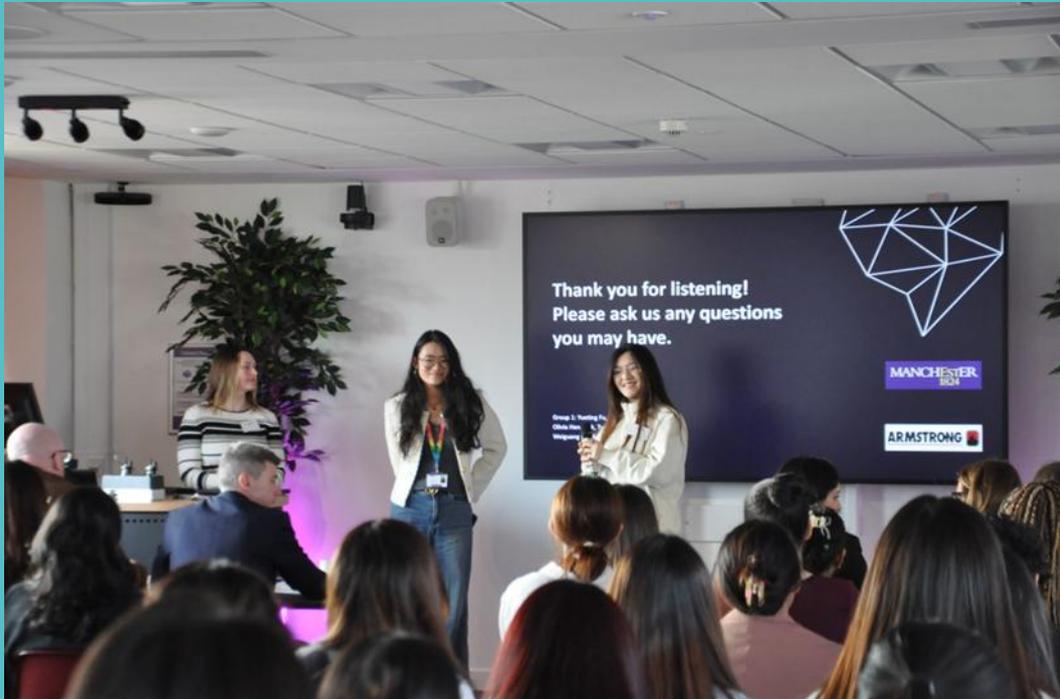
Connect, Achieve and Prepare



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## WELCOME to AMBS

We are very much looking forward to you joining us this year and delighted to share our plans about how we will help you to ....



**CONNECT:** These events are designed to help you connect and engage with your new learning community.



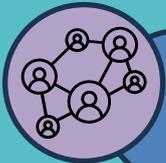
**ACHIEVE:** These events will help you transition confidently to postgraduate study, build your academic toolkit and maximize your academic success.



**PREPARE:** These events focus on applying your knowledge and skills to practical workplace scenarios.

**Full details of events (times and locations) will be shared either on our Canvas Community page or by individual module leaders.**

## SEMESTER ONE



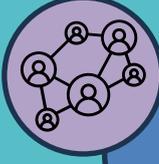
### **23<sup>rd</sup> September: Speed Networking**

Connect with peers, alumni, and staff in a fast-paced networking session.  
Build early relationships and learn from experienced students.



### **24<sup>th</sup> September: Team Building afternoon**

A collaborative activity helping you continue to build connections with your peers,  
Build teamworking skills and develop communication.



### **25<sup>th</sup> September: Introduction to the PG Careers service**

This event will outline the support available via the Postgraduate Careers service and  
the range of events provided to help you consider your future steps.



### **To Be Confirmed (TBC): Student Representation**

Learn about student representation roles with support from outgoing students  
Understand how to get involved and influence your learning environment.



### **1<sup>st</sup> October: Critical Reading**

Learn how to evaluate and interpret academic texts



### **9<sup>th</sup> October: From Potential to Pressure: Mapping Generative AI's Disruption of UK Jobs**

Attend the MIRS event which will introduce the Generative AI Susceptibility Index (GAISI), a novel measure showing how UK jobs are exposed to AI.





### **15<sup>th</sup> October: Critical Writing**

Explore structure, argumentation, and referencing in academic essays



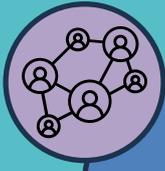
### **TBC: Formative essay and feedback**

Undertake a short piece of critical writing, receive formative feedback on this with an opportunity for personal discussion.



### **29<sup>th</sup> October: HR Stories World Cafe**

Hear from HR professionals and explore the CIPD Professional Behaviours and how these will enable you to make an added value contribution.



### **6<sup>th</sup> November: CIPD Annual Conference and Exhibition**

Attend the CIPD Annual Exhibition and explore trade stands, hear from industry experts and network with fellow HR practitioners on current HR trends.



### **TBC November: Managing conflict in the workplace**

Hear from ACAS (the UK's Arbitration and Conciliation Service) on their work and approaches to help resolve workplace conflict.



### **10<sup>th</sup> November: Negotiating skills**

Explore a range of negotiation and conflict resolution techniques.



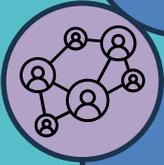
### **17<sup>th</sup> November: IR and CIR Negotiating Exercise**

Take part in a simulated negotiation exercise, applying your theoretical knowledge to a practical challenge.



**8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December: Undertaking your Dissertation**

Explore the process of planning, researching, and writing your dissertation.



**TBC December 2025: Programme Event**

A celebratory event organised by your student representatives.

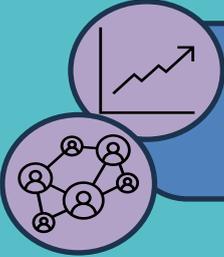


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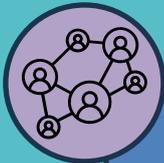
**TBC February 2026: MIRS Inter-university Debate**

Take part in, or observe, the annual MIRS debate competition.



### **TBC March : CIPD Student conference**

Gain practical knowledge and network with HR professionals at this online conference organised by CIPD



### **TBC February : Leveraging your MSc**

Explore approaches to ensure you can powerfully sell your learning to future employers.



### **18<sup>th</sup> March: The HRM Case Study Competition and Conference**

Our annual showcase conference and case study competition.

## SEMESTER THREE

### **TBC May 2026: Research Ethics Workshop**

Explore ethical dilemmas associated with research, supporting you on your dissertation journey.

## WIDER OPPORTUNITIES AND SUPPORT

### **The University of Manchester Postgraduate Careers' Service**

The Postgraduate Careers Service is an exclusive career service for MSc studying at AMBS. The team can support you with all aspects of your career planning. You can book one to one meetings, register for skills and development workshops and access tailored careers resources via the Careers Platform. The team are based in room 2.075, just round the corner from the Student Hub.

### **My Learning Essentials**

My Learning Essentials is a programme of workshops and online resources developed to support your personal and academic development. The library service will be able to provide further detail as required.

### **The CIPD's Manchester Branch**

Your local CIPD branch host several informative talks and workshops throughout the year. As a CIPD student member, the majority of these will be free to attend and provide opportunities to network with local HR Professionals. For further information follow the local branch via their LinkedIn page ([www.linkedin.com/company/cipd-mancheste](http://www.linkedin.com/company/cipd-mancheste))

### **The Manchester Industrial Relations Society (MIRS)**

The **Manchester Industrial Relations Society (MIRS)** is a well-established and important forum for the discussion of industrial relations and employment issues within Britain. MIRS has an annual programme of meetings addressed by distinguished speakers from the industrial relations, human resource management and trade union world. Details can be found at [mirs.org.uk](http://mirs.org.uk)