



UNDERGRADUATE STUDY

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES



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If you require this information in an alternative format, please email humsmarketing@manchester.ac.uk

READY FOR YOUR FUTURE?



MAKE YOUR MARK AT MANCHESTER

The University of Manchester is a centre of teaching excellence, world-class research, outstanding student experience, and social responsibility.

Part of the prestigious Russell Group of universities, it's institutions like ours that have the greatest responsibility to act as the world faces big challenges.

Together, we face this head on.



WHY MANCHESTER?

We want to provide you with the best learning experience possible, which is why we have world-leading teaching experts here at Manchester.

You'll be taught by some of the brightest minds in the country, whose knowledge and passion will inspire you to reach your full potential.

Alongside this, you'll get personalised learning that puts you at the heart of your academic experience - with flexible, multidisciplinary courses to make sure you gain the skills and knowledge to enhance your employability and flourish in your chosen career.

The Faculty of Humanities is large and ambitious, aspiring to be one of the world's leading centres for Humanities study and research. Our range of subject areas is diverse, covering business, arts, languages and cultures, environment, education and development, and social sciences.



To explore the Faculty further, visit
uom.link/ug-humanities

MAKE OUR HOME...



THE BEATING HEART OF NORTH WEST ENGLAND

There's a reason why Manchester is the top choice for tens of thousands of students.

Whether you already know it as home or you're on your journey to discovering the city for the first time, community is at the core of Manchester.

Rapidly developing as a booming creative, scientific and business hub, Manchester has a longstanding history as a pioneering city with something on offer for everyone.



IDEALLY LOCATED TO EXPLORE THE UK AND EUROPE



London > 2hrs
Leeds > 1hr
Cardiff > 3.5hrs



Paris > 1hr
Madrid > 2.5hrs
Belfast > 1hr



...YOUR HOME.



A CITY FOR EVERYONE

There are many reasons why Manchester is renowned across the globe. But to the people that live here, it's simply known as home. Here are a few must see areas of the City.

OXFORD ROAD

The Oxford Road corridor is where The University of Manchester calls its home. Bordering the Curry Mile, offering a wide range of cuisines, The Manchester Museum and some of Manchester's oldest institutions, it is one of the city's busiest thoroughfares.

THE NORTHERN QUARTER

Famous for its creative energy and independent coffee shops, bars and restaurants. If you're interested in food, art, music or fashion, the Northern Quarter has it all.

SPINNINGFIELDS

Manchester's business district combines work and play. Home to top global business offices, Spinningfields is also the location of the Manchester Opera House and People's History Museum.

ANCOATS / NEW ISLINGTON

Tucked away in the North of the city, Ancoats and New Islington are trendy residential neighbourhoods. From delis on the marina, to vintage shops in Georgian terraces, this area has something to offer for everyone.

DEANSGATE / CASTLEFIELD

Canal boats, independent arts centres, museums and an outdoor music venue are just a small selection of this tranquil area tucked away in a busy metropolis.





STUDENT STORIES



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Manchester has a great atmosphere wherever you go.
The nightlife, but also the cafes, shops and shopping areas -
much of which is within and around the city centre.

Daniel, Politics and Modern History



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I admire how student friendly
Manchester is, with many student
discounts, affordable food shops
and the unique art culture. There
are endless opportunities here.

Mya, International Disaster Management
and Humanitarian Response



There's more to university than just studying, and Manchester offers the
chance to explore! We want you to hear from our students themselves.



Discover more stories from our students at
uom.link/ug-student-stories



JOINT HONOURS DEGREES



TWO SUBJECTS, ONE DEGREE

If you really love two subjects, it can be impossible to choose just one for your degree. With Joint Honours, you can take course units from both subjects throughout your degree.

SPECIALIST, COMPLEMENTARY OR DIFFERENT

Your subject choices might be closely connected, enabling you to include a specialist or complementary subject that deepens your understanding of a subject area. Or you might want to choose contrasting subjects that are very different to each other.

FAMILIAR OR NEW TO YOU

Your subject choices could combine two subjects you've previously studied, two subjects that are new to you, or be a mix of familiar and new.

EQUAL OR FLEXIBLE SPLIT

Usually, in the first year, you'll study both subjects equally. As you go into your second and final years, sometimes you can choose to study one subject a little more than the other or keep them equally balanced – it depends on the specific programme.

DIFFERENT FROM MAJOR/MINOR

It's important to know that a joint honours degree is different from a "major/minor" degree. In a major/minor, you focus much more on one subject (the major) and a little less on the other (the minor). In a joint honours, the two subjects usually have a more equal footing.

A BROAD EDUCATION

Studying two different subjects can give you a wider range of knowledge and skills.

MORE CAREER OPTIONS

Having knowledge in two different areas could open up more career opportunities. You might find jobs that specifically look for people with skills in both of your subject areas.

THINGS TO CONSIDER:

Entry requirements

Please check the online course information. Many subjects do not require any prior knowledge, some may require an A-level (or equivalent) in a relevant subject.

Workload

The workload for a Joint Honours degree is the same as a Single Honours (or single subject) degree.

Subject availability

We offer a broad range of Joint Honours degrees. Please see the undergraduate programmes list for the subject combinations.



APPLYING

You will apply directly for specific joint honours programmes through UCAS as you would for single honours programmes. The course title will usually have "and" in between the two subjects, like "Politics and Modern History." Please check our course listings for available options.



COURSE UNITS (MODULES)

Each year, you'll take course units in each of your chosen subjects. The exact split of your units for each year can be found on individual course profiles.



DISSERTATION/FINAL PROJECT

In your final year, you might have the opportunity to do a project or dissertation that combines both of your subjects, or you might do separate projects for each.



SUPPORT

You'll have academic advisors in both of your subject areas who can help you with your studies.



ORIGINAL THINKING APPLIED



@alliancembs

ALLIANCE MANCHESTER BUSINESS SCHOOL

Established in 1965 as one of the UK's first two business schools, Alliance Manchester Business School has been at the forefront of business education for over 60 years.

Original Thinking Applied is at the core of everything we do. Our courses combine theory with practical skills, preparing you to succeed in real business environments. You'll be encouraged to take a work placement or study abroad year, gaining valuable global and professional experience.

With triple-crown accreditation from AACSB, AMBA and EQUIS, we are ranked among the top 1% of business schools worldwide.

***Explore the Alliance Manchester Business School at
uom.link/ug-ambs***

SCHOOL OF ARTS, LANGUAGES AND CULTURE



As one of the largest groupings of students, teachers and researchers in the arts and languages anywhere in the world, this is a place to inspire and be inspired.

The School of Arts, Languages and Cultures is where you can meet people from all over the world, have your intellectual curiosity sparked, take creative risks and understand more about the subjects you're passionate about.



Sandwiched between The Whitworth Art Gallery and Manchester Museum, and a stone's throw away from the city centre, we make the most of our position at the heart of the UK's foremost artistic and cultural cities. Manchester is also the most linguistically diverse city in Western Europe, making it a perfect place to study a language.

We attract some of the best research and academic talent from across the globe and give students a high-quality educational experience through dedicated teaching and access to a huge range of resources.



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The best thing about living and studying in Manchester is that it is such a vibrant city and there is always something to do.

Meera, History and Spanish

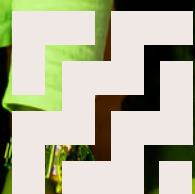


SCHOOL OF ARTS, LANGUAGES AND CULTURE



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I have made invaluable connections
here, which have allowed me to
network with likeminded people.
I love the opportunities that
Manchester provides - especially
with the option to do study abroad
within this course.

Roxie, American Studies



OUR SUBJECTS

AMERICAN STUDIES

ART HISTORY

CLASSIC, ANCIENT HISTORY, ARCHAEOLOGY
AND EGYPTOLOGY

CULTURAL, CREATIVE AND MEDIA INDUSTRIES

DIGITAL MEDIA, CULTURE AND SOCIETY

DRAMA

ENGLISH LITERATURE AND CREATIVE WRITING

FILM STUDIES

HISTORY

INTERNATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT
AND HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

LIBERAL ARTS

LINGUISTICS AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE

MODERN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

MUSIC

RELIGIONS AND THEOLOGY



SCAN HERE FOR
DETAILS OF ALL
AVAILABLE COURSES



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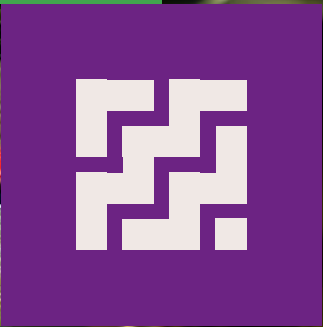
I love my course so much. My professors are so warm and friendly. I love my peers more than anything, they're all so talented. I can't wait to keep learning, keep building and keep growing with everyone around me.

Everyone is so supportive, and that's something that's tricky to find. Manchester is so young, so free spirited, when you come here you feel the warmth immediately. You could be from anywhere in the world but once you're here, and once you're a student at this university, you feel like you're part of something bigger.

Noah, Drama and Film Studies



SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENT, EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT



Our school is for people who want to understand the world and take an active role in shaping what comes next. We focus on the links between environment, education and development, and how these play out in everyday life, future cities and global challenges.

Each degree has its own focus, but they're connected by overlapping themes like sustainability, social change and real-world impact. That means learning doesn't stay in the classroom.

Through field trips, placements and projects, you'll gain practical experience alongside academic knowledge, grounded in the world around you.



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I hope to continue working to bring meaningful environmental, social and economic benefits for years to come!

Charles, Environmental Management graduate



SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENT, EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT



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Studying abroad or taking a placement can be life-changing - it broadens your horizons and builds confidence for whatever comes next.

Kara, Geography



OUR SUBJECTS

ARCHITECTURE

EDUCATION

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

GEOGRAPHY

GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT

PLANNING, PROPERTY AND REAL ESTATE



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My experience has been very positive so far with my course and with the city as well. My lecturers have been really eager to help me with any questions I might have.

Because it's quite a small cohort of students, we all got along really well and formed a familiar community vibe. That's just made it a lot more positive overall.

I'm from quite a small town, so the public transport here has been really great. The buses, the bike lanes – everything – it's an interconnected city. The diversity in terms of the nightlife and things to do here make it a really fun and always exciting place to live.

Ari, Global Development



SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES



The School of Social Sciences is the University's largest school, bringing together a diverse community of students and researchers from all over the world. What connects us is a shared focus on work that matters – research that shapes policy, challenges thinking and engages with organisations globally.



“Moving to Manchester completely changed my perspective. I'm studying BA Criminology and being in a city with such a strong social history makes everything feel real. One week we're analysing crime data, the next we're discussing issues happening right here in the UK. It's hands-on, it's relevant and it's pushed me to think seriously about my career.

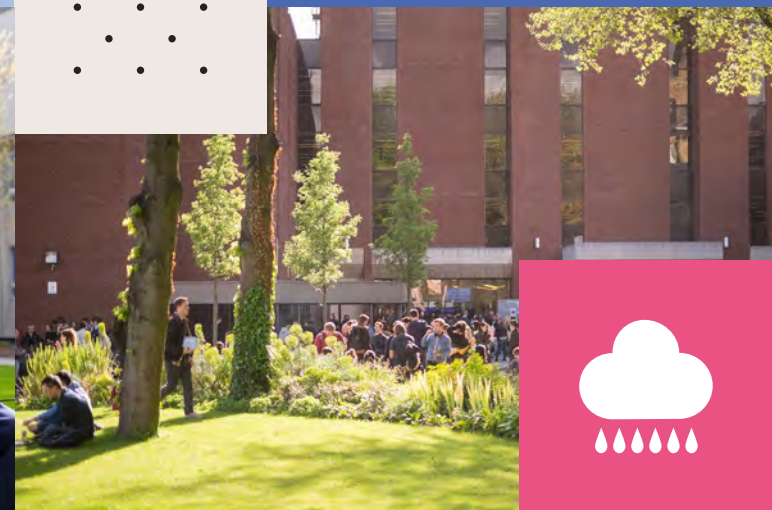
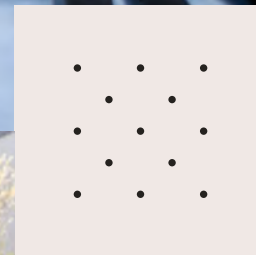
Aisha, Criminology



Our teaching and research are built around eight disciplines: Criminology, Economics, Law, Philosophy, Politics, Sociology, Social Anthropology and Social Statistics. Studying them together means you're not looking at problems in isolation, but understanding how they play out in the real world.

That approach has led to global recognition, including four Nobel Prize winners in the social sciences – most recently in 2024.

Join the School of Social Sciences and you'll gain more than a qualification. You'll leave with the perspective and skills to think critically, act confidently and make your mark.



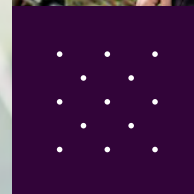
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES



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This school will open up life chances for you. It will give you opportunities to go into all sorts of careers you may not even know about yet, and most importantly, you'll get the support you need.

*Jackie Carter,
Professor of Statistical Literacy*



OUR SUBJECTS

ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

CRIMINOLOGY

ECONOMICS (BSC)

ECONOMICS (BA ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL STUDIES)

LAW

POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY AND ECONOMICS (PPE)

PHILOSOPHY

POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY

SOCIOLOGY

BA SOCIAL SCIENCES (BASS)



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AVAILABLE COURSES





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My favourite thing about studying Sociology at the University of Manchester will have to be how the Sociology department give you plentiful opportunities to conduct research! It's so rewarding to actually go out there and make some type of sociological difference. It's so nice to know that your theoretical ideas are cherished by the university and that you are given the opportunity to share those ideas via research. I feel that not many people realise the privilege in that!

Although I was scared to move to a completely different city for my degree, I couldn't have chosen a better city than Manchester! The sheer diversity in this city is jaw dropping. I've met so many amazing people from both my course and outside my course. I truly believe that this speaks to just how socially interactive Manchester is. Making friends only came naturally in this type of environment. There will always be a space for you, no matter who you are.

Jennifer, Sociology



EMPLOYABILITY



Our courses offer great scope for you to shape your studies in line with your career aspirations. During your time at the University, you can learn more about different careers through guest lectures, discussions with your academic advisor, summer internships and work placements. You'll also have the opportunity to meet employers at our events.

CAREERS SERVICE

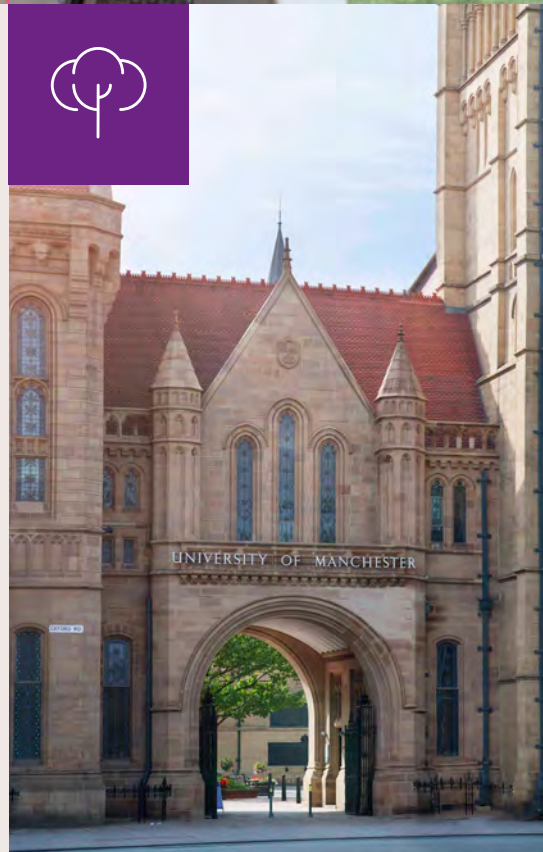
Our Careers Service will prepare you for the competitive jobs market and help you find part-time jobs, volunteering opportunities and work placements.

To find out more, visit: uom.link/hums-ugcareers

STELLIFY

We offer you the opportunity for true personal and professional change and growth. We call it Stellify. We encourage you to broaden your horizons, understand the issues that matter in contemporary society and step up to make a difference to local and global communities. You'll do more, dream more, try more and be more.

To find out more, visit: stellify.manchester.ac.uk



UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF INTERDISCIPLINARY LEARNING (UCIL)

UCIL offers optional units outside of your subject area. Units will introduce you to topics and ways of thinking, tackling the key questions facing society in the 21st century - for example, sustainability, the digital revolution, globalisation and mental health. Our units equip you with invaluable knowledge and skills which will complement your studies and help make you more employable. To find out more, visit:

ucil.manchester.ac.uk

STUDENT SOCIETIES

There are a number of subject-level societies you can join through the Students' Union, as well as societies that can support your future plans.

To find out more, visit:

manchesterstudentsunion.com

GLOBAL ALUMNI COMMUNITY

With more than 500,000 alumni worldwide, you'll never be far from another graduate of The University of Manchester. There are established alumni groups in countries around the world to help you stay connected to each other and to the University - great for networking within your country and professional industry.

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The teaching at Manchester was truly wonderful and I gained a lot of knowledge from my lecturers. Alongside the university's academic strength, their outreach to local galleries ensures students gain practical experience also.

This ensures that skills are applicable in jobs post-university. During my time at the university, I was given the opportunity to intern at Castlefield Art Gallery and at the Manchester Contemporary with Leon Martyn. This provided great networking opportunities which I can still rely on today.

Sadie, History of Art graduate, now working as a Gallery Manager and Fine Art Consultant



HELPING YOU SETTLE AND SUCCEED

Starting university comes with lots to think about, from finances and studying to wellbeing and settling into a new community. At Manchester, you'll have access to people who can help you understand your options, look after your wellbeing and feel supported throughout your studies.

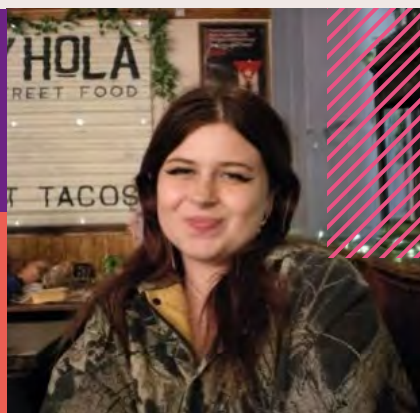
Whether you need help during the day or reassurance outside regular hours, support is available so you never feel on your own.

HELP WITH YOUR FINANCES

Funding may be available to help with tuition fees and living costs, with different arrangements depending on whether you are applying from England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland or overseas.

UK students may be eligible for tuition fee and maintenance loans, while some students may also qualify for University bursaries, access scholarships, or subject-specific awards.

International students should explore funding options as early as possible, as deadlines and visa requirements can vary.



SUPPORT SHAPED AROUND YOU

Whether you need guidance on your studies, advice about your finances, support with your wellbeing, or adjustments for a disability or long-term condition, there are teams and advisers who can help.

You can access guidance on:

- understanding student finance, loans, bursaries and scholarships;
- planning your budget and managing living costs;
- settling into university life during Welcome and beyond;
- getting academic guidance from advisers and peer mentors;
- accessing counselling, wellbeing and mental health support;
- arranging disability support, adjustments or assistive technology;
- finding resources for specific communities.

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From my past two years at The University of Manchester, the all-round support they have provided to me has been extremely beneficial, and all the services have been very quick in responding to any queries or needs I have when it came to the support that I required.

Sophie, French and Russian



For details on all of the support available to our students, please visit uom.link/ug-support

FIND YOUR THING

Debate something. Dance somewhere. Join a campaign. Try a sport. Start a podcast. Find your people. With 700+ clubs and societies, student life at Manchester is less about fitting in and more about finding your thing... or trying ten things until one sticks!

Not ready to commit? The Students' Union's Give it a Go programme lets you try activities first, with taster sessions designed to be relaxed, inclusive and commitment-free.

GET INVOLVED

The Students' Union is at the centre of student life, with activities that help students meet people, explore the city and feel part of the community. From trips and music nights to cultural events and volunteering opportunities, there are plenty of ways to get involved beyond your course.

GET ACTIVE

Sport is another big part of student life at Manchester, whether you want to compete, keep fit or try something new. There are over 40 sports clubs, alongside programmes designed to give students a relaxed way to get involved in physical activity.

Students can also access facilities across The Armitage Sports Centre, Sugden Sports Centre and the Manchester Aquatics Centre, including: two 50-metre swimming pools, grass and artificial turf pitches, five-a-side pitches, sports halls, multi-activity rooms, squash courts, fitness suites and workout studios.

For students competing at a higher level, Manchester also offers a sports scholarship programme, supporting talented athletes as they balance sporting ambition with university study.

Visit our website for more information: sport.manchester.ac.uk



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Societies make it easier to meet people and make friends, because there are so many different options to choose from. That's one of my favourite things about Manchester - you meet people from everywhere. Everyone is different, and that's what makes me feel included. I feel like I fit in perfectly because of that.

Haadi, Politics and Modern History

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT STUDYING HERE

Our website holds a wealth of information on various aspects of student life.

Below are some of the most popular topics.



ADMISSIONS

Application to all of our courses is via ucas.com. Find out more about undergraduate applications on our website:

uom.link/hums-ugapply

TUITION FEES

Tuition fee information for your course can be found within the course finder on the online prospectus. The online prospectus can be viewed at:

uom.link/hums-ugprospectus

INTERNATIONAL AND EU STUDENTS

We're proud to welcome students from over 170 countries, making your time at Manchester one filled with diversity and culture.

All students joining us from overseas will need to apply for a student route visa. We provide a range of services to our students, including virtual and in-person briefing sessions which cover: visa applications, financing your degree, life on campus and much more.

Our specialist student advisors will ensure you have all the information you need to start your journey with us at Manchester.

For more information, visit our website:

uom.link/hums-uginternational

PRE-SESSIONAL ENGLISH

Designed to improve both general and academic English-language skills, we offer a number of pre-session courses to help international students onto their degree. For more information, visit the University Centre for Academic English website: ucaee.manchester.ac.uk

SPORT

Discover more than 40 sports clubs, a huge variety of fitness classes plus sport volunteering. Visit our website for more information: sport.manchester.ac.uk



ACCOMMODATION

We offer a range of student accommodation, and guarantee an offer of a room to all new UK and international undergraduate students. There are eligibility criteria for the accommodation guarantee.

For more information, visit our Accommodation website:

accommodation.manchester.ac.uk

MAPS

Get to grips with your future home and take a closer look at our campus.

View our maps online:

uom.link/hums-ugmaps

DISABILITY SUPPORT

You are strongly encouraged to contact the University's disability advisory and support service to discuss your needs. For more information, visit our Disability Advisory and Support Services website:

dso.manchester.ac.uk





DISCLAIMER

This brochure was produced in June 2026 for the 2027 intake. It has therefore been produced in advance of course starting dates. For this reason, course information, including course content, may be amended prior to your applying for a place on a course of study. There are a number of reasons why changes to course information and/or published term dates may need to be made prior to your applying for a place on a course. These may include, but are not limited to: the need to make reasonable changes to the content and teaching offered in relation to any course for operational and/or academic reasons; the withdrawal of courses due to insufficient numbers; a course not receiving the required accreditation; and/or interruption or loss of key services due to circumstances beyond our control, including fire, flood or other operational issues.

Prospective students are therefore reminded that they are responsible for ensuring, prior to applying to study at The University of Manchester, that they review up-to-date information by searching for the relevant course at manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses

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