

Humanities

Middle Eastern Studies

Undergraduate Brochure 2007





The University is big enough and compact enough to give its students the best of both worlds: city life and campus community.

The Push Guide to Which University



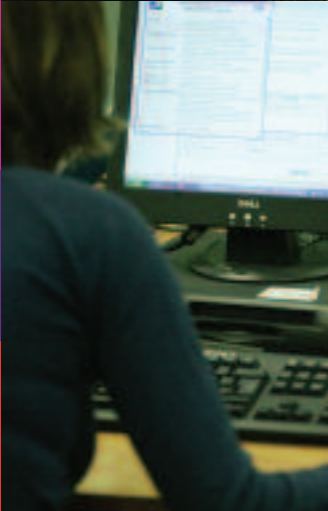
Contents

- 1 Contact details
- 2 Middle Eastern Studies at Manchester
- 3 Study resources and facilities
- 4 The University of Manchester
- 6 Programme details
- 7 Arabic Studies
- 8 Hebrew Studies
- 9 Persian Studies
- 10 Turkish Studies
- 11 Middle Eastern Languages
- 12 A Middle Eastern Language and a Modern Language
- 13 Modern Middle Eastern History
- 14 Arabic and Islamic Studies
- 15 Hebrew and Jewish Studies
- 16 Persian and Islamic Studies
- 17 Turkish and Islamic Studies
- 18 Your career opportunities
- 19 Further study
- 20 Entry requirements
- 21 Where to find out more
- 22 University accommodation
- 24 The City
- 26 Campus map
- 28 City map

Contact details

School of Languages, Linguistics and Cultures
The University of Manchester
Oxford Road
Manchester
M13 9PL

Undergraduate Admissions
tel +44 (0)161 275 3265/3211
fax +44 (0)161 275 3031
email ug.languages@manchester.ac.uk
www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate





Middle Eastern Studies at Manchester

We offer the full range of Middle Eastern subjects, which reflect the cultural, political, economic and religious importance of the region.

Teaching of the four modern languages Arabic, Hebrew, Persian and Turkish is accompanied by the study of the national cultures, societies and religious traditions placed in the context of their Middle Eastern neighbours. Our programmes explore the fascination of the modern Middle East, but its historical roots are also available, and classical forms of modern languages can be taken in most programmes. Syriac and Aramaic are taught as classical, non-spoken languages.

The University of Manchester has been a centre for the study of the Middle East for more than a century. Today, the city's multicultural population and Middle East communities provide the perfect setting for experts with an international reputation for their research, acknowledged by a 5 rating in the national assessment of research in 2001 (top rating 5 star).

The geographical area covered by their expertise includes the Middle East, Central Asia, the Caucasus, the Balkans, and parts of Western Europe. The degree structure leaves ample room for personal choice and the John Rylands University Library (one of the largest academic libraries in the UK), as well as the Language Centre provide excellent learning support (see also study resources and facilities, right). The teaching is shaped and informed by the staff's research and publication activity.

We are a close-knit community where student-lecturer relations are relaxed and informal. You will find this a friendly place, in which people from a wide variety of cultural backgrounds share their experience with each other and support each other's learning. There is a strong component of mature and foreign students with first-hand experience of living in the Middle East.

Study resources and facilities

The John Rylands University Library, one of the largest academic libraries in the UK, has excellent Middle Eastern Studies collections. It offers a wide range of printed books and periodicals in Middle Eastern languages, a comprehensive collection of textbooks and scholarly publications on all Middle Eastern topics, and important manuscript collections. The Library also offers comprehensive access to specialised on-line and CD-ROM resources and databases.

The Language Centre is an open learning facility which offers dedicated multi-media and information technology support for all Middle Eastern languages. It consists of language laboratories and multimedia studios, containing PCs, televisions and video-recorders fed by a range of satellite channels. It offers you access to language learning software, on-line, intranet and internet facilities and radio and television broadcasts from the Middle East. You can use it to work on all aspects of your language in your own time and at your own

pace. There is also a library of books, audio-visual resources and a wide range of films on video and DVD. The Language Centre runs a scheme called Face-to-Face which brings together language learners with native speakers from the Middle East. The scheme allows practice in an informal setting, in addition to weekly conversation classes taught by native speaker assistants as part of the language classes.

PCs for student use are found in clusters all around campus, in halls of residence and around the lecture rooms.

This is a friendly and easy-going place. Informal contact between students and lecturers is the norm. In addition, there is a formal system of tutorial support and student representation, which provides students with input into decision making. You have a personal tutor, who is available to offer academic and personal support and advice. The Personal and Academic Development Programme helps you to reflect on your own learning and take charge of it from the first year, as well as plan and prepare for your career after graduation (see 'Your career opportunities' on page 18). This programme concentrates in particular on the monitoring of transferable skills, ranging from information gathering and technology, to analytical skills, planning skills, and presentation and communication skills (both oral and written). We also run peer-assisted learning and student mentor schemes in which students help each other in their learning.

If you choose to study at The University of Manchester, you will be joining one of Britain's most forward-thinking universities with a rich heritage and an exciting agenda for the future.

The University of Manchester

The University of Manchester was created in 2004 by bringing together The Victoria University of Manchester and UMIST, two of Britain's most distinguished universities, to create a powerful new force in British higher education at the heart of one of the UK's most vibrant student cities. Our vision for the future is a university that will become an international academic powerhouse for the best students, teachers and researchers in the world. Our progress so far was rewarded when we were awarded The Times Higher 'Higher Education Institution of the Year' in 2005.

Many of the major advances of the 20th century began at the University, such as the work by Rutherford leading to the splitting of the atom and the development of the world's first modern computer in 1948.

Today, we are one of the world's top centres for biomedical research, leading the search for new treatments for life-threatening diseases. We have also earned a worldwide reputation for our pioneering, problem-based approach to training doctors and engineers.

The University of Manchester has teaching and research in more subjects than any other single-site British university. The quality of our research and teaching is indicated by our success in the Research Assessment Exercise and the Subject Reviews conducted by the Quality Assurance Agency that confirm Manchester's place as one of Britain's leading universities.

The University's history is closely linked to Manchester's emergence as the world's first industrial city. We can trace our roots back to the formation of Manchester Mechanics' Institute in 1824, which became UMIST. The Victoria University of Manchester was founded as Owens College in 1851 and became England's first civic university in

1880. The two universities began working together 100 years ago and became a single institution on 1 October 2004.

As a graduate from The University of Manchester, you will be joining a distinguished hall of fame. Twenty two of our former (and current) staff and students are Nobel Prize winners, and our graduates include the philosopher Wittgenstein, flight pioneer Arthur Whitten-Brown, and women's rights campaigner Christabel Pankhurst. Today, our graduates can be found in top positions in business, sport, politics and the arts.

Employers recognise the value of a degree from Manchester; our graduates are among the highest paid in the country. The University's Careers Service is consistently voted the best in the country by employers and students.

The University's compact and lively campus is a mini-metropolis. It is buzzing with energy and offers everything you need to get the most from your time in Manchester – first-class facilities, including one of the largest and best-resourced university libraries in the UK, premier IT services and a wealth of student support services. There are also dozens of restaurants, café-bars, a shopping centre, supermarkets and an impressive range of world-class facilities.

Although the bright lights of Manchester city centre are only minutes away, you'll find quiet corners, landscaped lawns and secluded quadrangles.

The campus also has its own cultural attractions: the internationally renowned Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester Museum and Contact Theatre. The Students' Union has four live venues including the famous Manchester Academy.



Programme details

Programme	UCAS	Duration
BA		
Arabic and Islamic Studies	T600	3 years
Hebrew and Jewish Studies	T670	3 years
Modern Middle Eastern History	V140	3 years
Persian and Islamic Studies	T660	3 years
Turkish and Islamic Studies	T680	3 years
Arabic Studies	T624	4 years
Hebrew Studies	T654	4 years
Middle Eastern Languages	T608	4 years
A Middle Eastern Language and a Modern Language	TR69	4 years
Persian Studies	T664	4 years
Turkish Studies	T684	4 years

Arabic Studies

This is a four-year degree with one year of study in a country where Arabic is spoken. It combines a compulsory language element with options in culture, politics, history, literature, linguistics and religious studies. Language units, in Modern Standard Arabic, progress from beginners' to advanced level. Transferable skills make up an important part of the degree scheme. There is a wide and constantly developing choice of optional course units and you receive advice from personal tutors when selecting these (between two and four course units each year).

Apart from the main language course units, there are in each of the first, second and fourth years, compulsory or core course units which all students must take. In the first year you take the compulsory course unit, The Contemporary Middle East, which provides a basic grounding in history, politics, society, etc. There are also optional

units on the early history of the Middle East and a modern Middle Eastern historical course, which concentrates on the crucial period of World War I.

In the second year, apart from the main language course units, you also take a compulsory course unit covering Modern Literatures of the Middle East (in English translation), which explores common themes and trends as well as fundamental concepts in the study of literature. This is followed in the second semester by a linked course specifically concerned with Modern Arabic Texts. Popular optional course units include units on the Middle East in the nineteenth century, Contemporary Islam and Jews in Europe, 1789-1939.

You spend the third year abroad, studying in a country where Arabic is spoken, enabling rapid progress in listening and speaking skills in particular. You also acquire a variety of skills necessary for successful social, academic and professional interaction in the Middle East. This is a compulsory part of the degree, the teaching and assessment are monitored during this time abroad and staff members visit you and your host institution.

In the fourth year you complete a compulsory language dissertation (on a topic devised in cooperation with a supervisor), a course unit on Modern Arabic Literature and a unit on Modern Islamic Texts. By now you will have a good knowledge of Modern Arabic, and this unit gives you the opportunity to develop your skills in handling earlier phases of the language. Popular options in the final year include course units on Islamic Legal Texts and Islamic Texts in Arabic.



Hebrew Studies

This is a four-year degree with one year of study in Israel. It combines a compulsory language element with options in culture, politics, history, literature, linguistics and religious studies. Language course units progress from beginners' to advanced level. Transferable skills make up an important part of the degree scheme. There is a wide and constantly developing choice of optional course units; and you will receive advice from personal tutors when selecting these (between two and four course units each year).

Apart from the main language course units, there are in each of the first, second and fourth years, compulsory or core course units which all students must take. In the first year you take the compulsory course on "The Contemporary Middle East", which provides a basic grounding in history, politics, society, etc. There are also optional course units on the early history of the Middle East and a modern Middle Eastern historical course which concentrates on the crucial period of World War I.

In the second year, apart from the main language course units, there is also a compulsory module covering "Modern Literatures of the Middle East" (in English translation), which explores common themes and trends as well as fundamental concepts in the study of literature. This is followed in the second semester by a linked course unit specifically concerned with Modern Hebrew Texts. Popular optional course units include units on the Middle East in the nineteenth century, contemporary Islam and "Jews in Europe, 1789-1939".

You spend your third year abroad, studying in Israel, enabling rapid progress in listening and speaking skills in particular. You also acquire a variety of skills necessary for successful social, academic and professional interaction in the Middle East. This is a compulsory part of the degree, the teaching and assessment are monitored during this time abroad and staff members visit you and your host institution.

The fourth year has a compulsory language dissertation (on a topic devised in cooperation with a supervisor), a course unit on Modern Hebrew Literature and a unit on Biblical Hebrew texts. By now you will have a good knowledge of Modern Hebrew, this unit gives you the opportunity to develop your skills in handling earlier phases of the language. Popular options in the final year include course units on "Jewish Philosophy" and "Jewish Law".

New course units include: Biblical Hebrew Text and Arab Women's Writing in Translation.

Persian Studies

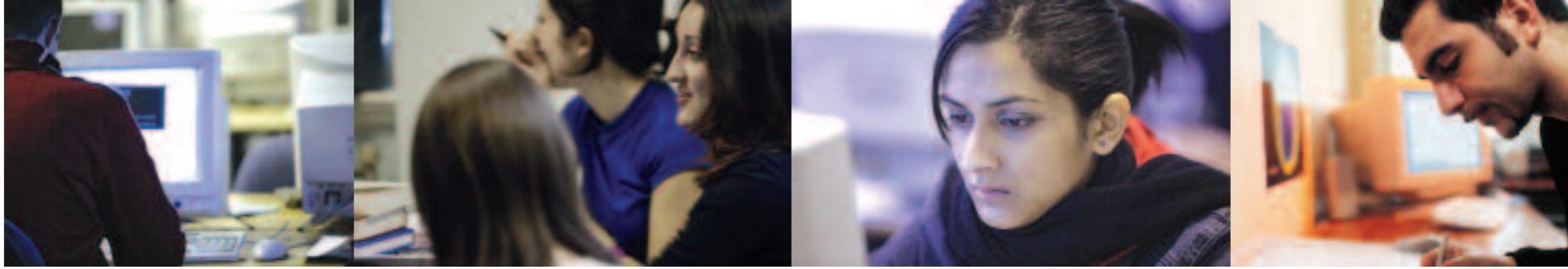
This is a four-year degree with one year of study in Iran. In Persian you combine a number of compulsory course units (worth 60 credits in year one, 80 credits in year two, 40 credits in year four) with a choice of options (worth 60 credits in year one, 40 credits in year two and 80 credits in year four). The acquisition of Persian is the backbone of this degree programme, it gives you a great deal of freedom and flexibility in choosing the appropriate focus for your studies. On the one hand, it is possible to specialise in literature, history, religious, especially Islamic studies or contemporary politics, while on the other hand you can opt for combining your study of Persian with exploring a wide variety of subjects.

Compulsory course units in year one are Persian Language and the core course unit, The Contemporary Middle East. Typical optional course units include Introduction to Islam, The Middle East before Islam, Introduction to Classical Islamic History, Middle Eastern History AD1000 - 18000, and Introduction to the Study of Modern Middle Eastern History.

Compulsory courses in year two are Persian Language, Modern Literatures of the Middle East, and Modern Persian Prose Literature. Typical optional course units include Issues in Contemporary Islam; Religion, Caste and Class in South Asia; The Middle East in the Nineteenth Century; The Middle East in World War I; Revolutions in the Twentieth Century Middle East; and The Middle East and the Cold War.

You spend the third year studying in Iran, enabling rapid progress in listening and speaking skills in particular. You also acquire a variety of skills necessary for successful social, academic and professional interaction in the Middle East. This is a compulsory part of the degree, the teaching and assessment are monitored during this time abroad and staff members visit you and your host institution.

Compulsory course units in year four are Persian Language and Dissertation. Typical optional course units include Medieval Persian Texts, Women in Contemporary Persian Short Stories; Introduction to Qur'an and Hadith Studies; Sufism; Jewish Philosophy in the 20th Century; The Middle East in Late Antiquity; Documentary Special (History); Politics of the Middle East; and State and Society in the Middle East.



Turkish Studies

This is a four-year degree with one year of study in Turkey. The central element is a compulsory course in the modern Turkish language, progressing from beginners' level in year one to advanced level in the final year. Successful graduates will have acquired sufficient fluency in the language to work in a Turkish-speaking environment. In addition to the compulsory modern language element, you have a wide choice of optional course units.

You may, for example, study modern Turkish literature, or broaden your linguistic knowledge to include the study of Ottoman Turkish and its literature. Course units on contemporary Turkey and the Middle East in the twentieth century provide a background understanding to the major issues and events in Turkey today. Parallel with units on the modern and contemporary history of Turkey, those who wish to deepen their knowledge of Turkey and the Middle East, may study the cultural history of the Ottoman Empire between the fourteenth and eighteenth centuries. Personal tutors can advise on the choice of optional courses.

You spend your third year studying in Turkey, enabling rapid progress in listening and speaking skills in particular. You also acquire a variety of skills necessary for successful social, academic and professional interaction in the Middle East. This is a compulsory part of the degree, the teaching and assessment are monitored during this time abroad and staff members visit you and your host institution.

The fourth year has a compulsory dissertation (on a topic devised in cooperation with a supervisor), a course unit on Turkish Language 4. Popular options in the final year include course units on Modern Turkish Literature, Contemporary Turkey, Readings in Azerbaijani, Turkmen and Uzbek.

Middle Eastern Languages

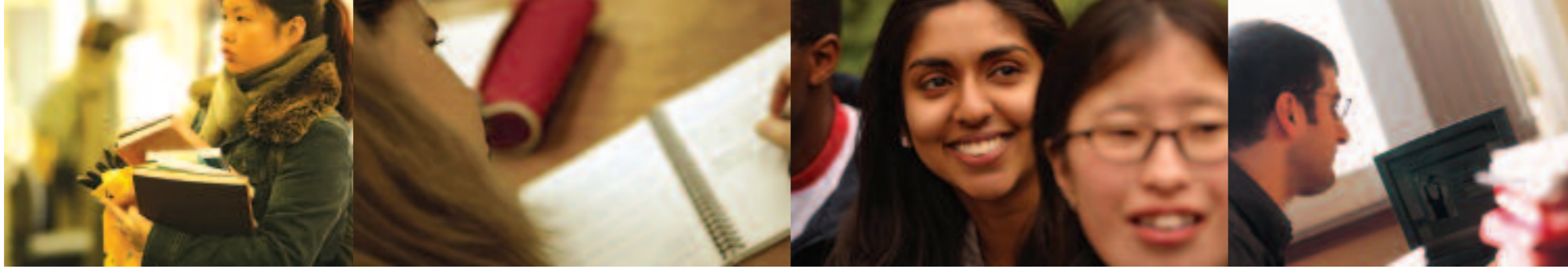
This is a four-year degree with one year of study divided between two Middle Eastern countries where the chosen languages are spoken (except for Aramaic/Syriac). It combines the compulsory language element with options in culture, politics, history, literature, linguistics and religious studies for two languages. Language course units in both languages progress from beginners' to advanced level. Transferable skills make up an important part of the degree scheme. There is a wide and constantly developing choice of optional course units and you will receive advice from personal tutors when selecting these (between one and three course units each year).

Combinations are possible for all the four modern languages (Arabic, Hebrew, Persian and Turkish) and also for Aramaic/Syriac. Please note that Aramaic/Syriac is taught as a classical language, not a modern one.

You spend your third year studying in two Middle Eastern countries studying where the two languages are spoken (usually six months in each). This enables rapid progress in listening and speaking skills in particular. You also acquire a variety of skills necessary for successful social, academic and professional interaction in the Middle East. This is a compulsory part of the degree, the teaching and assessment are monitored during this time abroad and staff members visit you and your host institution.

The fourth year has a compulsory dissertation (on a topic devised in cooperation with a supervisor) and a level 4 course unit in the Middle Eastern Language.

New course units include: Literatures of the Ancient Near East, Religions of the Ancient Near East and Arab Women's Writing in Translation.



A Middle Eastern Language and a Modern Language

This is a four-year degree with a year of study divided between a Middle Eastern country and a European one in which the chosen languages are spoken. It combines the compulsory language element with options in culture, politics, history, literature, linguistics and religious studies for two countries. Language course units progress from beginners' to advanced level in the Middle Eastern language, and usually from post-A-level in the European language. Transferable skills make up an important part of the degree scheme.

There is a wide and constantly developing choice of optional course units; and you receive advice from personal tutors when selecting these (between one and three course units each year). Combinations are possible for Arabic, Hebrew, Persian, Turkish, Syriac/Aramaic on the one hand, and French, German, Italian, Russian and Spanish on the other. In the first year, the balance between the two languages/cultures is equal; thereafter, the balance can be changed to one-third/two-thirds in favour of one of them.

You spend your third year studying abroad in a Middle Eastern and a European country (usually six months in each). This enables rapid progress in listening and speaking skills in particular. You also acquire a variety of skills necessary for successful social, academic and professional interaction in other European cultures and in the Middle East. This is a compulsory part of the degree, the teaching and assessment are monitored during this time abroad and staff members visit you and your host institution.

The fourth year has a compulsory dissertation (on a topic devised in cooperation with a supervisor) and level 4 course units in the Middle Eastern Language and the European Language.

Modern Middle Eastern History

This is a three-year degree which combines a compulsory history element with options in language, modern politics, international relations, culture, literature, linguistics and religious studies. Transferable skills make up an important part of the degree scheme.

In the first and second years you take four compulsory 'core' course units each year, accounting for two thirds of your study time; in the third year we offer a 40 credit research dissertation, on an approved topic, and also the study of a special subject through original documentary sources. There is a wide and constantly developing choice of optional course units; you receive advice from personal tutors when selecting these (between two and three course units each year).

You may combine the study of the Modern Middle Eastern History with the learning of a Middle Eastern language which, if taken optionally over all three years, can bring you up to post-intermediate level.

New course units include: Literatures of the Ancient Near East, Religions of the Ancient Near East and Arab Women's Writing in Translation.



Arabic and Islamic Studies

This is a three-year degree combining a compulsory language element with a compulsory Islamic studies element, and with options in culture, politics, history, literature and linguistics. Language course units progress from beginners' to post-intermediate level. Transferable skills make up an important part of the degree scheme. There is a wide and constantly developing choice of optional course units and you will receive advice from personal tutors when selecting these (between two and three course units each year).

Please note that all Islamic Studies course units, which are compulsory for this degree, can also be taken as free choice course units for the degree Arabic Studies. The level of attainment in language is different from Arabic Studies in that in Arabic and Islamic Studies students do not study Arabic abroad and therefore the final-year language module teaches Arabic at post-intermediate level.

In Arabic and Islamic Studies you combine a number of compulsory course units (worth 80 credits in years one and two, 60 credits in year three) with a choice of options (worth 40 credits in years one and two and 60 credits in year three).

Compulsory course units in year one are Arabic Language; Introduction to Islam; and the core course unit The Contemporary Middle East. Typical optional course units include The Middle East before Islam, Introduction to Judaism, Hindu World Views, and Buddhist Traditions of South and South East Asia.

Compulsory course units in year two are Arabic Language, Modern Literatures of the Middle East, and Issues in Contemporary Islam. Typical optional course units include Modern Arabic Texts; European Reformations; Religion, Caste and Class in South Asia; The Middle East in the Nineteenth Century; The Middle East in World War I; Revolutions in the Twentieth Century Middle East; and The Middle East and the Cold War.

Compulsory course units in year three are Arabic Language; Introduction to Qur'an and Hadith Studies and the Dissertation. Typical optional course units include Modern Arabic Literature; Modern Islamic Texts; Islamic Legal Texts; Women in Contemporary Short Stories; Sufism; Jewish Philosophy in the 20th Century; The Middle East in Late Antiquity; Classical Islamic Texts in Arabic.

Hebrew and Jewish Studies

This is a three-year degree combining a compulsory language element with a compulsory Jewish studies element, and with options in culture, politics, history, literature and linguistics. Language course units progress from beginners' to post-intermediate level. Transferable skills make up an important part of the degree scheme. There is a wide and constantly developing choice of optional course units; you receive advice from personal tutors when selecting these (between two and three course units each year).

Please note that all Jewish studies course units, which are compulsory for this degree, can also be taken as free choice course units for the degree Hebrew Studies. The level of attainment in language is different from Hebrew Studies in that in Hebrew and Jewish Studies students do not study Hebrew in Israel and therefore the final-year language module teaches Hebrew at post-intermediate level.

In Hebrew and Jewish Studies students combine a number of compulsory course units (worth 80 credits in years one, 100 credits in year two, and 60 credits in year three) with a choice of options (worth 40 credits in years one, 20 credits in year two and 60 credits in year three).

Compulsory course units in year one are Hebrew Language; Introduction to Judaism; and the core course unit. The Contemporary Middle East. Typical optional course units include The Middle East before Islam, Introduction to Islam, Hindu World Views, and Buddhist Traditions of South and South East Asia.

Compulsory course units in year two are Hebrew Language, Modern Literatures of the Middle East, Readings in Talmudic Judaism and Talmudic Judaism. Typical optional course units include Modern Hebrew Texts; European Reformations; Religion, Caste and Class in South Asia; The Middle East in the Nineteenth Century; The Middle East in World War I; Revolutions in the Twentieth Century Middle East; and The Middle East and the Cold War.

Compulsory course units in year three are Hebrew Language; Jewish Law and the Problems of Jewish Life in the Modern World and the Dissertation. Typical optional course units include Modern Hebrew Literature; Aramaic Texts; Classical Hebrew Texts; Women in Contemporary Short Stories; Sufism; Jewish Philosophy in the 20th Century; The Middle East in Late Antiquity; Dead Sea Scrolls.

New course units include: Biblical Hebrew Text and Arab Women's Writing in Translation. Courses in Israeli studies may be offered.



Persian and Islamic Studies

This is a three-year degree combining a compulsory language element with a compulsory Islamic studies element, and with options in culture, politics, history, literature and linguistics. Language course units progress from beginners' to post-intermediate level. Transferable skills make up an important part of the degree scheme. There is a wide and constantly developing choice of optional course units; you receive advice from personal tutors when selecting these (between two and three course units each year).

Please note that all Islamic studies course units which are compulsory for this degree can also be taken as free choice course units for the degree in Persian Studies. The level of attainment in language is different from Persian Studies in that in Persian and Islamic Studies students do not study Persian in Iran and therefore the final-year language course unit teaches Persian at post-intermediate level.

In Persian and Islamic Studies you combine a number of compulsory course units (worth 80 credits in years one and two, 60 credits in year three) with a choice of options (worth 40 credits in years one and two and 60 credits in year three).

Compulsory course units in year one are Persian Language; Introduction to Islam and The Contemporary Middle East. Typical optional course units include The Middle East, Introduction to Classical Islamic History, Middle Eastern History AD 1000-18000, and Introduction to the Study of Modern Middle Eastern History.

Compulsory course units in year two are Persian Language, Modern Literatures of the Middle East, and Issues in Contemporary Islam. Typical optional course units include Modern Persian Prose Literature; Religion, Caste and Class in South Asia; The Middle East in the Nineteenth Century; The Middle East in World War I; Revolutions in the Twentieth Century Middle East; and The Middle East and the Cold War.

Compulsory courses in year three are Persian Language and the Dissertation. Typical optional course units include Medieval Persian Texts, Women in Contemporary Persian Short Stories; Introduction to Qur'an and Hadith Studies; Sufism; Jewish Philosophy in the 20th Century; The Middle East in Late Antiquity; Documentary Special (History); Politics of the Middle East; and State and Society in the Middle East.

Turkish and Islamic Studies

This is a three-year degree combining a compulsory language element with a compulsory Islamic studies element, and with options in culture, politics, history, literature and linguistics. Language course units progress from beginners' to post-intermediate level. Transferable skills make up an important part of the degree scheme. There is a wide and constantly developing choice of optional course units and you will receive advice from personal tutors when selecting these (between two and three course units each year).

Please note that all Islamic studies course units, which are compulsory for this degree, can also be taken as free choice course units for the degree in Turkish Studies. The level of attainment in language is different from Turkish Studies in that in Turkish and Islamic Studies students do not study Turkish in Turkey and therefore the final-year language course unit teaches Turkish at post-intermediate level.

In Turkish and Islamic Studies students combine a number of compulsory course units (worth 80 credits in years one and two, 60 credits in year three) with a choice of options (worth 40 credits in years one and two and 60 credits in year three).

Compulsory course units in year one are Turkish Language; Introduction to Islam; and the departmental core course The Contemporary Middle East. Typical optional course units include The Middle East before Islam, Introduction to Judaism, Hindu World Views, and Buddhist Traditions of South and South East Asia.

Compulsory course units in year two are Turkish Language, Modern Literatures of the Middle East, and Issues in Contemporary Islam. Typical optional course units include Turkish Literature in Translation; European Reformations; Religion, Caste and Class in South Asia; The Middle East in the Nineteenth Century; The Middle East in World War I; Revolutions in the Twentieth Century Middle East; and The Middle East and the Cold War.

Compulsory course units in year three are Persian Language; Introduction to Qur'an and Hadith Studies and the Dissertation. Typical optional course units include Modern Turkish Literature; Contemporary Turkey; Ottoman Literature; Women in Contemporary Short Stories; Sufism; Jewish Philosophy in the 20th Century; The Middle East in Late Antiquity.



Your career opportunities

Our graduates have been highly successful in the job market. Companies and organisations appreciate highly developed general skills in independent information gathering, critical analysis and presentation. You will acquire these skills in addition to your specialised knowledge in language, culture and history. The relevance of this combination of specific and general competencies has made our graduates attractive to a broad spectrum of employers.

Past graduates have found work in the following fields: the Civil Service, organisations such as the British Council, business and commerce, banking, law, print and broadcast journalism, tourism management and teaching. Many have also decided to pursue post-graduate training either here or in other universities both in the UK and abroad.

Examples of past graduates and their careers include Marigold Ackland who became Middle East and Islamic Studies Editor of Cambridge University Press; David Baldwin is Director of the British Council in Damascus; Thomas Perry joined Reuters in London; Yasmin Faghihi is a specialist Middle Eastern subject Librarian at Cambridge University; Nick Pelham joined the BBC as Middle East Correspondent; Gerard O'Neill works for the Ministry of Defence; Drewery Dyke works for Amnesty International; Terry Straiton and Naeema Chowdhury are both Solicitors; and Ian Maynard works for the British Council in Turkey. Among the graduates who have gone on to become University lecturers is Dr Jawid Mojaddedi.

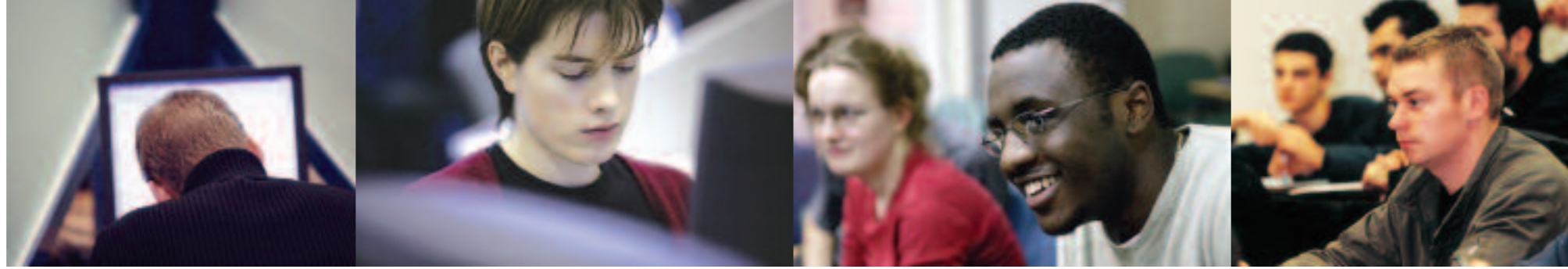
The University's Career Service, which will help you prepare for the job market throughout your degree, has been voted Britain's best for several years running

(See www.graduatemcareersonline.com).

Further study

We offer a full range of taught MA programmes for further study (with dissertation), as well as MPhil and PhD programmes (by research).

The MA programmes are: Middle Eastern Studies, Arabic Studies, Hebrew Studies, Persian Studies, Turkish Studies, Islamic Studies, Middle Eastern History, and Pre-Islamic Middle Eastern Studies. MA applicants are expected to have gained a first or upper second in their undergraduate degree (not necessarily in Middle Eastern Studies). For some pathways, the MA programme offers the opportunity to learn a Middle Eastern language from beginners' level. There are also part-time MA opportunities.



Our entry requirements

GCE A/AS-levels

Grades BBC-BCC. Two AS-levels accepted in place of one A-level in the third subject.

For TR69 one of the A-levels must be in the target European Language at grades B or C, except for Russian or Italian where an AS-level is sufficient (and where, if neither A or AS-level is available an A-level in any modern European language is required).

Advanced Vocational A-levels (AVCE)

One AVCE (6 unit) plus two A-levels or one double award AVCE plus one A-level at grades BBC-BCC. One part-award AVCE (3 unit) accepted in place of an AS-level of equivalent grade.

BTEC National Diploma/Certificate

Considered on an individual basis.

Scottish Highers/Advanced Highers

Highers: BBBBC-BBCCC.

Advanced Highers: BBC-BCC. (See A-level for TR69 entry requirements).

Irish Leaving Certificate

Contact us for further information.

International Baccalaureate

28-30 points overall. (See A-level for TR69 entry requirements).

GCSE

Minimum of grade C in English Language.

Where to find out more

Admissions and how to apply

The University welcomes applications from people from all backgrounds, and is fully committed to equality of opportunity. Find out more at www.manchester.ac.uk, or from the Undergraduate Recruitment and Admissions Office (+44 (0)161 275 2077).

All applications for full-time undergraduate programmes in higher education are coordinated by the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS). Students must apply online at www.ucas.com. If you are unable to access the internet you should contact the UCAS Customer Service Unit on 0870 112211.

Careers Service

Employers and students regularly vote our Careers Service the best in the country. It advertises thousands of job vacancies (while you study and on graduating), offers advice about careers and further study, and organises mentoring programmes and events allowing students to meet employers on campus. Visit www.manchester.ac.uk/careers for more information.

Tuition fees and Student loans

In 2006/7, all new full-time home/EU undergraduate entrants will be charged £3,000 per year tuition fees for all programmes of study at The University of Manchester. You can defer payment of your tuition fees by taking out a student fee loan. Repayments begin when you leave higher education and earn more than £15,000 per year. Full details for home/EU and international students can be found at www.manchester.ac.uk/studentfinance.

Scholarships and bursaries

The University offers a generous range of bursaries and scholarships to help prevent

financial hardship and reward excellence.

You could receive up to £15,000 for a three-year programme or £20,000 for a four-year programme, to help you to pay your course fees and to support your living expenses. More information can be found at www.manchester.ac.uk/studentfinance.

International students

The University of Manchester is a multicultural environment and home to around 7,400 international students from 180 countries.

A range of services for international students is available to help you both before and during your studies, including an airport collection service, orientation courses and specialist advisers. Visit the International Office website www.manchester.ac.uk/international for more information including material specific to your country, such as entrance requirements.

Support and Student Services

Whatever the issue – financial, personal, academic or administrative – the University's Student Services and the Students' Union have experienced and sympathetic people, support groups and advice centres to help you.

Students with Additional Support Needs

We welcome applications from people with additional support needs arising from a long-term medical condition, mental health difficulty, specific learning difficulty such as dyslexia or a disability. Contact the Admissions Officer of the School in which you are interested or the University Disability Support Office (+44 (0)161 275 5818 / 275 7512) for guidance and information on the University's policy and provision. Visits to the University can be arranged and an appointment can be made to speak with a disability adviser in order to discuss any support arrangements. www.manchester.ac.uk/disability.



As long as you apply by the deadline, usually around the end of August, first year students are guaranteed university accommodation in one of our halls of residence.



Accommodation

All new undergraduate students at Manchester are guaranteed a place in a University flat or hall of residence for their first year. If you're an international student, this promise is extended to include a guarantee for the duration of your studies.

The University offers you a wide range of residential accommodation, ranging from modern self-catering flats right through to traditional collegiate-style halls of residence. There are more spaces in university-managed accommodation here than at practically any other UK university.

Your hall is the place where you'll meet new friends and spend a lot of your free time. They are self-contained communities with their own bars, common rooms and a hectic programme of social activities.

Most of our accommodation is either on campus, in the neighbouring suburb of Victoria Park or a mile or so away in Fallowfield. These neighbourhoods are bustling with bars and shops catering for the student community. Wherever you choose to live, you'll soon discover that your time in hall is as integral a part of the student experience as an eleven o'clock lecture.

Every hall has its own character and personality, but there are a few pointers about what to expect. Most halls have single study-bedrooms and more than 90% of these rooms have their own network points for email and internet use. If you opt for one of the self-catering halls, you will have your own room, but you will probably share a bathroom, living room and/or kitchen with the other students in the flat, although rooms with en-suite bathrooms are also available. Catered halls include meals, which

makes budgeting much easier, and typically these halls also provide small kitchens for the preparation of drinks and snacks.

A high level of security is provided; the majority of halls have swipe card access systems, and each campus has an extensive CCTV network and 24 hour security.

Some halls have specially adapted flats or rooms for students with a disability and some catered halls are able to assist if you have special dietary requirements. If you do have any special needs, just get in touch with the Accommodation Office as soon as possible.

As a prospective student, you are asked to provide three hall preferences. Around 82% of applicants are placed in one of these preferences. But come and see for yourself to help you to decide; applicants are welcome to make appointments to visit any of the residences.

Costs vary, depending on facilities, but 2006 prices range from around £54 per week for a single self-catering room with shared facilities to £82 per week for a single room with en-suite facilities. You can expect to pay about £85 per week for a single room in a hall of residence with meals provided. All fees include the cost of utilities, insurance of personal possessions and internet connection (where provided).

A booklet giving detailed information on all the residences is available from the Accommodation Office, The Shopping Centre, The University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9RS.

tel +44 (0)161 275 2888
 fax +44 (0)161 275 3213
 email accommodation@manchester.ac.uk
www.manchester.ac.uk/accommodation



Manchester is a city of contrasts. A big city with a compact and friendly city centre. A trendsetting music and style capital that still has a place for traditional street markets and local pubs. It is a city of opportunities: a place to study, to learn and to enjoy yourself.



The City

If you choose to come to Manchester you'll find yourself in the middle of the fastest growing and most exciting city in the UK.

Manchester is a great student city – why else would it have the largest student population in Europe? The University is integrated fully into the city and the size and compactness of Manchester means that you can be anywhere you want within a few minutes.

Manchester's famous redbrick Victorian architecture and industrial heritage sit side-by-side with stunning new developments. The Imperial War Museum North, Urbis, the Bridgewater Hall, Manchester Art Gallery and The Lowry have all been extensively and rightly lauded.

Manchester's pavement cafés and bars offer the perfect opportunity to take in this scenery. And you will be spoilt for choice for food – from restaurants featuring celebrity chefs, to the best kebabs in the UK. Rusholme's Curry Mile, a strip of neon-lit restaurants, has Europe's highest concentration of Asian eateries. There's also Greek, Italian and Armenian cuisine and the bustling Chinatown.

Manchester art doesn't just mean LS Lowry's matchstick men; although we've the collection of those at The Lowry arts centre. The Whitworth Art Gallery, Cube and the Cornerhouse all mix contemporary shows with classics, while the Manchester Art Gallery hosts major new exhibitions alongside its much loved Pre-Raphaelite collection.

Classical music lovers have a wide choice including the Bridgewater Hall (where the Hallé and the BBC Philharmonic orchestras perform) and the Royal Northern College of Music, while theatre goers can find everything from highbrow to avant garde,

via West End musicals, at one of the city's many theatres.

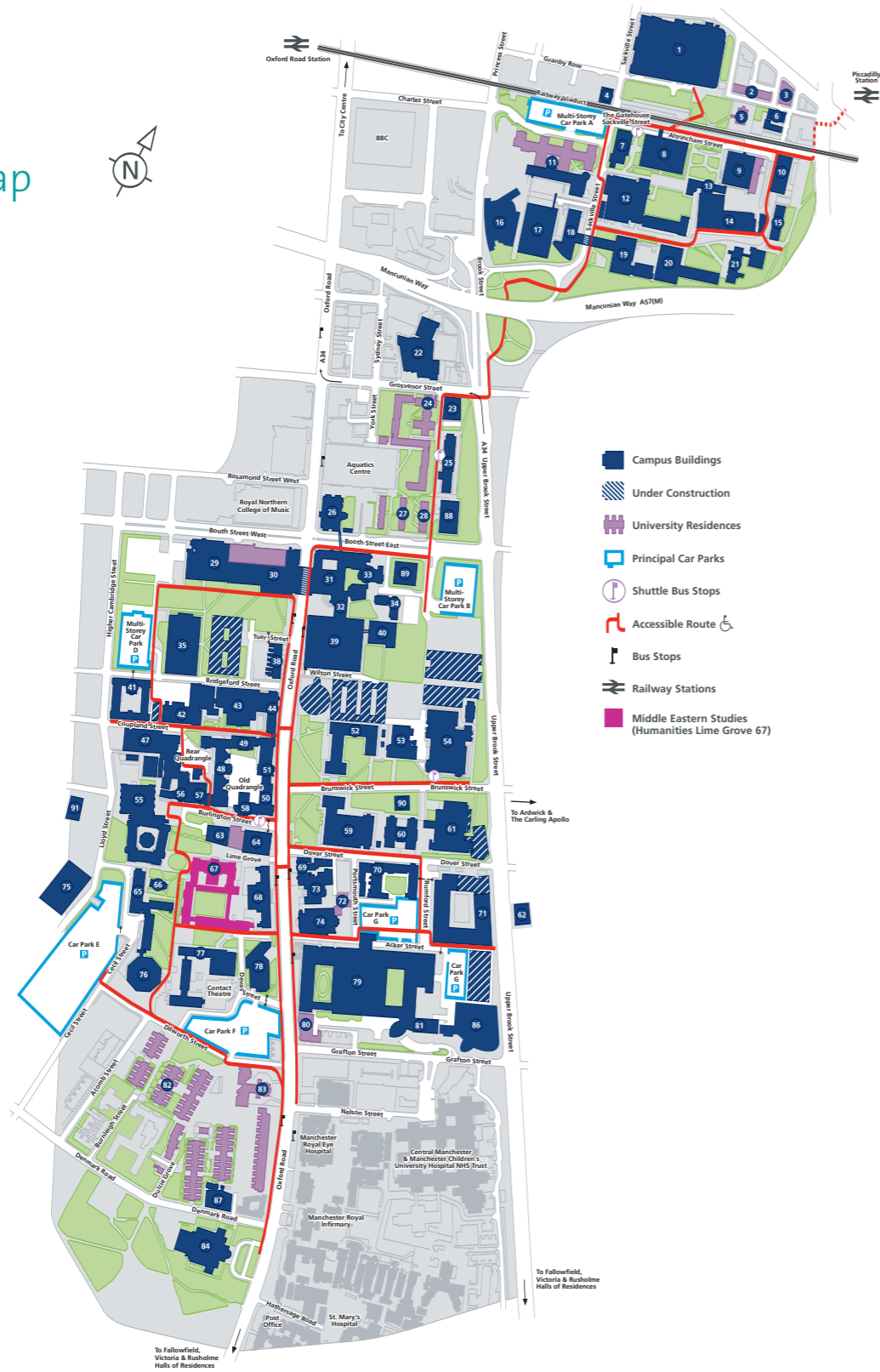
Lovers of a different type of music will find a thriving music, club and DJ scene. Manchester has everything from small venues such as The Roadhouse and the Retro Bar, to the University's own Academy and the hangar-like Manchester Evening News Arena.

You can't talk about Manchester without mentioning sport. There's cricket at Lancashire's Old Trafford Ground, and rugby union at Sale Sharks. But probably the city's most famous export is Manchester United. Not surprisingly, their home at Old Trafford is the largest club ground in Britain. Rivals Manchester City are based on the other side of town at the City of Manchester Stadium, which was originally built for the 2002 Commonwealth Games. The Games left a legacy of world-class sporting facilities, including the Manchester Aquatics Centre, on the University campus.

You might be more attracted by Manchester's reputation as a shoppers' paradise. There's an enviable range of flagship high street chains and designer stores. Highlights include Selfridges and Harvey Nichols in the heart of the city, but there are plenty of independent shops with a more hip feel in the Northern Quarter. And you're only a short bus ride to the out of town delights of the Trafford Centre with its 280 shops, 38 restaurants and a 20-screen cinema.

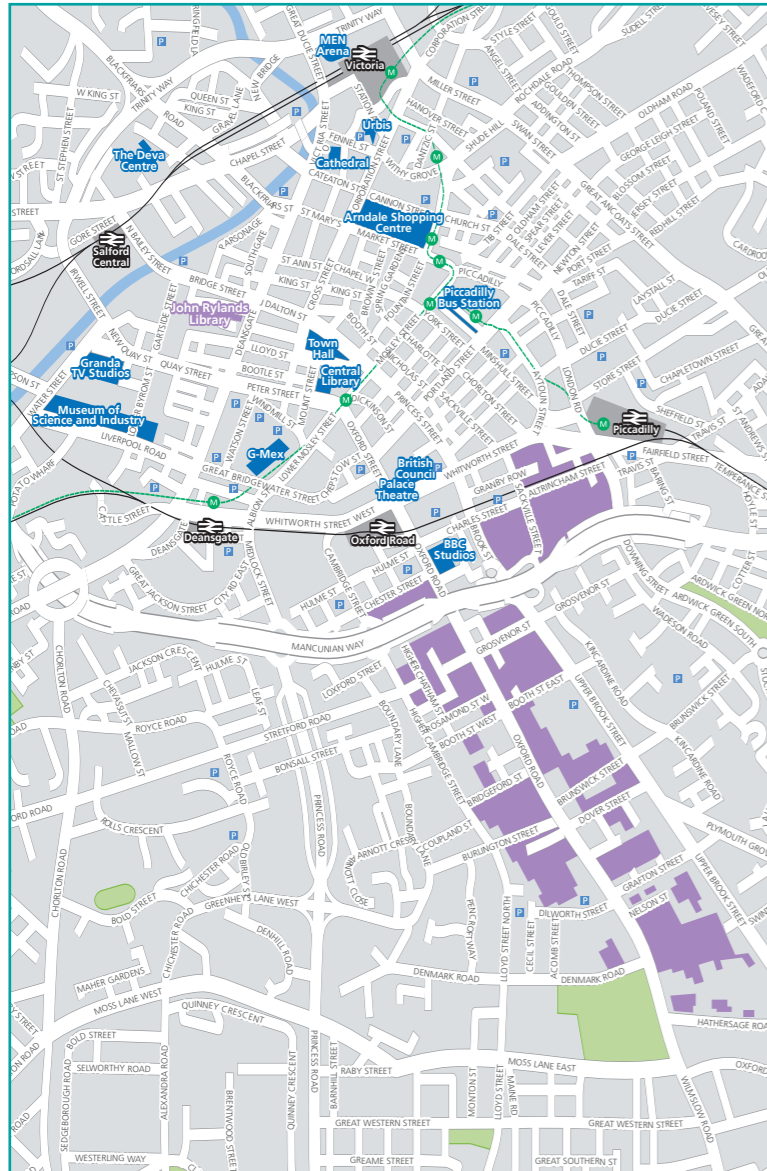
And if you tire of city life, Manchester is well placed for an escape. The beautiful Peak District, North Wales and the Lake District are all only an hour or two away, as are the picturesque historic towns of York, Chester and Buxton.

Campus map



Building names

- | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| 1 Sackville Street Building | 44 The Manchester Museum |
| 2 Lambert Hall | 47 Coupland Building 3 |
| 3 Fairfield Hall | 48 John Owens Building |
| 4 Fairbairn Building | 49 Beyer Building |
| 5 Chandos Hall | 50 Whitworth Hall |
| 6 Echoes Day Nursery | 51 Visitors Centre |
| 7 Paper Science Building | 52 Williamson Building |
| 8 Renold Building | 53 Roscoe Building |
| 9 Barnes Wallis Building/Students' Union/Wright Robinson Hall | 54 Schuster Building |
| 10 Vision Centre and Moffat Building | 55 The John Rylands Library |
| 11 The Manchester Conference Centre and Weston Hall | 56 Schunk Building |
| 12 Pariser Building | 57 Student Services Centre |
| 13 Staff House Sackville Street | 58 Christie Building |
| 14 The Mill | 59 Simon Building |
| 15 Morton Laboratory | 60 Zochonis Building |
| 16 Manchester Interdisciplinary Biocentre | 61 Chemistry Building |
| 17 George Begg Building | 62 Dryden Street Nursery |
| 18 Faraday Tower | 63 Staff House Burlington Street |
| 19 Faraday Building | 64 Refectory and Moberly Hall |
| 20 Ferranti Building | 65 Mansfield Cooper Building |
| 21 Maths and Social Sciences Building | 66 Stephen Joseph Studio |
| 22 Sugden Sports Centre | 67 Humanities Lime Grove |
| 23 Oddfellows Hall | 68 Students' Union Oxford Road (also at number 9) |
| 24 Grosvenor Halls of Residence | 69 William Kay House |
| 25 Materials Science Centre | 70 Dover Street Building |
| 26 Manchester Business School East | 71 Michael Smith Building |
| 27 Bowden Court | 72 Vaughan House |
| 28 Ronson Hall | 73 Avila House RC Chaplaincy |
| 29 Manchester Business School West | 74 Holy Name Church |
| 30 Precinct Shopping Centre | 75 Manchester Science Park |
| 31 Crawford House | 76 AQA |
| 32 St. Peter's House/Chaplaincy | 77 Humanities Devas Street |
| 33 Crawford House Lecture Theatres | 78 The Academy |
| 34 Prospect House | 79 Stopford Building |
| 35 Humanities Bridgeford Street | 80 Horniman House |
| 38 Waterloo Place | 81 The Manchester Incubator Building |
| 39 Kilburn Building | 82 Whitworth Park Halls of Residence |
| 40 Information Technology Building | 83 Grove House |
| 41 Dental School and Hospital | 84 The Whitworth Art Gallery |
| 42 Martin Harris Centre for Music and Drama | 86 Core Technology Facility |
| 43 Rutherford Building | 87 Denmark Building |
| | 88 Newman Building |
| | 89 Lamb Building |
| | 90 Chisholm Building |
| | 91 McDougall Centre |



City map

From Piccadilly Train Station

From Piccadilly Train Station catch service 147, or walk to Piccadilly Bus Station and catch one of the following services: 14, 16, 41, 42, 43, 43a, 44, 45a, 48, 111, 140, 142, 157, 250.

From Victoria Train Station

Either take the Metrolink tram, or walk to Piccadilly Gardens Bus Station (not the Rail Station) and follow the directions above.

Parking

Please note that parking near the School is available in several car parks on campus and in a new multi-storey car park.

Disclaimer

This brochure is prepared well in advance of the academic year to which it relates. Consequently, details of degree programmes may vary with staff changes. The University therefore reserves the right to make such alterations to programmes as are found to be necessary. If the University makes an offer of a place, it is essential that you are aware of the current terms on which the offer is based. If you are in any doubt, please feel free to ask for confirmation of the precise position for the year in question, before you accept the offer.

Contact details

address School of Language, Linguistics
and Cultures
The University of Manchester
Oxford Road
Manchester
M13 9PL

tel +44 (0)161 275 3265/3211
fax +44 (0)161 275 3031
email ug.languages@manchester.ac.uk
website www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate

Middle Eastern Studies
The University of Manchester
Oxford Road
Manchester
M13 9PL

tel 44 (0)161 275 3265/3211
fax 44 (0)161 275 3031
www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate