
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Dear Mubeen,

I know that you're due to commence your Salford journey with us in January 2021, but wanted to make sure you understood what is happening with regard to our preparation for teaching this academic year. I sent the information below to our September students earlier this week, which you may find helpful. Of course come January things may have changed, but they may also be the same – we're following guidance closely as it comes out and we'll keep you updated before you start.

Plans for teaching delivery

I know that you want to know exactly what teaching and learning is going to look like come September and I absolutely understand your need for this information. Please be reassured that providing our students with a hands-on, practical learning experience is something we strongly value at Salford and whilst in September, things will not be as they once were, we are striving to create an environment that ensures your safety whilst maintaining that hands-on learning environment.

Timetabling whilst ensuring physical distancing is a big challenge for all universities and we want to get this right for you. We expect that larger lectures and seminars will be online, you'll be able to watch these sessions live or at a time that suits you – think of it like Netflix; we don't recommend that you save all your lectures up and binge watch, but you can watch at a time that works for you. Alongside this there'll be discussion opportunities where you can ask questions and interact with your lecturers and other students, combined with on-campus smaller face-to-face sessions to talk through and test your understanding.

Teaching start date

We have not changed the published start date for teaching this year, your first term as a Salford student will start on Monday 28 September. Our Welcome team is busy planning a combination of virtual and socially distant welcome and induction activities to help you settle in and take your first steps with us. I'll provide more information about this in my next email.

Getting back on campus

From this month, we're doing a slow, phased reopening of our campus. Each building is being readied for the return of teaching and learning from September. It's critical for us to ensure that our staff and student community is safe and that we are adhering to all relevant government advice. As you'll know, guidance is changing on a regular basis and we're working to this as and when it becomes available, making the necessary changes that are required.

Keeping in touch

As I said in the recent [live event](#), it is my plan to keep in touch with you over the summer period as much as possible, to keep you informed and to support you in your journey to higher education. There will be induction activities taking place during the summer to help you get back into study and our recruitment team will be your key point of contact. Please do ensure to keep your contact information up to date via UCAS.

Our [FAQs](#) are being updated all the time, I'd recommend you bookmark this and keep checking regularly. If you haven't already done so, I'd like to suggest you join our [2020 Applicant Facebook Group](#) where you can meet your coursemates and flat mates. If you have booked a room with our accommodation partners Campus Living Villages, they will be communicating with you about moving in dates and providing further information over the summer.

I'm not giving you a glossy headline position, and I don't have all the answers that you need right now but we are working day and night on everything that we need to solve by September. I am confident that we will have the systems, processes and structures in place to give every student the best chance of succeeding and achieving the graduate career that they have in mind. We want you to get the best out of your experience at Salford and the best out of yourself whilst you're with us.

As a January starter, if you do have any questions at all, please keep in touch with our recruitment team on enquiries@salford.ac.uk who are there to help you. In the meantime, keep safe, keep your families safe, and I look forward to meeting you in January.

With best wishes,
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