

SALFORD STORIES FROM THE SOUTH



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What's the best thing about this course?

This is a tough one as there are so many good things, the lecturers are great and have some amazing industry knowledge and stories they share. All of my fellow course mates share the same passion I have for film production and there are so many different activities going on; whether it's the podcast, the 'Festival of Short Film' or other short films course mates are making in their own time.

How do you learn?

We have a variety of practical kit learning lessons, where our lecturers show us the correct way to use the different equipment and we have hands on industry experience. There are also lectures and seminars depending on the different modules.

What are the facilities related to your course like?

Being based at MediaCityUK we are provided with loads of high-tech equipment right from the start. We just keep getting given more and more industry equipment to try and a variety of equipment to use depending on what our project needs.

What support is on hand for your studies?

The staff and technicians are great. Even if we're not studying their module if we have questions or want to know more they are there to help us. All the staff have great industry experience and stories which they love to share. The technicians are extremely knowledgeable about all the equipment and software, if we have any questions, they know the answer. All of the staff have a passion for sharing their knowledge with us.

What's it like to be a student at Salford?

Being a Salford student is being a part of many different communities. I am not just a member of the Film Production community but also the School of Arts and Media, as well as the overall university community. You make friends with loads of different people; some of my best friends from university do completely different courses such as Criminology and Theatre Performance.

Are you a member of any sport clubs/societies?

I haven't joined any societies yet, however there is a society I'm looking at joining after restrictions are eased following the pandemic. There is so much choice at Salford usually!

What is the social life like?

I don't like clubbing, however I do like bars and pubs. The student union bar is good for relatively cheap drinks, Thursday night "bandaoke" is a must go to night and really close if you're staying in the campus accommodation. The Old Pint Pot pub, a short walk away is a nice pub to talk with friends. I haven't had much experience in Manchester yet due to the pandemic, but I do want to go out to some local bars I know of when I can. During the day there is an amazing cheese toastie place called Northern Soul Grilled Cheese and you have to visit if you come to Manchester!

Where do you live and with who?

I moved in with a friend I made in second year. I drive around when needing to go somewhere, but if I need to go into the centre of Manchester I will walk as it's not far and it's better than paying city centre parking prices. We are also really lucky that the university has so many car parks on site students can use.



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In the end, what made you choose Salford?

I eventually decided to choose Salford for many different reasons. The first being that the location for my course was great as well as the teaching staff and facilities being second to none. I wanted to go to university somewhere far enough away that I couldn't go home every weekend, but still close enough that the drive is possible in emergencies.

Had you ever heard of Salford before you applied?

Before thinking about university all I knew about Salford was that it was where Coronation Street was filmed. However, after speaking with Sophie at a university fair at college, we discussed what I wanted to do and I decided to attend an open day. Within an hour of being there, I was sold that it was the university and the course for me.

Has Salford lived up to your expectations?

My expectations were pretty high because I knew about MediaCityUK and about the lecturers backgrounds. Salford still managed to meet my expectations within the first week.

Best/worst things about living and studying in Manchester/ Salford?

The north is very wet and cold compared to the south, everyone jokes about it, but you don't actually realise until you're here. But on the plus side, the people you meet in the local community are some of the nicest people you will ever meet. I know it might sound cliché, but northerners really are much kinder.

What would you say to someone considering Salford?

Come to the open days, but travel up how you'd travel if you actually came here. If you would get the train, actually get the train on an open day so you can decide if the journey feels too far for you. On my first open day we flew up from Southampton and that took 35 minutes, but now I drive, and it takes me much longer by car. It is a great university though, the staff are all well experienced in their fields, which makes it worth travelling the distance. Venture off campus on visits, don't just follow the guided tours. Go for a wander to the local shopping centre. If you decide to move here, these are the places you will walk to frequently! Make sure to embrace the local community and not just the campus.

Did you come on an Open Day or Applicant Visit Day at Salford?

I visited an open day and it really helped decide that Salford was the right place for me. They had the equipment out and current students and teaching staff answering our questions. The applicant visit day was different, and we made a very short film about force perspective. This was great as we managed to work with fellow applicants who later became Salford students as well and who I'm now good friends with.

What do you want to do once you've graduated and how has Salford helped with this?

Once I graduate, I want to eventually become a TV/Film producer. Salford has allowed me to narrow down what I want to do when I graduate, but has also shown me the path of how to get there.



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