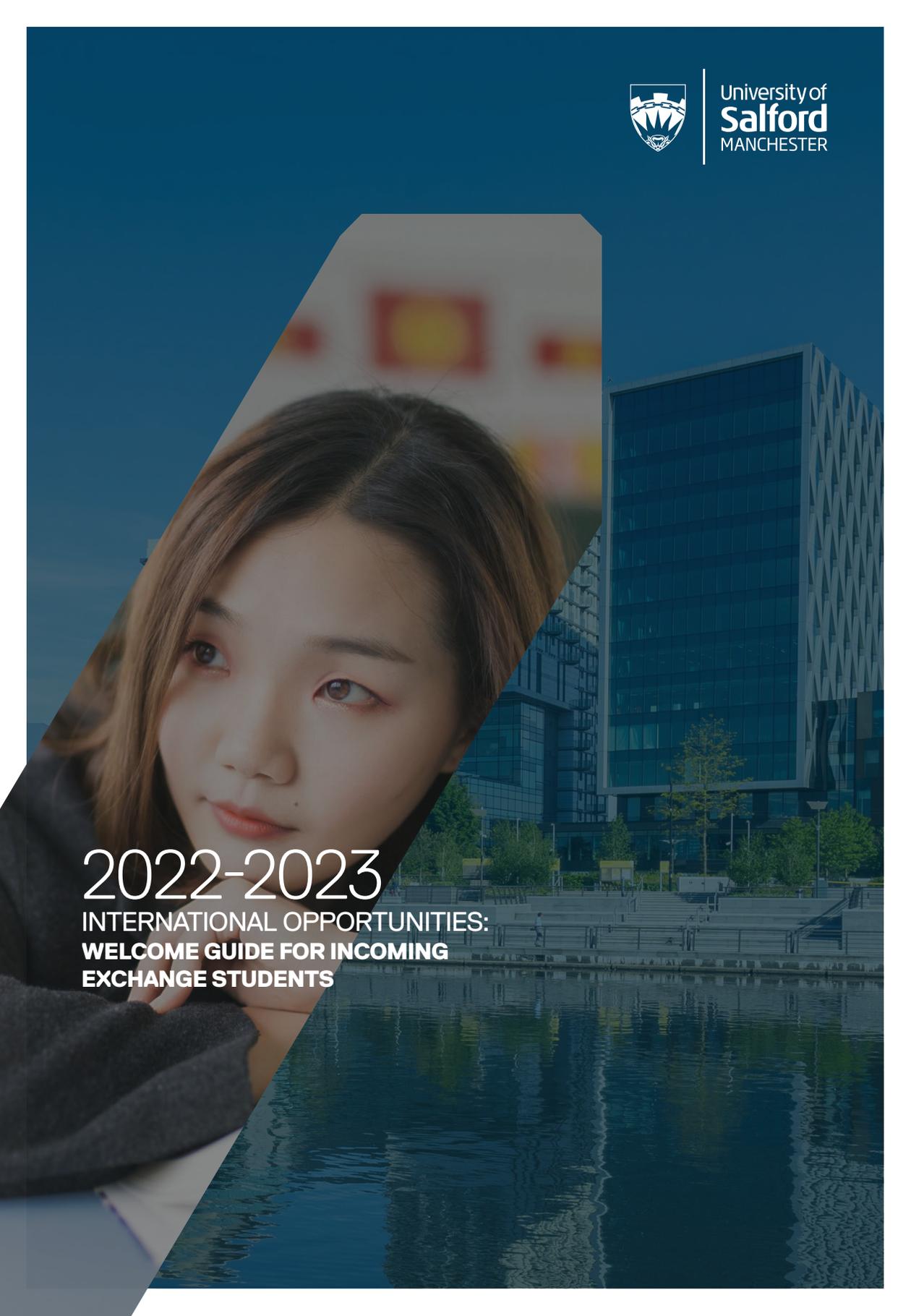




University of  
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MANCHESTER



2022-2023

INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:  
**WELCOME GUIDE FOR INCOMING  
EXCHANGE STUDENTS**



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# We are delighted that you are joining the University of Salford

At Salford we welcome students from more than 100 countries around the world, and together with our schools, our team will be with you every step of the way. This guide has been designed to provide you with all of the information you need to begin your University of Salford experience. We recommend that you read through the guide as you start to plan for your journey to Salford, and also remember to refer to it during your stay. We hope the guide answers many of your questions and gives you a good start for your studies with us.

**We look forward to welcoming you.**

*International Opportunities team*





# WELCOME TO SALFORD

## 2022/2023 Academic Year

### Trimester 1

<b>Welcome week:</b>	12 September 2022 - 16 September 2022
<b>Term dates:</b>	19 September 2022 - 16 December 2022

### Trimester 2

<b>Welcome week:</b>	9 January 2023 - 13 January 2023
<b>Term dates:</b>	16 January 2023 - 5 May 2023

There are countless reasons why joining the University of Salford is the right decision for you: our location in the heart of Greater Manchester, our state-of-the-art facilities and our award-winning academics. The thing we love most about Salford is the community our staff and students have built, to make our University a warm and welcoming place to live and study.

### STUDIES

Our courses are designed to equip our students for the challenges of the working world. Studying with us will take your education to the next level by boosting your skills and taking on new challenges. This will make you stand out to potential employers.

### SUPPORT

You will be given a warm welcome on arrival and we will continue to support you throughout your stay. All incoming students have access to and use of our on-campus facilities and support. Our International Opportunities Team, together with our colleagues in **askUS** and the academic staff, will make sure you receive the support you need in order to make the most out of your experience.

For more information on settling in to life at Salford, and to help you navigate your first few weeks, visit our **Welcome webpages** and our **StartSmart** portal, created especially for new students.

Please note: all information in this handbook is valid at the time of writing (June 2022).

NORTHERN QUARTER  
 ARNDALE SHOPPING CENTRE  
 MANCHESTER PICCADILLY  
 MANCHESTER TOWN HALL

# MANCHESTER

BEETHAM TOWER  
 DEANSGATE  
 SPINNINGFIELDS  
 CASTLEFIELD

# SALFORD

MAXWELL BUILDING  
 PEEL BUILDING  
 CLIFFORD WHITWORTH LIBRARY  
 PEEL PARK  
 NEWTON BUILDING  
 Salford Crescent Train Station  
 PEEL PARK QUARTER  
 LADY HALE BUILDING  
 NEW ADELPHI BUILDING  
 UNIVERSITY HOUSE  
 CHAPMAN BUILDING  
 SPORTS CENTRE  
 ATMOSPHERE KITCHEN AND BAR  
 FAITH CENTRE  
 MARY SEACOLE BUILDING  
 BRIAN BLATCHFORD

NEW SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION

JOHN LESTER & EDDIE COLMAN COURTS

# THIS IS SALFORD

THE UNIVERSITY OF SALFORD IS PERFECTLY POSITIONED TO GIVE YOU THE BEST OF BOTH CAMPUS AND CITY LIFE.

# OUR CAMPUS

## SEE BUILDING

Our Science, Engineering and Environment courses will soon be delivered from their new £65 million home in the heart of our Peel Park campus.

The new building, due to open for the 2022/23 academic year, features a wind tunnel and high-spec laser laboratories. The primary heat source for all systems is electric air source heat pumps – it is a 100% electric building!



## MEDIACITY

We are the only university with an industry-leading facility at MediaCity, which also houses 200 digital companies and a broadcasting hub for the BBC and ITV.



## STUDENT UNION

Enjoy a coffee or lunch with friends at the Student's Union Atmosphere kitchen and bar where a range of regular events are held. - [salfordstudents.com](http://salfordstudents.com)



## FAITH FACILITIES

We have several prayer areas on campus, and the Students' Union supports a number of faith-based societies. Our Chaplaincy welcomes people of all faiths and none, and our newly opened Faith Centre provides a wonderful space for services, prayer, discussion and quiet contemplation.



## THE PEEL PARK QUARTER

Peel Park Quarter provides over 1,300 en-suite bedrooms, with facilities such as a cinema room, gym, games room, launderette and multiple social spaces.



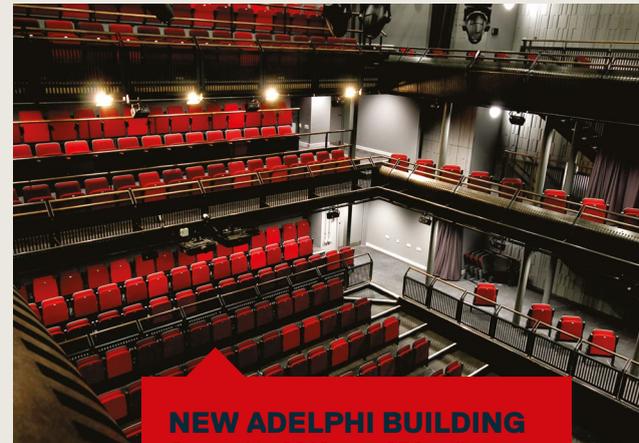
## LIBRARIES

Clifford Whitworth Library is a truly modern learning space with PC suites, Mac computers, bookable work rooms and much more. Based at the centre of the Peel Park campus, the library is open 24/7, all year round. In addition to Clifford Whitworth Library, there are several study spaces on campus and a purpose built library at MediaCity.



## NEW ADELPHI BUILDING

Opened in 2016, our £50 million facility is a state-of-the-art centre for teaching and research in digital, media, music performance, arts and design.



## SALFORD CRESCENT TRAIN STATION

Located just a two-minute walk from our Frederick Road and Peel Park sites, regular trains will take you into Manchester city centre and beyond. Manchester International Airport can easily be reached by train in just 30 minutes from Salford Crescent, or by tram from Manchester city centre, to connect you with the world.



## SPORTS CENTRE

We have four gyms, a swimming pool, sports hall and a five-a-side soccer pitch.



# CAMPUS MAP

## CAMPUS MAP KEY

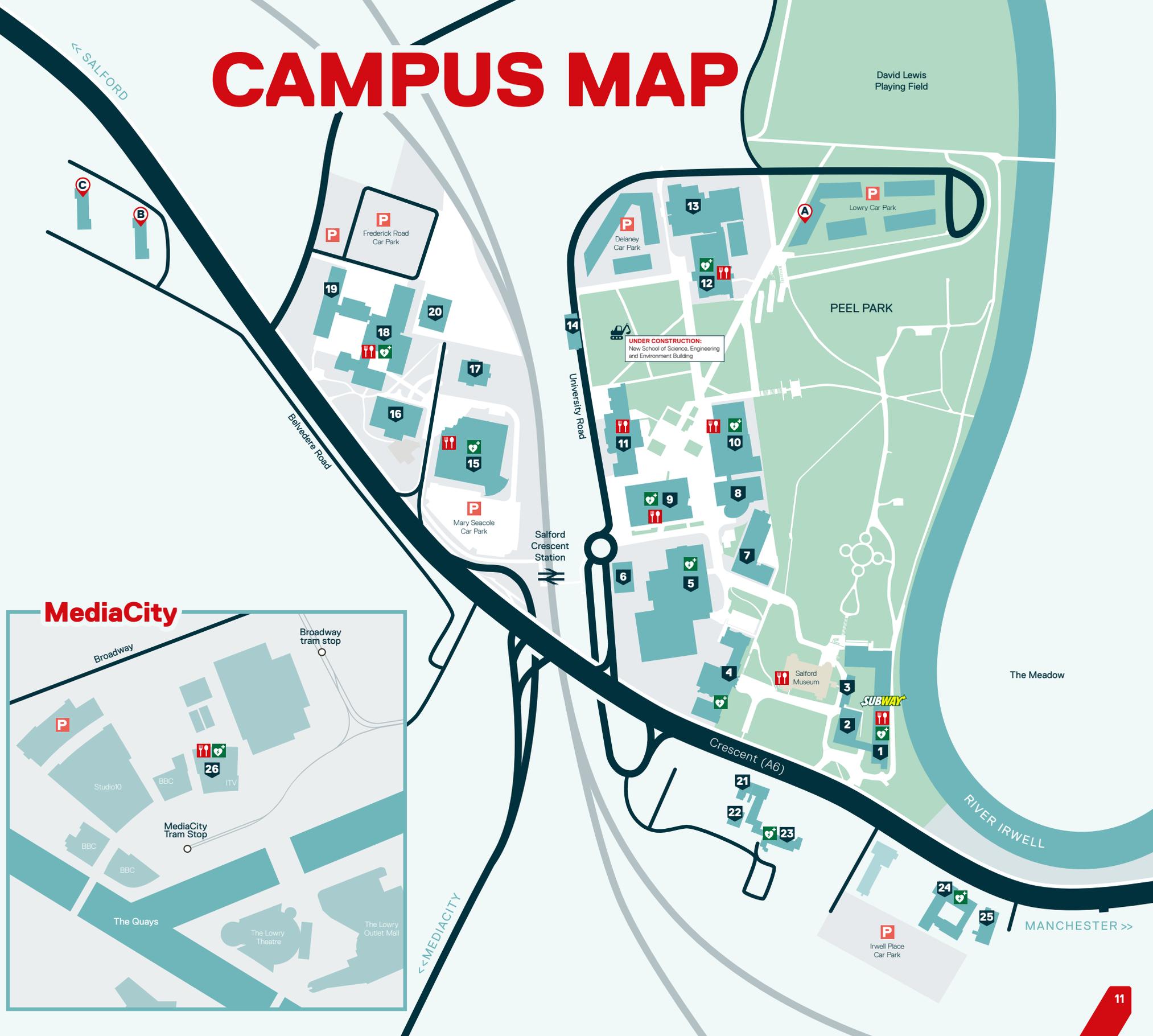
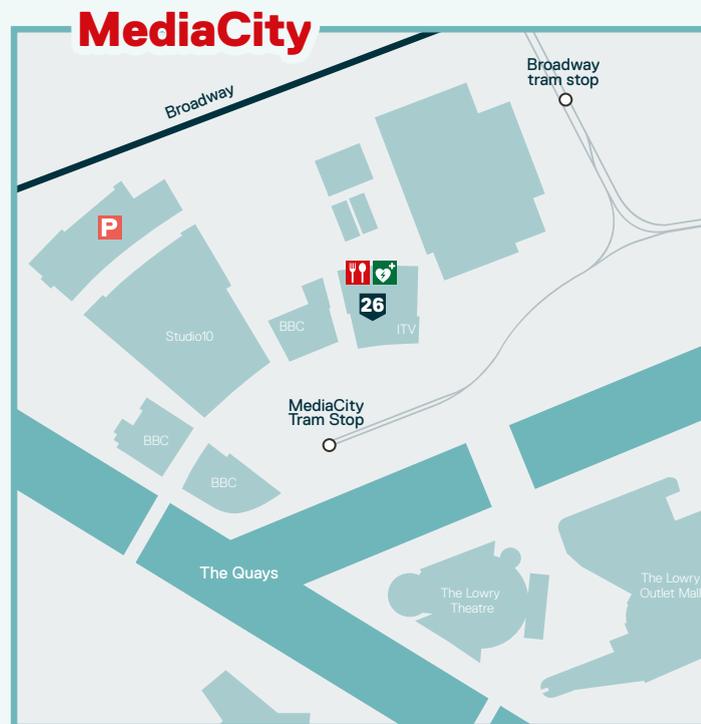
- Food and drink outlets
- Car Park
- AEDs (Defibrillators)

### Accommodation

- Peel Park Quarter
- John Lester Court
- Eddie Colman Court

### Main University Buildings

- 1 Maxwell Building  
 Main Reception
- 2 Maxwell Hall
- 3 Gilbert Rooms
- 4 Peel Building  
 Next to Porters Room Grd Floor
- 5 Newton Building  
*Thermal Measurement Laboratory*  
 Foyer
- 6 Barratt Z House
- 7 Cockcroft Building  
*Energy House*
- 8 Lady Hale Building
- 9 New Adelphi Building  
 Reception (Atrium)
- 10 Clifford Whitworth Library  
 Foyer
- 11 Chapman Building
- 12 University House  
 Foyer
- 13 Sports Centre
- 14 Faith Centre
- 15 Mary Seacole Building  
 Grd & 2nd Floor Foyer
- 16 Brian Blatchford Building
- 17 Busy Bees Childrens Nursery
- 18 Allerton Building  
 Main Reception
- 19 Podiatry Clinic
- 20 Energy House 2.0
- 21 Joule House  
*Thermal Measurement Laboratory*
- 22 Alumni House
- 23 The Old Fire Station  
 Foyer
- 24 Crescent House  
 Foyer
- 25 Humphrey Booth House
- 26 University of Salford (MediaCity)  
 Behind Reception in Foyer



# OUR FACILITIES

**Located only 2km away from the vibrant and multicultural city of Manchester, we are perfectly positioned to offer you an incredible academic and student life experience.**

We invest heavily in our facilities to ensure you're using industry-standard equipment during your studies. Our high quality, high profile research and teaching facilities spread across our three sites; Peel Park, Frederick Road, MediaCity.

You won't be spending every waking moment of your university life in lectures, labs and late-night study sessions; there's loads to do on campus during your free time. Here are just a few highlights; Atmosphere Kitchen & Bar, Salford cafés, Salford Museum and Art Gallery, libraries, Sports Centre, and a Faith Centre.

## NEW ADELPHI

The New Adelphi building is the new home of creativity on campus for students of our arts and media and architecture courses.

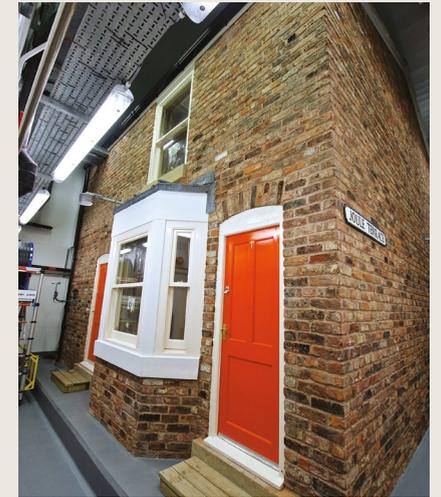
The space features a sound and music suite with recording studios, performance spaces, and a 350 capacity theatre. Design students will find everything they need to turn their ideas into reality with equipment from laser-cutters to etching machines and screen printers.



## THE ENERGY HOUSE

The Energy House is a full-scale house rebuilt inside a laboratory in the School of the Built Environment. It is designed so that research can be conducted into improving energy efficiency in homes.

Within the laboratory, environmental conditions such as temperature, wind and rain can be reproduced, to measure the effects much more quickly and accurately.



## BODMER LABORATORY

The 'Bodmer Lab', named after Sir Walter Bodmer - the British scientist behind the mapping of the human genome - is a £3 million facility for students in the School of Science, Engineering and Environment .

The Bodmer Lab can hold up to 144 students at any one time and when divided into four smaller laboratories can accommodate between 36 and 44 students in each space.

## JOURNALISM CENTRE

MediaCity houses our journalism centre, which includes a TV studio, newsroom, radio studio and editing gallery.

We have two TV studios and a green screen area equipped with cameras that can turn the studio into a 3D digital environment, allowing us to achieve effects like those seen on weather reports and children's television.



# THE CITIES OF SALFORD AND MANCHESTER

Salford forms part of Greater Manchester, with a population of 2.8 million, and a student population of around 100,000. It is famous for science and technology, culture and the arts, music, theatre, sport and of course, as a wonderful place to study.





## SPORT

Manchester is home to two world famous sports teams, Manchester United Football Club, and their home ground Old Trafford is just five kilometres away from Peel Park campus. SportCity houses Manchester City Football Club's Etihad Stadium, the Manchester Velodrome and the National Cycling Centre.

In 2016, the University also extended its long-standing partnership with Lancashire County Cricket Club at Emirates Old Trafford.

This partnership will enable students to undertake internships at Emirates Old Trafford throughout each cricket season. Students will also be able to use the media and broadcast facilities in the AJ Bell Players and Media Centre as part of their study programmes whilst also assisting the Club in creating additional content across its digital platforms.



## CULTURE AND ART

Manchester is a key centre for arts, and you can see exhibitions from some of the world's most famous artists at the city's numerous museums, galleries and performance spaces, and entry is usually free or discounted for students. Salford Museum and Art Gallery is also situated right on Peel Park campus.

## MUSIC AND THEATRE

Manchester and Salford have a rich history of producing famous musicians and bands. There are many music venues around the city, such as the AO Arena Manchester which attracts international artists, while the superb Bridgewater Hall is the home of the world-famous Hallé Orchestra. There are five major theatres to choose from, hosting plays, musicals, operas and ballets.



## FOOD

From speciality supermarkets for Chinese and South East Asian foods in China Town, to Rusholme's 'curry mile' offering Indian, South East Asian and Middle Eastern restaurants, Afro-Caribbean food in Cheetham Hill, and award-winning restaurants in the city centre, all tastes and requirements are catered for. Not to mention the indoor market at Mackie Mayor providing quality food and drink from local producers and brewers.



## RELIGION

A very broad range of faith communities are represented across the city, and both the city centre and its surrounding areas cater for all major religions. The University also offers space on-campus for religious practice.

## THE BEST THING ABOUT SALFORD AND MANCHESTER IS THEIR VARIETY.

[visitmanchester.com/what-to-do/attractions](http://visitmanchester.com/what-to-do/attractions)

## SHOPPING

Manchester boasts one of Europe's largest shopping malls, The Trafford Centre, as well as a city centre lined with high street stores, designer brands and vintage stores. The Northern Quarter is also home to some of the best independent vintage and boutique shops.



## TRAVEL

Manchester Piccadilly and Victoria stations can take you to London in two hours and Liverpool in 45 minutes. Manchester Airport has daily flights around the world and across the UK. Manchester and Salford have excellent transport links, with Peel Park campus accessible via many bus services. With 98 train stations in the Greater Manchester area, you'll always be well connected to the city no matter where you are. The Metrolink tram also runs regularly between MediaCity and Manchester city centre.



# OUR LOCATION

Our proximity to Manchester city centre, with its excellent transport links, means that it is easy getting to the University from anywhere in the UK or overseas.

To view our campus map visit [salford.ac.uk/about-us/travel/campus-map](http://salford.ac.uk/about-us/travel/campus-map)



There is a free bus that runs between main campus and the MediaCityUK campus

### MANCHESTER CITY CENTRE

- By bus – 5 minutes
- By train – 5 minutes
- By car – 5 minutes
- Walking – 20 minutes

### LONDON

By train – 2 hours

### LEEDS

By train – 1.5 hours

### LIVERPOOL

By train – 1 hour

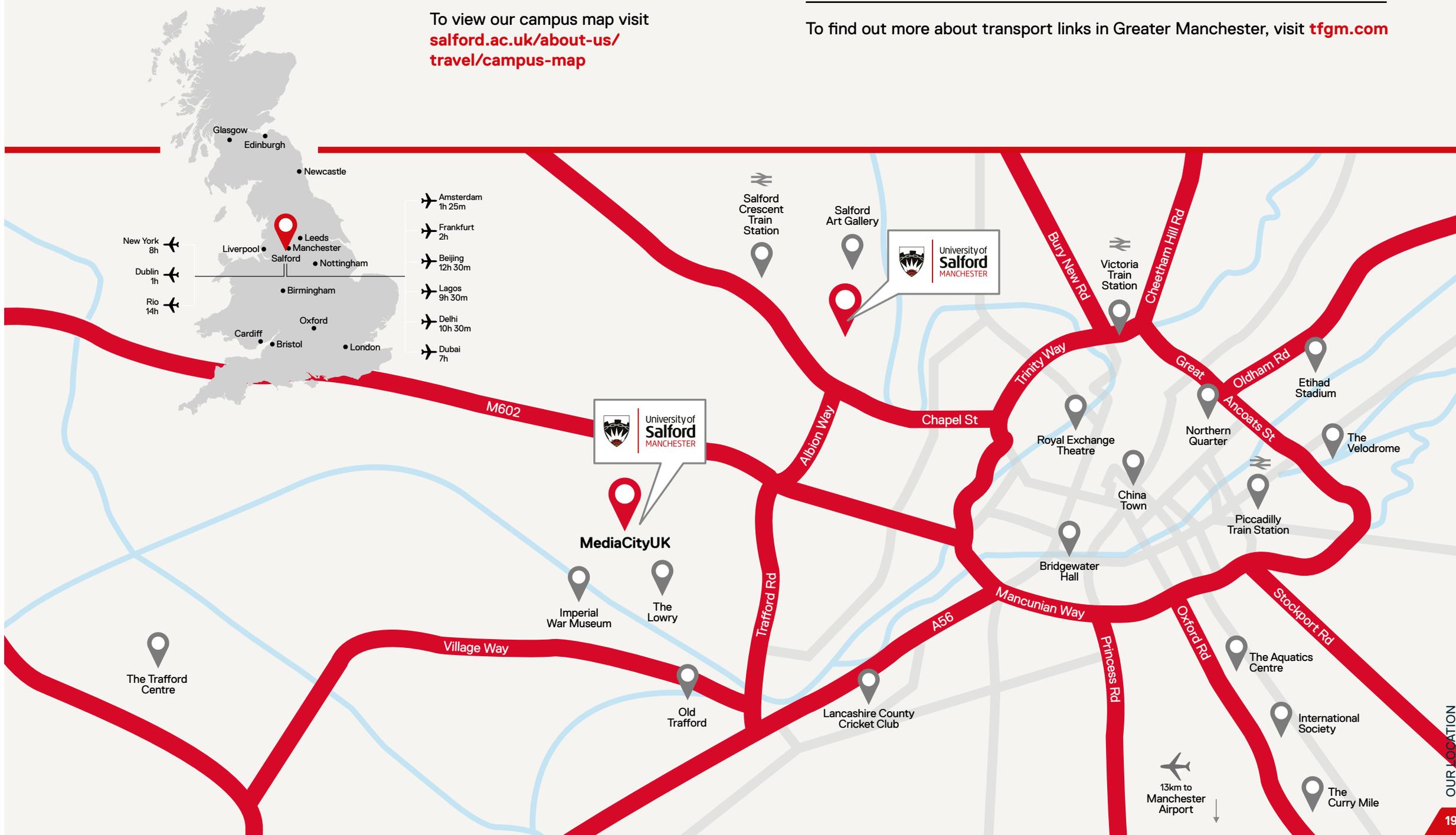
### SHEFFIELD

By train – 1 hour

### BIRMINGHAM

By train – 2 hours

To find out more about transport links in Greater Manchester, visit [tfgm.com](http://tfgm.com)



# OUR LOCATION

Salford is easily accessible by road and rail from all of the UK's main airports including Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham, and London. The closest airport to Salford is Manchester Airport, which is only a few miles away from Manchester city centre and Salford.

## TRAVELLING TO MANCHESTER AND SALFORD FROM MANCHESTER AIRPORT



**BY TRAIN:** very affordable train tickets from Manchester Airport are just a few clicks away with **Trainline**. Train services run frequently to Manchester Piccadilly Station, with an average journey time of 20 minutes.

**BY BUS:** Manchester Airport is well served by a network of local and regional buses, running daily from early morning to late night, including weekends and bank holidays. There is now a 24 hour bus service operating to/from Manchester Airport local bus network. For more information, visit **Manchester Airport**

**BY TRAM:** Metrolink trams run direct from the airport to Cornbrook, a stop just outside the centre of the city. From Cornbrook there are frequent trams into the city centre itself. For more information, visit the **Metrolink website**.

Trams run every 12 minutes at all times except outside the hours of 9:00am - 5:30pm on Sundays and public holidays when they run every 15 minutes. Tickets are available from machines on every platform of all stops, but not on board trams so please make sure you buy a ticket before you travel.



**BY TAXI:** the airport is only a 20-25 minute drive from Manchester and Salford. Taxi ranks are situated by arrivals at all three terminals. Taxi journeys from the Manchester Airport to the city centre are usually around 25/30 pounds.



## TRAVELLING TO OUR UNIVERSITY

We are situated just 2km from Manchester city centre - so close you can walk. We are also just 2.5km from MediaCity.

The 50 bus, operated by Stagecoach, runs every 10-15 minutes from Manchester city centre via the University of Salford's main Peel Park campus and Salford Shopping Centre, between 7am and 11pm, Monday to Friday, and between 8am and 6pm at the weekend.

Staff and students can travel free between the main University campus, Peel Park, and MediaCityUK on production of their University ID cards.

The X50 runs every 15 minutes from Manchester city centre to the Trafford Centre via Salford Quays. Our MediaCityUK campus is just a few minutes' walk from the Imperial War Museum stop on Trafford Wharf Road, via footbridge over the Manchester Ship Canal.

To find out more about transport links in Greater Manchester, visit **tfgm.com**

# MEDIACITY

The University of Salford is the only UK university with a campus at MediaCity, with industry-leading facilities for students of broadcast media, film, animation and journalism.

**TRAMS RUN EVERY SIX MINUTES FROM THE CITY CENTRE TO MEDIACITY**

**A RANGE OF CAFÉS AND RESTAURANTS**

**SHOPPING AND LEISURE FACILITIES**

**OVER 300 CYCLE BAYS ACROSS THE SITE**

**THE LOWRY THEATRE**

**FREE BUSES RUN EVERY TEN MINUTES FROM PEEL PARK CAMPUS TO MEDIACITY**



# BRITISH ETIQUETTE

## QUEUING

Queuing is a unique part of the British culture. People here queue for trains, buses, shops, toilets and, in some occasions, to enter a room for a lecture or a meeting. It is advisable to take your place in the queue and not try to muscle your way to the front as this would not be respectful towards the other people in the queue.

## TIPPING

Tipping is not expected in the UK, but is much appreciated. It is not necessary to tip in taxis, but it is polite to round up to the nearest pound on metered taxi journeys. It is also common to leave a tip to waiting staff in restaurants and bars if they have provided a good service.

## TIMEKEEPING

British people are generally punctual and being late is seen as bad mannered. If you are late or have to cancel an appointment, inform the person you are meeting and offer your apologies. Always plan your journey in advance so you can arrive five minutes early for classes and take a seat before the actual start.

## SMALL TALK

It is impolite to ask people personal details about their age, political beliefs or salary unless you have known them for a long time and you are friends. Until then, you can start a conversation by using subjects like the weather, your plans for the weekend, or things happening in the area around you.

## DOORS

It is polite to hold doors open for the person coming behind you when walking through a door.

## PLEASE, THANK YOU AND SORRY

British people say these words a lot! If you accidentally bump into someone, say 'sorry'. They probably will too, even if it was your fault! This is a habit and can be seen as amusing by an 'outsider'. British people also say 'cheers' instead of thank you sometimes. You may also hear 'cheers' instead of 'goodbye'. What they are saying to you is 'thanks and bye'.

## THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- / It is considered impolite to stare at people in public places
- / Spitting in the street is considered to be very bad mannered and illegal, subject to a fine
- / Most members of the British public will happily provide you with directions if you approach them politely
- / When invited to someone's home, it is nice to take along a small gift, for example a box of chocolates or a bottle of wine
- / Gifts are opened when received

# MONEY MATTERS

To help you understand how much you will need to budget, we've provided a few examples below of everyday costs

## ACCOMMODATION:

University accommodation starts from **£109** per week, depending on site and room size. See page 36.



## UTILITIES AND OTHER OUTGOINGS:

If you are not living in university accommodation, you'll need to take into account the cost of bills for water, electricity, gas and internet.



## FOOD AND GROCERIES:

There is a range of supermarkets to suit every budget, as well as farmers markets and independent shops. Preparing fresh meals at home rather than buying pre-prepared or takeaway food will save you money. Don't forget to budget for cleaning products and toiletries as well.



## TRANSPORT:

A weekly bus ticket costs about **£17**. Discounted annual tickets are available for students. A single ticket on the tram costs from **£1.40**, depending on your destination. Manchester and the surrounding area is served by a number of convenient and attractive cycle routes. Visit [tfgm.com](http://tfgm.com) for more details.



## BOOKS AND STATIONERY:

New textbooks for your course can be expensive, so make sure you use the library as much as possible, or buy books second-hand to save money.



## CLOTHES AND GROOMING:

Things like haircuts and winter coats need to be included in your budget. The best way to find a good deal is to shop around – there are plenty of affordable hairdressers and clothing shops in Manchester, and don't forget to ask if they offer a student discount!



## HEALTH AND FITNESS:

The University gym membership costs between **£13-19** per month, depending on the facilities you choose to use. University sports teams will charge weekly membership fees, plus the cost of your kit. For more info, visit [salford.ac.uk/sports-centre](http://salford.ac.uk/sports-centre)



## LEISURE:

A cinema ticket costs about **£5 - £10**, and theatre tickets between **£13-£75**. An evening meal at a restaurant with friends typically costs around **£12-15** each, plus the cost of any drinks. There are many free events, galleries and museums in Salford and Manchester to keep you entertained on a budget though, and as a student, you are entitled to discounts in many shops, restaurants and cinemas.



# TOP TIPS FOR HANDLING YOUR MONEY

## PLAN AHEAD:

Draw up a weekly budget and stick to it. Work out what your weekly costs are, so you can see what you have left over to spend on the non-essentials. We highly recommend downloading a budgeting app for free that can help you keep track of your daily expenditure and bank balance.

## TAKE ADVANTAGE OF STUDENT DISCOUNTS:

Compared with other UK cities, Manchester is an affordable place to live in where students can benefit from discounts on a wide range of goods and services, including transport, fashion and entertainment. Also, if you are an Erasmus+ student, don't forget to apply for an **ESN Card**. Lastly, a TOTUM card also includes several international discounts - **NUS**.

## REDUCE YOUR DAY-TO-DAY SPENDING:

If possible, walk or cycle to University rather than taking the bus. If you do use the bus or tram frequently, it is worth investing in a monthly/termly/annual travel pass, as this can work out much cheaper. Before buying any books, check what is essential and find out what is available in the library. Make use of second-hand book sales for buying books and selling the ones you no longer need.

## INCREASE YOUR INCOME:

Often it's easy for students to combine study with some part-time work. This will increase your chances of not running into financial difficulty and may give you extra money to spend on some items which you wouldn't be able to afford after paying for your rent and living costs. Please note that students on a short-term study visa are not permitted to work. If you hold a Tier 4 visa, you must adhere to some restrictions. For more information, visit **AskUs**.





# BANKING SERVICES

1. British banks have strict regulations in place about opening accounts and security procedures can sometimes lead to delays for students who try to open an account on arrival in the UK. Although it is unlikely that you will be able to set up a bank account until after you arrive in the UK, it is a good idea to start planning ahead and prepare any necessary paperwork.
2. Your bank in your home country may have a relationship with a bank in the UK, therefore it is advisable to check with your home bank before you depart for the UK.
3. If you are an international student and plan to use a credit card or bank card from your home country in the UK, you need to check with your bank before leaving your country to see if your card is compatible with UK bank machines, or if there will be any additional charges.
4. It may be necessary to bring some UK currency with you to get you by until you set up your account here in the UK.
5. If you plan to transfer money from your home bank account to your UK account, remember that transferring funds will depend upon your home bank's procedures.  
  
This can take more time than you expect. Again, you should discuss this with your bank before leaving home.
6. Bring sufficient funds, such as cash, travellers' cheques or credit cards, to cover any delays, but always avoid travelling with very large amounts of cash.
7. On arrival in the UK, you may need to book an appointment in advance to open a bank account at your chosen branch. This may also be time consuming as many students will also be setting up accounts at the same time. Make sure that your bank appointment falls after you have enrolled, so that you have all of the necessary documents to open the account. If you cannot attend the appointment or do not have the necessary paperwork, be sure to contact the bank to rearrange the meeting.
8. If you are an international student, you might be asked to pay an initial or monthly fee in order to set up your account. The additional services provided with these accounts will vary between each bank. Some banks will also offer a free, but more basic, account. Asking your bank for a posted monthly statement will also be helpful if you need to make an application to extend your student visa.
9. If you are expecting to receive money from overseas, you should also remember to ask what charges may apply and how long it will take for the money to be transferred into your account.

For more information on money matters, visit [salford.ac.uk/askus](http://salford.ac.uk/askus).

# STUDENT LIFE

We have yet to confirm teaching and student support arrangements for the 2021-22 academic year. Our hope is that we will be able to return to face-to-face learning for all programmes, however this is subject to UK government advice and may be a blended approach of face-to-face and online. We will provide further information nearer the time. Information will be available on the **Student Hub** – you will need your Salford username and password to access these pages.

## STUDENT WELCOME

Student Welcome is held on campus before your course starts, and will help you to settle in to life at Salford. Student Welcome is an opportunity to:

- / Meet the other students on your course and from across the University
- / Meet your tutors
- / Take a library tour
- / Join Student Union clubs and societies
- / Get advice on opening a bank account and registering with a doctor
- / Take a guided tour of the campus, the local area and Manchester city centre

## THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY

Based in Manchester, the International Society has been promoting international friendship and celebrating cultural diversity since 1966. It organises classes, social gatherings and outings across the UK. For more information, visit their [website](#).

Moving to a new country is an exciting time, and you will have lots of questions about life at the University of Salford. We will support you ahead of your arrival and throughout your stay to help you make the most of this wonderful experience.

## STUDENT SUPPORT

We are here to help you with questions you have about any aspect of university life. AskUS is our one-stop-shop if you need some extra support. We're here – in person, online and over the phone – to help you with life outside of lectures.

The University of Salford is committed to supporting all students and providing them with fair and equal access to their education.

Our AskUS advisors can give advice on everything from wellbeing to faith, diversity to learning difficulties, and more. You can also seek guidance from our Students' Union Advice Centre.

More information is available at [Student Support Services](#).

## STUDENTS' UNION

The University of Salford Students' Union (USSU), which is run independently from the University, is here to help you love your life at Salford. It is made up of student-elected representatives and provides:

- / Low cost meals in Atmosphere Kitchen and Bar
- / Academic support and advice at the Advice Centre
- / More than 100 different societies and sports teams
- / Social events such as club nights, cultural events, pub quizzes and more
- / NUS National Union of Students discount cards for high street shops and services.

More information is available at University of [Salford's Students' Union](#)

## RELIGIOUS SUPPORT

Manchester and Salford are highly diverse cities, where you will be able to practise your religion freely. Prayer facilities are available for you to use within the city and at the Faith Centre on our main campus, and most dietary requirements can be met.

Our Students' Union has a number of religious societies. Further details of student-led religious societies are available via: [Students' Union page](#).

## STUDY SUPPORT

To help you achieve the best results in your studies, you will be assigned an Exchange Coordinator from your course to provide you with regular academic advice and guidance. We also offer study skills sessions to help you adjust to studying in a new country and in a new language. For more information, visit [Skills for Learning](#).

## SAFETY AND SECURITY

We want you to feel safe at all times whilst you are on campus or at our partner accommodation sites. Many parts of the academic campus are served by CCTV cameras monitored 24 hours a day, and our award-winning University Security team can be contacted at any time. Staff and students also watch over the campus and each other as part of the Campuswatch scheme.

## MEDICAL SUPPORT

The University of Salford's AskUS team works in partnership with NHS services in the community to ensure that students receive the care and support they need while at Salford.

If you are living in one of our on campus accommodations or around the area of the university, you should register with the university's **Medical Centre** situated on the third floor of the Maxwell Building, Peel Park Campus.

For further information on other medical practices in the area, as well as hospitals and dental care visit [askUS](#).

## DISABILITY AND INCLUSION

Our AskUS advisors can support you and will ensure that the University fulfils its obligation in giving disabled students fair and equal access to their education. To find out how we can help and to have your support put in place, visit our 'Disability and Inclusion' page [Disability and Inclusion](#).

## LINGUISTIC SUPPORT

We offer a number of extra-curricular courses aimed to help you improve your academic English so that your academic work is of a great quality. The courses are all free of charge and open to students of all levels. For more information, visit our 'Learn English for Academic Purposes' page [English for Academic Purposes page](#).



# DOCUMENTS, VISA REQUIREMENTS AND CHECK-IN APPOINTMENTS

You will need a full passport in order to enter the UK. It is highly advisable that your passport is valid for the full duration of your study abroad period. We strongly recommend you also take photocopies of your documents in case you lose them in transit or while in the UK and keep these in a safe place. ID cards are no longer accepted. Please note that entry regulations have changed as a result of Brexit. Please visit the [UK Government website](#) for info.

International and EU students staying for one trimester only are required to enter the UK as a Visitor, or on a Student visa if they are planning to work whilst studying. International and EU students staying for a full academic year are required to obtain a Student visa before they travel to the UK. Please note: all International and EU students applying for a programme which might involve a work component (e.g. Performing Arts, Music, Fashion etc.) will be required to apply for a Student visa even if studying for one trimester only. For any further immigration assistance, please email [homeofficecompliance@salford.ac.uk](mailto:homeofficecompliance@salford.ac.uk).

To obtain a Student visa you will require a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) from the University of Salford.

You can find more information about visa types on the [Government website](#).

Any applicant wanting a CAS number so that they can apply for a Student visa will be required to provide a UKVI or Academic IELTS 6.0 overall (with no individual element below 5.5) or an alternative acceptable English Language qualification as listed on our [website](#).

As part of a Student visa application, you will be required to provide your CAS number. The University will send a draft CAS by email which you must check and confirm that the details are correct. Full instructions on this process will be detailed in the email that you will receive from us.

If you are applying for a Visitor visa, you do not need an English qualification for visa purposes. However, we might ask you to provide a valid English Language certificate in order to ensure that your language level reflects the expected standard for study at the University of Salford and the arrangements made with your home institution. Furthermore, all students undertaking an English programme e.g. English Language, English Literature etc., are required to submit a valid - not older than 2 years - C1 English language certificate.

It is important to note that if you intend to leave the UK for a holiday or to go home during your time at Salford, regardless of the visa type that you are here with, you are required to inform us and the Home Office Compliance Team otherwise your study/work abroad period could be compromised.

The Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) requires all international students subject to existing UK immigration permissions, who are applying to study for a postgraduate qualification in certain sensitive subjects, knowledge of which could be used in programmes to develop weapons of mass destruction (WMDs) or their means of delivery, to apply for an Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) certificate before they can study in the UK.

The requirement for an ATAS certificate applies to all students whose nationality is outside the European Economic Area (EEA) and Switzerland, irrespective of country of residence at the point of application. You need an ATAS certificate if you are an international student applying to study for a postgraduate qualification in the UK.

For more information, please visit [gov.uk](#)

Please note: details for registration and check-in are subject to UK government advice. We will provide further information nearer the time.



# ACCOMMODATION

Living on campus is a great way to really immerse yourself in student life, whilst giving you the peace of mind of having everything you need within easy reach.

All of our accommodation is managed through our partner Salford Student Village. Prices for accommodation in Manchester and Salford are more reasonable than London and many other UK cities, starting from £104.50 per week.

We strongly advise that you do not sign any contracts or make any payments for accommodation that you find online from overseas which you have not viewed in person. We strongly recommend booking temporary accommodation and look for something more permanent once in Salford. Our AskUS team will also help you find accommodation at their 'Find a Home' event during Early Arrivals/Welcome week.

## HOW TO APPLY

Our rooms are extremely popular and book up fast – but you can apply for a place as soon as you have your offer. For the latest information and prices, contact Salford Student Village through their [website](#).

## UNIVERSITY PARTNER ACCOMMODATION



### PEEL PARK QUARTER

Peel Park Quarter is our thriving student village in the heart of our main campus, offering you affordable luxury in a safe and secure environment. You'll be closer to your learning spaces, the library, Students' Union and campus shop. All rooms come with a desk, chair, and small double bed with under-bed storage.



### JOHN LESTER AND EDDIE COLMAN COURTS

John Lester and Eddie Colman courts are perfect if you're studying a nursing or health related course, as they're located next to our Frederick Road campus. It's also just a 15 minute walk from Peel Park, and a short free bus ride to MediaCityUK. All rooms come with a bed (single or double, depending on the room), wardrobe, desk, chair and storage heater.

### PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION

**Manchester Student Homes (MSH)** works in partnership with The University of Salford and provides help in finding private-rented accommodation. We advise that you do not sign any paperwork or pay any money until you have had the contract checked by staff at MSH. If you have any housing issues while living in Manchester or Salford, you can contact Manchester Student Homes on **+44 (0)161 275 7680** or visit our office for free, independent help and advice.

# HEALTH, SAFETY AND INSURANCE

## HEALTH:

If you are staying in the UK longer than 6 months, you need to pay the **immigration health surcharge** as part of your visa application. You may be eligible for a full or partial reimbursement if you meet the criteria.

If your course of study is less than 6 months, you do not need to pay the immigration health surcharge. If you have a valid EU-issued EHIC or are a Norwegian citizen with a valid Norwegian passport, you can access medically necessary treatment during your stay. For further info, please visit the **Government website**.

## SAFETY:

We pride ourselves on our students being able to study and socialise in a safe environment. The safety of all staff is also of paramount importance in support of our students. Our Security Services Team can be contacted on **+44(0) 161 295 3333** and can provide advice and assistance 24 hours a day.

We highly recommend visiting our **Crisis Support page** where you can find more details about various support and emergency services.

We also recommend all students download our free SafeZone app, for access to emergency or urgent assistance should you need it, first aid and the ability to report emergency incidents and concerns. For more information visit **salford.ac.uk/safezone**



## EMERGENCY NUMBERS IN THE UK:

**999** – This is the emergency number for police, ambulance, fire brigade, coastguard, cliff rescue, mountain rescue, cave rescue, etc. Note the important word 'EMERGENCY'. This number should be used only when urgent attendance by the emergency services is required, for example someone is seriously ill or injured, or a crime is in progress.

Calls are free, and 999 can be dialled from a locked mobile phone.

**101** – This is the number to call if you want to report a crime to the police but it's not an emergency. You can call the non-emergency number for vandalism, noisy neighbours, threatening and abusive behaviour, drunk or rowdy behaviour in public places, drug-related anti-social behaviour etc.

## INSURANCE:

You will be covered by the **University's public liability insurance** during your time in Salford. You will need to arrange for travel insurance which should include health and accident insurance. You will be required to provide evidence of this before coming to Salford. If you are living in privately rented accommodation, always check with your landlord or estate agency if you have tenants' insurance. This protects your possessions against theft and damage. We highly recommend you purchase your own if this is not provided as part of your contract.



# STUDYING AT SALFORD

## COURSES:

The University of Salford comprises the following Schools:

- / School of Arts, Media and Creative Technology
- / School of Science, Engineering and Environment
- / School of Health and Society
- / Salford Business School

As a visiting student joining the University of Salford for a short duration, you will be, in the majority of occasions, allowed to study the same modules that are available to our regular Salford students. However, some Schools may have restrictions in place due to the nature, duration and size of certain classes.



Your Exchange Coordinator will support you in choosing the right modules and ensure you will be studying at an appropriate level. This will be done in cooperation with your home institution.

British Undergraduate students take a maximum of 120 credits per year, the equivalent of 60 ECTS credits. Most modules or course units at undergraduate level are worth 20 or 10 UK credits.

It is important to discuss your course unit choices with your academic advisor at your home university to ensure that the courses you take at Salford are approved for credit transfer.



## LANGUAGE MODULES:

If you would like to study a language during your time at Salford, we offer the **University Wide Language Programme (UWLP)**. Through this programme, you can choose to learn Arabic, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Mandarin Chinese and Spanish.

# STUDYING AT SALFORD



## TEACHING:

Studying in the UK might be different to what you are used to in your home country. This is because the UK operates under different education systems and cultures.

Throughout your studies you will experience a variety of teaching methods:

**LECTURES:** they often involve a tutor/lecturer delivering a presentation or talk to a large group of students who are studying the same module/course.

**SEMINARS AND TUTORIALS:** they are usually delivered in a more informal manner to smaller groups of students. Whilst these are often led by a tutor, the format is more informal and you are usually expected to contribute to the lesson and participate in the discussion.

## LABORATORY AND PRACTICAL LEARNING:

aimed at enabling you to apply the skills and concepts you have acquired in a lecture/seminar/tutorial to a real-world situation. These sessions give students an insight into a working environment and a practical understanding of academic material taught on the course.

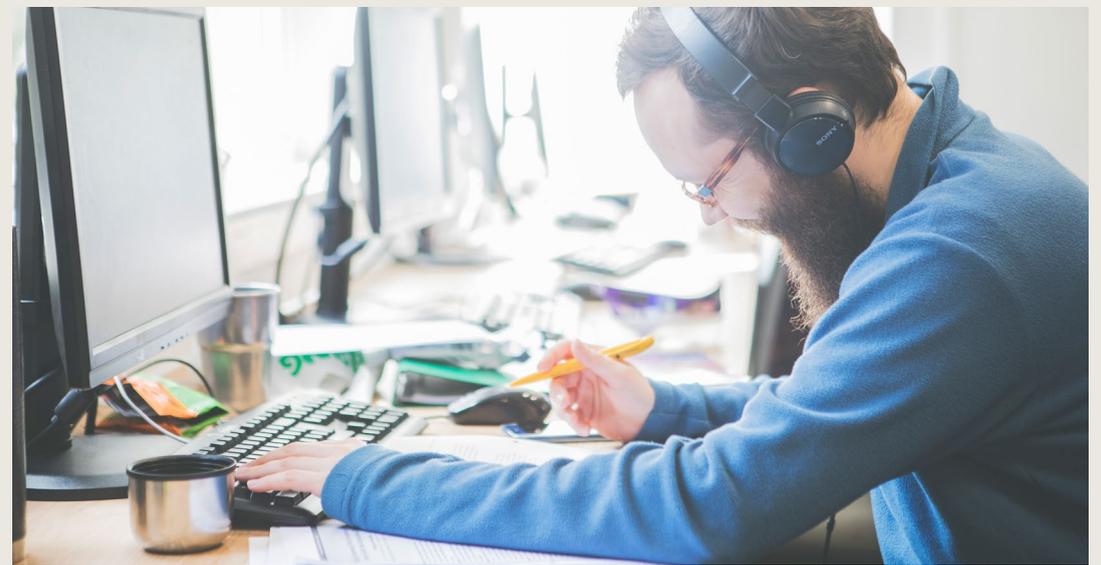
As a student, you are expected to undertake some independent study outside of your scheduled teaching hours. You will be totally responsible for your own learning and you will need to manage your time effectively. Thankfully, there are lots of resources available to help you. You will also be allocated an Exchange Coordinator who will meet with you regularly to discuss your academic progress and give you advice and support.



We have two library sites and several library spaces across our campus.

As a student of the University of Salford, you will be provided access to a wide range of resources for research and learning. You will have access to all our academic resources from a single interface, including more than 348,000 books, 33,000 e-journals and 592,000 e-books and several special collections and archives. More than 700 PCs are provided and 240 laptops are available for loan.

For more information, please visit our Library website at [salford.ac.uk/library](http://salford.ac.uk/library).



## IT ACCOUNT:

We will provide you with an IT account. This will enable you to access essential online services throughout your time with us.

During the online registration process, you will be provided with your Network ID and asked to create a Network Password. On completion of the process, an automated email will be sent to your personal email confirming all details. Please make sure you check the junk or spam folder in your email account. You will need your IT account details to access the

majority of our IT systems, including Blackboard (the University's virtual learning environment), the library catalogue, PCs and Wi-Fi.

If you experience technical issues with your Network ID, please contact **+44 (0)161 295 2444** during office hours or email [Digital-ITServiceDesk@salford.ac.uk](mailto:Digital-ITServiceDesk@salford.ac.uk).

For more information, visit our [website](#).

# CHECKLISTS

This checklist provides an overview of the things you need to think about ahead of joining us. Please continue to check your emails for the most up to date information.

## BEFORE YOU DEPART:

Here are some things you need to think about before leaving for the UK:

- Your travel document; make sure you hold a valid travel document and you also bring some photocopies. Please note that immigration rules are expected to change from 2021, therefore we highly recommend checking the official guidelines provided by **The U.K. government**
- Your visa: also make sure you bring original versions of the documents asked for in your offer letter
- Any other documents/forms you may need once you arrive at Salford (e.g. insurance documents, paperwork for your home university etc.)
- Finance: make sure you have enough funds to last for the duration of your stay; also remember to bring some UK currency with you to get you by until you set up your account here in the UK
- Registration: please make sure you have completed the required registration steps before arrival
- Your accommodation
- Specific support: please make sure you have made us aware of any specific support you may require so that we can advise you on the availability of support, facilities and funding arrangements, before you make arrangements to travel
- Insurance: take out travel insurance, including health and accident insurance
- Flights
- Travelling to Salford: plan how you will travel from your port of arrival in the UK to your accommodation, and from your accommodation to our campus
- Clothing: the weather in the UK is very variable and can be very cold in some months, so remember to pack clothes which are suitable for all seasons, especially the winter
- Paperwork for Salford: make sure you have completed and returned to us all the necessary documentation, e.g. flight details form, release of information form, etc - keep an eye on your emails!
- Visit the University of Salford **welcome website** for more tips on how to be prepared for your Salford experience

These are the things you need to do **when you arrive in the UK and during your first weeks at the University of Salford:**

## ON ARRIVAL:

- Contact your family and friends to inform them you have arrived safely
- Find out where your local supermarket is and buy some food
- Make sure you have the essentials for your new home (kitchen utensils, bedding etc)
- Familiarise yourself with emergency numbers and security services on campus

## DURING YOUR FIRST WEEK:

- Ensure you have completed your registration process and collect your ID card
- Make sure you have a campus map so you can orientate yourself around campus
- Find out about welcome week and course induction events
- Find out where the International Opportunities Team is located - come say hi!
- Contact the International Opportunities Team if you need any paperwork signed for your home institution and/or you have any questions
- Find out where your Exchange Coordinator's office is located
- Finalise your learning agreement with your Exchange Coordinator (if applicable)
- Discover the various facilities on campus, for example the Sports Centre and the Faith Centre
- Learn about what the Students' Union has to offer
- Find out how the AskUS Team can support you
- Find out how to travel to/from your accommodation to the University buildings where your classes will be based
- Open a UK bank account
- Register with a doctor
- Register with the police** (if applicable)

**Please note:** all information in this handbook is valid at the time of writing (June 2022).



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