

Welcome everybody!



General Q&A - What Happens Next?





What we'll cover ...

- What happens on Results Day?
- The Clearing process
- Finance and budgeting
- Accommodation and Commuting
- Support and Wellbeing
- Social life
- Welcome, Registration and Induction
- Further resources
- Q&A



Where are we in the cycle?

- Main cycle is finished
- Applicants have made their firm and insurance choices
- Results day is coming
 - A-levels & BTEC results on Thursday 17 August
- Being prepared for the next few weeks
 - UCAS embargo
 - Updating contact information so important!





What to expect on Results Day



What happens on Results Day?

- If you don't currently have your results, you need to wait until Results Day to apply for Clearing (If you already have your results, you can call us now!)
- You will get your results from your School, Sixth Form or College
- You will receive an update on UCAS regarding your firm offer, and whether you have been accepted
- We will also contact you if your offer from us has been successful
- If you have been rejected from your firm offer, or no longer wish to study with your firm institution, then you can apply to us through Clearing
- Our phone lines will be open from 7.30am-7pm on Thursday 17 August, so you can give us a call and we can process an application. You should receive your results around 8am.
- You can also fill out an application online: https://www.salford.ac.uk/clearing/apply-online



What to expect on Results Day?

- Which qualifications do we receive?
 - A-levels
 - BTECs
 - Access courses (already)
 - Scottish Highers (already)
- We do not receive GCSEs
- Check UCAS Hub







Clearing



What is Clearing?

Clearing matches applicants to university places that are yet to be filled. It's available to anyone who has made a UCAS Undergraduate application and doesn't hold any offers. It opened on 5 July and you can apply through Clearing if:

- You haven't received any offers, or none you want to accept
- You've changed your mind
- You didn't meet the conditions of your offers
- You've declined your firm place using the 'decline my place' button in your application

Courses in Clearing aren't just the ones nobody wants – there are many reasons why courses are still available.



How does the process work?

- Do your research. Look for vacancies on the <u>UCAS website</u>.
- Once you've found a course, check you meet the entry requirements and give us a call to make your application with the clearing advisor.
- If you have applied through UCAS and we make you an offer, add the Clearing choice in your application.

 Click 'Add Clearing choice' and fill in the course details
- You can only add one choice at a time, but if the university/college doesn't confirm your place, you'll be able to add another.
- If you haven't applied through UCAS, in the main cycle, you will be sent instructions on how to complete your application.
- Check out our <u>Clearing process presentation</u> here.



What is the Early Access Club?

We've created the Early Access Club to explain and simplify Clearing, making it easier for you to find a course you'll love. You will receive:

- A dedicated phone number to reach us on, giving you priority access to our Clearing team
- News about our campus tours and other events, so you can learn more about studying at Salford
- Regular, myth-busting emails about the Clearing process
- Ongoing support in the run-up to results day

https://www.salford.ac.uk/clearing/early-access-club





Finance and budgeting



Finance FAQs

Tuition fees

- UG courses cost £9250 per year
- Can apply for a Tuition Fee Loan to cover the whole amount
- Paid directly to the University by Student Finance

Maintenance loans

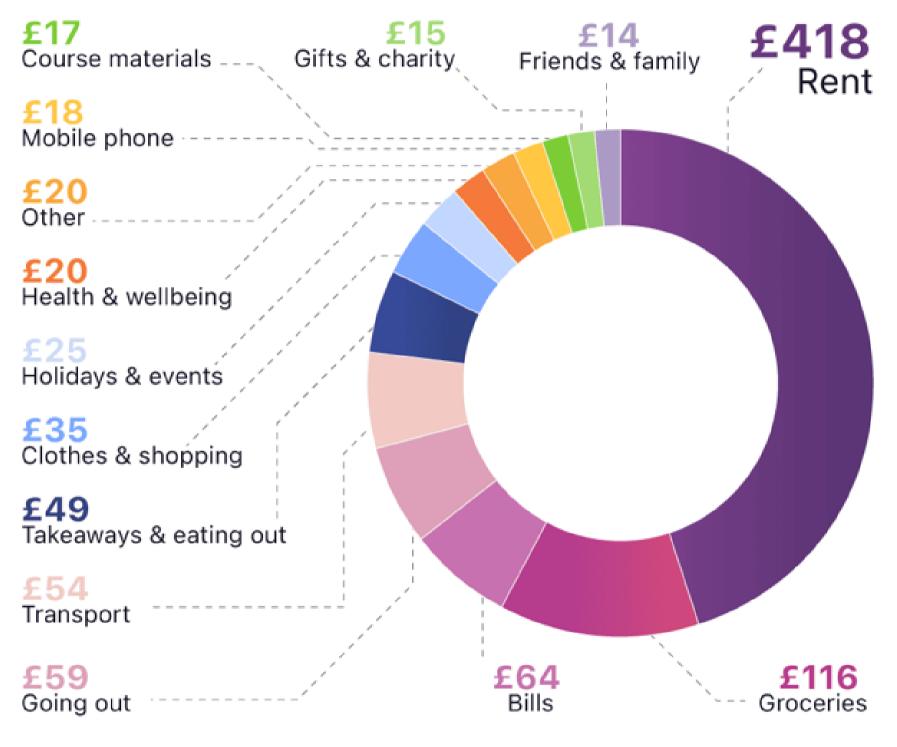
- Variable contribution to living costs
- Dependent on personal circumstances
- Paid in 3 instalments to student's bank account
- Used for accommodation, travel and student life!



- Use this site to estimate Maintenance Loans and Extra Funding for you: www.gov.uk/student-finance-calculator
- You will get 33% of the Maintenance Loan in September, 33% in January and 34% in April



Average monthly student spend







Start planning before you get here!



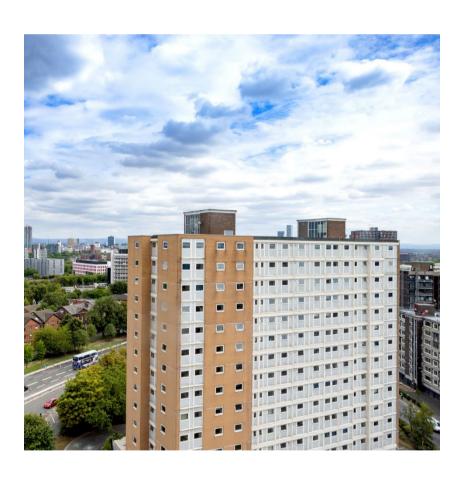


Accommodation and commuting



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- Peel Park Quarter on campus
- John Lester/Eddie Colman about ten minutes' walk away
- Move in dates from the 4 September
- Still looking?
 - Expect there to be a lot of churn in the next few weeks
 - Manchester Student Homes
- Commuting
 - Getting here www.salford.ac.uk/travel
 - Commuter hubs and facilities





• Check out our **Accommodation and Commuting presentation** for more information



Accommodation FAQs

Living off campus

Many of our students decide to live off campus and there are loads of other options to find a great place to live.
 Manchester Student Homes offer a wide range of accommodation options from student halls to apartments and family Common room homes. They offer free house hunting advice, keep you informed of your rights as a private tenant and only promote accommodation providers that meet their strict Code of Standards.
 www.manchesterstudenthomes.com

Help and support with accommodation

• If, for whatever reason, a student has not been able to find a place to live, if they're having problems with their landlord, their house or anything else accommodation-related, our askUS student support team can help. Contact them at askUS@salford.ac.uk

Commuting from home

• We have various transport options to get to our campus. Salford Crescent train station is right in the centre of Peel Park and Frederick Road campuses, as well as the 50 bus which gets you down to MediaCity for free with a student card. We also have a large amount of parking and cycling spaces if you prefer to drive or cycle in.





Support and wellbeing



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Tutors

• Bookable appointments and easily contactable via email/Teams

Library student support – open 24/7

• Support with research techniques, literacy and numeracy courses and acareferencing

Students' Union

Completely independent – as well as societies, also provides advice and p
peer support through the Rafiki service

Student Progression Administrators

 School-specific academic support and through your academic journey at Salford askUS Student Support Team

- Anything and everything you might need help with around your course: wellbeing, counselling, faith, support for carers, careers, parents and more. Includes the Inspire scheme of £150 per year
- Check out our <u>Support, Disability and Wellbeing presentation</u>
 for more information



Student Progression Administrators (SPA)









- askUS is a One-Stop Shop for Non-Academic Enquiries at the University of Salford.
- Made up of lots of different teams such as **Wellbeing and Counselling**, **Disability and Learner Support**, **Careers**, **Accommodation Support** and the **Money Advice and Funds Service**.
- Provide practical advice and emotional support throughout time at university
- Based in University House
- Check out our Support, Disability and Wellbeing presentation for more information





Social life



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- In addition to lectures, seminars, workshops and practical sessions, there are plenty of extra-curricular activities students can get involved in.
- With the Students' Union, our students can join a range of student-run societies, from debating to dancing, radio to rambling; there's something to suit all.
- We also have a large sports centre in the heart of campus, where students can take part in exercise classes, swimming sessions, work out in the gym or enjoy a game of badminton with friends.



















Social life

Tips before starting University:

- Join our Applying to University Official University of Salford Facebook Group 2023
- Follow us on social media to get more of an idea of what we're about!
- Take a look across Instagram to see what places you're excited to visit in Salford/Manchester
- Check out our <u>Finding your Community presentation</u> for more tips!





Welcome, Registration and Induction





Registration Deadlines

- 21 August: online registration opens you will receive an email invitation when you can register
- 08 September: our recommended registration deadline. You should ensure you are registered by this date
 where at all possible as your induction activities will require you to have access to our University systems
- **11 September:** induction activities commence. During this week, you can pick up your student card from University House (Mon-Fri, 9-5)
- 18 September: first official week of teaching
- 1 October: the last date you can register. *However*, this is a Sunday, so if you need help the last day is **Friday**29 September
- If for any reason you feel you will be unable to register on time, you should contact registration@salford.ac.uk



What's next?

- Look out for your Invitation to Register email with your student ID, PIN and more details on how to register. Registration enables you to access our IT and learning systems and allows us to gather the crucial administrative information we need from you as a Salford student.
- Once you're registered, its time for you to get to know your school, your course and your course-mates. Your induction will prepare you with the necessary information and support to help you hit the ground running.
- Work through <u>StartSmart</u>. Our guidance from support teams, tips and tricks from Salford graduates and information on how to settle into university life.
- Join in on the fun! Welcome Week is taking place from 11–15 September and it's the perfect opportunity to make new friends, join a society and get to know the University.



Welcome Week activities

- Welcome Week starts on Monday 11 September
- Activities to help you get settled in, meet your teaching staff, learn more about your course, make friends, and have a fun-filled start to life at the University of Salford.
- Essential induction activities focused on academic life and meeting your 2024 cohort!
- Other events include bungee jumps, bandeoke, wellbeing walks and much more





Checklist for new students

Make sure your funding is in place

https://www.salford.ac.uk/askus/topics/money/
tuition-fees

Confirm your accommodation

https://www.salford.ac.uk/accommodation

Get familiar with our systems

https://www.salford.ac.uk/skills/it-skills

Get to know our different teams

https://www.salford.ac.uk/welcome/nice-to-meet-you

Register with a GP

https://www.visualproductions.org.uk/salford/reg.html

Plan your journey

https://tfgm.com/plan-a-journey#/ https://www.salford.ac.uk/travel

Read our glossary for new students

https://www.salford.ac.uk/welcome/on-campus/checklist-for-new-students/glossary-for-new-students

For more information: https://www.salford.ac.uk/welcome/on-campus/checklist-for-new-students





Further resources



Previous Countdown to September sessions – still available to watch!

- Student Support, Disability and Wellbeing
- Live at Salford: Accommodation and Commuting
- Settling into Salford: Finding your Community
- Settling into Salford: How to Budget
- Student Support: Overcoming Challenges
- Applying to University: The Clearing Process

www.salford.ac.uk/undergraduate/countdown-to-september



Student Finance contact details

Create an account: https://www.gov.uk/student-finance-register-login

- Telephone: 0300 100 0607
- Social media @SF_England (Twitter) and @SFEngland (Facebook)
- Live chat or messaging through your online account

Wales

www.studentfinancewales.co.uk / 0300 200 4050

Northern Ireland www.studentfinanceni.co.uk / 0300 100 0077

Scotland www.saas.gov.uk / 0300 555 0505



Useful budgeting links

www.salford.ac.uk/askus/topics/money/budgeting-and-managing-your-money - Salford's budgeting section of the

www.moneysavingexpert.com/students/ - Advice from Martin Lewis

mybudget.salford.ac.uk/ - interactive budgeting tool from Salford

studentfinance.campaign.gov.uk/ - more information on Student Finance

www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/mature-students/student-finance-mature-students -

different types of funding and options for mature learners

www.ucas.com/sfe - information on UCAS

www.gov.uk/student-finance-calculator - Student Finance calculator to estimate loans and extra funding

www.ucas.com/finance/managing-money/budget-calculator – UCAS budget calculator

www.savethestudent.org/money/student-budgeting/student-budget-calculators.html - Save the Student 'best of'

list

website

Check out our <u>Budgeting presentation</u> for more information









Thank you!

Does anybody have any questions?

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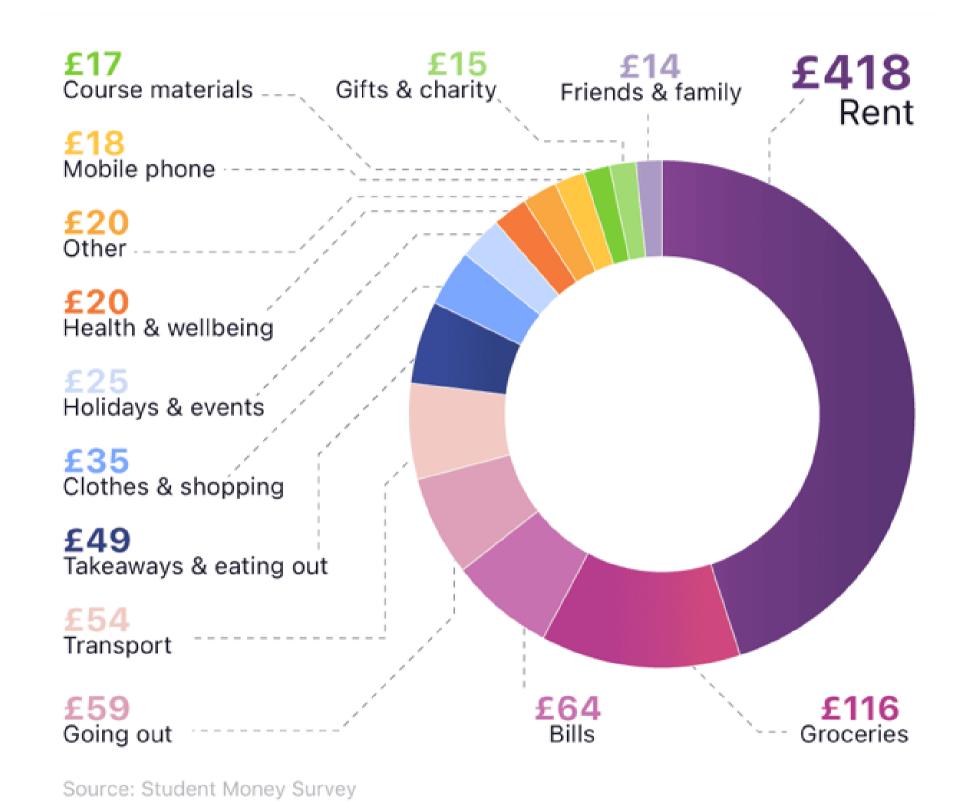


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Average monthly student spend





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