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2024/25



Welcome

to UoB Manchester

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Welcome to *Manchester*



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Introduction

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to UoB Manchester, and the beginning of your journey in Higher Education.

Our highly experienced academic and professional staff will work with you to help you achieve your full potential and accomplish your career goals. Make the most of your time with us by participating fully in our Employability Scheme, learning community, student societies, and Students'

Union, to maximise your educational experience. The more time and effort that you put into your education, the more you will benefit – education creates opportunities for your future. We are here to encourage, help, and support you on that journey and we wish you every success.

Here at UoB Manchester we are committed to providing you with skills for life, and I look forward to welcoming you to our learning community.

Andrew Johnson - Dean at UoB Manchester



Watch this video and join us on an exciting journey to discover campus life at the University of Bolton Manchester (UOBM)!



Key Dates.

We operate in trimesters – (1) September, (2) January, (3) May

- You are starting in trimester 1, which is September - December 2024
- Your next trimester is January - April 2025



September

Trimester 1 Welcome Week	Monday 16th September - Friday 20th September 2024
Trimester 1 Teaching	Monday 23rd September - Friday 13th December 2024
Trimester 1 Examinations	Thursday 2nd January - Tuesday 7th January 2025



January

Trimester 2 Teaching	Monday 20th January - Friday 11th April 2025
Trimester 2 Examinations	Monday 28th April - Friday 2nd May 2025



Holidays

Christmas	Monday 16th December 2024 - Friday 3rd January
Easter	Monday 14th April - Friday 25th April 2025

Accessing UoBM

Our modern campus, a few minutes walk from Oxford Road, is newly opened and contains contemporary state-of-the-art facilities. The site is situated in a prime location within the student hub of Manchester, with shops, cafes and restaurants close by.

You will have the opportunity to explore this exciting city in your spare time and experience all the culture embedded in this diverse and evergrowing centre of the North-West.

- Victoria (26 mins by bus or train)
- St Peters Square (26 minutes walk)
- Piccadilly (29 minutes walk or 19 minutes bus ride)
- Manchester Oxford Road Station (22 minutes walk or 10 minutes bus ride)

By bus

Manchester's buses are a popular and cheap way of getting around the city. Oxford Road hosts several bus stops where schedules are very frequent and well connected to the rest of the city. The nearest bus stop to the UoB Manchester campus is located on Oxford Road, stop E. You can catch any of the 142 or 143 busses for just £2.

By train

One of the city's main train stations, Oxford Road is very close to the university. Also, easily accessible by a short bus ride or walk is Manchester Piccadilly, which serves as Manchester's primary train station and is well connected to all regions of the UK.

By tram

Manchester's tram service, the Metrolink, runs through the city and outer areas of Manchester such as Didsbury, Chorlton and the Trafford Centre. Catch the tram from the nearest station at St.Peter's Square.



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With a campus in the heart of Manchester offering you unprecedented access to a host of potential employers and career opportunities, UoBM is the perfect place for you to build the skills and gain the knowledge which will propel you to a successful career. Our commitment and focus on academic quality, delivered by our experienced academics, will ensure you enjoy an excellent learning experience.

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Andrew Johnson - Dean at UoBM

Teaching delivery

Delivery



All students will have a 2-days a week class timetable. Outside of classes, you will have homework and self-directed study to complete.

You will be required to attend classes on campus for two days each week. Your timetable will be accessible through the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE).

Our university places great importance on providing a first class learning experience for our students. To achieve this, we strongly believe in the value of face-to-face teaching and fostering interactions within a classroom setting.



Timetable Procedure.

Morning Lecture (AM)
10:00 – 13:00

Lunch Break
13:00 PM - 14:00 PM

Afternoon Lecture (PM)
14:00 – 17:00





Attendance



Attendance

Once you have completed your online registration task you will be able to view your on-campus timetable and will be enrolled in the VLE's attendance system. You are expected to attend all classes on your timetable on-campus, this will enable you to gain a full learning experience, as you will be able to develop ideas and skills with other students and be physically aware in lectures and seminars.

Time to log your attendance:

AM Sessions: between 09:55-10:30

PM Sessions: between 13:55-14:30

As a student, you are responsible for making sure your attendance is up-to-date and accurate. If you believe you are having a technological issue with your attendance, you can enquire about your attendance record by making an attendance enquiry through VLE. Simply login to the VLE, select 'My Forms' and then select 'Attendance Enquiry'.

Attendance enquiry details must include the date, session (AM, PM) and any additional information you would like the attendance team to investigate. Once you have submitted your attendance enquiry, you will receive a response within five to ten working days.



How to mark attendance

Sign into the VLE from the UoBM website: manchester.bolton.ac.uk

- Click on the module that you're attending on campus.
- Click on the "In Class Attendance"

You **MUST** connect to UoBM WI-FI to use this service.

Please note your attendance will be updated **ONLY** if you click this link on the day of your lesson between the times shown below whilst physically attending the lesson in the classroom

If you join your class after 10:30/14:30, your attendance will not be recorded, and you will be marked as absent.

Travel bursary



We offer a Travel Bursary for those students who have been actively engaging with both their face-to-face and online learning, have submitted /attempted all assessments and achieve a minimum 90% attendance rate. Eligible students can receive a payment of £250 for each semester, with the opportunity of receiving up to £500 per academic year.

Getting UoBM ready

We want you to have everything you need to get started with us. Our website features a comprehensive FAQ page, covering everything from academic submission to student benefits and financial support.

Get all your questions answered about studying with us at manchester.bolton.ac.uk/about-us/contact-us/faqs



Timetable

One of the many advantages of studying at UoBM is our unique two-day timetable.

All of our undergraduate students benefit from a timetable that spreads all of the modules over two days a week. This is beneficial to you as you are able to undertake part-time work or other additional activities.

It is unlikely for your timetable to change every trimester however, any change in the timetable will be communicated to students prior to the commencement of a new study term. Students who fail modules which they are required to retake will have to attend on more than two days.



Student Email

Your student email can be accessed via our main website and on the myUoBM app. This will be our first port of communication for you so it is essential that you check this frequently.



The VLE

Your **VLE** will allow you to access your module pages, each of which will contain all the module materials.

The VLE will also provide you with access to helpful information regarding all aspects of university life, including:

- Access to forms:
 - Council Tax Letter
 - Bank Letter
 - Embassy Letter
- Academic Integrity Advice
- Learning Resources Centre
- Regulations, Rules and Policies
- Student Handbook
- Wellbeing
- Employability Awards.



myUoBM App

The myUoBM App will enhance your online learning and ensure all of your learning platforms are easily accessible to you. The myUoBM App can be downloaded from the App store for Apple devices and from the Google play store for Android devices. You will be able to access core university resources, personalised Online Learning resources and will receive notifications and updates about your university life.

Student timetable

- View your timetable

Student services on the go

- Attendance
- ID Card
- UoBM News
- Letters

Online learning

- Check your module completion progress
- Access your VLE on the go
- Lecture notes
- Assignments

Student Outlook email access

- Access and send emails from your student email

UoBM Library

- Search the library for books e-books, journals, videos and more.



Download for iPhone



Download for Android



The Bookshelf

You can use The Bookshelf to search library books, e-books, e-journals, videos and more.

The Bookshelf is a key tool for building digital research skills.

You can access The Bookshelf via the VLE. You will be shown how to access the library in class.

Student Platform Details

Student email

Username: _____ @bolton.ac.uk

Password: _____ *Password to be sent via e-mail*

Your UoBM username and email are:

Username (provided by UOB during the enrolment task) + @bolton.ac.uk

myUoBM App and VLE

Username: _____ (VLE number)

Password: *Your 6 Digit D.o.B*

Forgotten your login details? Contact the iCentre or Learning Resource Centre for further assistance:

iCentre@manchester.bolton.ac.uk

Learningresources@manchester.bolton.ac.uk

Your academic year

Your 1st Trimester starts

September

1. First week of classes (Week 1)
2. Review your timetable for the upcoming Trimester
3. Download recommended apps and follow UoBM social media accounts
4. Download e-books via The Bookshelf
5. Apply for student benefits



October - November

1. Module Evaluation Survey
2. Publication of exam timetable
3. Begin to prepare for any upcoming assessments



December

1. Module Evaluation Survey
2. Examination week Thursday 2nd January - Tuesday 7th January 2025

Your 2nd Trimester starts

January

1. First week of classes (week 1)
2. Download e-books via The Bookshelf
3. Utilise learning resources from VLE, Digital Library and the Learning Resource Centre
4. Prepare for assessments
5. Publication of exam timetable (Week 7)



February - March

1. Participate in the Module Evaluation Survey
2. Prepare for assessments



April

1. Examination week Monday 28th April - Friday 2nd May 2025

Get UoBM Ready Checklist

- Take a note of all your login details for student e-mail, VLE, The Bookshelf, Digital Library & check your personal timetable
- Download myUoBM App
- Apply for your railcard
- Apply for your student benefits
- Review the academic calendar
- Download core reading for modules



Support Whilst you study



Our Student Services Team is here to support you and can help you throughout your studies at UoBM.



Employability Service

UoBM is committed to preparing students to equip themselves with the necessary knowledge, understanding of industry, self-reflective skills and professional attitudes to be employable graduates. UoBM students are challenged to develop their work ethic, tune their analytical and problem-solving abilities and make their ambitions a reality.

Here at UoBM we take great pride in giving students the tools to prepare for the world of work with the necessary academic knowledge, industry exposure and those all-important transferable skills. We strive to make sure students are prepared to enter the workplace with a number of different initiatives and services that we have on campus.

This includes:

- Giving you advice and helping you find the right career, course, or training route to enable you to progress into rewarding graduate employment or postgraduate education.
- Helping you understand the skills, values, beliefs, ambitions, and experience you already have that will meet the specification for ideal job roles.
- Identifying gaps in your knowledge, training, and experience required for your dream role.
- Equipping you with confidence-building skills to develop your business networking, online presence, and career opportunities.

We have an in-house Employability Team who work in-person and online to offer you practical help, with a range of employability services to enable you to be your best and fulfil your career potential.

Industry Exposure

Explore Career Routes & Destinations:

We host employers and key professionals from a range of sectors who speak to students about their career journey, their companies, tips on how to secure a graduate job after university, so this means you will be able to gain insight from the professionals in your chosen industry. Occasionally they are actively recruiting, so come along and you might just secure your next role.

Careers Coaching;

1 to 1 and group sessions to improve your skills and confidence.

- Exploring your next steps
- Career planning
- Gaining work experience
- Job application support
- Interview preparation
- PG study questions
- CV building and review

To contact our employability team, you can send an email to Employability@manchester.bolton.ac.uk



**EMPLOYABILITY
TEAM**

Advancing Careers



Personal Tutor

At UoBM your personal tutor (PT) will be allocated to you at the very start of your degree. It is important to take note of their name and contact details as you may need to reach them in the near future. Your PT can provide you with advice on your academic progress and give you guidance on how to maximise your opportunities at UoBM. Your PT will also help you ease into university life and will make it as comfortable for you as possible so that you adapt better to your new surrounds and get the relevant help where needed from the relevant department. If there are queries your PT can't help you with themselves, you will be directed you to the right department. Your PT can be reached via email.

Name of Personal Tutor (PT):

Contact Email:



Students' Union

Welcome to UoBM Students' Union! If you are a student at UoBM, you are automatically a member. We value every one of our students here and want to ensure students' interests and welfare are fully represented. We are a registered charity, an entirely independent organisation committed to ensuring we meet the needs of our students.

Our Student's Union is part of the National Union of Students (NUS). We work to promote our Student Voice and to ensure that there are opportunities for all students.

There is a Student Union's Advice Unit available to students throughout their studies. The Advice Unit offers impartial and confidential advice to all students on a wide range of issues such as Appeals, or Mitigating Circumstances, as well as on issues such as money concerns or housing matters.



iCentre

The iCentre is here to make sure your student experience at UoBM is enjoyable, by dedicating the time and effort to make sure you are informed on all areas of student life.

The iCentre can assist you with student discounts, official student letters, attendance cards, submission support and technical challenges.

You can contact the iCentre via email at iCentre@manchester.bolton.ac.uk



Finance Department

At UoBM, we have a dedicated Finance Department who are here to help to resolve all of your finance-related queries. The Finance Department can help assist with queries related to loans, grants, Disabled Student Allowance and much more. They can be contacted via email.

You can contact the finance department via email at Finance@manchester.bolton.ac.uk





Student Finance Confirmation

All eligible students can receive a Tuition Fee Loan and a Maintenance Loan to help cover finances over the duration of their studies.

It can take up to six weeks to process an application, depending on how quickly you can gather the correct information required.

Once your application has been approved and you have completed your registration, the university will send Student Finance a registration confirmation and an attendance confirmation. Once confirmation has been sent to Student Finance, you should receive your payment within 3-5 working days.

To ensure you have completed all the necessary steps for Student Finance Confirmation, please ensure you have completed the following;

- Registered on VLE
- Provided an up to date copy of your Passport with your application
- Attended Welcome Week
- Completed UoB enrolment task.



Travel Bursary

We are aware that some student costs can be significant, even with the discounts available to them. This is why we offer a Travel Bursary for those students who have been actively engaging with both their face-to-face and online learning, have submitted /attempted

all assessments and achieve a minimum 90% attendance rate. Eligible students can receive a payment of £250 for each semester, with the opportunity of receiving up to £500 per academic year. You can read the full terms and conditions of the Travel Bursary on our website.

 **£500 bursary available per academic year.**



Learning Resource Centre

The Learning Resource Centre (LRC) provides online and onsite support for students. Such as:

- Zoom
- Moodle/Online Learning
- The Bookshelf
- Digital Library,
- Office 365 download and other technical support.

The Learning Resource Team are available online through Zoom live support. The LRC also run IT workshops in Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. As well as online, the team is also available on-site at the Learning Resource Centre. Learningresources@manchester.bolton.ac.uk



Disability and Inclusion Team

Our Disability and Inclusion team is a dedicated support service for students who have disabilities, long term medical, mental health conditions, and/or learning difficulties. We implement reasonable adjustments for students to ensure that no one is disadvantaged during their studies.

Reasonable adjustments are support strategies that we put in place for specific assessments, and in some cases, during your lectures depending on the students needs.

The Disability and Inclusion Team can also advise you about Disabled Student's Allowance (DSA) and whether you are eligible to apply for it. If you have already been approved for DSA, the Disability and Inclusion Team can implement necessary adjustments for you as outlined by your study needs assessment. We can also provide information about other benefits you can receive if you have been recently diagnosed with a disability, long-term health condition or learning difficulty.

If you would like to get in touch with the Disability and Inclusion team, please email us on disabilityandinclusion@manchester.bolton.ac.uk.

All our services within the Wellbeing Department are based on a confidential 'need to know' basis. 'Need to know' is the sharing of sufficient information with key selected people involved in your support. In exceptional circumstances, your personal information may have to be shared without your personal consent, only if it is urgent or you are unable to give the consent. Your information will be kept confidentially in paper and electronic records in accordance with The Data Protection Act (2018) and General Data Protection Regulation (2018).





Wellbeing Team

At UoBM, we want your time here to be an enjoyable experience, however, we recognise that sometimes individuals may experience health and or wellbeing issues. Our Wellbeing team offers two types of support, namely Wellbeing Advisory Service and Counselling Service.

Student Advisors

Our Wellbeing Student Advisors are here to support you through any wellbeing difficulties. Our advisors will listen to your needs and will work with you to devise a plan of support. If you would like to discuss your wellbeing needs further or wish to access a Wellbeing Advisor, please self-refer by emailing us.

Counselling Service

Additionally, we offer a professionally qualified Counselling service, providing a safe space to talk through any emotional difficulties or life challenges you may be experiencing. Students can self-refer to the service by contacting us. This includes issues such as:

- low mood and anxiety
- bereavement,
- low self-esteem
- family or relationship difficulties

studentwellbeing@manchester.bolton.ac.uk



Student benefits

Once you become a student, you are entitled to numerous benefits to assist you with student life. You can find our student benefits providers in our FAQs.

Being a student in Manchester entitles you to various travel discounts, from student rail cards to discounts on retailers. With a Student Railcard you are eligible to up to 1/3 off your travel costs. For mature students, you will need to request a 'To Whom It May Concern' letter through your VLE and send this with your application.



As a student, you are also eligible for:

- UNiDAYS
- TOTUM Student Beans
- Council Tax Exemption
- SCONUL - British Library
- Amazon Prime
- Spotify
- EE Mobile
- Vodafone Mobile
- International Student Identity Card
- Save the Student
- Free Microsoft Office
- Student Beans



Discover Manchester

Welcome to Manchester

Manchester has grown exponentially within the last decade and has earned its title as an economic epicentre both within the UK and internationally. In terms of culture, the city thrives with global reputations for music, hospitality and sport to name but a few. The city has a rich history for students to explore, with many museums, art galleries and seasonal events to cater to a wide variety of interests.

To get started, we recommend visiting:

Whitworth Art Gallery:

Explore contemporary and historic art in Whitworth Park.

Chinatown:

Enjoy diverse cuisines and cultural vibes in Manchester's Chinatown.

Science and Industry Museum:

Discover Manchester's rich industrial history.

Castlefield Urban Heritage Park:

Relax in a picturesque area with canals, Roman ruins, green spaces and the iconic Castlefield Bowl.

Aflecks Palace and the Northern Quarter

Shop for unique items, vintage clothes and crafts.

Useful information

At UoBM, we like to stay connected with all of our students and alumni. Whether it be events taking place in and around the university, or general useful information, we want to make sure that the information is accessible to all.

If you do have any social media enquiries, or suggestions, please feel free to visit the iCentre at your convenience.

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Key Contacts



The team around each UoBM student

iCentre

iCentre@manchester.bolton.ac.uk

Professional support

Employability

Employability@manchester.bolton.ac.uk

Technical Support Team

Learningresources@manchester.bolton.ac.uk

Specialist personal support

Wellbeing, Disability & Inclusion team

Studentwellbeing@manchester.bolton.ac.uk

Disabilityandinclusion@manchester.bolton.ac.uk

Director Of Studies

DoS@manchester.bolton.ac.uk

Economic support

Finance Department

Finance@manchester.bolton.ac.uk



Numbers

Main Switch Board

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