

INTO»MANCHESTER

From Manchester to the best UK universities. Guaranteed.

International student guide



Your strengths. Your ambitions. The right university for you.

Welcome to INTO Manchester – your guaranteed route to a top UK university.

We're an INTO Choice centre, which means you don't need to commit to a university or degree before starting your pathway programme. Instead, you'll have time to settle into UK life and explore your options with our expert team first.

There's even the opportunity to visit different campuses before you decide. Our central, well-connected location makes it easy to travel across the UK.

Your success is our priority – and we'll help you achieve it at the perfect university for you.

First stop, Manchester. Next stop, success.

Guarantee your place at a wide range of top universities across the NCUK network. Plus, our qualifications are recognised by many other institutions, so the opportunities are endless.



Choice of leading universities

35+ NCUK universities, including:

- > World top 100 universities¹.
- > Members of the Russell Group – the UK's leading research-intensive institutions.



Guaranteed entry

Successfully complete your INTO Manchester pathway programme to guarantee your place at an NCUK university.



Top student location

Study in Manchester – UK top 4, world top 40 student city².



Academic success

- > 83% of our students secured a place at one of their top choice universities³.
- > 93% of our students go on to achieve a 1st or 2:1⁴.
- > 70% go on to achieve a 1st⁴.

¹ QS World University Rankings 2026

² QS Best Student Cities 2026

³ Based on INTO Manchester students continuing to their 1st or 2nd choice university, Student Progression Data 2022/23 and 2023/24

⁴ NCUK Outcomes Data 2023

Discover Manchester

Bold, creative and full of opportunities, Manchester is a city where you can achieve anything. One of the UK's top 4 student cities¹, it offers iconic music, diverse culture and a community spirit like no other.

90% of students feel safe and secure in Manchester

(INTO Annual Student Experience Survey 2024)

Why students love Manchester

Culture and creativity

From world-class football and groundbreaking music to street art, museums and shopping.

Diverse and welcoming

One of the world's top 5 friendliest cities for non-native people
(Preply's Community Spirit Index 2024)

Career connections

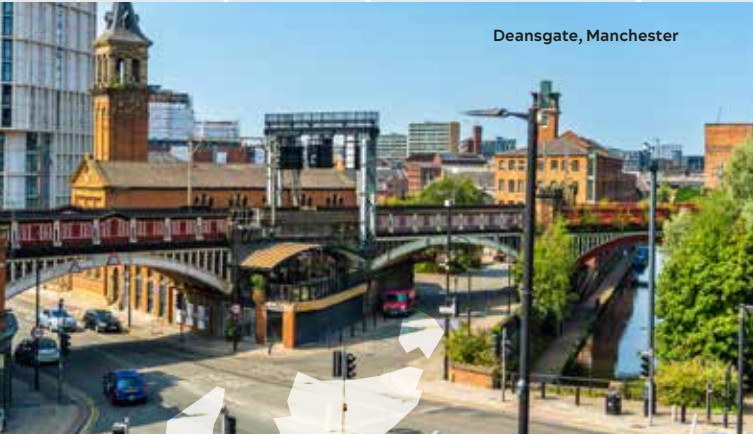
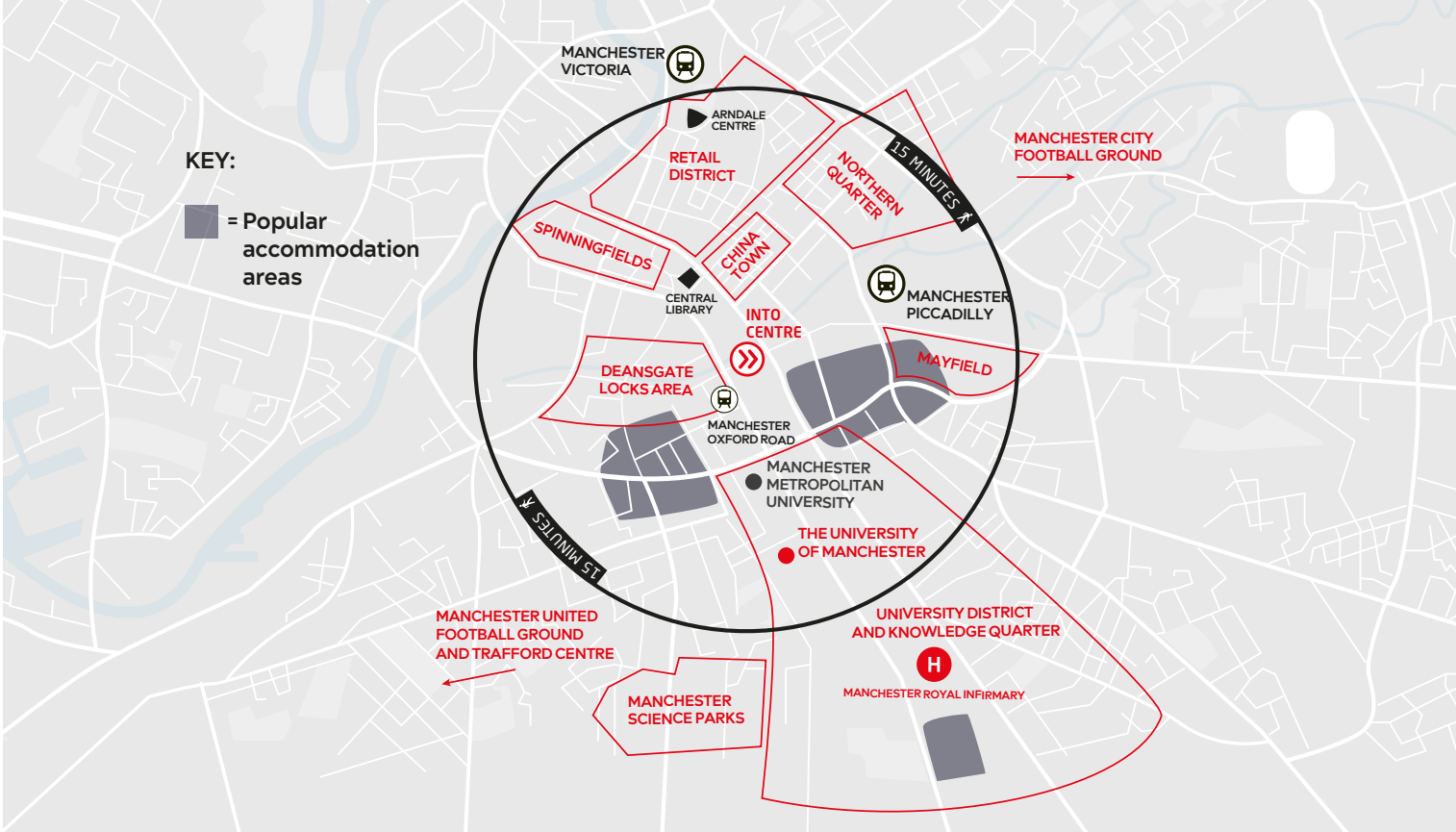
Once the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution. Now the UK's largest and fastest-growing economy outside London.
(Manchester City Council 2023)

The Manchester buzz

Famous for its worker bee symbol, the city is a 'hive of activity' built on hard work and togetherness.



Learn more about life in Manchester, including living costs: intostudy.com/into-manchester/living



Exploring your options

Manchester's excellent transport links make it easy to travel across the UK. Many other top student cities are just 2 hours or less away by train, including London, Leeds, York, Birmingham, Durham, Liverpool and Sheffield.

London	Liverpool	Amsterdam
2 hours by train	40 minutes by train	1 hour 15 minutes by plane

"Manchester is a vibrant city that energises and inspires me. Every visit is an adventure. The sporting spirit is exhilarating. There are countless opportunities for learning and personal growth."

Gigi, Mainland China
International Foundation



Guaranteed places at top universities

Want a guaranteed route to university in the UK?

Our partnership with NCUK offers just that. Not only will you have up to 35+ choices depending on your pathway programme¹, but your place is guaranteed too. Your options are tailored to your strengths and ambitions – and our University Advice and Guidance Team will help you find your perfect fit.

The NCUK Guarantee

Guarantee your entry to an NCUK University Partner by successfully completing your INTO Manchester pathway. You'll need to submit your application correctly and meet the university's entry requirements, but that's where our expert academic and application support comes in.

Depending on your pathway programme, you could study at:



For more information, visit:
ncuk.ac.uk/guarantee

UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM > World top 80 university² > The UK university most targeted by top employers³ > UK top 10 'most affordable' student city⁴	University of BRISTOL > World top 60 university² > 27 subjects in the world top 100⁵ > 97% of research is 'internationally excellent'⁶	Lancaster University > UK top 10 university⁷ > Top 30 UK university most targeted by top employers³ > 5 QS Stars for overall performance⁸
UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS > World top 90 university² > Top 5 UK university most targeted by top employers³ > 21 subjects in the UK top 10⁹	University of Salford > UK top 10 university for international students¹⁰ > 120+ years of industry-relevant education > MediaCity campus close to the BBC, ITV and 250+ media businesses	University of Sheffield > World top 100 university² > UK University of the Year 2024¹⁰ > Best UK university for student life¹⁰

● = Russell Group university



To search hundreds of options using our Degree Finder, visit:
intostudy.com/into-manchester/degree-finder

1 Not all options are available for International Year One students.
2 QS World University Rankings 2026
3 The Graduate Market in 2024, High Fliers Research
4 NatWest Student Living Index 2023
5 QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025
6 Research Excellence Framework 2021
7 The Complete University Guide 2026
8 QS Stars Ratings 2025
9 The Complete University Guide 2026
10 WhatUni Student Choice Awards 2024

CARDIFF UNIVERSITY > World top 190¹ > UK top 15 for employability²	CITY ST GEORGE'S UNIVERSITY OF LONDON > Career-focused degrees > Triple-accredited business school	Durham University > World top 100¹ > UK top 3⁴	Manchester Metropolitan University > Triple-accredited business school > UK top 5 student city⁴
Queen Mary University of London > World top 110¹ > World top 15 for international outlook⁵	MANCHESTER The University of Manchester > World top 35¹ > Top 2 UK university most targeted by top employers⁶	University of Exeter > World top 160¹ > Top 10 UK university 'most targeted' by leading employers⁶	UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL > World top 150¹ > UK top 3 for job prospects⁷



We're always expanding our university partner network. For the most up-to-date list, visit:
intostudy.com/manchester-options

1 QS World University Rankings 2026
2 Times Higher Education Global University Employability Ranking 2023/24
3 The Complete University Guide 2026
4 QS Best Student Cities 2026
5 Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2025
6 The Graduate Market in 2024, High Fliers Research
7 StudentCrowd 2024

Beyond our network

Thanks to our widely-recognised qualifications, INTO Manchester students have studied at over 70 different universities in the UK, US and Australia.

Inspiring student success

INTO Manchester graduates reach remarkable academic and professional milestones. From lawyers and entrepreneurs to architects, scientists and engineers, our alumni community is making us proud.

Since the centre opened in 2008, INTO Manchester students have secured places at:

- > 70+ universities in total
- > 21 out of 24 Russell Group universities
- > 13 out of 17 UK universities in the world top 100.

(QS World University Rankings 2026)



"INTO Manchester was my first experience in the UK, and it prepared me for everything that came afterwards. Seeing my graduation photo displayed at INTO makes me so proud of myself – both where I am now and everything I've been through."

Hanya, Egypt

Marketing Executive at Destiny Foods

- > International Foundation
- > BA (Hons) Multimedia Journalism at Manchester Metropolitan University



Hear Hanya's story



"I loved how genuinely concerned the teaching and support staff were. They have your interests at heart. Whatever you ask them, they are sincere with their advice. I felt that my welfare was well taken care of."

Springfield, Singapore

Senior Associate at Quahe Woo & Palmer LLC

- > International Foundation
- > LLB (Hons) Law at University of Birmingham



"While studying at INTO, I developed good habits – including a routine that helped me stay organised and manage my time effectively. My teachers, Ashwini and Paul, were exceptionally amazing. They helped me achieve the highest mark in my Accounting and Finance module."

Eaint, Myanmar

Microsoft Delivery Analyst at Delaware

- > International Year One
- > BA (Hons) International Business Management at University of Bristol



"My INTO Manchester tutors gave me advice that helped me realise what career I wanted to pursue in the future. I'm still very thankful to them for giving me the chance to learn."

SK, Malaysia

Technical Programme Manager at Google

- > International Foundation
- > BSc (Hons) Management (International Business Economics) at The University of Manchester



"I still remember when I was in my second year [at university] – it wasn't difficult for me to transition, as I'd gained the skills and technical perspective I needed at INTO Manchester. The teachers there are very knowledgeable and professional."

Kelvin, Hong Kong, China

Risk Manager at Fidelity International

- > International Year One
- > BA (Hons) Accounting and Finance at The University of Sheffield



Check out more of our students' success stories:
intostudy.com/into-manchester/success

Support every step of the way

From the moment you arrive, you'll have access to expert support that's tailored to your needs. From finding the right university and choosing your degree to submitting your application, our dedicated team will guide you through every step. Need academic advice, personal guidance, or just someone to talk to? We're always here to help.

University placement support

Research	Advice	Connection	Application
> University fairs. > Campus visits. > Our Degree Finder tool, allowing you to search and compare hundreds of degrees.	> 1:1 sessions with our University Advice and Guidance Team. > Recommendations based on your strengths, ambitions, subject area and lifestyle. > Help reviewing your options to find your perfect fit.	> Direct links with universities across the NCUK network. > Opportunities to meet university staff and representatives.	> Step-by-step guidance throughout the application process. > Help writing a stand-out personal statement and developing interview skills.

“The support I received was amazing. The University Advice and Guidance Team, who assisted with the UCAS application, were incredibly helpful. I applied to Manchester, Liverpool, Newcastle, Manchester Metropolitan and Salford. In the end, I knew I wanted to stay in Manchester.”

Manuela, Brazil

- > International Foundation
- > BSc Pharmacology with Industrial/Professional Experience at The University of Manchester



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“INTO Manchester has truly transformed me. My teachers inspired me to step out of my comfort zone and express my thoughts in new ways. It made a significant difference to my confidence.”

Su, Myanmar

- > Master's Preparation at INTO Manchester
- > MSc Consumer Analytics and Marketing Strategy at University of Leeds



Tailored programmes and language support

Because every student is different.

- > Flexible course lengths to suit your English language and academic level.
- > Specialist modules to develop key skills for university success.
- > Teaching methods designed to support students from all backgrounds.



Personal Tutor programme

Helping you make the most of your study abroad journey.

- > A compulsory, non-credit bearing module for every student.
- > Learn to work efficiently in an academic environment.
- > Improve your time management skills.
- > Prepare for academic assessments.



Student Services team

Here whenever you need us.

- > Guidance as you navigate UK student life.
- > Help with essential tasks, such as opening a bank account or registering with a doctor.
- > Visa and immigration support
- > 24-hour helpline for out-of-hours emergencies.
- > Extra support for students under 18.



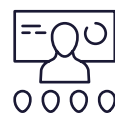
Learn more about our expert student support: intostudy.com/into-manchester/support

Life at the centre

Welcome to the INTO Centre, where you'll start your study abroad journey. Join our vibrant international community and learn in a modern, welcoming space in the heart of Manchester.

Our spacious, well-equipped centre is the ideal place to focus, socialise and prepare for university life. Here, you'll build your knowledge, skills and confidence for degree success and beyond.

Your space to learn



Modern classrooms with digital whiteboards



Learning Resource Centre with a wide range of materials



Well-equipped laboratories for practical scientific experiments



Silent study and social areas



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Science labs



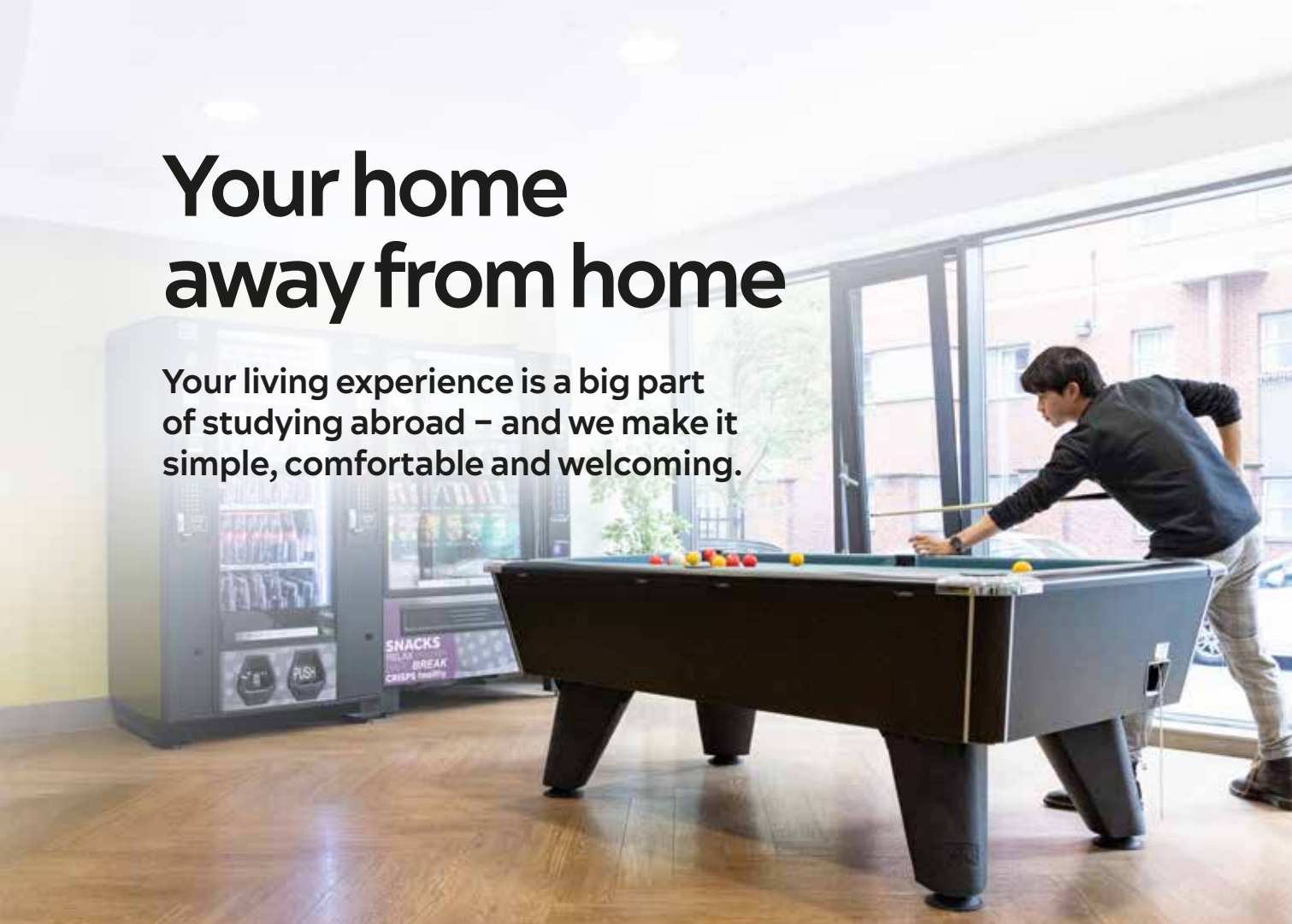
Students enjoying the Centre's cafe



Your wellbeing matters. Read the policies we have in place to keep you safe and supported.

Your home away from home

Your living experience is a big part of studying abroad – and we make it simple, comfortable and welcoming.



Why choose our accommodation?

Secure city-centre living designed to make you feel at home. Join a ready-made community close to the centre, with modern facilities and support whenever you need it.

- > **All bills included**
No surprise costs.
- > **Transport links**
Easy access around Manchester and beyond.
- > **Safe and supported**
24-hour security and support services.



"Living at INTO Manchester's accommodation is great. Everything is within walking distance and the city is safe. The people who live there are welcoming and there are plenty of opportunities to socialise and bond."

Mubarak, Nigeria

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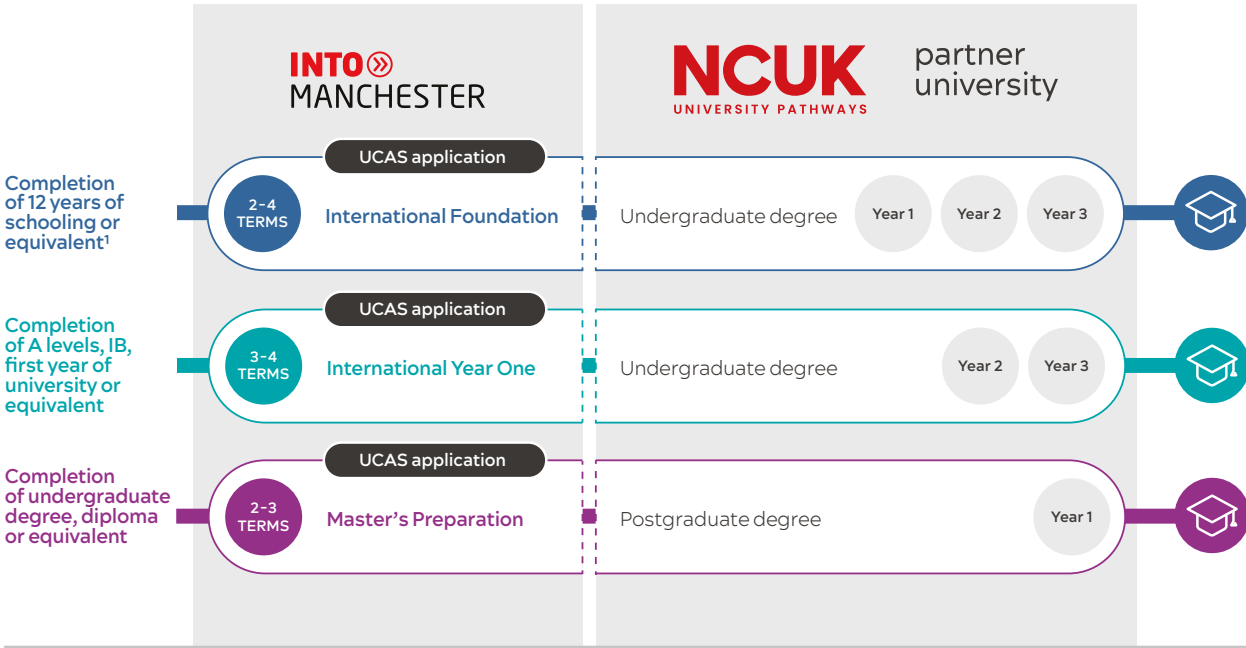
Explore your accommodation options:



Our programmes

Prepare for your degree with pathways designed in partnership with NCUK. Explore your options to see what your study journey could look like.

Pathway programmes



¹ Admission is possible after only 11 years of schooling, but university options may be more limited.

English language courses

Academic English

- > Increase your IELTS score by up to 1 band per term.
- > Learn the academic vocabulary you'll need for your degree.
- > Develop study skills such as debating, interpreting, presenting and essay writing.

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- > Leads to Year 1 of an undergraduate degree at an NCUK university.
- > Bridges the gap between high school and university study.
- > Modules tailored to build the academic knowledge you need for your chosen degree.
- > English language classes help develop your skills to meet the university's requirements.
- > Regular start dates and flexible study lengths to suit different English language levels.

Which degrees can I study?

Prepare for degrees in a range of subjects, including:

- > accounting
- > architecture
- > computing
- > engineering
- > finance
- > management
- > mathematics
- > law
- > politics
- > science
- > sociology

International Year One

- > Leads to Year 2 of an undergraduate degree at one of 20+ NCUK universities.
- > Complete your degree in the same amount of time as domestic students, saving you time and money.
- > Study modules equivalent to the first year of a university degree.
- > Prepare for university study with additional English language and academic support.
- > Regular start dates and flexible course lengths to suit different English language levels.

Which degrees can I study?

Prepare for degrees in a range of subjects, including:

- > accounting
- > finance
- > marketing
- > management
- > human resource management
- > international business
- > events management

Master's Preparation

- > Leads to a postgraduate degree at an NCUK university.
- > Improve academic English and advanced study skills.
- > Complete an original research project.
- > Assessment methods that align with those used by universities.
- > Organise and present your research at a student conference.
- > Small, focused group tuition in a supportive environment.

Which degrees can I study?

Prepare for a degree in any subject area, provided you studied a relevant subject at undergraduate level.



Explore our full range of programmes:
intostudy.com/into-manchester/courses

Prepare for your studies and career

92% of students felt more prepared for their studies

Students completing Get Ready to Study (INTO UK Arrival Survey 2024)

Get Ready to Study

Prepare for your UK study abroad experience before you arrive. Access a mix of interactive activities and videos anywhere, anytime and at no extra cost.

By the time you join us at the centre, you'll feel more confident about:

- > Student life in the UK.
- > Study skills.
- > Employability.



Confirm early to access this free online programme. Find out more: intostudy.com/get-ready-to-study

Get Work Ready

Develop your employability skills and prepare for your future career while you study your INTO pathway.

- > Develop workplace skills.
- > Set your career goals.
- > Build your brand and professional network.
- > Perfect your CV and interview skills.
- > Prepare for a placement*.



Find out more: intostudy.com/get-work-ready



“This programme helped me to understand what is required for studying in the UK.”

Maho, Japan

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Through innovative partnerships with leading universities, we expand opportunities for higher education, ensuring success and transforming the lives of our students and staff.

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