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# ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION 2020/21

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## A VERY WARM WELCOME.

An Access to Higher Education (HE) Diploma is the first step in an exciting journey that will transform your lives.

An Access to HE Diploma will give you the knowledge and skills you need to succeed in your chosen industry. Specifically designed for 19+ students, this qualification will help you to gain the knowledge and skills needed to succeed on your chosen degree, enabling you to reach your full potential.

It is our mission at UCEN Manchester to improve the life chances of our students through education. We care about you, your passions and your ambitions, and we'll be there to support you every step of the way as you progress onto a relevant qualification and find your future career.

As proud holders of the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) Silver status, you'll get access to a high level of teaching and learning throughout your study programme. Invest your time with us and we'll give you the best opportunities we can to help you succeed.

We look forward to welcoming you on your truly transformational Access to HE journey.

### **Michelle Tocher**

*Director of Access to HE Curriculum*

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# REASONS TO CHOOSE US

**4.2%**  
employment  
growth predicted  
in Manchester  
by 2025\*

## AT UCEN MANCHESTER, WE INVEST IN YOU

Our aim is to provide you with the skills, knowledge and experience to ensure you find your future and career success.

We know what our students need to be ready for their future roles. Our inspiring environments, challenging courses and employment-focused curriculum are created to help you find the best possible opportunities.


We have cutting edge technical environments and state-of-the-art facilities to deliver our exceptional teaching and learning. You are also supported by outstanding academic expertise and industry experience to impart the most relevant knowledge and skills to all our students.

Studying in the forward-thinking city of Manchester brings many advantages. It is a city with a vision for the future that offers many routes into employment and a chance to grow with your surroundings.

At UCEN Manchester, we offer you opportunities to match the requirements of the city, the region and beyond.



**CLOSE INDUSTRY RELATIONSHIPS**  
ENSURE WE DELIVER THE BEST INDUSTRY KNOWLEDGE IN COURSES SHAPED BY EXPERTS



**SMALL CLASS SIZES** CREATE PERSONAL WORKING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN TUTORS AND STUDENTS

**OUR QUALIFICATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL SKILLS** HELP OUR STUDENTS FIND THEIR FUTURE WITH REWARDING CAREERS

**WORK-FOCUSED CURRICULUMS** EXPOSE STUDENTS TO LEADING INDUSTRIES, WORLD CLASS TECHNICAL ENVIRONMENTS AND LIKE-MINDED STUDENTS

**PARTNERSHIPS WITH BUSINESSES, ORGANISATIONS AND INDUSTRIES** KEEP US AT THE CUTTING-EDGE OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS AND THE LATEST REQUIREMENTS



# ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Start, change or progress in your career with an Access to HE qualification.

Our Access to HE Diplomas will help you prepare for studying at degree level. These are Level 3 courses (equivalent to three A Levels) and are ideal if it has been a while since you studied, or you need to top up your existing qualifications to gain the required UCAS points for your chosen degree course.

You will also develop a range of study skills and other transferable skills, to support you in your progress on to a degree course and into your future career.

We offer a wide range of Access to HE courses which are detailed on the following pages.

**BUSINESS**

If you have considered a career in Business but do not have the necessary qualifications to apply for degree, this Access to HE Diploma could be just the stepping stone you need.

You will cover modules in business, management and developmental areas, picking up the skills and abilities you will need to both successfully apply for a degree-level programme and to achieve success in the working world.

<b>Entry Requirements:</b>	
GCSEs at grade C/4 or above / Functional skills at Level 2 or above in both Maths and English.	
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>
St John's Centre	One year
<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>Start:</b>
Full-time/Distance learning	September 2020

**CAREERS IN SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY WORK**

If you have ever been interested in a career in social and community work, but do not have the necessary qualification to study the subject at university, this Access to HE Diploma could be the ideal course for you, preparing you for a future career in this sector.

<b>Entry Requirements:</b>	
GCSEs at grade C/4 or above / Functional skills at Level 2 or above in both Maths and English. You can study a GCSE alongside this diploma, if you do not have these grades in one subject or the other.	
As work experience in a care setting is required for a social work degree, you should have either a voluntary or paid position in place, before you start this course.	
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>
St John's Centre	One year
<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>Start:</b>
Full-time/Distance learning	September 2020

**COMBINED SCIENCE AND MEDICAL SCIENCE**

Have you ever thought about working in the science or medical profession and becoming a medical scientist or biochemist? If you do not yet have the necessary qualifications to follow one of these career paths but are eager to get started, then this Access to HE Diploma in Combined Science and Medical Science could be the ideal course for you.

<b>Entry Requirements:</b>	
GCSEs at grade C/4 or above / Functional skills at Level 2 or above in both Maths and English. You can study a GCSE alongside this diploma, if you do not have these grades in one subject or the other.	
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>
Citylabs Campus	One year
<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>Start:</b>
Full-time	September 2020

**ENGINEERING**

Designed to provide the help you need to progress onto a university-level course, this Access to HE Diploma in Engineering will give you a wide range of foundation skills and knowledge so that you can meet the demand for skilled engineers in a variety of fields, and enjoy a lifelong career in the industry.

<b>Entry Requirements:</b>	
GCSE in English at grade C/4 or above, and a Maths GCSE at grade B /5 or above. It would also be helpful to have a GCSE in Physics or Core plus Additional Science at a grade C/4 or higher.	
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>
Citylabs Campus	One year
<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>Start:</b>
Full-time	September 2020

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## ENGLISH, WRITING AND MEDIA

English and Media continue to be popular, traditional and extremely relevant subjects, at all levels of study. If you would like to explore them at degree level, but do not currently have the necessary qualifications, this Access to HE Diploma in English, Writing and Media has been designed specifically to help you apply to universities and study for a degree.

### Entry Requirements:

GCSE in English Language at grade C/4 or above. If you do not currently have a GCSE in Maths at grade C or above, you should also enrol on a GCSE class to run alongside this Access Diploma.

<b>Location:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>
St John's Centre	One year
<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>Start:</b>
Full-time	September 2020

## HEALTH AND PHYSIOTHERAPY

Have you ever thought about what it might be like to be a physiotherapist or nutritionist? Would you like to aid someone's recovery and perhaps even help them to walk again? If this is something you are passionate about, but you do not currently have the qualifications necessary, then our Access to HE Diploma in Health and Physiotherapy is the perfect place to begin.

### Entry Requirements:

Depending on your progression, GCSEs at grade C/4 or above / Functional skills at Level 2 or above in Maths and English. You can study a GCSE alongside this diploma, if you do not have these grades in one subject or the other.

Some universities may require Science at Grade C/4 or above and the option is available for you studying GCSE Biology alongside. As with most medical-based university courses, work experience is always desirable in order to increase your progression options.

<b>Location:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>
St John's Centre	One year
<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>Start:</b>
Full-time	September 2020

## HOSPITALITY, LEISURE AND TOURISM

Are you thinking of applying for a degree in hospitality, events or tourism and don't have the right qualifications you need for university? This Access to HE Diploma is the ideal way to develop the foundational skills and relevant grades you'll need.

### Entry Requirements:

GCSE grade 4/C or above or functional skills level 2 or above in English and Maths. You can study a GCSE alongside this diploma if you do not have these grades in one subject or the other.

<b>Location:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>
St John's Centre	One year
<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>Start:</b>
Part-time (Non-released)	September 2020

## HUMANITIES

If you would like to advance onto a degree in a Humanities, English or History based subjects, but do not have the necessary qualifications yet, then this Access to HE Diploma will help keep your options open and give you just what you need to apply for a higher level programme.

### Entry Requirements:

GCSEs at grade C/4 or above / Functional skills at Level 2 or above in both Maths and English. You can study a GCSE alongside this diploma, if you do not have these grades in one subject or the other.

<b>Location:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>
St John's Centre	One year
<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>Start:</b>
Full-time(Day)/Distance Learning	September 2020

## LAW, POLITICS AND SOCIETY

If you have been out of education for a while but have always wanted to complete a law degree, this Access to HE Diploma has been designed specifically to give you the skills, experience and qualification you need to successfully apply to university.

### Entry Requirements:

GCSEs at grade C/4 in both Maths and English or Functional skills.. You can study a GCSE alongside this diploma, if you do not have these grades in one subject or the other.

<b>Location:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>
St John's Centre	One year
<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>Start:</b>
Full-time	September 2020

## MATERIAL SCIENCE

Ever thought of becoming a Chemical Engineer, Material Scientist and Engineer or Medical Laboratory Instrumentalist? Do you have the necessary experience but do not have the necessary qualifications? This Access to HE Diploma could be the one for you.

### Entry Requirements:

GCSE grade 4/C or above in English and a grade 6/B or above in Maths.

<b>Location:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>
Citylabs Campus	One year
<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>Start:</b>
Part-time (Non-released)	September 2020

## MEDICINE, DENTISTRY AND PHARMACY

Have you ever thought about becoming a doctor, dentist, pharmacist, optometrist or just about any other job in medical sciences but realised you do not have the necessary qualifications? This Access to HE Diploma has been designed specifically to give you the chance to study these subjects at university.

### Entry Requirements:

If you would like to go on to study medicine and dentistry courses, you will need to have GCSEs in English and Maths at grade B/6 or above. Some universities will also require you to have a grade B/6 or above in all GCSE Sciences, along with relevant experience or work placement in a hospital setting.

<b>Location:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>
Citylabs Campus	One year
<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>Start:</b>
Full-time	September 2020

## NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

Are you passionate about people and improving their lives? Are you caring? Compassionate? Courageous? Do you want a career in the health service? If a career in nursing or midwifery has always been your dream, but you do not currently have the qualifications needed to apply for a degree-level course, then this Access to HE Diploma in Nursing and Midwifery Professions could be just what you need.

### Entry Requirements:

GCSE Maths and English at grade C/4 or above Functional skills at Level 2 or above in math, English and Science. Universities may require GCSE Biology, an option that we can make available to you. Experience in the sector or placement in a field related to your career goal is desirable.

<b>Location:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>
St John's Centre	One year
<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>Start:</b>
Full-time or Day/Distance Learning/Evening and work release	September 2020

## RADIOGRAPHY, ORTHOTICS AND PROSTHETICS

This Medical Health Professional Access to HE Diploma is designed to help you on the path to studying a medical science related subject at university-level. It's great for anyone who is looking for a change in career and needs the relevant re-training.

### Entry Requirements:

GCSEs in both English and Maths at grade C/4 or above for this course. If you'd like to take the physics pathway rather than the biology route, you'll need to have a minimum of a Grade B/6 in Maths at GCSE.

We'll also invite you down for a short interview so that you can demonstrate your commitment and skills that will be required to complete this diploma.

Prospective students should check the entry requirements of their preferred university to ensure the best possible opportunity for progression.

<b>Location:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>
Citylabs	One year
<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>Start:</b>
Full-time	September 2020

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## SOCIAL SCIENCE

Are you thinking of applying for a degree in humanities or social science but do not have the right qualifications you need for university? This Access to HE Diploma in Social Science is the ideal way to develop the foundation skills and relevant grades you will need.

<b>Entry Requirements:</b>	
GCSEs at grade C/4 or above in GCSE English and Maths / Functional skills at Level 2. For those wishing to progress into Psychology GCSE maths at C/4 is also advisable and you should check your university to confirm.	
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>
St John's Centre	One year
<b>Attendance:</b>	
Full-time (Day)/Distance Learning	
<b>Start:</b>	
September 2020	

## TEACHER TRAINING

Aimed at anyone who would like to study a teacher training course at degree level, but who does not have the qualifications required by universities, this Access to HE Diploma will provide all the foundations needed to advance your knowledge and prepare to train to become a successful teacher.

<b>Entry Requirements:</b>	
GCSEs in both English and Maths at grade C/4 or above. If you would like to advance into primary education, you will also need at least a C/4 grade in GCSE Science, and it is advisable to have formal classroom experience. You may want to read up on the QTS Skills Test too, a requirement for all trainee teachers, and start exploring possible degree options.	
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>
St John's Centre	One year
<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>Start:</b>
Full-time	September 2020

## VETERINARY SCIENCE AND ZOOLOGY

Are you thinking of applying for a degree in veterinary science, animal behaviour and management, zoology, microbiology and genetics and don't have the right qualifications you need for university? This Access to HE Diploma is the ideal way to develop the foundational skills and relevant grades you'll need.

<b>Entry Requirements:</b>	
GCSE grade 6/B or above in both English and Maths.	
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>
Citylabs	One year
<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>Start:</b>
Part-time (Non-released)	September 2020

# HOW TO APPLY

To apply for any of the courses detailed in this brochure, please visit: [ucenmcr.tmc.ac.uk](http://ucenmcr.tmc.ac.uk) where you can find out more and apply directly.

Once you've applied our team will be in contact to confirm you application and inform you of any other relevant details.

If you have any enquiries please call our Enquiries Team on 03333 222 444 or email [enquiries@ucenmcr.tmc.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@ucenmcr.tmc.ac.uk)

# PRE-ACCESS

Our Pre-Access courses are specifically designed for students who may not currently meet the entry requirements for an Access to HE Diploma and are looking to enhance their academic qualifications.

## LEVEL 2 PRE-ACCESS IN BUSINESS

Do you want to turn into your career? Our Level Two Diploma in Business will help you on your way. You will learn about accounting, management process and online business strategies in order to develop your understanding of how business planning and management works.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will require Level one English and Maths Functional Skills (FS) or above to start the course. Depending on your starting qualifications, you can study Maths and English FS Level 2, or GCSE English and Maths alongside the course.

You may be invited to discuss learning routes to your future career.

### PROGRESSION

On achievement of the Diploma, you could progress to a level three Access to HE Diploma in Business from which you can progress to university to expand your business acumen and turn your passion into your career.

## LEVEL 2 PRE-ACCESS HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PROFESSIONS

Do you want to start on a path to an amazing career in Health or social care? If so, our full time level 2 Pre-Access course in Health and Social Care Professions is for you. You will study Psychology, Biology, IT skills, time-management, developing self etc.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will require Level one English and Maths Functional Skills (FS) or above to start the course. Depending on your starting qualifications, you can study Maths and English FS Level 2, or GCSE English and Maths alongside the course.

You may be invited to discuss learning routes to your future career.

### PROGRESSION

On achievement of the Certificate, you could progress to a level three Access course in a Health or Humanities field from which you can progress to university to expand your knowledge and turn your passion into your career.

## LEVEL 2 PRE-ACCESS IN SOCIAL SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES

You will be encouraged to view social and historical issues from different perspectives and to broaden your outlook for progression onto the next stage of your studies.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need a minimum Functional Skills level 1 in English and maths.

### PROGRESSION

Graduates of this qualification value the guidance and support in planning their career and their journey towards it and typically progress onto level 3 Access Diplomas in social science and humanities subjects.

## L2 PRE-ACCESS IN APPLIED SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Interested in science but don't have the necessary qualifications or experience? This Pre-Access course will introduce you to biology, chemistry and physics to prepare you for an Access to HE course, leading to a range of careers within the field.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entry requirements are a minimum of either grade D/3 at GCSE or Level 2 Functional Skills in both Maths and English Language.

You may be invited to discuss learning routes to your future career.

### PROGRESSION

Assessment of the sciences is by a combination of practical activities and written assignments to be accredited by AIM Award. Assessment of English Language and Mathematics at GCSE is by exams, the results of which will be awarded by external organisations. Successful completion of the course will enable progression onto either an Access or BTEC Level 3 Course.

# SUCCESS STORY

## ACCESS TO ENGLISH, WRITING AND MEDIA - CLASS OF 2019

Glenn Meads, Access to English, Writing and Media (EWM) tutor and freelance writer for ILoveMcr, has worked as an editor for WhatsOnStage, and has previously written gig and theatre reviews for the Manchester Evening News, Digital Spy and Heat magazine. Here, Glenn talks about the EWM class of 2019's successes, in his own words.

When students arrive onto an Access course with 'Writing' in the title, you expect creativity and this year the group excelled themselves. Because they have not come to us straight from school - confidence is rarely at an all-time high, and often their experiences of education are mixed to poor.

As part of their enrichment, we invited two Manchester playwrights Chris Hoyle and Sarah McDonald Hughes to deliver seminars on everything from how to get rid of writer's block, to what you can use to influence you. These two gifted writers gave up their time for free to help and it worked wonderfully well in preparation for the Writing Fiction and Short Stories modules.

The course leader and English and Creative Writing Lecturer, Shelley Deasey, has a PhD in English and has been inspiring students for many years teaching them about the works of Tennessee Williams and Mary Shelley amongst many others, so between us we have nurtured and helped shape this talented bunch.

This year, we uncovered aspiring Sports writers, Jordan Dignall and Millan Dudson, who both currently write for the website Football Man Cave. The summer internship has since led to them embarking on degrees at Sheffield and Salford University.

Three other EWM students realised that they were enjoying their binge watching so much, that they may as well open their laptops and start to mirror Carrie Bradshaw from HBO's Sex and The City and begin typing. Georgia Whelan, Jazz Cooke and Oliver Ridings all have work published at the Custard TV website and it has aided their University applications massively.

Michael Schofield's love has always been music and he gained so much from the writing workshops that he returned to his music writing blog, once all of his assignments were handed in.

Jessica Dallison is keen to pursue Journalism as a career, and for her Video Production unit, she went onto the streets of Manchester and interviewed homeless people, for her very own documentary.

Kendra Morton has just been accepted by London School of Fashion reading Journalism and she puts this down to the sheer variety of modules she has studied, including Writing for Magazines which she really enjoyed, as she discovered she had a knack for writing concise and relevant copy.

Lastly, Rachael Hankinson wrote her first theatre review for Upstaged Manchester. She loves the work of Shakespeare and her first piece was about the stunning Matthew Bourne adaptation of Romeo and Juliet, which dispenses with the evocative language for something equally powerful, dance. Mr Bourne himself spotted her review and retweeted it.

This success is not limited to those who have had work published. The whole class have excelled themselves because with help and guidance from their tutors, guest speakers and a huge variety of support staff (Student Mentors, Achievement Tutor and Library Staff), they have transformed into a group of people who can write, and now they know it!

Congratulations to the English, Writing and Media class of 2019!

# OUR CAMPUSES



## ST JOHN'S

St John's Centre is a modern campus in a stylish part of Manchester's city centre. The campus has a professional atmosphere, giving students a taste of a contemporary business environment. Access courses in Business, Humanities and Law are held in the modern business environment at the heart of the city.

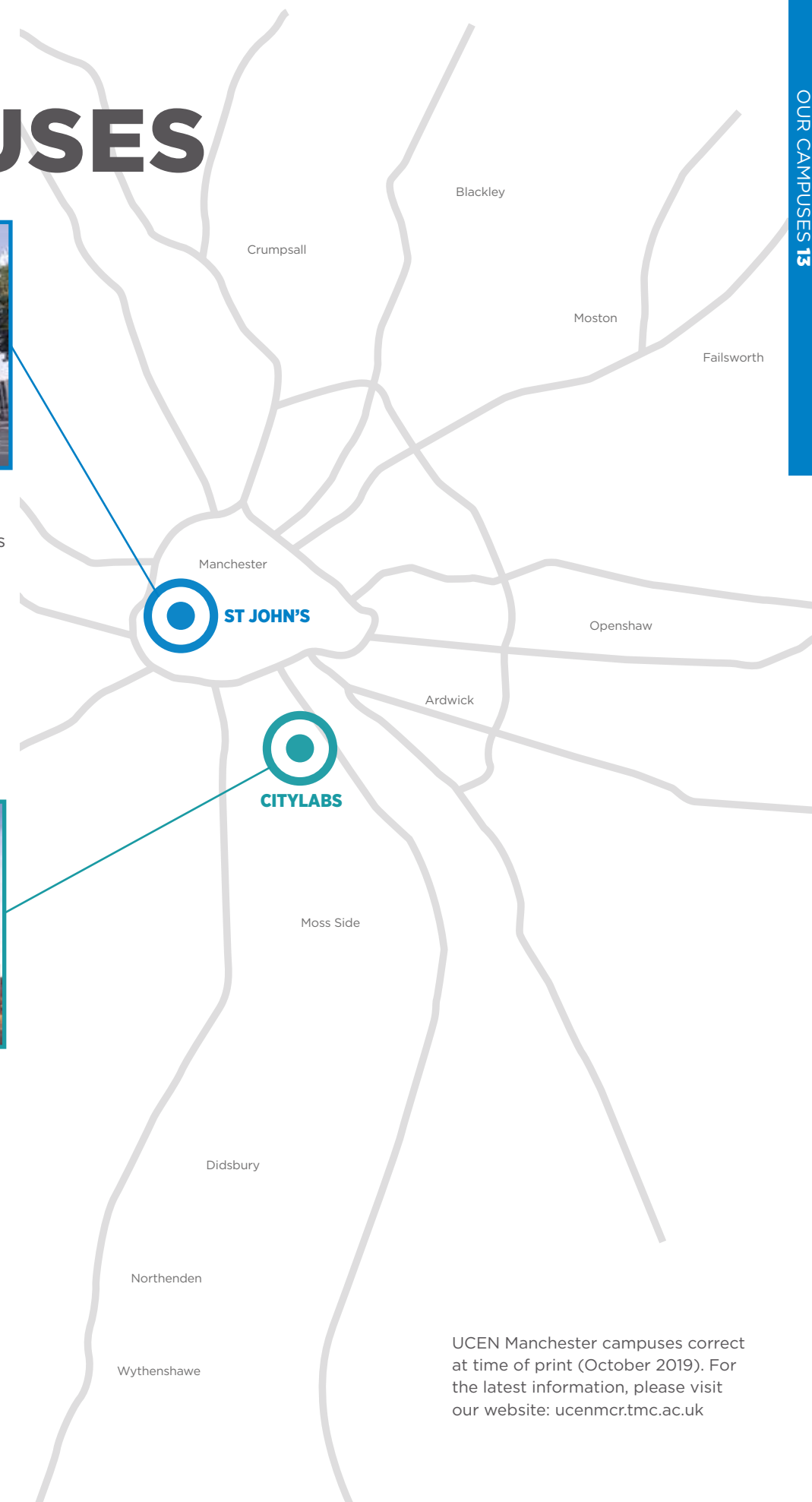
Campus postcode: M3 3BE



## CITYLABS

Our Centre of Excellence for Medical Sciences is based at the Citylabs laboratory complex, in the heart of Manchester's Knowledge Quarter. We run our Access to HE Diplomas from the Centre, preparing you for further study in Dentistry, Health, Engineering, Medicine and Pharmacy. We also run Access courses from our city centre sites at St. John's Centre and Nicholls campus.

Campus postcode: M13 9NQ



UCEN Manchester campuses correct at time of print (October 2019). For the latest information, please visit our website: [ucenmcr.tmc.ac.uk](http://ucenmcr.tmc.ac.uk)



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Upon completing your Access to HE Diploma you may be able to progress directly onto a degree level course with UCEN Manchester. Students who progress from an Access course to UCEN Manchester may even be eligible for a progression bursary of up to £1300.\*

\*Terms and conditions apply.



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- Work-focused qualifications
- Strong industry relationships
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\*DLSE 17/18

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The Arden School of Theatre

Business and Management

Computing

Construction and the Built Environment

Creative Arts and Digital Media

Criminology and Social Justice

Health and Care Professions

Make-up Artistry and Special Effects

Manchester Film School

Sport and Exercise Science

Performing Arts and Music

Teacher Education

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