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COMPUTING AND IT
UNDERGRADUATE COURSES
2020/21 ENTRY

Academy status with:

- Cisco
- Palo Alto Networks
- Oracle
- Juniper Networks
- VMware

TEF Silver Teaching Excellence Framework
If you are interested in developing your skills in programming, networking and security, or maybe gaining an insight into computing in general, then we have a course for you.

In our Computing department, we pride ourselves on our links with key industry providers. We hold academy status with Cisco, Palo Alto, Oracle, Juniper and VMware. Our links with these leading providers shape our curriculum offer, so you get to experience industry standard equipment and software.

We are always looking for ways to enhance your academic experience by encouraging development in professional qualifications around your chosen discipline and our close ties with industry providers allow us to embed their curriculum into our unit content. This means that you are not only getting a degree but, at the same time, earning professional qualifications.

As a Cisco Support Centre and a Trainer centre, if networking is your passion then we can support your journey from novice to trainer. For example, in partnership with global cybersecurity leader Cisco, we became one of the first academies in the UK and hosted a global networking event here in Manchester.

Our department aim is to help you develop your academic and research skills so that, in your final year, regardless of specialism, you are able to complete your own specialised research project. This project would be the accumulation of your skills and knowledge gained with us.

Here at UCEN Manchester we want to support your journey so that you can find and develop your passion with computing that will help you gain your dream job, or give you the edge when it comes to promotions in the competitive industry of computing. We do this with one-to-one personalised tutor support and encourage collaboration in our labs in a friendly and safe environment.

We look forward to meeting you and helping you take that next step in your career.

Adam Connell, MA, PGCE, BSc (Hons)
Head of Department - Computing and IT
UCEN Manchester has been part of the prestigious Cisco Networking Academy for more than two decades, helping students to earn valuable computing qualifications.

In addition, UCEN Manchester has operated as a Cisco Support Centre and Instructor Training Centre for the past 10 years, supporting other instructors with their academy support and training.

Paul added: “Cisco is a globally renowned leader in computing and networking, and this relationship has ensured our computing courses are at the forefront of education. Having Cisco on board means our students get the latest industry updates from industry leaders, and have to meet industry standards at the forefront of networking and everything connected to the internet.”

UCEN Manchester tutor Paul Ashby is topping the computing league table after being named as a Cisco Advanced Level Instructor.

Industry leaders Cisco Networking Academy honoured Paul with the award after UCEN Manchester students were asked for feedback with regards to their tutor, the course itself and the units taught.

The award ranks Paul in the top 25 per cent of instructors across the globe, a total of 46,000 instructors worldwide, in terms of student feedback and performance.

Over the past three years, 95 per cent of Paul’s computing students have gained employment in the industry.

Paul said:

“Getting this award is personal recognition as well as professional recognition. Hearing the students’ feedback is really great, as is the recognition from CISCO. It’s a way of telling me what I’m doing is right, which is a really nice feeling.”
You may decide to study computing and develop a passion for ethical hacking or database management. Whatever your ambition, we have the courses to help you specialise in your career and gain the skills you need to join an exciting, evolving industry.

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Our Business and Management undergraduate programmes are validated by: Manchester Metropolitan University

Pearson

UCEN Manchester has been rated Silver by the Teaching Excellence Framework Panel, which assesses the quality of teaching in universities in England.

*Source: Emsi*
Computing

HNC - JANUARY START

OVERVIEW
If you enjoy working with computers and want to know more about their systems, networks and security, then our computing courses could be just what you are looking for.

Our HNC course will give you a broad introduction to the subject and develop your knowledge in the essentials of working with computers. It will also give you sound knowledge of the basic concepts of computing, with units covering essential topics such as programming, database design and security.

COURSE STRUCTURE
- Programming
- Professional Practice
- Security
- Computer System Architecture
- Database Design and Development
- Managing a successful Computing project
- Networking
- Website Design and Development.

HND - JANUARY START

OVERVIEW
The HND builds on the knowledge available on our HNC course (above), giving you the opportunity to develop your practical skills, enabling you to choose a specialism as you progress to a higher level or seek employment in the industry.

Your learning will cover a non-specialist computing pathway, which will allow you to gain a qualification without committing to a particular professional specialism. In the first year, you will be given a broad introduction to the subject area covering key units, while the optional units you choose covering a range of occupational areas will help you to gain essential skills and experience. The second year will see you build on your core skills while allowing you to specialise in a key area of your choosing.

COURSE STRUCTURE
- Computing Research Project (Pearson Set)
- Network Management
- Database Management Systems
- Operating Systems
- Forensics
- E-Commerce and Strategy
- Business Intelligence
- Programming
- Professional Practice
- Security
- Computer System Architecture
- Database Design and Development
- Managing a successful Computing project
- Networking
- Website Design and Development.

FACT FILE
Location
Openshaw Campus (see p.14)
Duration
HNC: One year full-time/two years part-time
HND: Two years full-time/four years part-time
Start
January 2020 or January 2021
UCAS Code
Apply direct
Awarding Partner
Pearson

HND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need 48 UCAS tariff points, for example from A Levels, a Level 3 Extended Diploma or an Access to HE Diploma in a related subject area. We strongly recommend that all applicants have GCSE English Language and Maths grades A*-C, or Level 9-4.

Applicants who do not meet the standard entry criteria but have previous learning towards a university-level qualification, or relevant industry or life experience, will be considered on an individual basis and may be invited to interview.

FACT FILE
Location
Openshaw Campus (see p.14)
Duration
Two years full-time/four years part-time
Start
September 2020
UCAS Code
105G
Awarding Partner
Pearson

HND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will need 64 UCAS tariff points, for example from A Levels, a Level 3 Extended Diploma or an Access to HE Diploma in a related subject area. We strongly recommend that all applicants have GCSE English Language and Maths grades A*-C, or Level 9-4.

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**Business Computing with IT**

**BSc (Hons) Top-up**

**OVERVIEW**

Please note, you can progress onto this Top-up from all of the Foundation degrees in Computing.

The Business Computing with IT Top-up Degree aims to develop the combined skills of a computing and business course. It will give you the ability to work effectively in organisations with your sound knowledge of information technology and systems, alongside key business practices. You will undertake three units across the year, including a 60-credit specialist project. This project allows you to consolidate your previous learning. It will demonstrate your ability to undertake a substantial piece of work, while developing your ideas in a critical and analytical way. It will also be valuable as a showcase for your abilities and professional skills, and provide a solid preparation for postgraduate study. Through industry relevant lectures and working on live briefs, to visits from guest speakers and work experience, you will expand your knowledge of the industry and develop transferable practical skills in a real-life environment.

**COURSE STRUCTURE**

- Business Systems and Practices
- eEnterprise Project
- Negotiated Research

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  Openshaw Campus (see p.14)
- **Duration**
  One year full-time or two years part-time
- **Start**
  September 2020
- **UCAS Code**
  I100
- **Degree Awarding Partner**
  Manchester Metropolitan University

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

A Foundation Degree or HND in a relevant subject area. Please contact our admissions team for any further queries.

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

Upon successful completion of the programme, you may wish to progress on to a PGCE course with UCEN Manchester. Masters Level study is available at our partner institute, Manchester Metropolitan University, in a number of subject-related areas. Of the many opportunities available in the industry, you may wish to seek employment on a graduate scheme with a large organisation.
Computer Network Engineering with Administration

**FdSc**

**OVERVIEW**
If you are keen to work in an IT career related to networks and administration, or want to enhance your skills, these qualifications are ideal. Developed in partnership with CISCO and Microsoft, the FdSc in Computer Network Engineering with Administration gives you practical networking skills using CISCO Systems.

You will use the latest versions of the Windows Server operating system, Linux Distros and Server setups to learn about administration within infrastructure, implementation of active directory and troubleshooting.

This course will enable you to complete a number of tasks including designing, installing, implementing and testing computer network systems using contemporary principles and procedures; showing how computer and networking systems relate to and affect different aspects of an enterprise; identifying, analysing and solving a broad range of computing network issues.

**COURSE STRUCTURE**
- Advanced Network Design with Security and Environmental Factors
- Linux Fundamentals with Administration
- Network Security and Software Management
- Networking with Routing and Switching
- Practice-Based Research Project
- Professional and Academic Development
- Scaling and Connecting Networks in a WAN
- Virtual Desktop Infrastructure.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
You will need 64 UCAS tariff points, for example from A Levels, a Level 3 Extended Diploma or an Access to HE Diploma in a related subject area. We strongly recommend that all applicants have GCSE English Language and Maths grades A*-C, or Level 9-4. Applicants who do not meet the standard entry criteria but have previous learning towards a university-level qualification, or relevant industry or life experience, will be considered on an individual basis and may be invited to interview.

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**
After the programme, you could progress on to the BSc Network Administration with Cloud Computing at UCEN Manchester. Both courses will leave you qualified to carry out a range of jobs, from server maintenance and virus removal to support technician or Linux administrator.

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Network Administration with Cloud Computing

**BSc (Hons) Top-up**

**OVERVIEW**
On the BSc (Hons) Network Administration with Cloud Computing Top-up, you will specialise in an area of computer networking concerning large data management in data centres, virtualisation and the provision and support of cloud-based services. In particular, you will focus on administration and the computer systems used.

This qualification will ensure you are equipped with a strong set of relevant, in-demand skills for today’s computing requirements. You will investigate knowledge and skills in a chosen specialism (virtual/cloud computing) in order to critique current methods and techniques, and you will critically review current developments in computer technology, to solve problems in a range of situations. In addition, you will explore the issues involved in the sustainable exploitation of computer technology.

The qualification requires all students to produce a significant piece of work involving problem identification, the analysis, the design or the development of a system, with accompanying documentation.

**COURSE STRUCTURE**
- Cloud Computing
- Negotiated Research
- Network Administration.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
A Foundation Degree or HND in a relevant subject area. Please contact our admissions team for any further queries.

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**
After successful completion of the BSc programme, you will be qualified to carry out a range of jobs, from server maintenance and virus removal, to support technician or Linux administrator.

"The tutors will help you reach your overall goal, and make sure you gain your professional knowledge and qualifications."

Gary Fox, Network Administration with Cloud Computing Student
Network Security with Ethical Hacking

FdSc

OVERVIEW
Today’s computers hold vast amounts of strategic data, so keeping secure is critical. With technology evolving almost daily, we work in partnership with employers to design our Foundation Degree programmes to meet their business needs and reflect the challenges facing the industry.

You will gain knowledge and understanding of key infrastructures, access lists, firewalls, troubleshooting of individual logic devices and computer systems. As well as studying the highly technical and specialist skills in the Foundation Degree, you will also develop your business awareness skills. These cover key work principles including the importance of time management, teamwork, communication skills and how to be an effective member of staff within an organisation.

COURSE STRUCTURE
• Ethical Hacking and Countermeasures
• Firewall Technologies with Penetration Testing
• Fundamentals of Programming
• Linux Fundamentals with Administration
• Network Forensic Analysis and Investigation
• Networking and Security Concepts
• Practice-Based Research Project.

CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES
Upon successful completion of the FdSc programme, you may be interested in progressing on to BSc (Hons) Network Security with Penetration Testing Top-up or BSc (Hons) Business Computing with IT Top-up with UCEN Manchester. There is currently a national shortage of computer and network technology specialists. You could progress your career as an information security/risk/incident analyst or manager, database administrator, computer systems analyst, computer forensics analyst or investigator, network administrator or computer security specialist.

Entry Requirements
You will need 64 UCAS tariff points, for example from A Levels, a Level 3 Extended Diploma or an Access to HE Diploma in a related subject area. We strongly recommend that all applicants have GCSE English Language and Maths grades A*-C, or Level 9-4.

FACT FILE
Location
Openshaw Campus (see p.14)
Duration
Two years full-time or four years part-time
Start
September 2020
UCAS Code
G550
Degree Awarding Partner
Manchester Metropolitan University

Network Security with Penetration Testing

BSc (Hons) Top-up

OVERVIEW
Network security is vital for businesses of all sizes, government agencies, government services and organisations, and individuals with personal data. As a penetration tester, you will be carrying out tests on a system to expose weaknesses in security. This means trying to access information without usernames and passwords, breaking through whatever security applications are in place. Your findings could be used to inform any upgrades that are implemented.

This Top-up Degree qualification will prepare you for the responsibilities of that role. As part of your course, you will undertake a research project, which will allow you to consolidate your previous learning while developing your ideas in a critical and analytical way. It will also demonstrate your ability to undertake a substantial piece of work and be valuable as a showcase for your abilities and professional skills.

COURSE STRUCTURE
• Infrastructure Security Strategy
• Negotiated Research
• Penetration Testing
• Professional Academic Development.

CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES
Upon successful completion of the programme, you may wish to further your knowledge and skills with a number of professional qualifications with CISCO and Microsoft. Masters Level study (MSc) is available at our partner institute, Manchester Metropolitan University, in a number of subject-related areas.

With penetration testers highly sought after, you could progress your career as an information security/risk/incident analyst or manager, computer forensics analyst or investigator.

Entry Requirements
A Foundation Degree or HND in a relevant subject area. Please contact our admissions team for any further queries.

FACT FILE
Location
Openshaw Campus (see p.14)
Duration
One year full-time or two years part-time
Start
September 2020
UCAS Code
N2S5
Degree Awarding Partner
Manchester Metropolitan University

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Software Development

**FdSc**

**OVERVIEW**
In an increasingly digital world, businesses are relying more and more on new talent to drive their companies forward. Our courses will put you at the forefront of this job market.

On the Foundation Degree course you will gain an understanding of how computing relates to modern business. You will develop work-based skills in software design, implementation and testing, developing web and multimedia applications, using databases and programming, as well as languages including Java, JavaScript, Python, and HTML.

**COURSE STRUCTURE**
- Database Driven Websites
- Fundamentals of Programming
- Introduction to Web and Database Development
- Linux Fundamentals with Administration
- Mobile Applications Development
- Object-Orientated Programming
- Practice-Based Research Project
- Professional and Academic Development.

"Programming is my career passion and applying for this course helped me succeed. It is well organised and fun."

Nicholas Tindall, Software Development Student

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**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
You will need 64 UCAS tariff points, for example from A Levels, a Level 3 Extended Diploma or an Access to HE Diploma in a related subject area. We strongly recommend that all applicants have GCSE English Language and Maths grades A*-C, or Level 9-4.

Applicants who do not meet the standard entry criteria but have previous learning towards a university-level qualification, or relevant industry or life experience, will be considered on an individual basis and may be invited to interview.

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**
Upon successful completion of the FdSc course, you will have the skills and knowledge to progress on to a third year in BSc (Hons) Software Development Top-up or BSc (Hons) Business Computing with IT Top-up with UCEN Manchester.

Both qualifications could lead to a career as a junior IT office manager, junior software developer, network administration assistant or end user support analyst.

Software Development

**BSc (Hons) Top-up**

**OVERVIEW**
The BSc (Hons) Top-up Software Development Degree will develop your understanding of human-computer interaction and programming techniques. You will be encouraged to critically examine modern web technologies and analyse their interfaces.

As part of the course, you will explore current developments in computer technology, critically review the implications, opportunities, limitations and risks surrounding them, and help to solve a range of problems.

You will also study a broad range of issues, including using different tools and techniques to solve and mitigate against potential threats to a network system, and will apply professional and ethical values to the computing industry from a penetration-testing viewpoint.

In addition, you will also be asked to produce a significant piece of work identifying vulnerabilities within a system, incorporating analysis, design and development of a solution.

**COURSE STRUCTURE**
- Advanced Web and Interface Design
- Enterprise Application Development
- Negotiated Research formulating a Research Proposal with Research Question/s, and Carrying out the Research as Proposed.

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**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
A Foundation Degree or HND in a relevant subject area. Please contact our admissions team for any further queries.

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**
Upon successful completion of The BSc (Hons) degree, you could go on to a career as a junior IT office manager, junior software developer, network administration assistant or end user support analyst.
OUR CAMPUSES

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 Higher Education (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

FIELDEN
Fielden is a welcoming, modern, campus in a leafy part of South Manchester, popular with students and professionals. The campus is equipped with industry-standard technology in areas such as Catering, Digital Media and Film Production. We have invested £9 million in improvements to the campus, including a ‘green roof’ that insulates, soundproofs and improves air quality.
Campus postcode: M20 2PQ

NICHOLLS
With an impressive Grade II listed building, Nicholls Campus is home to The Arden School of Theatre. It is situated in Ardwick, one mile south east of the city centre. Close by are Manchester Apollo, a 3,500 capacity live music venue, Sportcity and the Etihad Stadium.
Campus postcode: M12 6BA

SHENA SIMON
Shena Simon Campus is a vibrant site in the heart of Manchester. The campus is renowned for its excellent performing arts and music courses, with industry-standard media facilities and two theatres. Regular student performances at the Waterside Theatre and Sackville Theatre are open to the public.
Campus postcode: M1 3HB

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

NORTHENDEN
Our Northenden Campus is a large, welcoming, space offering an array of courses. We have invested £2 million in the site to ensure it is the ideal environment to study. We have introduced a wildlife haven within the grounds and there are wildlife corridors connecting the campus to nearby Wythenshawe Park. Some of our facilities, such as the beauty salons, are open to the public.
Campus postcode: M23 0DD

OPENSHW
Our Openshaw Campus is a modern campus designed to offer supportive learning and a social environment, a short bus ride away from the centre of Manchester. Our Welcomb Street campus, also referred to as the School of Building, is situated next to the Openshaw site and is dedicated to our construction trade qualifications, with facilities that reflect industry workplaces.
Campus postcode: M11 2WH

TRANSPORT
Manchester has a superb public transport system, which makes getting around town easy. There are also loads of travel passes and special student rates, so you can keep your travel costs as cheap as possible and still go exploring!
For more information please visit: tfgm.com

UCEN Manchester campuses correct at time of print. For the latest information, please visit our website: ucenmcr.tmc.ac.uk
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.

4.2% employment growth predicted in Manchester by 2025*

Source: Emsi

REASONS TO CHOOSE US

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

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

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

SMALL CLASS SIZES CREATE PERSONAL WORKING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN TUTORS AND STUDENTS

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

ALL OUR DEGREE PROGRAMMES ARE VALIDATED BY ONE OF THREE TOP UNIVERSITY PARTNERS

Source: Emsi

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YOUR DEDICATED SUPPORT TEAM HERE AT UCEN MANCHESTER

Our role is to ensure that we help you break down any barriers that may impact your study or life, so that you are supported to achieve and invest in your future.

Our team works to support you in a variety of ways and aim to be visible and accessible to all students at all times. We will support your learning and ultimately your future; whether this be through study skills sessions, advice on careers, employability, or your finances. We can even support you to improve your overall experience by getting involved in the student voice initiative.

UCEN Manchester’s mission is to improve the lives of those we work with through education and our support services are here to ensure your investment in your future is supported and encouraged at every stage, from application to graduation.

OUR COMMITMENT TO STUDENTS

Our aim is to ensure that, as soon as you have completed your studies with us, you will have exactly what you need to follow your dream career.

Our staff are award winning, experienced in their field and specialists in the advice sector. They are fully committed to helping each and every one of you, every step of the way, with all the support you may need.

We will help you explore your passions, follow your dreams, take your skills to the next level and prepare yourself for a career you will love. Whatever your background, whatever your age, and whatever your ability, we aim to inspire and excite you to achieve.

ADVICE AND GUIDANCE

It is our job to make sure you leave UCEN Manchester on the path to a successful career, one that you are passionate about. We are here for you if you need help exploring your career or progression options, if you are unsure about your next steps or long-term goals, or if you just want to talk to someone about your future.

All our advisors are highly qualified, Matrix-accredited professionals, which means they can help you find your perfect career and plan your route to get there. They can offer you Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance whenever you need it.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Disability and student support

Many people with learning difficulties or disabilities choose to study with us, not only because of the range of courses we offer but the way we deliver them. At UCEN Manchester we offer something different and more personal.

Our team is here to support you from the moment you sign up, your enrolment and throughout your studies. Our specialist Disability Advisors will make sure you have the assistance you need in lectures and exams. They will help you to discuss any required adjustments with your tutors, provide equipment loans and support you in applying for Disabled Students Allowance (DSA) funding.

You can tell us about your disability or learning difficulties on your UCAS application form, or during enrolment. If you want to talk to us in more detail, please contact our Higher Education (HE) Disability Team by email: DSA@ucenmcr.tmc.ac.uk, or call: 07730 619177

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Our campus libraries stock the books and resources you will need to help you in your studies. We hold titles across all subject areas and also have a large collection of online resources, including professional and academic journals as well as specialist subject materials. Our online resources can be accessed 24 hours a day and our library staff are available during the day to assist you with any enquiries. We also offer introductory workshop sessions to help you find your way around our services.

Skills4Study Campus

Skills4Study Campus is an interactive e-learning resource, offering a range of activities to help you sharpen the skills you need for learning. Modules include getting ready for academic study, research principles and exam skills. You will be provided with a personal account giving you access to the whole package throughout your time with us.

CHILDCARE

Juggling childcare with an education can be a challenging, time-consuming, task – but it does not have to be. At UCEN Manchester, we have an on-site nursery at our Openshaw campus with fully qualified, expert, childcare providers who can help to look after your child or children. Our nursery is open Monday to Friday, 8am-6pm, and is suitable for children from six months old up to the age of five. Your little one(s) will enjoy a safe and friendly environment, where the will learn, play and make new friends throughout the year, giving you the freedom to focus on your studies.
We develop our programmes in partnership with businesses and organisations to keep us at the cutting edge of industry developments and ensure that we are meeting the latest requirements.

**INDUSTRY EXPERTS**
The majority of our academic, professional and technical staff are hugely experienced, having worked directly in the industries and professions they teach in. A sizeable number maintain direct links through work, mentoring and accessible networks, to support our students in work placements and in gaining graduate work.

**WORK PLACEMENTS**
Work placements are a key part of our programmes, giving you opportunities to develop your experience and understanding in the workplace and apply your skills directly to your role. You will be well-placed to plan and arrange your placement and take advantage of our industry links.

**EMPLOYABILITY TEAM**
All our advisors are highly qualified, Matrix accredited professionals, which means they can help you find your perfect career and plan your route to get there. They can help you one-to-one, at one of our workshops, in a drop-in or appointment, or during an event. They provide access to employability information and advice, with specialist advice and networks in the many professional areas we teach in. Their advice is invaluable in enabling you to be attractive to employers, and to give you the confidence to succeed.

**PERSONAL CAREERS ADVICE**

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**OUR GRADUATE STATISTICS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES: MORE THAN 95% OF OUR GRADUATES GO ON TO WORK OR FURTHER STUDY WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF LEAVING.**

**SUPPORT**
UCEN Manchester offers a range of support to ensure students are work ready. This builds on the work advisors will be doing in your sessions around careers and employability skills.
To ensure that you have quality support for your long-term career goals we can:

- Look at work options based on skill levels
- Support you to find the right job
- Help you build a CV to suit the labour market
- Prepare you to be ready for formal interviews
- Provide access to computers for job searching
- Offer opportunities to reflect and review career planning
- Support in completing job applications
- Level 6 careers advice
- Volunteering and graduate opportunities
- Personal and professional development plans
- E-guidance appointments and webinars
- Business coaching appointments
- Skills intelligence and labour market information.

* 2017 DLHE data
As a student at UCEN Manchester, you will automatically become a member of the Students’ Union (SU). This gives you the opportunity to be part of an organisation run by students, for students. Each year, our students elect a President and a team of Officers to lead the SU and represent the student body. The SU works in partnership with UCEN Manchester to provide a wide range of activities and opportunities to enhance the experience of students.

GET INVOLVED!

SOCIETIES
Meet people with similar interests, or get involved in something completely new, by joining one of our Societies. There have been a number created, including the African Caribbean Society; Creative Writing; Creative Networking; Debating; Enterprise; Film; Football; Gaming; Knitting and LGBTQ+ societies. You can always get in touch with the SU to set up your own society if there is something else that interests you! If you have a great idea or want to know more, email us at: SU@ucenmcr.tmc.ac.uk

REPRESENTATION
Do you want to shape the direction of the SU? You might want to think about becoming a student representative so you can vote in elections, contact your union with suggestions for improvements to the student experience, or even become an elected SU Officer.

The role of a student rep is to proactively seek and represent the views, questions and experiences of your academic peers to staff. Student reps work in collaboration with UCEN Manchester to improve the student academic experience and each student rep is responsible for representing students in a specified course group.

Student reps share views on a wide variety of issues relating to their course, from learning and teaching methods; research; assessment; support provided by personal tutors or supervisors; learning and research; facilities and academic events.

CAMPAIGNS
Running a campaign is all about raising awareness on an important issue, or creating positive change. An example of a high-profile campaign led by the SU is the Single Use Plastic Campaign, which resulted in positive changes in the catering department and raised awareness among students. A variety of changes continue to be made.

NUS
The SU is an affiliated member of the National Union of Students (NUS). The main job of the NUS is to represent the interests of over seven million students (including you) at a national level, especially to the UK Government. Just as we represent you at UCEN Manchester, the NUS represents you in national conversations on issues which concern and affect students.

The NUS also runs nationwide and regional campaigns on subjects that matter to students, like the cost of studying, changes to education or tackling hate crime. Every year around 1,000 elected students and officers, including representatives from UCEN Manchester, gather for an annual conference to decide the direction and leadership of the NUS for the next year.

Being a member of the NUS also offers practical benefits, like the Totum card - the UK’s biggest and most widely known student discount card. You can support your SU by purchasing your Totum card from £12 per year – not a bad investment for something that will save you money all year!
At UCN Manchester we offer some of the most competitive tuition fees in the UK. Our tuition fees are reviewed annually. The table below shows our 2019/20 tuition fees. Our 2020/21 tuition fees will be published online.

Please visit ucmcr.tmc.ac.uk for the latest information.

### PROGRAMMES

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### FINANCES

As well as offering high quality courses, UCN Manchester charge some of the lowest tuition fees in the UK. There's lots of help available to make sure you can afford your education and enjoy your time with us.

#### TUITION FEE LOAN

Student Finance England (SFE) will provide you with a loan for the full amount of your tuition fees. The fees for our part-time courses will be charged on a pro-rata basis, depending on the number of credits being studied. This money will be paid directly to the institution. To apply to Student Finance England, please visit: gov.uk/apply-for-student-finance

It is recommended that you apply for your loan by the May before you start your course, but SFE will accept applications after this. The tuition fee loan is only available for students who have not already got a degree or UK equivalent qualification. If you already have a degree qualification, please contact us via the details at the bottom of this page.

Further details of the tuition fees we charge, our fees and finance policy, and how to apply, can be found on our website: ucmcr.tmc.ac.uk

#### MAINTENANCE LOAN

A maintenance loan is available to help with your living costs while in higher education (e.g. accommodation, books and bills). All eligible students can get some maintenance support. The amount of maintenance loan you can get depends on where you live and study. The maximum loan available is £8,944 (based on living away from home, outside London). This is paid directly into your bank account each term. Maintenance loans have to be paid back, but not until you have finished university and are earning over £25,000 a year.

The maintenance loan is paid directly to you in three instalments throughout the academic year. You will receive instalments in September, January and April.

UCN Manchester also offer a range of discretionary bursaries and funds to help break down barriers that may prevent you from committing to study and reaching your potential.

#### UCN MANCHESTER BURSARY

The UCN Manchester Bursary includes consideration for financial support in a variety of ways, from progression, living costs and hardship issues. If you are struggling with day-to-day finance, make an appointment with one of our ‘Future U’ Careers, Employability and Welfare Advisors who will work with you to maximise your income. We are here to guide you and offer support and, together, we can look at ways to improve your situation.

#### AM I ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING?

Your eligibility for student funding will depend on your nationality, residency, previous study and the type of course you are applying for. Depending on your personal circumstances, you may be able to access extra funding, such as childcare allowance.

Further details of these additional funds can be found on our website: ucmcr.tmc.ac.uk

If you have any questions about fees and finance, please contact our ‘Future U’ Careers, Employability and Welfare team on: 03333 222 444.
HOW TO APPLY
Applying for a course at UCEN Manchester is simple. The process depends on whether the course you are applying for is full or part-time, so we have put together everything you need to know below.

FULL-TIME COURSES STARTING IN SEPTEMBER 2020 AND JANUARY 2021
If you are applying for a full-time Honours Degree, Foundation Degree (including those with a preparatory year), Higher National Certificate or Diploma, you will need to apply via UCAS. You can search for a course on our website ucenmcr.tmc.ac.uk, or through UCAS courses. Please note that not all of our courses have both a September and January start date. Please check the website for further details.

Your application on UCAS apply - you will need to register and create a user account. This means you can complete your application at your own speed and track your application after you have submitted it.

Remember, you can only submit one UCAS application per cycle, so all the courses you want to apply for have to be on the same application. There are some helpful resources on the UCAS website if you encounter any problems.

If you are applying to UCEN Manchester, you will need our institution code ‘M10’ for when you complete your UCAS application.

COSTS TO APPLY
To apply in 2020/21, the application fee is:
• £18 if you are applying to just one course*;
• or
• £24 for multiple courses (and for late applications sent after 30 June).

The costs for the 2020/21 academic year may differ, so please visit the UCAS website: www.ucas.com for full details.

YOUR UCAS BUZZWORD
If you are currently at school or college, you will need a buzzword from your tutor or careers advisor. This is like a password unique to your school or college that allows you to register your application with UCAS. Your school or college will then add a reference and submit your application.

Your tutor or careers advisor can explain how you apply to UCAS and whether there are any internal deadlines you need to stick to.

DEADLINES FOR APPLYING
Please check the UCAS website: www.ucas.com for key application deadlines.

MATURE STUDENTS, OR THOSE NOT CURRENTLY AT SCHOOL OR COLLEGE
UCEN Manchester encourages all applications, including those from people who are returning to education after a time away.

You will still need to apply via UCAS as an independent applicant and write a personal statement, which needs to be between 4,000 and 4,600 characters. This is your opportunity to tell us about any additional skills or experience you may have, as well as why you want to study your chosen course. You can include examples of voluntary or work experience, as well as career aspirations and personal qualities that will help you study.

You will also need to provide details of a referee who can confirm your suitability to study at higher education level.

PART-TIME COURSES STARTING IN SEPTEMBER 2020 AND JANUARY 2021
If you are applying for an Honours Degree, Foundation Degree (including those with a preparatory year), Higher National Certificate or Diploma, you will need to apply directly to UCEN Manchester. You can search for a course on our website: ucenmcr.tmc.ac.uk. Please note that not all of our courses have both a September and January start date. Please check the website for further details.

You will need to register on our website and fill in the application form. Once we have received your application, we will contact you to make an offer, or invite you to interview.

COSTS TO APPLY
Applying for a part-time course is free.

You can find further information about applying for courses and accepting any offers you receive on our website: ucenmcr.tmc.ac.uk. If you have any questions, our Admissions team will be able to help you on: 0161 674 7777.

DEADLINES FOR APPLYING
Please check our website: ucenmcr.tmc.ac.uk for application deadlines for 2020/2021 entry.

PLEASE CONTACT US FOR FURTHER DETAILS ON: 0161 674 7777

*If you opt for a single choice, you won’t be able to enter UCAS EXTRA or UCAS Clearing, or make further choices, but you can always pay the extra £6 if you want to access these UCAS services.
UCEN Manchester is committed to equality of opportunity, non-discriminatory practices and supporting individual learners.

This information is also available in a range of formats, such as large print, on request.