INTERNATIONAL
DISASTER MANAGEMENT
AND HUMANITARIAN
RESPONSE

SCHOOL OF ARTS, LANGUAGES AND CULTURES
Undergraduate courses 2018
WHY MANCHESTER?

35TH WORLD
7TH EUROPE
5TH UK

Academic Ranking of World Universities 2016
Higher Education Statistics Agency 2016

WE’RE THE LEADING GLOBAL CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF
HUMANITARIANISM
CONFLICT RESPONSE
GLOBAL HEALTH
PEACEBUILDING
INTERNATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT

CLOSE PARTNERSHIP WITH NGOs AND INDUSTRY BODIES E.G. MÉDECINS SANS FRONTIÈRES AND INTERNATIONAL ALERT

BENEFIT FROM WORK PLACEMENTS AND NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL FIELDWORK OPPORTUNITIES

HOME TO UK MED
THE COUNTRY’S DEPLOYMENT LEAD TO GLOBAL HUMANITARIAN CRISSES

MAKE AN IMPACT

UNIVERSITY WORK
REACHES KEY HUMANITARIAN DECISION-MAKERS INTERNATIONALLY

MOST LIVEABLE CITY IN THE UK

Economist Intelligence Unit’s liveability survey 2016

ENGAGE WITH THE PEOPLE, PROJECTS AND ORGANISATIONS THAT SHARE STRATEGIES AROUND THE WORLD

94% GRADUATES GO STRAIGHT INTO EMPLOYMENT OR FURTHER STUDY
Do more
be more
STELLIFY

There’s a reason why our graduates are among the most targeted by the UK’s top graduate recruiters. We offer you the opportunity for true personal and professional change and growth.

Stellify yourself

Participate in some of our most transformative academic and extracurricular activities. Truly stand out to graduate employers and work towards the Manchester Leadership Award.

Learn without boundaries – try an unparalleled range of interdisciplinary courses, placements and options for study abroad. The only limit to learning at Manchester is your own curiosity.

Understand the issues that matter – take part in our Ethical Grand Challenges programme, confronting some of the most profound ethical challenges of the 21st century.

Make a difference – take advantage of a huge range of volunteering and social justice opportunities. Discover what you’re capable of contributing to the world.

Step up to leadership – challenge yourself. Try your hand at student representation, entrepreneurship, project management, public speaking – you might be surprised by what you can achieve.

Look to your future – grasp some of the UK’s best student career development opportunities, illuminating your path to new adventures.

www.manchester.ac.uk/stellify
www.manchester.ac.uk/ucil
www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate-study-abroad
www.manchester.ac.uk/placements
www.manchester.ac.uk/volunteering
www.manchester.ac.uk/egc
The Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute (HCRI) is a ground-breaking centre for multidisciplinary teaching in the field of humanitarian action. We promote collaboration amongst natural and social sciences, medicine and the arts in exploring disaster management, peace and conflict studies and humanitarianism and conflict response.

Our teaching is informed by experience of working in both contemporary and historical incidents, strong relationships with institutions in the humanitarian sector and through consultation with governments around the world. These networks are integrated into our teaching where students can benefit from lectures, workshops and events with key sector organisations including Save the Children and Médecins San Frontières (MSF).

Study with us and you’ll explore the causes and impacts of disasters at different scales and locations. You’ll discover the concepts and strategy that surround vulnerability and resilience, as well as exploring response and recovery in the post-disaster setting. Understanding how disasters are connected to broader global processes of climate change, inequality and sustainable development will be a key learning objective.

You will engage with the definitive concepts of humanitarianism, such as neutrality and impartiality, to comprehend where they came from and how they are contested. You’ll apply your learning to specific fields such as peacebuilding and security, disaster response, and humanitarian governance, providing you with a comprehensive understanding of disaster management and humanitarianism to aid your future career. Your Manchester based learning can be complemented with an optional work placement programme with a humanitarian organisation in the UK as well as optional international fieldwork.

To apply, visit www.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/applications

Please note that the course units listed in this brochure only represent a sample of the full breadth of available units for each course. Units are reviewed on an annual basis and as such may vary slightly to those advertised.

For up-to-date course information, including unit detail and entry requirements visit: www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate

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You’ll learn about humanitarian response systems, including their design, the work of the international community in relief work, and the challenges and opportunities in the humanitarian response agenda. We want our students to develop an informed attitude towards ethical issues impacting humanitarianism, including actions taken by government and non-government organisations in reaction to both natural and man-made disasters.

Each year, you’ll take a number of compulsory course units. This core study will be supplemented by optional course units, allowing you to tailor your study to specific needs or interests. This includes relevant multidisciplinary courses in history, politics, medicine, geography and development studies. Your final year dissertation allows you to make the focus of your last semester here truly your own, and wholly relevant to your personal interests and prospective career. Up to a third of your degree can comprise of language study, such as French, Arabic, German, or Russian. This option addresses the demand for language-speakers from employers in the humanitarian sector, and would give you a great foundation for making use of your degree overseas.

Study issues arising from relief and development work, including resilience-building and preparation for crises and disasters.

Develop practical expertise in risk / vulnerability analysis alongside strategic research methods.

Optional fieldwork and work placements to enhance your studies.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:**
- A Level: AAB. General Studies is welcomed but not included as part of the standard offer.
- IB: 35 points overall (core points accepted), including 6,6,5 in three Higher Level subjects.

**SAMPLE COURSE UNITS:**

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How you’ll learn

Teaching takes place in a variety of formats, including:

- Lectures
- Seminars
- Small group tutorials
- Workshops
- Virtual web-based seminars
- Work placements
- Fieldwork

Seminars provide opportunities to develop research and presentation skills including researching sources, planning, public speaking and the use of audio-visual media. You’ll explore lecture themes in more detail via individual and group readings and presentations.

In your second year you’ll have the opportunity to work directly with sector partners through a 20-day placement. This hands-on learning experience will offer you the chance to explore humanitarianism in action – providing insight and valuable professional experience from organisations such as S.A.L.V.E. (Support and Love via Education) International and Musicians Without Borders.

Your learning will be supplemented by field study - either here in the UK or overseas - where you’ll learn how your knowledge of disaster management and humanitarian response might be applied in the context of real-life hazards and vulnerabilities.

How you’ll be assessed

Assessment varies from course unit to course unit, but we aim to offer a good balance of written examinations, essays and project work.

The culmination of your studies will be a dissertation, allowing you to focus on a specific area of interest and to apply the knowledge you’ve gained throughout your university study. By tailoring your research topic to meet your career objectives and personal interests, you can make your final semester here truly your own.

The University genuinely cares about its students and wants to see everyone succeed in their chosen area of study. I honestly don’t think students could receive a better learning experience than here at Manchester.

George Whitehead
Undergraduate student
School of Arts, Languages and Cultures
A degree from The University of Manchester will open doors to a wide range of careers

Postgraduate Study
We offer a wide range of specialist master’s programmes within HCRI.

Find out more:
www.hcri.manchester.ac.uk/study/courses/taught-masters/

Professions
There are numerous possibilities for graduates of International Disaster Management and Humanitarian Response.

Students have the opportunity to build their CVs by electing modules that include placements or a study visit to humanitarian organisations. The general and academic skills acquired on our courses are welcomed by a broad spectrum of employers, including: international organisations (for example the UN and the EU), the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs).

Other sectors include:
- Business and commerce
- Banking
- Law
- Print and broadcast journalism
- Tourism management
- Teaching in secondary schools, in subjects such as Geography and Environmental Science

Careers Service
Our award-winning careers service provides a wealth of tools, advice, development opportunities, and industry links specific to your subject. You’ll have access to dedicated support throughout your studies and up to two years after graduation.

Find out more:
www.manchester.ac.uk/careers

WHERE CAN YOUR DEGREE TAKE YOU?
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Our pioneering partnerships with specific national and international Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) shape the real-world focus of our teaching, as well as offering strong industry links to key career destinations for graduates.

Our partners include Save the Children, International Alert, Médecins Sans Frontières, The Overseas Development Institute, ALNAP, Mines Advisory Group (MAG), and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC). We also have a flourishing partnership with Manchester’s UK-Med and the UK International Emergency Trauma and Medical Registers (UKIETR/UKEMR) – an initiative supported by the Department for International Development (DFID). Further, HCRI is a WHO collaboration centre.

THE MOST TARGETED UNIVERSITY BY THE UK’S TOP GRADUATE EMPLOYERS
The Graduate Market 2016, High Fliers Research
It took me a while to get involved with societies at the University, but I’m glad I did as they’ve allowed me to meet some of my best friends.

Alyx Adams
Undergraduate student
School of Arts, Languages and Cultures

The University of Manchester’s Students’ Union is run by students, for students. The biggest students’ union in the UK, it’s home to a free, confidential, professional advice service, and Manchester Academy - one of the UK’s most iconic music venues, as well as more than 300 societies, including:

- Manchester Global Health Society promotes issues of global health and works closely with the Office for Global Health and the UK Faculty of Public Health. The society offers interactive workshops on key topical issues and hosts a TEDx-style series with leading experts on issues of global importance.

- British Red Cross society provides many opportunities to get involved; with fundraising events, First Aid training and Peer Education programmes, this is your chance to join some of the most rewarding charity projects available.

- Friends of Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) are part of a national network of societies which campaign, fundraise and raise awareness about global health issues and the work of MSF.

For more information about these and other societies visit: www.manchesterstudentsunion.com
Study abroad is an excellent opportunity for you to see the world, experience new cultures and study at one of our partner institutions overseas.

Your learning will include field study either in the UK or abroad (at additional cost), where you will look at concepts such as: emergency preparedness and response, recovery and reconstruction in relation to a specific hazard, specific vulnerabilities and humanitarian response to such disasters. Work placements with humanitarian organisations will allow you to gain valuable professional experience.

International Disaster Management and Humanitarian Response students will also have the chance to study abroad during the second semester of your second year – in Europe, Australia, Canada, USA, Hong Kong, or Singapore – through the Worldwide Exchange Scheme. Students do not generally incur any additional tuition fees for taking part, and the credits obtained while abroad contribute towards your degree.

Find out more:

Find out more about what it’s like to study abroad through our social channels, including our blog, Manchester on the Road, written by Manchester students currently studying abroad.

www.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/studyabroad

www.manchesterontheroad.wordpress.com

/TheUniversityOfManchesterStudyAbroad

@UoM_GoAbroad

My course has brought me many benefits, including confidence and a knowledge of our world and different cultures thanks to my time abroad.

Jessica Gilbert
Undergraduate student
School of Arts, Languages and Cultures
Our Flexible Honours scheme may offer you the opportunity to study an additional arts, languages or cultures subject, allowing you to create a unique blend of knowledge, experience and transferable skills to suit your needs.

Taking a Minor in your first year will allow you to explore another subject area, but it will still allow you to complete your original Single Honours degree.

At the end of your first year you’ll have the opportunity to reflect on your study experience so far. You can choose to continue with your current Minor subject at years two and three and you can even have the subject featured in your degree title should you wish.

Alternatively, if you feel that your Minor subject isn’t right for you, you can simply drop it and revert back to your original Single Honours subject.

If you decide to drop your Minor subject, you can still make use of your 40 free choice credits at Levels 2 and 3.

For Flexible Honours compatible Single Honours degrees please visit www.manchester.ac.uk/flexiblehonours

* Please note that all Flexible Honours subject combinations are subject to academic approval, availability and timetabling constraints.
As well as outstanding study facilities, our courses also benefit from partnerships with NGOs, industry bodies and policy-makers around the world.

Sample collaborations include:

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Our robust approach to humanitarian education has led to a teaching arrangement and we are pleased to contribute to IFRC staff and associate training programmes.

Médecins San Frontières

Institute Director Rony Brauman was President of Médecins San Frontières (MSF) for 12 years and Executive Director Bertrand Taithe is on the Scientific Board of the Centre de Réflexion sur l’Action et les Savoirs Humanitaires (CRASH) at MSF Paris. We maintain close ties to the organisation, which is one of the leading bodies in international medical assistance.

International Alert

This London based organisation is the biggest peacebuilding INGO in Europe and second largest in the world. It is one of the leading, senior policy voices on peacebuilding, providing high level policy advice to governments and inter-governmental organisations.

UK-Med

HCRI is home to UK-Med, a medical emergency response charity and the UK’s deployment lead for global humanitarian crises.

We are also a World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Centre for Emergency Medical Teams and emergency capacity building.

The University of Manchester Library

One of only five National Research Libraries, The University of Manchester Library holds extensive, internationally renowned collections.

The Alan Gilbert Learning Commons

Our new £24 million Alan Gilbert Learning Commons offers students a stimulating 24/7 environment for study, combining inspiring decor with flexible spaces and the latest in learning technology.

Find out more about our unique study facilities:
www.manchester.ac.uk/university

FACILITIES AND RESOURCES

LEARNING SUPPORT

We’ll provide individual learning support to help you take control of your learning and develop your confidence.

Peer support scheme

Our peer support scheme is one of the largest in Europe. Peer mentors are higher-year students on the same degree programme as you, who will help you find your feet when you arrive here and adjust to student life. As they’ll have already been a student at Manchester for at least a year, they should be able to help you with anything you might be worried or unsure about.

PASS (Peer Assisted Study Sessions)

Led by volunteer students, PASS sessions will often be based around a specific area of study. You’ll have the opportunity to consolidate and build on your existing knowledge through discussion with other students in an informal and supportive environment, where you can compare notes, analyse, ask questions and talk through ideas.

Academic advisers

Study with us and you’ll be assigned an academic adviser who is there to give advice about any academic issues throughout the duration of your course. Your adviser will be able to help you with the transition from school / college to university – and can help you get to grips with studying and learning more independently. They’ll also be able to help you develop your skills in academic writing or research, or any other skills that are specific to your degree programme.

Disability support

If you have additional needs arising from a medical condition, physical or sensory disability, specific learning disability such as dyslexia, or a mental health difficulty that affects your study, we can provide support. Contact or visit our Disability Advisory and Support Office before you apply, to discuss your needs and support available.

Find out more about the personal and academic support available to you throughout your studies:
www.manchester.ac.uk/student-support
HCRI is unlike other institutes or more traditional fields of study in that it brings together leading academics, practitioners, scholar-practitioners and students from across the world and across disciplines. Based in the radical city of Manchester, known for leading on social change, we invite you to (re)think and learn together with this unique mix of people and in an environment that intuitively seeks to find solutions for current global challenges.

Dr Birte Vogel,
Director of Teaching
SCHOOL OF ARTS, LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

The School of Arts, Languages and Cultures is the largest grouping of arts, languages and humanities scholars and students in the UK. Study with us and you’ll benefit from multidisciplinary learning opportunities and world-renowned cultural resources as well as the creative fabric of Manchester itself.

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Disclaimer

This brochure was printed in June 2017 for the purposes of the 2018 intake. It has therefore been printed in advance of course starting dates. For this reason, information contained within the brochure, for example, about campus life, may be amended prior to you applying for a place on a course of study. Course entry requirements are listed for the purposes of the 2018 intake only.

Prospective students are therefore reminded that they are responsible for ensuring, prior to applying to study on a course of study at the University of Manchester, that they review up-to-date course information including checking entry requirements, which is available by visiting www.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/ and searching for the relevant course.

Further information describing the teaching, examination, assessment and other educational services, offered by the University of Manchester is available from www.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/

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