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You want to become a teacher; to immerse yourself in the subject you love and inspire others to love it too. We’re here to help you make that happen.

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Be the best teacher you can be at The University of Manchester.

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A combination of impressive academic rankings and committed school partnerships means a PGCE from The University of Manchester will set you up for a bright future in teaching.

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*Ofsted Report 2018
**Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2019
*** The Good Teacher Training Guide 2017
**** The Graduate Market in 2019, High Flyers Research; Higher Education Statistics Agency, 2018
Madhu Jena realised the sense of satisfaction a career in teaching could bring her after taking a career break from her corporate job. Here, Madhu explains why she chose to study at The University of Manchester and how she has been supported throughout her PGCE training.

Deciding to become a Primary Teacher
I had been in the banking industry up until my first child was born. I then chose to take a career break and pursue my passion in Bollywood dancing and stage performances. It gave me a sense of fulfilment watching the adults and children perform to the dances that I had choreographed; a sense of gratification that I never had in my previous career.

I also had the pleasure of actively participating in various activities in my children’s school as a member of the Parent-Teacher group. Having had these experiences, I knew that I would enjoy building a career in this environment and I believe that it would allow me to positively impact children’s growth during their formative years.

Why I chose The University of Manchester
The reputation of the University precedes itself – it was not a hard choice to make. Having decided to change career and make a fresh start in teaching, I wanted to kick start from the best. The course curriculum and the prior placement of students from the University were other contributing factors to my overall university choice.

My school placement experiences
My guided professional placement was in a Year 1 class in a small Roman Catholic school which was a different experience to my final placement in Year 4 of a larger 3-form entry school. I enjoyed both the placements thoroughly and learned a great deal from my mentors as well as my own teaching experience. After teaching in both Key Stage groups, I realised which age group I preferred.

Furthermore, the University was extremely supportive of the fact that I have two children of my own in Primary School. They took personal interest to ensure that I was always placed in schools close to home. This made a huge difference and I was able to balance my time between lesson planning, teaching and my own family life.
Training for a PGCE at Manchester means benefitting from high-quality school-based training combined with expert academic teaching at a highly-regarded university.

- Make the most of our great connections with over 200 schools, academies and colleges.
- Get a teaching qualification that is recognised across the globe.
- Enjoy course content influenced by research undertaken at the prestigious Manchester Institute of Education.
- Feel confident you’ll get the best quality training - we’ve successfully trained more than 5000 teachers over the past 15 years.
- Broaden your world view through studying with students from across the globe, and a variety of backgrounds, from recent graduates to mature learners.
- Benefit from our commitment on practical skills through significant school-based teaching experience at dedicated partner schools.

Find out more about training to teach at the University: uom.link/pgce
PGCE will give you the training you need to teach the subject you love, and when you complete your course, you’ll be recommended for qualified teaching status (QTS), which means you can teach in any state-maintained or special school across England and Wales.

As well as the all-important qualification, we’ll give you the support you need to prepare for a successful career in education through clear direction and advice when applying for teaching posts, and you’ll also have access to the University’s award-winning Careers Service.

**SALARY**
£23,720 a year*
Minimum starting salary for newly qualified teachers in England and Wales

*Salaries for 2018/19 (getintoteaching.education.gov.uk)

**CAREER PROGRESSION**
As a qualified teacher, you will undertake continuous professional development (CPD) throughout your career, to maintain the latest subject knowledge and teaching techniques, and, if you wish, to help you progress into leadership and management positions.

If you decide you would like to extend your studies and complete a master’s in the future, our PGCE qualification can count for 50% of the credits required for a master’s degree, such as our MA in Educational Leadership.

*Where will it take you?*
[Anonymous Link](https://uom.link/pgce)
WHAT TO EXPECT FROM A PGCE AT MANCHESTER

• Study current, challenging educational issues.
• Get quality teaching experience in our partner schools and colleges.
• Access support for careers planning and early professional development.
• Receive guidance and support from experienced tutors and mentors.
• Make the most of opportunities for reflective practice and research.

TEACHING AND LEARNING
The structure of our PGCEs includes both school-based and university-based learning. Studying a Primary PGCE with The University of Manchester means that you will spend a significant amount of your time in primary schools on placements.

On our Secondary PGCEs, around two-thirds of your time will be spent in secondary schools, academies and colleges on placements.

The remaining time will be spent at the University, for example in lectures and seminars, including group work. On the Secondary PGCE, you will work in subject-specific groups.

TIME COMMITMENT
PGCE courses are intensive and challenging training courses but lead to a highly-regarded professional qualification and a rewarding career in teaching.

The time you spend in university-based learning combined with school-based placements will be roughly equivalent to a full-time job, with additional time required in evenings and weekends for background reading, lesson planning and written assignments.

PGCE courses start in September and are ten months in duration. You will get time off from attending university and school placements over Christmas and Easter, but you should expect to spend some time in self-directed study during these breaks.

“The highlight of the PGCE so far has to be the many moments experienced while on placements. What feels like massive steps to begin with, soon become second nature. I am excited to return back to this school for my third placement and see what a difference and progression we have all made since we started out.

The early mornings and long days are challenging; they take some getting used to, and it can seem like there’s no end to planning and marking. However, the more practice you get, the more on top of it you feel.”

Naomi Rittey, UK
PGCE Secondary Modern Languages

“My highlight has been meeting the other trainees on the course, the support we give each other and the support we received from our tutors.

The tutors at Manchester are always friendly and approachable. My tutor provided tailored university-based sessions that suited our tutor group, which was really helpful.”

Will Jones
PGCE Secondary Physics with Maths
FEES AND FUNDING

TUITION FEES
Your fees will cover the cost of your study, as well as your registration, tuition, supervision, examinations and graduation.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Government support
The Department for Education often provide tax-free bursaries and scholarships up to help support you throughout your teacher training. The level of funding offered depends on your subject.

Tuition fee and maintenance loans
PGCE students can also take out a non-means tested tuition fee to cover the full cost of tuition fees, and, depending on your household income, a maintenance loan to cover living costs while you’re studying.

To find out the latest news on government bursaries, visit:
getintoteaching.education.gov.uk

The University of Manchester
We offer various funding opportunities to our PGCE students, including PGCE bursaries and PGCE Alumni Award.

For details, and to find out if you’re eligible, visit:
uom.link/pgce-funding
HOW TO APPLY

Apply for your PGCE through the UCAS Teacher Training website: [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

Applications or CVs sent directly to the University will not be considered.

WHEN TO APPLY

Applications for PGCE courses starting in September 2020 open in October 2019. We recommend that you submit your application as soon as possible.

INTERVIEW

Your application will be assessed by our admissions team and if successful, you will be invited to an interview. All universities interview candidates for PGCE courses.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- The interview process takes place over a half day.
- University lecturers will give an introductory talk.
- You will have a personal interview with one of our tutors and a teacher from a partnership school.
- If you’re applying for a primary PGCE, you will deliver a short presentation, details of which will be given when you are invited for interview.
- If you’re applying for a secondary PGCE, you will be asked to conduct a short teaching task and complete a subject knowledge assessment.
- You will undergo identity and qualification checks, so please bring photographic ID, proof of address and original copies of your academic qualifications.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

PGCE Primary

- A Bachelor’s degree with a 2:1 classification or above
- Two A-level qualifications at grade C or above (in non-vocational subjects)
- GCSE English Language, Mathematics and Science, plus at least three other non-vocational subjects, at grade C or above

PGCE Secondary

Entry requirements vary dependant on the programme of study, however as a guide we require a minimum of:

- A Bachelor’s degree with a 2:2 classification or above in a related subject.
- Each PGCE Secondary programme requires specific GCSE and A-level grades in certain subjects. Check the exact requirements for your course: [www.manchester.ac.uk/pgce](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/pgce)

If you are unsure if you meet the entry requirements, get in touch:

pgce@manchester.ac.uk

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SUBJECT KNOWLEDGE ENHANCEMENT TESTS

If you would like to teach English, maths, physics or physics with maths but your skills in this area need strengthening, we offer eight-week subject enhancement courses to raise your knowledge of physics or maths up to GCSE level.

Details are available online at: [uom.link/pgce-secondary](http://uom.link/pgce-secondary)
The University of Manchester works with local schools to offer the School Direct route into teaching. We offer the following PGCE School Direct options:

- Primary School Direct
- Secondary Biology School Direct
- Secondary Business Education School Direct
- Secondary Chemistry School Direct
- Secondary English School Direct
- Secondary French School Direct
- Secondary Geography School Direct
- Secondary German School Direct
- Secondary History School Direct
- Secondary Mathematics School Direct
- Secondary Physics School Direct
- Secondary Spanish School Direct

The School Direct route means that lead schools recruit and select their own trainees, who will go on to complete their teaching placements and some of their training in their partnership schools.

If you choose the primary School Direct route, you will cover the taught course content through both a university-based and school-based training course. Some of your taught course will be planned, organised and led by your chosen School Direct alliance.

The secondary School Direct option largely follows the same course structure as the general PGCE course.

You’ll benefit from extended periods of school experience, resulting in up to 25 weeks of classroom experience (based on secondary placements).

If you’re interested in School Direct, visit our website for details: [uom.link/school-direct](http://uom.link/school-direct)
ABOUT THE COURSE

Our PGCE primary will train you to teach children across the 5-11 age range in all primary stage National Curriculum subjects, with the option of a specialised pathway focusing on maths.

Our course is a blend of university-based sessions and practical training in partner schools.

On completion you will receive a postgraduate qualification and recommendation for qualified teacher status (QTS), enabling you to apply for primary teaching jobs.

At Manchester, you will:
- Spend a significant amount of time in schools developing practical teaching skills.
- Observe and teach classes under the guidance of an experienced primary teacher.
- Get support from a mentor in lesson planning and marking and assessment skills.

Your university-based sessions will cover education theories, ideas and concepts, and will enhance your awareness of current educational issues, and your training in schools will teach you the application of these, along with key practical skills.

You will spend a significant amount of time studying the core subjects of English, mathematics and science, as well as religious education, physical education, history, geography, art, music, and design and technology.

PGCE Primary
Duration: 10 months
UCAS Code: X100
Our general PGCE primary will train you to teach children aged 5 to 11 in all primary stage National Curriculum subjects, with a particular focus on mathematics, English and science.

PGCE Primary with Mathematics Specialism
Duration: 10 months
Become a specialist in teaching primary maths, while still training in all primary National Curriculum subjects.

With mathematics as your specialism, you will enhance and deepen your subject knowledge, undertake an enquiry project in school, and further your knowledge and understanding of how mathematics is taught and led in school.

You will undertake a specific mathematics placement leading to your enquiry project, and you will be taught and coached during the course by experienced colleagues and practitioners to support you in developing a clear understanding of how children learn mathematics.

For entry requirements specific to this specialism, please check: uom.link/pgce-primary
ABOUT THE COURSE

A PGCE secondary course will train you to become a secondary school teacher, specialising in a particular subject.

It will prepare you to teach the National Curriculum and related national strategies, GCSE and A-level.

On completion of the course, you will receive a postgraduate qualification and recommendation for qualified teacher status (QTS) enabling you to apply for secondary teaching roles across the UK.

- Spend approximately two-thirds of your time in schools and colleges developing your practical teaching skills.
- Observe and teach classes under the guidance of an experienced teacher.
- Get support from a mentor in lesson planning and marking and assessment skills.

University-based sessions will enable you to reflect on teaching methods, which you can apply and develop during your sessions in schools and colleges. We will help you to transform your subject knowledge into teaching skills and educational theory into practice.

You will be given the opportunity to develop your own teaching style, to set personal targets, to demonstrate initiative and to evaluate your work in planning, teaching and assessing.

“I chose the PGCE route into teaching so I would have the support of university tutors and other trainees on the course. The tutors at Manchester are incredibly supportive and want you to do well. Teacher training is challenging at times and their support has proven to be invaluable.

When I came for my PGCE interview, I instantly warmed to the tutors which made the decision to study here quite easy.”

Eleanor Jones
PGCE Secondary Chemistry
Inspire students across the 11-16 or 11-18 age range by teaching science. The fundamental subjects of biology, chemistry and physics underpin everything that goes on in our bodies and minds, the world around us, and how we interact with it.

Through fun and engaging experimentation and demonstration, you can share your passion and show your students the importance of scientific theory and processes. This, paired with learning valuable practical and analytical skills, will prepare them to take on their world – through successful careers in science, conservation, technology and beyond.

During your PGCE, you will learn from experienced teachers and PGCE tutors, as well as visitors from exam boards and the Royal Society of Biology, Royal Society of Chemistry and Institute of Physics.

You’ll also benefit from sessions run with the University’s science departments, Manchester Museum and the Museum of Science and Industry.

Find out more about training to become a science teacher: uom.link/pgce-secondary

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Combine teaching physics with the core subject of mathematics, subjects that go hand in hand, and together are pivotal to a comprehensive understanding of the physical world.
BUSINESS

Encourage students across the 14-19 age range to succeed by giving them the knowledge they need for a career in the business sector, the vision to turn their ideas into reality and the confidence to undertake a range of practical, analytical and administrative skills necessary to advance in any modern profession.

You will benefit from opportunities to teach broader business curriculum areas in schools, such as computing and IT, accounting and key vocational business qualifications.

Find out more about training to become a business teacher: uom.link/pgce-secondary

PGCE Secondary Business Education
Duration: 10 months
UCAS CODE N1X1

PGCE Secondary Economics and Business Education
Duration: 10 months
UCAS CODE 2WNF

Combine economics with business to give students a deeper and more comprehensive understanding of the commercial world.

MODERN LANGUAGES

Show your students the world through language. Teaching modern languages across the 11-16 or 11-18 age range is an exciting opportunity to inspire students to travel and see beyond boundaries through study of cultures and traditions alongside key linguistic skills.

You’ll develop your expertise through creative, motivating and engaging language lessons, and they will benefit through the development of an increasingly sought-after skill in today’s globalised world.

Find out more about training to become a languages teacher: uom.link/pgce-secondary

PGCE Secondary French
Duration: 10 months
UCAS CODE R1X1

PGCE Secondary German
Duration: 10 months
UCAS CODE R2X1

PGCE Secondary Spanish
Duration: 10 months
UCAS CODE R4X1
PGCE Secondary English

Duration: 10 months
UCAS CODE Q3X1

Share your passion for the English language with students across the 11-16 or 11-18 age range, and inspire them to develop an appreciation for English and all its applications, from personal communication to classic literature.

Teaching this core subject will give all students the opportunity to gain key reading and writing skills, necessary for everyday life, as well as careers across the board.

PGCE Secondary Geography

Duration: 10 months
UCAS CODE 347G

Teach students across the 11-16 or 11-18 age range about the ever-changing world they live in, and how natural processes and external forces now, and in the past, are affecting the future of the Earth and its inhabitants.

Through this broad, interesting and practical subject, your students will develop a diverse set of skills, applicable to many careers from conservation to policy.

PGCE Secondary History

Duration: 10 months
UCAS CODE 347H

Contextualise current events for students across the 11-16 or 11-18 age range through the study and understanding of what's happened in the past, and bring your love of history alive through engaging storytelling and attention to detail.

As well as sparking their passion for history, you’ll be arming them with key analytical skills for future success, whatever they choose to do.

Find out more about training to become a geography, history or English teacher: uom.link/pgce-secondary
Teaching maths across the 11-16 or 11-18 age range is perhaps one of the most important and rewarding careers in today’s society.

You’ll bring the subject to life through creative and innovative approaches to teaching, giving students equal opportunities to succeed, through key life skills, and by inspiring them to use their maths knowledge in further study and encouraging them to aim high.

Find out more about training to become a maths teacher:  uom.link/pgce-secondary

PGCE Secondary Mathematics  
Duration: 10 months  
UCAS CODE G1X1
At Manchester, we pride ourselves on supporting you to be the best you can be. That’s why we offer a comprehensive range of services to help you flourish.

- **You’ll be assigned an academic adviser for one-to-one support and advice on any aspect of student life, and can chat to lecturers about your course during their office hours.**

- **The Student Services Centre is your one-stop shop for administrative issues, including registration and fees.**

- **You can always talk to someone. Services include: The University Counselling Service offering free confidential advice from trained counsellors, the independently run Students’ Union Advice Service, ResLife pastoral teams (in University accommodation) and Nightline, an anonymous telephone helpline run by students.**

- **Our Students’ Union runs a parents and carers network to offer support for students with children, and there are two excellent nurseries located conveniently on campus.**

- **Our diverse community offers opportunities for prayer and faith-based activities for all major religions on campus. There are Students’ Union societies for most religions, with strong links to wider faith communities in Manchester.**

- **We offer a full range of services to our international students before and after your arrival in the UK, including dedicated immigration advice, pre-departure sessions and a tailored Orientation programme.**

We’re committed to a positive learning environment for all our students, where everyone is treated with respect and dignity.

Find out how we can help you succeed:

**www.manchester.ac.uk/student-support**
Disclaimer
This prospectus was printed in 2019 for the purposes of the 2020 intake. It has therefore been printed in advance of course starting dates. As such, for a number of reasons, master’s course information, including, for example, details of course content, module availability and/or published term dates, may be amended either prior to or after you apply for a place on a course. These reasons may include, but are not limited to:
• the need to make, for operational and/or academic reasons, reasonable changes to the content and teaching offered in relation to any course;
• the withdrawal of courses due to cohort numbers being insufficient;
• a course not receiving the relevant accreditation required;
• interruption or loss of key services due to circumstances beyond our control, including fire, flood or other operational issues.
Prospective master’s students are reminded that they are responsible for ensuring, prior to applying, or accepting an offer to study at The University of Manchester, that they review up-to-date course information, by searching for the relevant master’s course at:
www.manchester.ac.uk/study/masters/courses
All information relating to tuition fees and funding is correct at the time of publication. However, this may change for a number of reasons, including changes to government policy.

LET’S TALK

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TRAIN TO TEACH ROADSHOWS
We attend the Department for Education’s Train to Teach roadshows in Manchester and the surrounding region.

Check online for upcoming events:
www.traintogeteach.education.gov.uk

VISIT US
Our guided visits include a presentation on the University, a question-and-answer session with current students, and a campus tour. Take an accommodation tour of some halls of residence, including a guided tour and a viewing of at least one student bedroom.

Alternatively feel free to take an independent look around campus. Our Gift Shop in University Place can provide maps and information. It’s open Monday to Friday, 9am–5pm.

www.manchester.ac.uk/visit-us