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“I've been able to make good networks and connections in terms of the work I'm doing and my future career. I've been able to talk to some outstanding professors and read some world-class journals. Manchester has opened my eyes.”

Faith Nanyonga,
Postgraduate student,
The University of Manchester, 2014



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Welcome to The University of Manchester

Whether you're a committed researcher wanting to further the human quest for knowledge, a career-focused professional seeking a specialist qualification, or a burning enthusiast for higher learning and understanding, a postgraduate degree at The University of Manchester will help you to realise your ambitions.



We make things happen

Our work makes an impact on real lives. We turn enthusiasm into achievement and ground-breaking theory into cutting-edge practice. That's why we're at the forefront of the search for solutions to some of the world's most pressing problems. Studying and researching at Manchester gives you the chance to make a difference, both during your studies and in your future career.

We work closely with organisations ranging from government bodies to global businesses, from local health services to registered charities. From these links spring unique opportunities: we can deliver courses informed by the latest expertise and research programmes that have greater, more immediate impact and value.

We give you excellent prospects

Whether studying for a taught master's or a research degree, you'll be directly involved with cutting-edge research, benefiting from our continuous investment in the best facilities and a dynamic research culture that encourages innovative, cross-disciplinary collaboration.

Our programmes are led by distinguished tutors and fellow researchers working at the forefront of their disciplines, ensuring that your qualification comes with a reputation that will open doors across the world.

You'll also have access to a Careers Service that really understands postgraduates, with specialist advisors, events and resources tailored to your needs.

We offer much more than a degree

At Manchester, you'll find the broadest range of options outside of your studies for developing your interests and experience, including: outstanding sports facilities, skills-development courses, mentoring programmes, community volunteering opportunities and dedicated support for taking part in or setting up a social enterprise.

And you'll be at the heart of the dynamic, multicultural hub that is the city of Manchester, with events, facilities, attractions and opportunities to suit every lifestyle, ambition and budget.

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Film Studies at Manchester

MA Film Studies

MA Film Studies (Applied Film Studies)

Our MA Film Studies courses offer a solid foundation in theoretical and critical film studies for students who wish to pursue the discipline at postgraduate level for personal or professional development. We offer a practice-based pathway in Applied Film Studies for students who may be interested in pursuing more practice-based and socially engaged research, for example using film production and audio-visual methodologies for research, knowledge exchange and community engagement.

The MA Film Studies course is part of the School of Arts, Languages and Cultures and will enjoy the full advantage of the research and teaching strengths of many established and upcoming scholars in the field of film, media and cultural studies. These range across film, screen and media studies from form and theory to historical and cultural approaches to national cinemas to the politics of identity, gender and sexuality, and film music as well as film practice. This breadth of subject specialisms offers students a wide range of options; whether you want to strengthen your academic foundation in this subject area more broadly, or whether you wish to pursue niche areas of research requiring specific expertise - for example, documentary filmmaking, audio design or film music composition.

The Applied Film Studies pathway allows you to apply knowledge and experience of film theory and practice to a social and community setting, such as in schools, and community and cultural organisations, including the not-for-profit sector. This involves acquiring practical skills in addition to theoretical knowledge, such as participatory video, sound design, film curation and programming, that could be applied to education, community and activist contexts.

The University is well connected to the cultural sector in Manchester and students will have the opportunity to engage with visiting industry professionals through talks, workshops or components of a taught course unit. The Work Placement module delivered by the Institute for Cultural Practices (ICP) also presents students with the opportunity to have hands on work experience in cultural organisations within Manchester and the wider region.

Entry requirements:

At least a 2.1 in Film Studies or equivalent BA degree. All applications to be accompanied by a 500-word statement of purpose, outlining reasons for applying to the programme, including identifying a potential area of research to be undertaken in the dissertation. Find out how to apply: www.alc.manchester.ac.uk/apply

Why Manchester?

Manchester is blessed with a vibrant cultural life that is currently experiencing a surge in expansion and investment. Many of the teaching and research-active staff on the MA Film Studies programme work in close collaboration with cultural partners in Manchester. A small sampling of these partners include Community Arts Northwest; Contact Theatre; The Royal Exchange Theatre; REEL Manchester; and the Insight Film Festival and HOME – a new £25m development and the largest multi-arts centre outside of London.. By creating a research and learning environment where industry experience can be put in dialogue with academic expertise, the programme aims to deliver a uniquely rich and diverse syllabus in film and media research and practice for students seeking to develop their critical skills and knowledge and/or to enhance their professional development in the field.

If you have any questions about the course please contact Felicia Chan, Programme Manager: felicia.chan@manchester.ac.uk

School of Arts, Languages and Cultures

The School of Arts, Languages and Cultures is the largest grouping of arts, languages and humanities scholars in the UK. It is home to some 6500 students, of which about 1000 are postgraduates, and around 350 academic staff working at the forefront of 20 disciplines:

- American Studies
- Archaeology
- Art History and Visual Studies
- Chinese Studies
- Classics and Ancient History
- Drama
- English Literature and Creative Writing
- French Studies
- German Studies
- History
- International Disaster Management and Humanitarian Response
- Italian Studies
- Linguistics and English Language
- Japanese Studies
- Middle Eastern Studies
- Music
- Religions and Theology
- Russian and East European Studies
- Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies
- Translation and Intercultural Studies

The School is also home to the University Language Centre and a range of interdisciplinary research centres and institutes.

Academic expertise spans the fields of the creative arts, human cultures, beliefs, institutions and languages (from widely spoken global languages to those which are endangered). Our research embraces the material, visual, linguistic, textual, social and performative dimensions of human society past and present, in a rich interdisciplinary culture led by world-renowned scholars, from analysts to creative artists, formal linguists to cultural critics, historians to cultural theorists.

The research unit areas which make up the School have an outstanding international profile. The 2014 Research Excellence Framework judged that:

- 80% of the School's research was 'world leading' (4*) or 'internationally excellent' (3*)
- 72% of our research outputs (books/articles) were 4* or 3*
- 91% of the impact documented in our case studies was 4* or 3*
- 97% of our research environment was 4* or 3*

Six units of assessment from within the School had more than 70% of research outputs rated at 4*/3* while Modern Languages and Linguistics was ranked a highly impressive 3rd overall. In the 2015 Times Higher World University Rankings, measuring the quality of universities around the globe, Manchester placed 28th for Arts and Humanities. This commitment to research enriches the teaching environment, by bringing renowned international speakers and sustaining a culture of research seminars, workshops and conferences. It also ensures that our curriculum is continually refreshed.

Research and teaching in the School of Arts, Languages and Cultures are supported by rich resources within the University. These include the John Rylands University Library, with its unique Special Collections housed in the refurbished Deansgate building; the University Language Centre, with its own language multi-media resource library; the Race Relations Archive; the Manchester Museum and the Whitworth Art Gallery. Other cultural assets at the University of Manchester include the Martin Harris Centre for Music and Drama, Jodrell Bank Observatory and the Alan Gilbert Learning Commons. The School has a strong interdisciplinary orientation and houses the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in the Arts and Languages (CIDRAL).



We maintain a network of partners in research and skills training that involves a wide range of major cultural institutions across the North West. The University and the city offer superb facilities for almost any academic, culture and recreational interests you might wish to pursue. High profile festivals are a major part of Manchester's everyday life, and the School is involved in many of these, including the Manchester Literature Festival, Manchester Histories Festival and Manchester International Festival.

Graduate School and student experience

Our students find our Masters programmes both challenging and rewarding, as well as good foundations for further study and future employment. The student experience combines the advantages of belonging to a specific subject community alongside the extended choice that a large and diverse School encompasses.

Studying for a Masters within the School offers diverse opportunities for personal, career and professional development. In addition to the integration of work-related skills and experience within degree programmes, our dedicated, physical Graduate School offers a comprehensive range of skills training workshops, placements and residential schemes targeted at postgraduate

students. Our award-winning Careers Service will work in partnership with you throughout your degree to improve your employability and prepare for the competitive jobs market.

Furthermore, we have a strong commitment to social responsibility and public engagement. We want our graduates not only to be highly sought after by employers but also ready to play a constructive role as citizen scholars in wider society. Through our research we seek to create and develop knowledge that makes a difference in the world; through our teaching we want to inspire our students to achieve their full human potential.

Postgraduate skills and research training

The School of Arts, Languages and Cultures offer a number of bursaries set at the Home/EU fees level for Masters programmes, available for Home and Overseas students. In all cases, the awards are highly competitive.

Further information on all awards including application process and deadlines for application is available at www.alc.manchester.ac.uk/fees/postgraduate-taught-funding

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Deadlines

The deadline for all School funding is Monday, 1 February 2016. Applicants who wish to be considered for this funding must have also submitted a standard programme application by this date. References and transcripts need only be submitted once, as they can be used for both a place on the course and as part of the funding application. University of Manchester undergraduates are reminded to accept a fast-track offer by 15 January, 2016.

Candidates wishing to apply for AHRC 1+3 funding must complete the University of Manchester postgraduate admissions application by Friday, 22 January 2016.

Candidates must also submit a NWCDTP Funding Application by 12 February 2016 (5pm GMT) in order to be considered.

Further information is available at www.nwcdtp.ac.uk/howtoapply

Find out more about The University of Manchester

Our website holds a wealth of information on the many varied aspects of postgraduate student life. Below are some of the most popular topics; use the links for full details.



Accommodation – Discover your potential new home: www.manchester.ac.uk/accommodation

Admissions and applications – Everything you need to apply to Manchester: www.manchester.ac.uk/pgapplication

Alan Gilbert Learning Commons – Our ultra-modern student learning environment: www.manchester.ac.uk/library/learningcommons

Careers – Many major recruiters target our postgraduates; find out why: www.manchester.ac.uk/careers

Childcare – Support for students who are also parents: www.manchester.ac.uk/childcare

Disability support – For any additional support needs you may have: www.manchester.ac.uk/dso

Funding and finance – Fees, scholarships, bursaries and more: www.manchester.ac.uk/study/masters/fees
www.manchester.ac.uk/study/masters/funding
www.manchester.ac.uk/study/postgraduate-research/fees
www.manchester.ac.uk/study/postgraduate-research/funding

International students – Discover what we offer our multinational community: www.manchester.ac.uk/international

IT services – Online learning, computer access, IT support and more: www.manchester.ac.uk/itservices

Library – One of the UK's largest and best-resourced university libraries: www.manchester.ac.uk/library

Manchester – Britain's 'original modern' city is right on your doorstep: www.manchester.ac.uk/manchester

Maps – Visualise our campus, city and University accommodation: www.manchester.ac.uk/maps

Prospectus – Access online or order a copy of our 2015 postgraduate prospectus: www.manchester.ac.uk/study/masters/prospectus

Sport – Clubs, leagues, classes, facilities and more: www.manchester.ac.uk/sport

Support – Dedicated academic, personal, financial and admin assistance: <http://my.manchester.ac.uk/guest>

Students' Union – Societies, events, peer support, campaigns and more: www.manchesterstudentsunion.com

Videos – See and hear more about our University: www.youtube.com/user/universitymanchester

School contact details

For further information about our courses
and how to apply, please contact:

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