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**LINGUISTICS  
AND ENGLISH  
LANGUAGE**

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Explore a number of fascinating topics, such as the ways in which English dialects differ, how children learn language, and how languages arise and change. You will work in close collaboration with internationally renowned experts in a wide range of linguistics specialisms.

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## LINGUISTICS AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

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92%

of our BA Linguistics and Sociology students said that they were satisfied with the quality of their course  
(National Student Survey 2015)

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6<sup>th</sup>

Ranked 6th in the UK for English Language and Linguistics in the 2016 QS World University Rankings

# WHY MANCHESTER?



You will have access to cutting-edge resources, including our psycholinguistics and phonetics laboratories, extensive specialist software and one of the largest holdings of linguistics texts in the UK.



You will conduct original research using the English manuscripts held by the prestigious Special Collections section of The John Rylands Library.



As a Linguistics and English Language student, you will work in close collaboration with internationally renowned experts in a wide range of specialisms and languages (English, Germanic, Romance, Russian, Iranian, Romani, North and South American and Australian languages).



Students are trained to conduct fieldwork and to analyse linguistic corpora, and they are strongly encouraged to do so during their degree.



You will study in the most linguistically diverse city in Western Europe – home to over 150 languages – which provides the ideal base from which to study language in its social and cultural contexts.



# LINGUISTICS AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

**Linguistics is the ideal subject for analytical minds. You will delve into the science of language - an everyday phenomenon which impacts our lives on an individual and a global scale. English Language covers the history of the English language and the variation between English dialects in the UK and further afield.**

Linguistics and English Language students study topics such as the ways in which English varies across space, how Old English developed into Modern English, the ways in which children acquire their first language, differences between the speech of men and women, how the sound systems and grammars of different types of language are organised, what happens when speakers of different languages come into contact and much else besides.

With its diverse local communities, Manchester is an ideal site for carrying out research on linguistic variation and multilingualism. We conduct empirical and theoretical research and particularly a combination of the two.

We have two laboratories, where you will have the opportunity to use ultrasound imaging, laryngography and eye tracking technology. You will also be able to use quantitative methods in the study of large language corpora. This is a skill which you will then be able to apply to other fields throughout your life.

Linguistics and English Language at The University of Manchester is unrivalled in its exceptional breadth of subject areas and theoretical approaches. Our particular strengths include phonetics and phonology, morphology, syntax (lexical-functional grammar, role and reference grammar, construction grammar, and minimalism), (formal) semantics and pragmatics, historical linguistics, the linguistics of English, typology, language contact and sociolinguistics, historical linguistics, endangered languages, field linguistics, language documentation, and quantitative corpus-based approaches.

Our students are encouraged to take an active role in funded teaching-enhancement projects, whose outputs benefit them individually and collectively. For example, some of our students have developed an online atlas of dialect variation in the UK.



## How you'll learn

You will be taught through a mixture of formal lectures, tutorials and one-to-one supervision. You will spend approximately 12 hours each week in formal study sessions and further time in independent study.

In your independent study time, you may be reading, producing written work, revising for examinations or working as part of a team of students. You'll also have the opportunity to study a modern language.

In your final year, you will have the option to write a 12,000 word dissertation. You'll undertake research on a topic of your own choice under the supervision of a member of staff in English Language or Linguistics.

## How you'll be assessed

Our courses are assessed in various ways for example: written examinations, oral presentations and different types of coursework. Coursework may include library research, linguistic fieldwork and data collection, or web-based research. Most of our courses are assessed through a mixture of these techniques.

# STUDY ABROAD

Study abroad is an excellent opportunity for you to see the world, experience new cultures and study at one of our partner institutions overseas. Most of our undergraduate courses allow you to spend time – usually a semester – at one of our partner institutions outside the UK. Study abroad periods are available either in Year 2 of a three-year course, or in Year 3 of a four-year course.

Find out more:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate/studyabroad](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate/studyabroad)

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# OUR COURSES

For full entry requirements search our course listings:  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate)

How to apply:  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/applications](http://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. For course listings, including course unit detail in full, visit our course finder:  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate)

We also offer:

- English Language and English Literature BA
- Linguistics and Screen Studies BA
- English Language and Screen Studies BA
- Linguistics and Social Anthropology BA
- Linguistics and Sociology BA

Plus four-year Joint Honours courses offering English Language or Linguistics in combination with one of the following modern languages: Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Japanese, Russian or Spanish

Please search our course finder for more information:  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate)

Please note that course units are reviewed on an annual basis and as such may vary slightly to those advertised. Please visit the online course listing for up-to-date information.

## FLEXIBLE HONOURS

Flexible Honours may allow you to study an additional arts, languages or cultures subject.

Find out more:  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/flexiblehonours](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/flexiblehonours)

## Linguistics BA

UCAS code Q100 (3 years)

This course will introduce you to the study of the unique human faculty of language and to the investigation of the world's languages. You will explore a number of fascinating topics, such as how languages arise, change and die, how children acquire their first language, differences between the speech of men and women, how we communicate as individuals and within groups, and what happens when speakers of different languages come into contact.

**Year 1:** You'll gain a solid grounding in linguistics, taking core course units which include introductions to the principles of linguistics and to the relation between language, the mind and the brain.

**Sample course units include:**

- Language, Mind and Brain
- The Languages of the World
- Introduction to English Grammar and Morphology

**Year 2:** You'll begin to tailor your degree to suit your interests. While studying a small number of compulsory units in syntax and semantics, you choose from a wide range of optional units tapping into academic expertise in a number of specialist fields – from typology to experimental phonetics.

**Sample course units include:**

- Introduction to Syntactic Theory
- Introduction to Typology
- Child Language Acquisition

**Year 3:** In your final year you'll have complete freedom of choice among a wealth of different course options, spanning subjects as diverse as psycholinguistics, sociolinguistics, and formal semantics and syntax. You also have the option to write a dissertation under the supervision of a member of staff in Linguistics or English Language.

**Sample course units include:**

- Study of a Speech Community
- Topics in Language Development
- Dissertation

**Entry requirements**

**A-level:** ABB

**IB:** 34 points overall (core points accepted), with 6,5,5 in Higher Level subjects including any language (including English Language or English Language and English Literature)



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What I appreciated most about the department is its diversity, which is ultimately its greatest strength. It comprises a wide spectrum of enthusiastic people with varied academic experiences that share different research interests. Manchester's thriving linguistic diversity allowed me to collect and analyse first-hand data turning theory into practice. Peer learning was also a fundamental part of my experience. International students from very diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds helped me better understand various cross-linguistic phenomena, feeding my enthusiasm for learning.

Simone De Cia, BA (Hons)  
Linguistics alumna

# English Language BA

UCAS code Q1Q3 (3 years)

In this course you will investigate the sounds, words and grammar of the English language, and discover where English comes from, how it developed over time, how it varies across the UK and further afield, and how it is used in different situations.

You will acquire the skills required for analytical language study alongside the means to apply those skills to the study of historical and present-day English. In addition, you will practise key transferable skills, such as essay writing and how to give a presentation.

**Year 1:** You will study the foundations of English grammar and you will be introduced to the history of English and the variation of English in the UK and further afield.

**Sample course units include:**

- Language, Mind and Brain
- Histories and Varieties of English
- Introduction to English Grammar and Morphology

**Year 2:** You'll begin to tailor your degree to suit your interests. While studying a small number of compulsory units in the history and varieties of English, you will choose from a wide range of optional units tapping into academic expertise in a number of specialist fields – from the history of English to variation in contemporary English, from semantics and pragmatics (the study of meaning in and out of context) to psycholinguistics.

**Sample course units include:**

- Intro to the Old English Language
- Introduction to Middle English Language
- The Linguistics of American English

**Year 3:** In your final year you will have complete freedom of choice among a wealth of different course options spanning subjects as diverse as the history of English, sociolinguistics, and formal semantics and syntax. You also have the option to write a dissertation under the supervision of a member of staff in Linguistics or English Language.

**Sample course units include:**

- Modern English Language
- English Phonology Past and Present
- Topics in Language Development



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I enjoyed studying English Language at A-level, and looking into the University prospectus helped me decide to take it further to degree level. Except for a few compulsory modules, the course design is really flexible, and you can therefore pick the modules which interest you most, ranging from studying the old English language to the different dialects of English in the UK today.

**Alex Flowers,**  
BA (Hons) English Language



**Entry requirements**

**A-level:** AAB (can include General Studies)

**IB:** 35 points overall (core points accepted), including 6,6,5 at Higher Level

# FEES AND FUNDING

Please search our course listings for up-to-date tuition fee information for UK, EU and international students: [www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate)

## Bursaries and scholarships

Approximately a third of our students will receive cash bursaries which can be used to support living costs whilst studying. UK students are not required to submit an application for any of the University's means-tested awards. We will automatically identify eligible students on the basis of the household income data provided by the Student Loans Company.

The **Manchester Bursary** is available to any UK student who is registered on an eligible undergraduate degree course at The University of Manchester and who has had a full financial assessment carried out by Student Finance. This bursary is additional to the government package of maintenance grants and is based on students' household income.

The University's **Undergraduate Access Scholarships** are generously funded by our alumni community and donors. These scholarships are in addition to any other bursaries students may receive from the University. Students must have successfully completed the Manchester Access Programme and started an undergraduate course at the University. Students who have experienced time in local authority care may also be eligible for these awards.

UK students can apply for **Disabled Students' Allowance** to cover study-related disability support. Our Disability Advisory and Support Service (DASS) can help you to apply and can also discuss any alternative sources of funding for your disability-related needs. [www.manchester.ac.uk/dass](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/dass)

We want to encourage students to take up the opportunity to spend a year abroad. For UK students taking up such opportunities we will offer a cash bursary.

Full details of our scholarships and bursaries can be found at: [www.manchester.ac.uk/scholarships](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/scholarships)



# CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

**As a Linguistics and English Language student you will develop analytical and problem solving skills. Often dealing with granular and complex data, your combination of humanities knowledge and scientific understanding will allow you to make connections across multiple fields of employment. You will acquire key transferable skills in data capture and analysis, interpretation, critical thinking, and attention to form and detail.**

As well as specialist fields such as speech and language therapy, lexicography (dictionary work), translation, forensic linguistics, and teaching English as a first or foreign language, your skills will open up numerous paths with an international dimension – from business and industry to finance. You will also have excellent all-round communication skills which will make you a strong contender for openings in management, media, PR, advertising, marketing, banking and communications.

Our graduates have pursued successful careers at The Guardian, PricewaterhouseCoopers, L'Oreal, Universal Music Group, and Vodafone.

Some graduates have opted for postgraduate study or further vocational training to become accountants, lawyers or teachers (in England or abroad). Postgraduate programmes undertaken by our graduates include Graduate Diploma in Law, MA in Broadcast Journalism, MSc in Machine Translation, MA in (Applied) Linguistics, and MSc in Human Communication Studies.

90% of our Linguistics students and 95% of English Language students go on to work or further study within six months of finishing their study.

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](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/careers)

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I was given complete control over my work and I was encouraged to be creative. I was met with so many opportunities for research experience, as well as being taught highly-technical and practical skills in my lectures. My experience with the department was amazing, and I consider it an absolute privilege to have studied Linguistics at The University of Manchester.

Louise Middleton, BA (Hons) Linguistics alumna



# FACILITIES AND RESOURCES

## The University of Manchester Library

The University of Manchester Library is one of only five National Research Libraries. With more than four million printed books and manuscripts, over 29,000 unique electronic journals and 414,000 electronic books, as well as several hundred databases, this is one of the best-resourced academic libraries in the country.

## 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.

## The University Language Centre

You'll have access to the University Language Centre - a state-of-the-art facility boasting a wide range of resources including a new interpreting suite, purpose-built recording rooms and resources covering over 70 languages. The Centre also offers multilingual word processing; language learning software; off-air recording and AV duplication; multilingual terrestrial and satellite TV and extensive support and advice for learners.

## Language laboratories

The Department of Linguistics and English Language also benefits from a full service phonetics lab and a psycholinguistics lab. You'll have the opportunity to use ultrasound imaging, laryngography and eye tracking technology as part of your studies.

## Culture on Campus

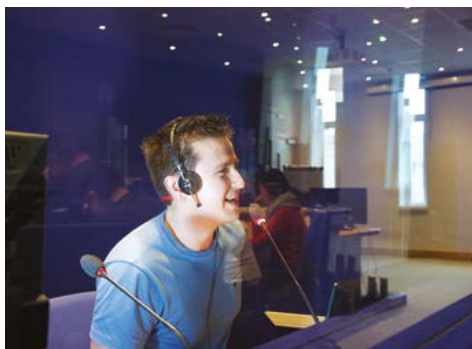
The University is also home to internationally renowned cultural assets such as:

- The award-winning Whitworth Art Gallery, reopened in 2015 following a £15 million redevelopment
- The John Rylands Library, home to one of the world's finest collections of medieval illuminated manuscripts and rare books
- Manchester Museum, which houses important prehistoric, classical and ethnographic collections

Find out more about our unique study resources:  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/university](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/university)

## Societies

Our Linguistics and English Language Society brings together students with an interest in both disciplines. It offers both academic and social events, such as guest lectures from external speakers and group trips.



# 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 in an informal, friendly environment.

## 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.

Find out more about the personal and academic support available to you throughout your studies:  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/study/experience/student-life/university/student-support/](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/experience/student-life/university/student-support/)

## 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.  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/dass](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/dass)



# FIND OUT MORE ONLINE

## ACCOMMODATION

Discover your new home:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/accommodation)

## ADMISSIONS AND APPLICATIONS

Everything you need to apply:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/ug/howtoapply](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/ug/howtoapply)

## ALAN GILBERT LEARNING COMMONS

Our hi-tech 24/7 independent learning space:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/library/learningcommons](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/library/learningcommons)

## CAREERS

Take control of your career:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/careers](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/careers)

## DISABILITY SUPPORT

Talk to us about any support you need:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/dso](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/dso)

## FUNDING AND FINANCE

Fees, loans, scholarships and more:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/studentfinance](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/studentfinance)

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Prepare for life at Manchester, UK:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/international](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/international)

## IT SERVICES

Online learning, computer access, IT support:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/itservices](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/itservices)

## LIBRARY

One of the UK's largest and best-resourced:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/library](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/library)

## MAPS

Campus, city and accommodation:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/aboutus/travel/maps](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/aboutus/travel/maps)

## PROSPECTUS

Download or order a copy:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/ug/prospectus](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/ug/prospectus)

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Connect with us online:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/connect/social-media](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/connect/social-media)

## SPORT

Get active with clubs, classes, leagues and facilities:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/sport](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/sport)

## SUPPORT

Help with academic, personal, financial and administrative issues:

[my.manchester.ac.uk/guest](http://my.manchester.ac.uk/guest)

## STUDENTS' UNION

The UK's largest student hub:

[manchesterstudentsunion.com](http://manchesterstudentsunion.com)

## VIDEOS

Our University on YouTube:

[www.youtube.com/user/universitymanchester](http://www.youtube.com/user/universitymanchester)



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## THE 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.

[www.alc.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.alc.manchester.ac.uk)

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### Contact details

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[www.manchester.ac.uk/languagesandlinguistics](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/languagesandlinguistics)



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#### Disclaimer

This brochure is prepared well in advance of the academic year to which it relates. Consequently, details of courses may vary with staff changes. The University therefore reserves the right to make such alterations to courses as are found to be necessary. If the University makes an offer of a place, it is essential that you are aware of the current terms on which the offer is based. If you are in any doubt, please feel free to ask for confirmation of the precise position for the year in question, before you accept the offer.

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