



Manchester Welcome Week Schedule

Postgraduate Students

September 2023



Are you ready?

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the Global Institute of Sport and have been finalising our plans to give you a great week of exciting sessions and activities.

This booklet will provide you with all the information you need to get ready to start your 2023-24 studies with us.

Please take the time to read this so you know which sessions you need to attend and when these are scheduled.

You are one step closer to your dream career!



Your Welcome Event

Monday 25th September

Kick start your academic year with UCFB/GIS and your Manchester campus welcome event. Meet your fellow students whilst hearing from our exclusive sports industry guest from the LMA in this iconic Stadium

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Immersing you in the sports industry from day one, this welcome event will bring students together to 'Kick Off your Career' in Sport. Why not take the time beforehand to walk around your Manchester Campus with an optional self-guided campus tour, to familiarise yourself with our new teaching spaces and locations. Grab a campus map and explore everything the City and our spaces has to offer.

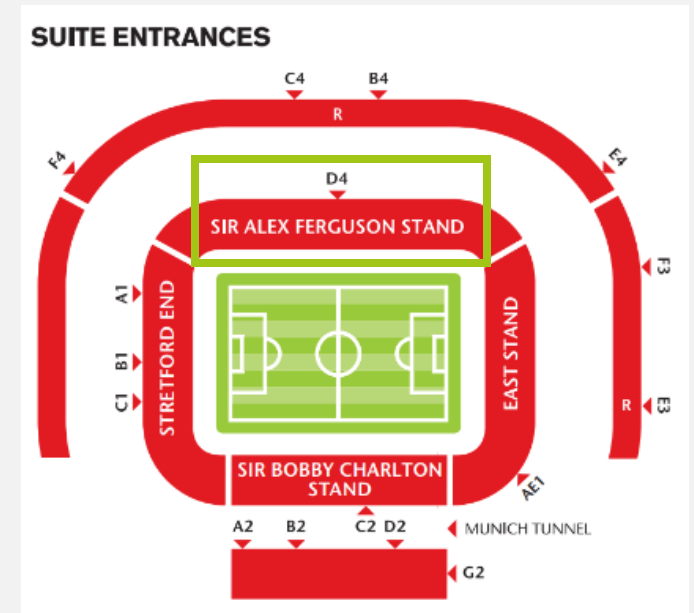
Time	Location	Session
14:00	Old Trafford Football Stadium The Manchester Suite	Event registration and refreshments
14:30		Welcome Event commences
14:45		LMA Guest Speaker
15:30		Comfort Break
15:45		Industry Guest Panel
16:30		Employability & Career Planning Q&A
16:40		Academic Dean Q&A
17:00		Welcome Event finishes

Old Trafford Stadium

The Manchester Welcome Event takes place at the iconic Old Trafford Football Stadium. Please read the below information carefully so that you know where to go on the day. We will also have staff on hand on the day to help direct you, you'll find us wearing Green T-Shirts so look out for us!

Arrival information

- *You MUST bring photographic ID to gain entry to the Stadium*
- **Venue:** Manchester Suite, Old Trafford Football Stadium
- **Address:** Manchester United, Sir Matt Busby Way, Old Trafford, Manchester, M16 0RA
- **Stadium Entrance:** Sir Alex Ferguson Stand (entrance D4 on the diagram)



Old Trafford Stadium – getting there

Public Transport:

The Metrolink operates a frequent service from the City Centre (including Victoria & Piccadilly Stations) to Old Trafford or Wharfside station which are both situated within a five-minute walk of the Stadium.



Driving:

- Please follow signs for the **E2 car park** (see diagram) **within the Stadium**. Access can be gained **via Chester Road**.
- Upon arrival, please let parking staff know you are attending the UCFB Welcome Event. Parking is offered free of charge on this day only.
- From the E2 car park, please follow signs to the Sir Alex Ferguson stand for access to the Manchester Suite.

Your Course Welcome

Tuesday 26th September

At your course welcome, you'll get to meet the rest of your cohort, your course leader and the GIS team. We'll provide you with information and an overview of what to expect for the year ahead.

Tuesday 26th September

GIS Welcome and Course Overview – taking place at [Quay Plaza, Salford Quays, Manchester](#)

Time	Session	Session Lead	Room
09:00 – 09:30	Arrival - Registration and refreshments	-	Classroom 5, Quay Plaza
09:30 – 10:15	GIS Welcome	Senior Leadership and Academic Team	
10:15 – 10:30	Comfort Break	-	
10:30 – 12:30	MSc Football Business	Chris Winn	Classroom 7, Quay Plaza
	MSc Football Coaching and Analysis	Jonothan McPhail	Boardroom, Quay Plaza
	MSc Performance Analysis in Football	Connor McGillick	Classroom 5, Quay Plaza
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch Break	-	-
13:30 – 15:00	Global Careers	Daniel Mayhew	Classroom 5, Quay Plaza
15:00 – 16:30	Welcome drinks and Networking	-	

Your Manchester Campus

At the Welcome Event you will be provided with a printed campus map so that you are familiar with where our teaching spaces are, however in the meantime you can also see our digital campus map on the Welcome Week website under [Finding Your Campus.](#)



Media City Student Takeover Event

Tuesday 26th September from 4pm until late

We are delighted to announce that all GIS students are invited to attend the Media City Student Takeover event on Tuesday 26th September from 4pm until late.

[Pre-Register for your tickets to this **FREE** event](#)



Your Manchester Freshers' Fair

Wednesday 27th September

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Your Freshers' Fair will be held at our [StudyHub at Piccadilly Place](#) from 12pm to 4pm.

Don't forget there are three weeks' worth of activities that have been hand selected to give you an unforgettable Freshers' experience all information can be found on our Welcome Week page under [Student Life](#) as well as Sports Trials, there's something for everyone!



Industry Insight

Thursday 28th September

Hear from our industry guest speakers as part of our webinar series, including CONCACAF Director of Development Jason Roberts, and Head of Sports Education at India On Track, Neel Shah.

Thursday 28th September

16:00 (UK Time)

CONCACAF and the 'Messi Effect' Webinar



Join CONCACAF Director of Development, Jason Roberts, as we explore the growth of major league soccer in North America in recent years and following the landmark signing of Lionel Messi to Inter Miami.

During this webinar Jason will dive into the work of the Confederation as we head towards the 2026 World Cup hosted by Canada, Mexico and the United States, outlining the impact of the work the Confederation is helping to transform the soccer landscape.

[Click here to register](#)

Thursday 28th September

18:00 (UK Time)

Global Careers

'Achieving your dream career: Unlocking Your Potential' Webinar



Join GIS' Global Careers Manager Dan Mayhew, as he shares the key components to successfully securing your next role, and the opportunities available to you as a GIS student.

Dan will be joined by Neel Shah, who will unlock the mystery of accessing your dream career through passion, superpower and purpose, to create a path towards job satisfaction and a fulfilling career.



Neel landed his dream job with Major League Soccer when he became the Director of Fan Development, or so he thought...

A sports management professional with over twenty years of experience in the development and commercialisation of sports in North America, Europe, and Asia, Neel will share his transformative strategy that enabled him to pursue his dream career, after he thought he'd already achieved it.

[Click here
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We can't wait to Welcome you to
the start of your academic
journey with GIS!

