Faculty of Science and Engineering

School of Physics and Astronomy

Visit/Interview Day Guide 2016/2017
Dear «First Name»

Congratulations on being selected for an interview for entry into the School of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Manchester. The School receives approximately 1200 applications per year and we only invite applicants who we feel may have the academic ability and personal attributes that will allow them to thrive in our internationally renowned community of academics and students.

We would like to invite you for a visit day and interview on

We would very much like to take this opportunity to meet you and discuss our degree programmes. We are proud of our teaching reputation and hope to use this opportunity to explain why this is an exciting time to be studying physics, especially in Manchester - one of the biggest and best universities in the world.

We hope that you enjoy your visit and invite you to take this opportunity to meet the staff and students. This day will help you get an idea of what it is like to be an undergraduate in the School of Physics at Astronomy at the University of Manchester.
Welcome to the School of Physics and Astronomy! We have arranged your interview day so that you, and anyone accompanying you, will be able to talk to students and staff from the School. This day will allow us to assess your suitability for our programmes and allow you to decide which of our courses is best for you.

We try to make the interview process as relaxed as possible. You will have an opportunity to ask your interviewer and tour guides any questions you have concerning your chosen programme of study and life at this University.

We will show you around the School and you will have the opportunity to view some of the other facilities offered by the University of Manchester.

If you are unable to attend the Visit Day allocated to you, please make contact with our Admissions Office to rearrange.

We are sure you will enjoy visiting us and we look forward to meeting you. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our Admissions Office on:

0161 306 9220 or 0161 306 3673 or by email at ug.physics@manchester.ac.uk

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Programme for Applicants

12.00-12.50  Registration
Schuster Building, Brunswick Street, Manchester

12.15  Optional Campus Tour
with physics undergraduate guides

12.50-13.10  Buffet Lunch
a chance for an informal chat with some of our current physics undergraduate students

13.10-14.00  Welcome and Presentation
by our Undergraduate Admissions Tutor, Professor Sean Freeman

14.00-15.00  Interview and Lab Tour
25 minute interview with an academic member of staff and a
25 minute tour of the School and Teaching Labs

15.00-16.00  Presentation and Question and Answer Session

What should I wear at the Visit/Interview Day?
You should wear suitable clothing for walking outdoors as well as ensuring you feel comfortable, We will be assessing your interest and motivation, not your dress sense!
Programme for Parent/Guest

12.00-12.50  Registration
Schuster Building, Brunswick Street, Manchester

12.15  Optional Campus Tour
with physics undergraduate guides

12.50-13.10  Buffet Lunch
a chance for an informal chat with some of our current physics postgraduate students

13.10-14.00  Welcome and Presentation
by our Undergraduate Admissions Tutor, Professor Sean Freeman

14.00-15.00  Presentation
about the University of Manchester

15.00-16.00  Presentation and Question and Answer Session
Confirming your Attendance

It is really important that you confirm your attendance as early as possible. Please reply using:

http://www.physics.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/ucas-reply/

If, for any reason, you cannot attend on the day you are offered, please contact the Admissions Office immediately to arrange an alternative date.

Overnight Accommodation

If you are travelling far, you might want to consider overnight accommodation in Manchester. Please go to www.visitmanchester.com for further information

Visitors with disabilities or special requirements

If you have a health condition and/or disability which may affect your experience at the Visit Day, providing us with details will help us to ensure that your visit to the School is as enjoyable and beneficial as possible. So that we can do this, please let us know in advance by contacting our Admissions Team on 0161 306 9220. In addition, please could you let us know if any of the people accompanying you require additional arrangements.
Travel information

**Travelling from Piccadilly Rail Station**
There is the 147 bus (Oxford Road Link) outside Piccadilly Rail Station which will drop you on Oxford Road and you will have a short walk to the School on Brunswick Street.

**Travelling from Victoria Rail Station**
You can get the Metro from Victoria Rail Station to Piccadilly Rail Station and then the 147 bus (Oxford Road Link) outside Piccadilly Rail Station which will drop you on Oxford Road and you will have a short walk to the School on Brunswick Street.

**Directions and Parking**
Directions to the University can be found at the following website: [www.manchester.ac.uk/aboutus/travel/maps](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/aboutus/travel/maps)
The School of Physics and Astronomy is building number 54 on the Campus Map. The nearest car park to the School is the Manchester Aquatics Centre multi-storey car park on Booth Street East (car park B). A charge of £5 covers 4 to 10 hours parking.
Our Tour Guides

A selection of students across all years will be available to chat with you before and during lunch and give you first-hand knowledge of their own experiences. Postgraduate students will be on hand to chat with parents/guests and answer any questions you they may have.

Our tour guides will take you on a campus tour and show you the facilities. These students know how the University really works and are best suited to answer any questions you may have. Please feel free to quiz them about social life in Manchester and the best places to go!

Questions you may like to ask to get the most out of your visit

Ask your tour guide:
What’s it like studying at the University of Manchester?
What are the Universities sporting and social activities like?
What are the library and computing facilities like?
Enquire about student experiences of University-owned accommodation.

Ask your interviewer:
About the course; for example, examinations, teaching methods and coursework.
About typical destinations for graduates.
About the flexibility of the programme.
Accommodation Open House

Sunday 19th March 2017 10.00am to 4.00pm

In March every year, the Accommodation Office hosts an Open House when each of the University’s halls of residence is open to prospective students and their families.

It will be an informal day - with no need to book - and the event will provide prospective student and their families with an opportunity to visit as many or as few of the halls as they wish, get a sense of their location in relation to the academic campus and the city centre, view the facilities and study bedrooms and chat with current residents and staff. There will also be a free shuttle bus service to transport visitors between the three accommodation campuses. For further information contact accommodation@manchester.ac.uk and please put OPEN HOUSE 2015 in the subject line.

Monthly Accommodation Tours

The Accommodation Office also run accommodation tours at the Fallowfield Campus between November and March. For more information please visit http://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/open-days-visits/meet-us/university-accommodation-tours/

Disclaimer

Our brochure and this booklet are prepared in advance of the academic year to which they relate. Consequently, details of degree programmes and the Visit Day may vary with staff changes and exceptional circumstance. The University, therefore, reserves the right to make such alterations to programmes as are found to be necessary. If the University makes an offer of a place, it is essential you are aware of the terms on which the offer is based. If you are in any doubt, please feel free to ask for confirmation before you accept the offer.
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