

Manchester Metropolitan University

Erasmus Fact Sheet



1 About MMU

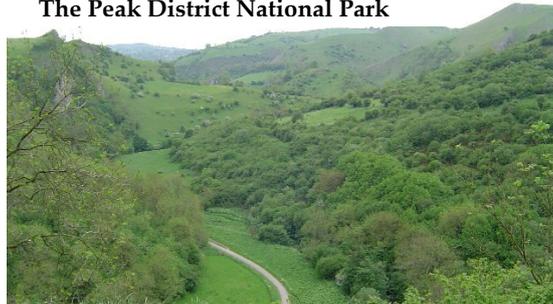
MMU is one of the UK's largest universities. Located both in the dynamic city of Manchester and in the more relaxed campus of nearby Cheshire, both locations offer tremendous study, leisure, sport, social and entertainment facilities, as well as excellent accommodation.

The Greater Manchester area is home to more international students than any other area, except for London. It is a cosmopolitan place that really welcomes people from around the world. The Cheshire countryside and Peak District National Park meanwhile offers a wealth of different experiences including country pursuits, and historic houses and gardens.

Thanks to our central location you can reach places like London, Bristol, Edinburgh, Newcastle and most other major cities easily by road, rail or by air.

Manchester International Airport serves many European destinations at a cheap cost thanks to budget airlines. Paris, Amsterdam, Rome and Madrid can be reached in under 2 hours flying time.

The Peak District National Park



2 Duration of Study

The University operates using three academic terms instead of semesters, which most students may be accustomed to. Our term dates are as follows:



2013-14 Academic Year Term Dates

Autumn Term

23 September 2013 – 20 December 2013

Spring Term

13 January 2014 – 4 April 2014

Summer Term

28 April 2014 – 27 June 2014

ERASMUS APPLICATION DEADLINES

1st May for September starters

3rd November for January starters

When considering an exchange to MMU, you will need to first consider the duration in which you wish to spend your time in Manchester. Most modules run for the academic year (which can sometimes make it tricky for students to start with us in the Spring term- January- as classes have already been running since Autumn, September).

Students must note that the Summer term has little or no lectures- you may still however have some contact time with your tutors for tutorials but this can vary depending on the modules you decide to take. Summer term therefore mainly consists of independent research and study, to plan assignments/coursework and prepare for the exams.

3 MMU Halls of Residence

MMU offers Halls of Residence although applications and places are very competitive. There is however, a large selection of private accommodation in Manchester. You will receive further information about accommodation within your offer letter of acceptance and we will ensure that you are supported to find accommodation prior to departure or on arrival.

4 Study Options

Undergraduate degrees usually take three years to complete in England and the course is intense. It is therefore not standard for UK students to undertake 'electives' during their time at University. We will aim to offer you a place to study one course in relation to the Erasmus bilateral agreement held between MMU and your home institution. You may be offered a place on one course (e.g. English) and it will then be up to you to communicate with your departmental exchange tutor to arrange your units and a convenient time to meet your exchange tutor upon arrival. MMU International will also provide you with a welcome programme upon your arrival.

The course that has been agreed and offered to you during your exchange at MMU will be highlighted in your offer letter. Additional modules/classes in different subject areas will not be available, however, you will have plenty of options to study different types of units within your allocated department and these will be agreed with you upon arrival. **For this reason we prefer students to complete a Learning Agreement upon arrival rather than prior to arrival.**

6 Student Visa

If you hold an EU passport, you will not normally need to apply for a visa. However, if you are not an EU resident, depending on your nationality, the duration of your exchange, and the type of course you will be studying you may need to apply for a student visa to study in the UK. Please refer to our website: <http://www2.mmu.ac.uk/international/immigration/> for up to date information and for links to the Home Office and UK Borders Agency website for further guidance.

7 Enrolment and Registration

Enrolment and class registration details will be sent to you before you arrive. All students holding a passport outside of the EU must attend the mandatory pre-enrolment session, which will be organised by the MMU International team – if you hold a student visa you will not be able to enrol online until you attend this session. We will be in touch with you closer to the event if you need to attend this session.



5 Welcome Programme

MMU International runs a Welcome Programme for all new international students joining the University. The programme dates will be confirmed to you via email and further details will be published on the website MMU International website. The University also operates an airport collection scheme which will transport you from Manchester Airport to your accommodation upon arrival. Further details will be communicated to you in due course.

