



EXP 101 – Fall 2023
My Manchester Experience
1 Credit Hour

Faculty

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Welcome

I am glad to be working through this course with you and look forward to helping you along in your journey at Manchester University. I hope to serve you well as a guide in learning both what comes easy and what is a bit more of a challenge during your first semester of study.

I look forward to meeting with you outside of regular class time to help with any questions you have. I have regular office hours (above), but it's very likely that these won't work for everyone. I am happy to meet at other times. Email me and we will find a time to meet that works. We can also meet over MS Teams if that is more convenient.

The best way to contact me is through email. I will endeavor to respond within 24 hours during the week. On weekends, I will try my best to respond within 48 hours. My phone numbers are also listed above. If you call my office number and I'm not in, feel free to leave a message. I don't recommend leaving messages on my home phone because the message service is somewhat unreliable.

It is my intent that the spaces and times associated with this course are safe for you to feel free to express yourself, comfortably ask questions, and learn as best you can, regardless of background. I welcome diversity of all kinds: gender, sexuality, disability, age, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, race, and culture. I enjoy meeting and getting to know new people! I am always seeking ways to improve the atmosphere and effectiveness of my courses; your suggestions/feedback are encouraged and appreciated.

Course Description

Students will locate resources to be successful in college and specifically at Manchester University. Students will also increase financial awareness, increase civic engagement, learn what makes Manchester University unique, and increase cultural awareness and critical engagement through the *Values, Ideas and the Arts (VIA)* series.

Class Meeting Times and Locations

Class meets on Mondays (for EXP101-D) or Wednesdays (for EXP101-J) from 11:00 – 11:50 am in SCIC 202.

Textbooks and Other Required and Recommended Learning Resources

There are no textbooks required for this course.
Students need to be able to access the course on Canvas.

Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites for this course.

Course Objectives/Outcomes

By the end of this course, students will:

1. Locate resources to be successful including:
 - a. Identify on-campus academic resources pertinent to college success.
 - b. Identify community resources, both on- and off-campus, pertinent to a well-rounded life.
 - c. Demonstrate the ability to create an academic plan and follow through to achieve a goal.
2. Increase financial awareness including:
 - a. Calculate how financial aid affects the price of college.
 - b. Demonstrate an understanding of budgets.
3. Increase civic engagement including:
 - a. Define what it means to be engaged citizens.
 - b. Illustrate the impact of students in local, state, and national communities.
4. Learn what makes Manchester unique including:
 - a. Summarize the Manchester Mission and Values statements.
 - b. Explain how liberal arts skills translate into career skills.
 - c. Describe unique academic experiences available at Manchester.
 - d. Identify key aspects of the Manchester culture that relate to the historic ties to the Church of the Brethren.
5. Increase cultural awareness and critical engagement with issues, ideas, artifacts, and events through participation in the Values, Ideas and the Arts (VIA) series including:
 - a. Practice participating in civil discourse on complex, often controversial issues by acknowledging one's own assumptions, beliefs, and contexts, recognizing alternative perspectives and thoroughly considering a range of viewpoints.
 - b. Evaluate the relationship of VIA events to different dimensions of Manchester's Mission and Values statement.

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Daily Course Schedule [Tentative! I may rearrange things a bit as we move through the semester.]

Date*	Week	Topic	Assignments
30 Aug/01 Sep	1	Campus Resources #1	All assignments on Canvas
06 Sep/08 Sep	2	What Makes Manchester Unique	
13 Sep/15 Sep	3	Values, Ideas, & Arts #1: <i>The Kaepernick Effect: War, Racism, and the 21st century Sports World</i> , David Zirin	Attend VIA at 11 am Monday
20 Sep/22 Sep	4	Campus Resources #2	
27 Sep/29 Sep	5	Liberal Arts	
04 Oct/06 Oct	6	Academic Planning & LARC	
11 Oct/13 Oct	7	Community Resources & Civic Engagement	
18 Oct/20 Oct	8	Financial Awareness #1	
25 Oct/27 Oct	9	U Can Crush Hunger: <i>Depending on your assigned group, you will partake in the project either Wednesday OR Friday (but not both days)</i>	
01 Nov/03 Nov	10	Values, Ideas, & Arts #2: <i>Before You Burn Us at the Stake: Misconceptions of Paganism</i> , K. Wills, A. Rogers, and Prof. Justin Lasser	Attend VIA at 11 am Monday
08 Nov/10 Nov	11	Financial Awareness #2	
15 Nov/17 Nov	12	College Student Civic Engagement	
22 Nov/24 Nov	13	No Class Meeting – Thanksgiving Break!	
29 Nov/01 Dec	14	Values, Ideas, & Arts #3: <i>The Mold in Florey’s Coat – How Penicillin Changed Medicine</i> , Prof. Kyle Watson	Attend VIA at 11 am Monday
06 Dec/08 Dec	15	Campus Resources #3	

* First date listed is for section D, which meets on Wednesdays;
second date listed is for section J, which meets on Fridays.

Notes:

- Weeks 03, 10, and 14 – Attend VIA in Cordier Auditorium, Monday at 11:00 am; Wednesday and Friday classes will not meet those weeks.
- Week 06 –Advising; assignment due Week 08 (you will upload your proposed schedule the week before Registration).
- Week 09 – Registration for January/Spring Semesters

Attendance and Participation

Class Attendance, Professional Participation in class, In-class activities (50% of grade)

Your active participation is crucial to your understanding of the course content. Discussion (online and in class) will support your learning and active engagement in a group setting will help further develop the communication skills that are a focus of this class.

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You are expected to attend every class meeting. Get a “study-buddy” – if you miss a class. It is your responsibility to get that days content and announcements. Excused absences are allowed for University sponsored events. Students must discuss circumstances with professor in advance. In case of illness, please notify professor by e-mail prior to the start of class. A student’s unexcused absences of four or more classes **may** earn the final grade of F and **will** lose a minimum of one letter grade.

Each student is expected to attend the three assigned VIAs for this class. If you do not attend the required VIAs, you will need attend a replacement VIA, that we have mutually agreed upon, and complete a replacement assignment decided by the instructor. If you do not attend one or two required VIAs (or the make-up VIAs and submit the assignments), your overall grade will be lowered one letter grade. If you do not attend/replace any VIAs, two letter grades will be deducted from your overall grade.

Students who do not complete the class service project will also have their final grade lowered by one letter grade.

Teaching Methods: Lecture, group work, online and in-class discussion, video, class exercises

Course Grading:

Class: Attendance/Professional Participation **(50%)**

Work: Assignments/Homework/Activities on Canvas/Final reflection paper **(50%)**

Grading Scale (from the Manchester University Undergraduate Catalog):

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Grade	Percent*	Score (GPA)	Grade	Percent*	Score (GPA)
A	93%	4.0	C	73%	2.0
A-	90%	3.7	C-	70%	1.7
B+	87%	3.3	D+	67%	1.3
B	83%	3.0	D	63%	1.0
B-	80%	2.7	D-	60%	0.7
C+	77%	2.3	F	Below 60%	0.0

*Percentages will be rounded to the nearest whole number for the course grade.

How to Succeed in this Course

If you want to do well in this course, follow these recommendations:

1. Always attend class.
2. Be attentive in class in order to learn all that you can.
3. Do not use your mobile phone during class, unless instructed to do so for specific class activity. Unauthorized mobile phone use will result in a reduction of your Class grade.
4. Participate in class discussions to share your opinion with your peers.
5. Listen respectfully to your peers when they share their opinions.

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6. Put forth your best effort to complete each assignment. Don't procrastinate because that may prevent you from doing your best work.
7. Always turn in assignments on time.
8. Maintain your academic integrity. Ensure you understand what constitutes academic dishonesty and plagiarism. If ever in doubt, ask me!
9. Ask me and/or peers questions if you don't understand something. Get help if you need it. If you don't know where to get help, ask your me and/or peers about resources available to you.

Academic Integrity

Academic dishonesty in any form is a serious offense. It is your responsibility to know what constitutes academic dishonesty. If you are not sure what constitutes plagiarism, please ask me for clarification before you turn in the assignment. Academic integrity policies can be found in The Source Handbook and are linked here: http://www.manchester.edu/syllabi_information. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating on exams or quizzes; submitting another's work as your own, in whole or in part; unauthorized collaboration; failing to correctly cite any sources used; and falsifying documentation including fabrication of sources. Fabrication of sources includes insufficient, inaccurate, or manufactured citations for materials that cannot be traced back to any source. Fabrication of sources is often an indication that AI was used to generate the material. All written and oral assignments must be your original work and may not be submitted concurrently with another class without specific written permission of both instructors. Using AI for some portion of an assignment may be acceptable as directed by the instructor as part of a specific assignment. However, material submitted as your own which was created using AI that is not properly cited constitutes plagiarism.

Academic dishonesty, including plagiarism, in any form will not be tolerated and will result in the forfeiture of the work involved with no opportunity to make up that work. Please note that bringing course materials of another student from a previous offering of this course to class and/or copying its contents is not permitted and will be treated as plagiarism. Although you are **expected** to work together on homework and to discuss the material from this class, any work you hand in should be an expression of **your own understanding** of the material, *unless* an assignment is specifically given to a group. Copying and turning in the work of a classmate is plagiarism. Plagiarized work will receive zero credit for the assignment and will result in an academic dishonesty report being filed with the Office of Academic and Student Affairs; a repeat plagiarism offense will result in course failure.

Important syllabi information (on student disability and reasonable accommodations, medical emergency/evacuation assistance, sexual misconduct reporting requirements, Spartan Success and course feedback may be found on the Canvas course navigation bar, under "syllabi information" or via [this link](#).