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- The University of Manchester is a public research university in Manchester, England, formed in 2004 by the merger of the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology and the Victoria University of Manchester. The University of Manchester is a red brick university, a product of the civic university movement of the late-19th century.
- The main campus is south of Manchester city centre on Oxford Road. In 2015/16, the university had 39,700 students and 10,400 staff, making it the second largest university in the UK (out of 166 including the Open University), and the largest single-site university. The university had a consolidated income of £987.2 million in 2015–16, of which £273.5 million was from research grants and contracts. It has the third largest endowment of any university in England, after the universities of Cambridge and Oxford. It is a member of the worldwide Universities Research Association, the Russell Group of British research universities and the N8 Group.
- In 2016-17, the University of Manchester was ranked 55th in the world and 8th in the UK by Times Higher Education World University Rankings, 34th in the world and 7th in the UK by QS World University Rankings, 35th in the world and 5th in the UK by Academic Ranking of World Universities[8] and 59th in the world by U.S. News and World Report. In the 2014 Research Assessment Exercise, Manchester was named as the 17th best research institution in the United Kingdom.
- The university owns and operates major cultural assets such as the Manchester Museum, Whitworth Art Gallery, John Rylands Library and Jodrell Bank Observatory and its Grade I listed Lovell Telescope.
- The University of Manchester has 25 Nobel laureates among its past and present students and staff, the fourth-highest number of any single university in the United Kingdom. Four Nobel laureates are currently among its staff – more than any other British university.

Manchester Museum

- The Manchester Museum holds nearly 4.25 million. In November 2004, the museum acquired a cast of a fossilised *Tyrannosaurus rex* called "Stan".
- The museum's first collections were assembled in 1821 by the Manchester Society of Natural History, and subsequently expanded by the addition of the collections of Manchester Geological Society.



Whitworth Art Gallery

- The Whitworth Art Gallery houses collections of internationally famous British watercolours, textiles and wallpapers, modern and historic prints, drawings, paintings and sculpture. It contains 31,000 items in its collection. A programme of temporary exhibitions runs throughout the year and the Mezzanine Court displays sculpture. The gallery was founded by Robert Darbishire with a donation from Sir Joseph Whitworth in 1889, as The Whitworth Institute and Park. In 1959 the gallery became part of the Victoria University of Manchester.[66] In October 1995 the Mezzanine Court in the centre of the building was opened. It was designed to display sculptures and won a RIBA regional award.



University of Manchester Library

- The University of Manchester Library is the largest non-legal deposit library in the UK and the third-largest academic library after those of Oxford and Cambridge. It has the largest collection of electronic resources of any library in the UK.
- The John Rylands Library, founded in memory of John Rylands by his wife Enriqueta Augustina Rylands as an independent institution, is situated in a Victorian Gothic building on Deansgate, in the city centre. It houses an important collection of historic books and other printed materials, manuscripts, including archives and papyri. The papyri are in ancient languages and include the oldest extant New Testament document, Rylands Library Papyrus P52, commonly known as the St John Fragment. In April 2007 the Deansgate site reopened to readers and the public after major improvements and renovations, including the construction of the pitched roof originally intended and a new wing.



Student housing



- Ashburne Hall, a catered accommodation offered mainly to undergraduate students, though some places are reserved for postgraduate students
- Before they merged, the two former universities had for some time been sharing their residential facilities.

Students' Union

- The University of Manchester Students' Union is the representative body of students at the university and the UK's largest students' union. It was formed out of the merger between UMIST Students' Association and University of Manchester Union when the parent organisations UMIST and the Victoria University of Manchester merged on 1 October 2004.
- Unlike many other students' unions in the UK, it does not have a president, but is run by an 8-member executive team who share joint responsibility.

