

University of Manchester

Professor Stuart Turley, Associate Dean for Graduate Education

Postgraduate Education in the UK

Prof. Turley is from Belfast and is the Chair of the Business School. His presentation focused primarily on programs at Manchester. Deputy Director of International Development, Tanya Luff, discussed Postgraduate Education in the UK and the city of Manchester.

Prof. Turley:

I. The master's program at Manchester is typical UK structure.

A. Program routes:

Masters by Research (Mres)

Standard & Research Routes

Balance between taught elements and dissertation can vary

Interdisciplinary Teaching

B. Interdisciplinarity

Not just “a little bit of this and a little bit of that,” but an emphasis on interdisciplinarity. For example, strong connections between life science and informatics, political science and religious study.

Interdisciplinary Research taking place at:

Dalton Nuclear Institute

Photon Science Institute

Manchester Interdisciplinary Biocentre

Brooks World Poverty Institute

Paterson Institute for Cancer Research

Aerospace Research Institute

II. School of Arts Histories and Cultures

A. Convergence – consolidation and interdisciplinarity

B. Global Reach – draws on international activity

C. Engagement of cultural assets – gallery visits, museums, etc.

Center for Interdisciplinary Research in the Arts

Rylands Library – largest collection of electronic resources, image library

Whitworth Art Gallery

Contact Theatre

Tabley House

Manchester Museum

III. Business School

- A. Full range of programs, from undergraduate to Ph.D., MBA, executive programs, formed from three units.
- B. Wide range of specialist masters. Different from US in this respect.
 - Specialist master's in Human Resources;
 - People Management & Organizations;
 - Operations, Technology & Innovation Management;
 - Marketing, International Business & Strategy;
 - Accounting and Finance
- C. MBA program has international placement
- D. Masters of Public Administration (MPA) is basically an MBA for people in the public sector.

IV. School of Environment and Development

- A. This is the lead school for Brooks World Poverty Institute and is led by a Nobel winner.
- B. Wide range of established programs in International Development.
- C. Connections with many other departments:
 - Faculty of Humanities
 - Arts, History, and Cultures
 - Manchester Business School
 - Education
 - Environment and Development
 - Informatics
 - Law
 - Language, Linguistics, and Culture
 - Social Sciences

V. Q & A

Q: What effect has the merger had on the university?

A: It's been a big change to combine universities. Manchester was brought into the public eye. Won university of the year. Manchester is a good place to be because things are moving.

Q: Is the MBA a good overlay for the American public sector?

A: We developed this program with this in mind. The program draws on international elements already and the management emphasis is essentially international.

Q: Is the Environment and Development program new?

A: Yes, but it incorporates previously established departments such as Geography, Landscape Design, and the Institute for Policy and Management.

Q: What background do you look for in students applying for the Environment and Development program?

A: We look for an undergraduate degree in geography, architecture, environmental planning, or similar disciplines. Also management degrees, public or private sector management.

Q: Which two universities merged to form the University of Manchester?

A: UMIST and The Victoria University of Manchester. They merged on October 1, 2004.

Q: Is Decision Science an MBA or an MSC?

A: It's an MSC in Decision Science and Operational Research.

Q: Can new students expect ongoing changes because of the recent merger?

A: I hope so. There are certainly new developments coming, elements of consolidation and grouping, but also new opportunities to study between areas. We will not, however, see a reduction in opportunities for students.

Q: (comment) There aren't very many Americans enrolled at Manchester, especially considering its size.

A: True, but that means that we are looking for American students. Send them our way!

VI. Quick facts about Manchester from the British Council:

- Est. Oct. 1, 2004 from UMIST and The Victorian University of Manchester
- In first key rankings, the Times Higher Education Supplement placed Manchester at 43rd in the world, 10th in Europe, and 6th in the UK.
- Major research university
- Teaches almost every subject imaginable.
- Website: www.manchester.ac.uk