

Monday 28 September 2026

Time	Activity	Session Convener	Session content	Notes	Location	ASI	PC PS, APS	IBR/TBR
09:00 - 09:30	Welcome coffee				Senate House Second Floor: Common Room	Y	Y	
09:30 - 10:30	Welcome to Warwick Introductory Talk	Martin Wills	An overview of the Master's courses, and organisation of the programmes.		Senate House M3.01: MOAC Seminar Room	Y	Y	
10:30 - 11:30	Programme-specific session with Course Director	Mark Barrow & Rachel Hand	A deeper dive into your MSc programme with your Course Director		Senate House M3.01: MOAC Seminar Room / Senate House M3.05/06	Y	Y	
11:30 - 13:00	Departmental Welcome & Lunch				Rootes Building: Chancellor's Suite	Y	Y	
13:00 - 15:00	Campus scavenger hunt	Yutong Niu & Todd Davey	Team up with peers from other cohorts and familiarise yourself with campus against the clock as you compete for bragging rights and a tasty prize.		Senate House M3.01: MOAC Seminar Room	Y	Y	Y
15:00 - 17:00	Introduction to Chemistry	Teena Binny George & Todd Davey	A refresher of basic Chemical calculations and an introduction to key analytical and polymer techniques to be encountered throughout your MSc programmes.		Senate House M3.01: MOAC Seminar Room	Y	Y	

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09:30 - 10:00	Welcome coffee				Senate House Second Floor: Common Room	Y	Y	
10:00 - 11:00	Facilities Tour	Martin Wills, Mark Barrow & Rachel Hand	A tour of the Chemistry department and its research facilities		Senate House M3.01: MOAC Seminar Room / Chemistry	Y	Y	
11:00 - 12:00	How to write a Lab Report	Lydia Barnes	A workshop session on writing lab reports in the RSC style and analysing examples of good / poor practice.		Senate House M3.01: MOAC Seminar Room	Y	Y	
12:00 - 14:00	Lunch (and opportunity to attend Sports fair)							
14:00 - 16:00	Introduction to R for Statistics	Simon Spencer, Storm Shaw & Rachel Frazer		Participants are to ensure they have a laptop for this session with R and R: studio downloaded on to it. This programme is available from the University's Software Centre	Senate House M3.01: MOAC Seminar Room	Y		Y

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09:00 - 09:30	Welcome coffee				Senate House Second Floor: Common Room	Y	Y	
09:30 – 10:00	Understanding Cultures	Tim Horne	This session will look at national cultures, cultural assumptions and how your national culture may influence your interactions with fellow students and staff.		Senate House M3.01: MOAC Seminar Room	Y	Y	
10:00 - 11:00	Library session	Thomas Chilton	This session will provide a short introduction to the Library and Library services including how to access and use the Library, how to find and access e-books, e-journals and other e-resources and how to get materials that the Library does not have. We will also talk about referencing and how to reference in Royal Society for Chemistry (RSC) style. We will introduce reference management software including Endnote and how it can help you in your studies. We will cover the subject of AI in academic work, how it might be useful and things to avoid.		Senate House M3.01: MOAC Seminar Room	Y	Y	

11:00 - 11:15	Wellbeing	Damien Homer	Meet a representative from the University's Wellbeing Service to learn more about support available to all Warwick students including counselling, disabilities support etc.		Senate House M3.01: MOAC Seminar Room	Y	Y	
11:15 - 11:30	Senior Tutors and Disabled Student Champion	David Fox, Rachel Hand & Dani Pearson	A brief introduction to the student support available within the department, including meeting the Senior Tutors, Departmental Disabled Student Champion and learning more about key processes including Self-Certification, reasonable adjustments and Mitigating Circumstances.		Senate House M3.01: MOAC Seminar Room	Y	Y	
11:30 - 12:00	Intro to Tabula / Moodle	Martin Wills	A brief overview of the key student record systems you will need to use throughout your time at the university including Moodle and Tabula.		Senate House M3.01: MOAC Seminar Room	Y	Y	
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch (and opportunity to attend Societies fair)							
13:00 - 14:00	Student Conduct - Looking out for yourself and your friends	Sam Parr	This session is based around the Warwick Values. It will support you in looking out for yourself and others during your time here, helping to ensure everyone has a safe and positive experience. We will explore what it means to be an Active Bystander and cover key information around Consent and the University's Report and Support platform.		Senate House M3.01: MOAC Seminar Room	Y	Y	

14:00 - 16:00	Summarising data and plotting in R	Simon Spencer, Storm Shaw & Rachel Frazer		Participants are to ensure they have a laptop for this session with R and R:studio downloaded on to it.	Senate House M3.01: MOAC Seminar Room	Y		Y
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Thursday 1 October 2026

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09:30 - 10:00	Welcome coffee				Senate House Second Floor: Common Room	Y	Y	Y
10:00 - 12:00	Fiji says hello!	Laura Cooper, Nina Pucekova & Yiqi Hou	A brief introduction to image analysis and the software Fiji (Fiji is Just ImageJ)	Participants are to ensure they bring a laptop to this session (a computer and not just a tablet). Fiji can be set up as part of the session, however if you wish to do this in advance follow these instructions: Download Fiji from https://imagej.net/software/fiji/downloads This is a portable application, so you just have to unpack it, no need to install. You should avoid saving it in Program Files (Windows) or Applications (Mac).	Senate House M3.01: MOAC Seminar Room	Y	Poss APS	Y
10:00 - 12:00	Intro to Python	Tom Hellyar & Angie Cheung	A tutorial-based introduction to scientific programming in Python, including programming basics, data analysis and plotting.	Participants are encouraged to download and install Anaconda (a distribution of the Python for scientific computing, including the Spyder programming software) from here: https://www.anaconda.com/download/success	Senate House M3.05/06		Y	

				and to check that they are able to launch Spyder from the Anaconda Navigator once it is installed.				
12:00 - 14:00	Lunch (and opportunity for students to attend Societies fair)							
14:00 - 14:45	Intro to Origin	Joe Darling & Yutong Niu	Origin is powerful piece of graphing software that can be awkward to get started with, this intro session will teach you the basics of setting up sheets and graphs, as well as fitting them.	Please ensure you have a laptop with Origin installed ready for the session, it is available on the university's software centre - Mac users will need to borrow or share a windows laptop for the session.	Senate House M3.01: MOAC Seminar Room	Y	Y	
14:45 - 15:30	Careers Service	Siobhan Qadir	An introduction to the careers support available from the central team and within the department. Hear from Siobhan Qadir, the Chemistry department's link Senior Careers Consultant, and find out about accessing self-service resources, attending a wide range of careers events throughout the year, and booking 1:1 appointments for careers guidance and application support.		Senate House M3.01: MOAC Seminar Room	Y	Y	
15:30 - 16:30	Intro to Mendeley	Todd Davey & Teena Binny George	A brief introduction to Mendeley, covering how to find and create references, how to use the software and how to create bibliographies using reference software.	Please ensure you have a laptop with Mendeley installed ready for the session, it is available on the university's software centre.	Senate House M3.01: MOAC Seminar Room	Y	Y	

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09:30 - 10:00	Welcome coffee				Senate House Second Floor: Common Room	Y	Y	
10:00 - 12:00	Transferable Skills	Nikola Chmel & Lydia Barnes	Learn more about the Transferable Skills module you will follow throughout your MSc year as you get to grips with identifying your personal learning style.		Senate House M3.01: MOAC Seminar Room	Y	Y	
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch							
13:00 - 15:00	Team Building	Todd Davey & Sam Mutto	Work together with your peers to solve a series of challenges as a team.		Senate House M3.01: MOAC Seminar Room	Y	Y	Y
15:00 - 17:00	Pizza Party	Celebrate the end of Welcome Week with your cohort over a slice or two of pizza.			Senate House Second Floor: Common Room	Y	Y	Y