

INTO MANCHESTER

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We regard a complaint as any expression of dissatisfaction about our action or lack of action, or about the standard of service provided by us on our behalf.

Commitment to our students

INTO Manchester is committed to responding to student complaints effectively and in a timely manner.

We are committed to ensuring that decisions are taken by people without actual or perceived conflicts of interest at all stages of the process and to that an appropriate level of confidentiality is maintained at all stages of the complaints process.

Explanation of our procedure

For complaints about teaching or academic matters, please follow the procedure set out in section A below. For complaints about finance or accommodation or any other matter, please follow the procedure set out in section B.

Note: This procedure is not to be used for academic appeals (appeals against marks awarded during an assessment). For this, please refer to your Programme-specific handbook.

A For complaints about teaching or academic matters

- For non-urgent or less serious problems related to teaching or academic matters, you should deal with this informally by talking to the relevant tutor or teacher, or, if you feel you cannot do this, by contacting the relevant student representative for them to raise the issue at student representative meetings
- 2. For more serious/urgent problems related to teaching or academic matters, or if you are unhappy with the response received after following the informal procedure set out in paragraph one above, a formal complaint must be made in writing to your Programme Manager (contact details are found in Appendix 1)
- 3. The formal complaint should set out as much detail as possible about the problem so that the Programme Manager can investigate the complaint.
- 4. Within five working days of receipt of the complaint, the Programme Manager will investigate the complaint. This may involve meeting with you and/or anyone else mentioned in the complaint, including witnesses. In the event that the investigation will take more than five working days to complete, we will let you know in writing (via letter or email)

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- 5. The Programme Manager will respond to your complaint in writing (by email or letter) within three working days of the conclusion of the investigation and will tell you whether the complaint has been upheld, and if so, what action will be taken to address the complaint.
- 6. If you are unhappy with the response to your written complaint, you should appeal in writing to the Academic Director within 5 working days of the date of the response letter, attaching the response letter from the Programme Manager and setting out clear reasons why you are unhappy with the response. This can be via letter delivered by hand to the Academic Director, or via email (contact details are found in Appendix 1).
- 7. The Academic Director will review your appeal within five working days of receipt of the appeal letter. This may involve meeting with you, the Programme Manager, and/or anybody else mentioned in the appeal or in the original complaint. In the event that the appeal process will take more than five working days to complete, we will let you know in writing (via email or letter).
- 8. The Academic Director will respond to your appeal in writing (by email or letter) within three working days of the conclusion of the review, and will tell you whether the appeal has been upheld, and if so, what action will be taken to address the original complaint.
- 9. INTO Manchester is a member of English UK, a national association of English language centres. If your complaint is about an English Language Programme or the English Language element of your programme and you remain unhappy with the way in which your complaint has been handled, you should refer to the English UK Student Complaints Procedure, available under the 'Students' tab at www.englishuk.com.
- 10. INTO Manchester is part of the INTO University Partnerships network of Centres in the UK. If your complaint is about a non-English Language related element of your programme and you remain unhappy with the way in which your complaint has been handled, you should write to Bridget White, SVP UK Operations and Partnerships, bridget.white@intoglobal.com An appropriate Senior Manager outside the Centre will then review how your complaint has been handled.



For finance or accommodation or other problems:

- For non-urgent or less serious problems related to finance, accommodation or other non-academic matters, you should deal with this informally by talking to the finance team or accommodation team respectively (contact details are found in Appendix 1) or contacting the reception desk and asking to speak to a member of the Student Services team. If you prefer, you can contact the relevant student representative for them to raise the issue at student representative meetings.
- 2. For more serious/urgent problems related to finance, accommodation or other non-academic matters, or if you are unhappy with the response received after following the informal procedure set out in paragraph 1 above, a formal complaint must be made in writing to the Head of Student Services. This can be via letter delivered by hand to the Head of Student Services, or via email (contact details are found in Appendix 1). The Head of Student Services will then appoint an appropriate person, who has not been previously involved in the matter, to investigate the complaint (the 'Investigating Officer').
- 3. The formal complaint should set out as much detail as possible about the problem so that the Investigating Officer can investigate the complaint.
- 4. Within five working days of receipt of the complaint, the Investigating Officer will investigate the complaint. This may involve meeting with you and/or anybody else mentioned in the complaint, including witnesses. In the event that the investigation will take more than five working days to complete, we will let you know in writing (by email or letter).
- 5. The Investigating Officer will respond to your complaint in writing (by email or letter) within three working days of the conclusion of the investigation and will tell you whether the complaint has been upheld, and if so, what action will be taken to address the complaint.
- 6. If you are unhappy with the response to your written complaint, you should appeal in writing to the Centre Director within 5 working days of the date of the response letter, attaching the response letter from the Investigating Officer and setting out clear reasons why you are unhappy with the response. This can be via letter delivered by hand to the Centre Director, or via email (contact details are found in Appendix 1)
- 7. The Centre Director will review your appeal within five working days of receipt of the appeal letter. This may involve them meeting with you, the Investigating Officer, and/or anybody else mentioned in the appeal or in the original complaint. In the event that the appeal will take more than 5 working days to complete, we will let you know in writing (via email or letter).
- 8. The Centre Director will respond in your appeal in writing (by email or letter) within three working days of conclusion of the review, and will tell you whether the appeal has been upheld, and if so, what action will be taken to address the original complaint.
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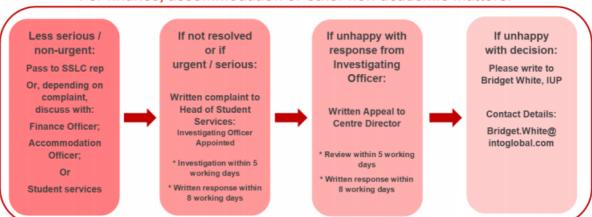


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OVERVIEW OF STUDENT COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

For teaching or other academic matters If not resolved, If unhappy Less serious / If unhappy with or if urgent / with decision: non-urgent: response: serious: For English Language Written Pass to SSLC Written appeal to Programmes: complaint to Refer to English Academic Director rep or discuss **Programme UK Student** with tutor Manager Complaints * Review within 5 Procedure * Investigation working days within 5 working For all other days Programmes: * Written response * Written response Please write to within 8 working within 8 working days Bridget White, IUP days

For finance, accommodation or other non-academic matters:





Appendix 1: Staff contact details

For teaching or other academic matters

Role	Name	Email	Room
Programme Manager - English Language Programme (General English and Academic English)	Kes Poupaert	kes.poupaert@intoglobal.com	0.11
	Fergus Mackinnon	fergus.mackinnon@intoglobal.com	3.14
Programme Manager International Foundation Science	Nia Faulder	nia.faulder@intoglobal.com	3.14
Programme Manager International Foundation English for Academic Purposes	Chris Mercer	chris.mercer@intoglobal.com	3.14
Programme ManagerInternational Foundation Art and Design	Samantha Donnelly	samantha.donnelly@intoglobal.com	0.11
Programme Manager - International Year One	Damian Owen	damian.owen@intoglobal.com	0.11
Higher Education Programme Manager (including Pre Master's Programme)	Sandra Fraser	sandra.fraser@intoglobal.com	0.11
Academic Director	Lucy Thomas	lucy.thomas@intoglobal.com	3.13

For finance or accommodation or other non-academic matters

Role	Name	Email	Room
Finance Officer	Giselle Ingham	giselle.ingham@intoglobal.com	Ask at Reception
Accommodation Officer	Christine Man	christine.man@intoglobal.com	Ask at Reception
Head of Student Services	Sion Jones	sion.jones@intoglobal.com	Ask at Reception
Centre Director	Dawn Abbot	dawn.abbot@intoglobal.com	Ask at Reception