

# NEXT STOP WORK

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GET TO KNOW US

The best way to get to know us is to meet us. Chat to staff and students and discover what life at York is really like.

### **Chat with a student**

Talk online with current students who will be happy to speak to you about their experience in York: york.ac.uk/chat

### Take an online campus tour

Explore York from the comfort of your own home with our new whistle-stop virtual Open Day experience. Watch videos, 360s and take a tour of campus and the city: york.ac.uk/virtual-visit

### **Get the student view**

Get the inside view on life at York – the fun stuff and the challenges – from our student blogs: blogs.york.ac.uk

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### CHOOSE YORK

Be inspired by brilliant minds, discover exciting new activities and develop your ambitions in our supportive environment.



### Top of the Russell Group for Academic Support

of institutions included in the 2021 National Student Survey

### 10th

out of 155 higher education institutions for research impact

in the Times Higher Education's ranking of the most recent Research Excellence Framework (REF 2021), excluding specialist institutions which submitted fewer than four units of assessment

### **Get an outstanding education**

As a high-performing Russell Group University\*, our ground-breaking research underpins our inspiring teaching, challenging you to dream big, think critically and change the world.

### Join our global community

Live and study in one of the safest cities in the UK, with independent thinkers from over 150 countries. With 27 per cent of our students from outside the UK, you can make friends from all over the globe.\*\*

### **Shape your future**

Enhance your career prospects through exciting opportunities that help you stand out from the crowd. Our graduates are highly sought after – 93 per cent of York graduates entered work or further study within 15 months of graduating.\*\*\*

### Have space to think

Benefit from our £500m investment in new student accommodation and state-of-theart facilities. "My days at the University of York have been a really exceptional and life-changing experience. York has everything – excellent academics, beautiful nature on campus, a diverse environment and friendly people."

Abdikarim, Somalia



Live and study in our beautiful, green parkland campus and make friends through our college system – it provides an instant social life and a secure, supportive environment.

### Try something different

Meet interesting people and enjoy a vibrant social life through a variety of activities on campus. There are over 200 social, cultural, international and religious student-led societies and over 60 sports clubs to choose from.

### **Explore our city of contrasts**

Discover our student-friendly, contemporary city, which is rich in history and regularly named as one of the best places to live in Britain.

- \*The prestigious Russell Group represents 24 leading UK universities committed to maintaining the highest academic standards in both teaching and research.
- \*\*Undergraduate and postgraduate student headcount, November 2021.
- \*\*\*HESA Graduate Outcomes Survey 2018/19, UK graduates.



### **Explore the UK**

York is one of Britain's best connected cities. It is easy to get to and a great base for exploring the UK. You can be in London in two hours and Edinburgh in just two and a half hours by train.





### **FIND OUT MORE**

**Visiting Student Team** york.ac.uk/visitingstudents

### CITY OF YORK

Our idyllic parkland campus is within walking distance of the bustling city centre, which means you can enjoy the best of both worlds.

York is a contemporary, student-friendly city, renowned for its rich history and heritage. With a population of 200,000, it's a buzzing city that's big enough to feel vibrant and small enough to feel like home.

### Nightlife: creative hotspots and impressive venues

From quirky pubs to popular clubs, York has a diverse mix of venues that showcase aspiring musicians and established acts.

The city is also home to a range of museums and galleries, as well as York Theatre Royal and a choice of cinemas.

### Shopping and eating: high-street favourites and cosy cafés

Major retail chains and independent stores share York's iconic medieval streets. And if you need a bite to eat, the city boasts a thriving street food scene, high quality restaurants and quirky coffee shops.

"I feel blessed to be able to live in York. I love having the comfort and safety of the city combined with many tourist attractions and amazing lush greenery.

### This is a city like no other!"

Weng Lum, Malaysia





### Picturesque city: green spaces and interactive attractions

York is filled with magical scenes: the serene York Museum Gardens; winding cobbled streets like the world-famous Shambles; and fascinating historic sites like York Minster, which offers free student entry. All this and more is surrounded by ancient, walkable city walls.

### Well connected: idyllic countryside and sweeping coastlines

York's central location is perfect for exploring other UK and European cities. London is only two hours away by train and you can reach Edinburgh in two and a half hours. The beautiful Yorkshire countryside and coastline are also on our doorstep.

Travel independently or as part of a group to make friends and memories. Our student unions often arrange trips to cities, national parks and the coast.

"York is one of the most culturally vibrant cities in the UK. Walking through cobbled streets full of historical gems, explore the city's endless array of independent places to shop, eat and drink. It's a great city to enjoy with friends, show off to visitors from home, or simply unwind after a busy day at university."

### Charaspat, Thailand

Read Charaspat's blog on the hidden gems in York at blogs.york.ac.uk/five-hidden-gems-in-york



### **FIND OUT MORE**

York city guide york.ac.uk/city

### CAMPUS LIFE

Our beautiful parkland campus provides everything you need to make the most of your university experience.



You will join one of 11 colleges at York. These small, distinct communities will become your home from home. Your college will provide you with a network of support, friendship, facilities, and a full calendar of events and activities to help you settle in.

### **Culture and entertainment**

It's important to unwind during your studies. Whatever you're interested in, you'll find something to enjoy. On-campus, we have:

- our very own student-run theatre, The Drama Barn
- a cinema run by students, for students, staff and the public
- a whole host of student societies dedicated to music, dance, drama and comedy
- a rich programme of free open lectures and inspirational events such as YorkTalks, our annual research showcase
- York Festival of Ideas, featuring hundreds of free events to educate, entertain and inspire, including talks, exhibitions, theatre, music and film.



### University of York Students' Union (YUSU)

Run for, with, and by students, YUSU coordinates sport and social societies and a variety of events and volunteering opportunities. It also provides independent and confidential advice and support and campaigns on issues decided by students.

"Student societies are probably one of my favourite things at university. With over 200 different societies at York, you are sure to find something that you enjoy. From sports such as netball or football to something as specific as hummus making, there's a group for everything and everyone."

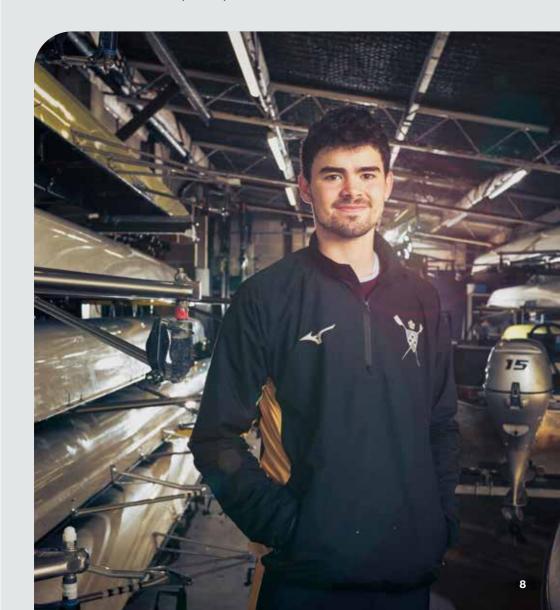
#### Colombe, Switzerland

Read Colombe's blog on student societies at blogs.york.ac.uk/student-societies-the-best-part-of-the-university-experience/

### **Societies and sport**

There are over 200 student-run societies and over 60 sports clubs for you to get involved in. From cultural, faith and international societies to gaming, arts and music, there are societies for everyone. You don't have to be an expert or pro

to join – it's all about new experiences, making friends and having fun. York Sport Village and York Sports Centre also provide a choice of excellent sports facilities.





### **Food and drink**

The campus is packed with places to eat and drink and we cater for a diverse range of dietary requirements. There are also three supermarkets, where you can pick up your groceries and essentials.

**Getting around** 

We're situated just outside York city centre, and everything is within walking or cycling distance. You can also use the fast and frequent bus service that runs between

both parts of campus and on to the city centre and station, or hire an e-scooter or e-bike to whisk you into town. York is one of the UK's most cycle-friendly cities and we have plenty of cycle racks on campus. Explore campus highlights at york.ac.uk/campus-tours

"I love writing poetry and was delighted when my poems were published in the University's annual poetry magazine – the Looking Glass Anthology. Being part of the society helped me meet others who are passionate about literature and I gained valuable experiences which I hope will help me in pursuing a career in the publishing industry."

Arundhathi, India

### Our commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion:

Being an international, researchled university relies on equality in participation, progression and success for all. We are committed to creating a working, learning, social and living environment that will enable all our staff and students to achieve their potential, while they experience and celebrate diverse cultures, knowledge and identities and are encouraged to make a positive contribution to the city, region and beyond.





# YORK IN PICTURES





























## Discover why you'll love our vibrant student life and beautiful city.

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### **ACCOMMODATION**

All our accommodation is located on or very near campus and is centred around our colleges. Each college has a welcoming, supportive community, so you will soon feel at home.

### Additional requirements

We have rooms suitable for students with health or disability requirements.

#### Costs

Single, self-catered rooms cost from £99 to £200 per week, with catered rooms available from £135 to £208 per week (note prices may change). Rent is usually paid in two instalments (one per semester).

### What are my room options?

#### **Price bands**

Prices reflect the age and size of the accommodation, as well as the number of people sharing kitchen and bathroom facilities.

#### Catered or self-catered

We offer self-catering and catered options. Both include access to a shared kitchen.

#### En-suite or shared bathroom

Our rooms either have an en-suite bathroom or they have a washbasin in the room with access to a shared bathroom.

### Let lengths

Whether you're joining us for a full academic year or just a semester, we'll try our best to match your let lengths to your study period as closely as possible.





#### What is included?

- Bedroom, shared kitchen and shared bathroom or en-suite
- · Wifi and wired internet in every bedroom
- Shared kitchens are cleaned once a week and shared bathrooms are cleaned on weekdays
- Electricity, heating, water, and contents insurance
- 24-hour campus security presence.

### Living off campus

There is a wide selection of private sector accommodation within walking distance of the University. Rents vary and usually do not include bills for water, electricity, heating or internet access.

### **Colleges**

You will be a member of one of our 11 colleges throughout your time here. Your college will provide you with a network of support and a calendar of events and activities to help you settle in, make friends and explore interests. Find out more at york.ac.uk/college-life



### **FIND OUT MORE**

Accommodation Services york.ac.uk/vs-accomm accommodation@york.ac.uk +44 (0)1904 322165

### SUPPORT AND WELLBEING

Our support network is here if you need it and we offer dedicated services for international students.



We will help you settle in through a range of orientation events and support. We offer a free collection service from Manchester Airport for Semester 1 starters, a Welcome Week for new students, and academic study skills courses and workshops. We also provide immigration advice, specialist support for international students, facilities for practising your faith, and much more. You can also get to know other students through the student-run International Students' Association.

### **College team**

Staff at your college will provide confidential support to help you manage the transition to university life and studies at York.

### **Academic supervisor**

A member of your teaching department will act as your supervisor. You'll meet regularly throughout your course. They'll advise you on your academic progress and support your personal development.

### Students with children

Our Family Network will help you meet, socialise, share information and advice, and have fun with other parents.



You'll find information on local schools and childcare options, including the York Campus Nursery, on our website at york.ac.uk/support

### Students with a disability

We can arrange academic support and adjustments if you have a disability or long-term health condition that has an impact on your ability to study. Disability Advisers offer support, advice and guidance to students with a diagnosed disability.

### Study support

We provide a range of services and resources to help you develop the skills you need for academic success. From one-to-one sessions with our tutors at the Writing Centre, to help understanding maths and statistics at the Maths Skills Centre.

### **Togetherall**

All students have access to free 24/7 online mental health and wellbeing support with Togetherall. If you struggle to sleep, feel low, stressed or unable to cope, Togetherall can help you get support, take control and feel better.

"The University offers a range of support for international and home students alike.

Programmes like the Student
Buddying Scheme exist to
connect you with current
students and help you settle
into university life. One of my
biggest fears was that I would
feel isolated, but the York
community greeted me with
open arms."

Quinn, USA



### **Open Door team**

Open Door is a team of mental health practitioners providing support to students who are experiencing psychological or mental health difficulties. It is a completely free self-referral service available to all students.

### **Independent advice**

### Students' Unions (YUSU)

If you need guidance relating to your course or personal matters you can talk to staff in the Students' Union Advice and Support Centre (ASC) and the Graduate Students' Association's Advice Service.



### **Nightline**

Nightline is run by trained student volunteers and provides a confidential listening and information service for students from 8pm to 8am during term time.

### Chaplaincy

The Christian chaplains at the University are available to people of all faiths and none. There is also a network of contacts from other world faiths and dedicated spaces for prayer and reflection on campus.

#### **Health services**

The health centre closest to campus, Unity Health, offers GP appointments, a repeat prescription service and walk-in clinics.



### **FIND OUT MORE**

**Student support** york.ac.uk/support

### PREPARATION AND ARRIVAL

Once you've accepted your place there are a few things you need to know before you arrive.

welcomed by University staff and students. You can book your place online after completing enrolment. Alternatively, you can get a train from the airport which takes one and a half hours. Other nearby airports are Leeds-Bradford and Newcastle International.

### **Before you leave home**

#### Visa information

Check the type of visa that you need to study in the UK. If you require a student visa you can apply for your visa from three months before your course start date. We can also provide support with your application, see york.ac.uk/immigration

#### Healthcare

You will need to pay an immigration health surcharge if you require a student visa. This entitles you to receive free health services from the National Health Service (NHS). On arrival at York you can register with a doctor/general practitioner (GP) at Unity Health, next to campus. If you require medical treatment in the UK, a full up-to-date vaccination record (in English, if possible) will help you get the best care possible. There are additional charges for dental treatments available on the NHS. There is no health surcharge if you come to the UK on a Standard Visitor Visa, but we recommend that you have your own health insurance in place.

### **Arriving at York**

### **Airports**

We recommend that you arrive at Manchester Airport, if possible. We offer a free Manchester Airport collection service for Semester 1 starters, where you will be



#### The first week

During the first week of Semester 1, the University of York Students' Union (YUSU) and colleges organise activities and events to help new undergraduates settle in. The week before Semester 1 starts there is a postgraduate welcome organised by the Graduate Students' Association (GSA). There are also different events specifically for international students.

During Welcome Week, you will be invited to a Visiting Student Orientation and an Icebreaker Social. Colleges and Departments also hold welcome events.

If you are joining us at another point in the year, you can check with your Department to see what you can get involved with.

### **Semester dates**

From September 2023, our academic year will be split into two 16-week semesters. A vacation in each semester gives you two or three weeks away from your studies to revise and relax.

### Semester 1:

18 September 2023 - 2 February 2024

Christmas vacation:

18 December 2023 - 5 January 2024

### Semester 2:

5 February 2024 - 7 June 2024

Easter vacation:

25 March 2024 - 5 April 2024

For future dates visit york.ac.uk/about/term-dates

Detailed pre-arrival information, including guidance about visa applications, banking, healthcare, airport pick-up and more can be found at york.ac.uk/international-new





### **STUDENT VIEW**

### Moving to the UK

International student Yan shares her top tips to help you prepare for studying in the UK.

**Weather:** If you don't know already, it can rain quite a bit in the UK. But most of the time it's just drizzle. Therefore, instead of umbrellas, I would recommend bringing some hooded waterproof coats to deal with the weather.

**Transport:** If you are planning to visit other places whilst you are studying in the UK, remember to apply for a 16-25 Railcard! You can enjoy a discount on most rail fares.

Homesickness: Making yourself busy is definitely a way to deal with homesickness. I had one kind of weird way to deal with it, which was to bring some of my favorite local snacks. So remember to pack some of them in your luggage.

Get more student views on preparing for life at York at blogs.york.ac.uk/student-voices/category/international-students



### **FIND OUT MORE**

**Arriving in York** york.ac.uk/international-new



### VISITING STUDENT PROGRAMME

We welcome visiting students from across the world. You can join us through university exchange partners, third party providers and country-specific government initiatives, or as an independent applicant.

### **Taught students**

As an undergraduate or postgraduate taught visiting student, York offers you:

- Study for a full year, or for a single semester
- College membership and access to a wide range of extra-curricular activities
- Full integration into university life
- An academic supervisor to support you through your studies
- Academic credit for modules to the equivalent of 60 credits per semester
- An academic transcript at the end of your studies.

### **Research students**

We have excellent opportunities for visiting students to come and share our commitment to inspirational and life-changing research.

These options should be discussed on an individual basis so that we can connect you with the right Department. You can contact us at visiting-students@york.ac.uk.



"Studying at the University of York was a turning point in my life. If you are given the opportunity, and want to befriend people of different cultures, widen your horizons and try to live differently from the way you are used to, then studying abroad or in a UK university might be for you."

### Twiggy, Hong Kong

Read Twiggy's blog on Studying in the UK at blogs.york.ac.uk/is-studying-at-a-uk-university-for-me



### STUDY OPTIONS

At York you will be fully integrated into academic life at our world-class, research-led university.

### **Subject areas**

We have a wide variety of subjects that you can study across the University. The interdisciplinary nature of our teaching and research means you can apply to study in one or more departments, subject to acceptance and timetabling. Some of the possible modules (classes) that you can study at York may include:

### **Archaeology**

Archaeology and Heritage

Bioarchaeology

Historical Archaeology

### **Biology**

**Biochemistry** 

**Biomedical Sciences** 

Biotechnology and Microbiology

**Ecology and Genetics** 

Molecular Cell Biology

### Chemistry

Atmosphere and the Environment

Biological and Medicinal Chemistry

The Principles of Green Chemistry

### **Computer Science**

Computer Artificial Intelligence

**Embedded Systems Engineering** 

### **Economics and Related Studies**

**Econometrics and Finance Education** 

### **Electronic Engineering**

**Electronic and Communication Engineering** 

**Electronic and Computer Engineering** 

Electronic Engineering with Business Management

Electronic Engineering with Nanotechnology

Music Technology Systems

### **English and Related Literature**

Global Literatures

Period Literature

### **Environment and Geography**

**Environmental Geography** 

**Environmental Science** 

Environment, Economics and Ecology

**Human Geography and Environment** 

### **History**

### **History of Art**

Curating and Art History

### **Language and Linguistic Science**

#### Law

### Management

Accounting, and Business Finance

**Actuarial Science** 

Marketing

**Business and Management** 

### **Mathematics**

### Music

Music and Sound Recording

### **Natural Sciences**

### **Philosophy**

### **Physics**

Astrophysics

### **Politics**

International Relations

### **Psychology**

Neuroscience

### **Social Policy and Social Work**

### **Criminology**

Social Policy (Crime and Criminal Justice)
Social Science

### Sociology

Social and Political Science

Social Psychology

### Theatre, Film, Television and Interactive Media

Interactive Media

Film and Television Production

Theatre: Writing, Directing and Performance

### **Postgraduate students**

For postgraduate students we also offer study opportunities in our interdisciplinary research centres:

Centre for Eighteenth Century Studies

Centre for Medieval Studies

Centre for Women's Studies

### **Pre-sessional English courses**

#### **Unconditional offer**

Short courses are available if you have an unconditional offer but want to practice your English language skills. You'll learn new study skills and get to know the University before you start your studies.

### **Conditional offer**

We also offer tailored courses for visiting students who need to meet a language condition for entry to a degree-level course. The length of the course you need to take depends on your current IELTS scores and the English language requirements for the subjects you wish to study.

#### More information

If you're applying for a pre-sessional English language course and require a Student visa, you must take a UK government-approved Secure English Language Test.
Only IELTS for UKVI (Academic) or Trinity ISE can be accepted for entry to pre-sessional courses.

After you have accepted your offer to study at York, we will confirm which pre-sessional course you should apply to online via You@York.

For further information visit york.ac.uk/presessionals



### FIND OUT MORE

What can I study? york.ac.uk/vs-courses



### **APPLYING**

Before applying, read our guidance and find out about your study options at york.ac.uk/vs-apply

### 1 Check our application deadlines

Don't miss out – check our application deadlines at york.ac.uk/vs-apply/undergraduate and york.ac.uk/vs-apply/postgraduate

### 2 Research our module (class) options

Discover the module options we have on offer at york.ac.uk/vs-courses

### **3 Check entry requirements**

Find out about our academic and English language requirements at york.ac.uk/vs-apply

### 4 Prepare your supporting documents

You must provide the following supporting documents along with your application:

- Academic transcript from your home university
- Name and email address of a referee or a letter of recommendation from your home university
- English language certificate. You will need a recognised English language certificate if English is not your first language
- Some departments may ask you to submit additional supporting materials with your application
- Postgraduate research students will also need to supply a research proposal of 250–300 words.

### **5 Complete your application**

Submit an online application and upload your supporting documents via You@York, our online application management system.

### **6 Track your application**

Track your application, upload supporting documents and receive information online via You@York.

### 7 Accept your offer

Accept your place at York using You@York.

### 8 Apply for your visa

If you require a student visa to study in the UK, you will need a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS). You can only apply for your CAS once you have accepted your place at York.

### 9 Enrol online

After you have accepted your offer, we will email you about how to set up your University of York IT account and how to complete enrolment.

### 10 Prepare to join us at York

We'll email you about what you need to do before you get here. Find out more at york.ac.uk/international-new

If you are applying to a research degree you should visit department web pages and contact potential supervisors to discuss research areas before you apply. This will help to ensure a proper match between you and your prospective supervisor.

### **FEES AND EXPENSES**

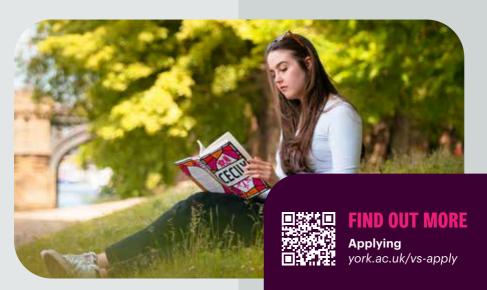
#### **Tuition fees**

If you apply through one of our exchange partner universities you won't need to pay any tuition fees to the University of York.

If you apply independently you will need to pay tuition fees. Find out more at york.ac.uk/vs-fees

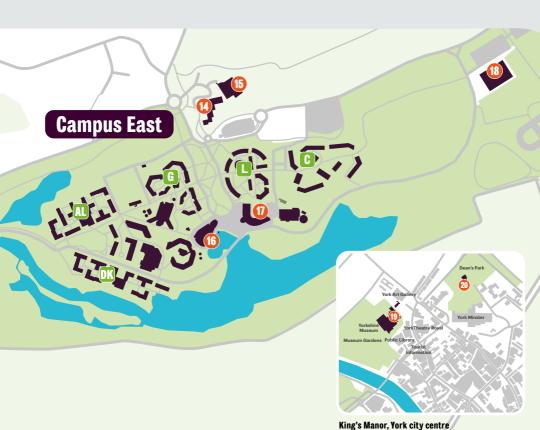
### **Living costs**

We have living cost guides online to help you plan your budget. See york.ac.uk/living-costs



### **CAMPUS MAP**





### **Key buildings**

- 1. Jack Lyons Concert Hall
- 2. Information Centre and Student Hub
- 3. Market Square shops
- 4. Library and Archives
- 5. Spring Lane Building
- 6. Greg's Place
- 7. Central Hall
- 8. Exhibition Centre
- 9. Roger Kirk Centre
- 10. YUSU Students' Union
- 11. York Sports Centre

- 12. Heslington Hall
- 13. Student Recruitment and Admissions
- 14. Kimberlow Hill shops
- 15. Medical Centre
- 16. Ron Cooke Hub
- 17. Piazza Building and International Pathway College
- 18. York Sport Village
- 19. King's Manor (city centre)
- 20. York Minster Library (city centre)

### **Colleges**

- Alcuin College
- AL Anne Lister College
- Constantine College
- Derwent College
- **DK** David Kato College
- G Goodricke College
- H Halifax College
- James College
- Langwith College
- Vanbrugh College
- W Wentworth College (postgraduate)



### **WHAT NEXT?**

### **TALK TO A STUDENT**

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### **MEET US**

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### TRAVEL TIMES BY TRAIN

London 2 hours Manchester 1½ hours Leeds 20 minutes Birmingham 2 hours Edinburgh 2½ hours

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