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# INTERNATIONAL PRE-DEPARTURE CHECKLIST

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# YOUR NEXT STEPS TO YORK

We know that preparing to study abroad can be stressful. Our handy guide provides you with the important information you need to make your journey to York as simple as possible.

Follow our checklist to find out what to bring with you, the tasks you need to complete before you travel and what to expect when you arrive.



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# TRAVELLING TO THE UK

- Confirm your visa requirements
- Check if your country imposes any restrictions on taking money out of the country
- Check if there are any restrictions on items you plan to bring into the UK
- Find out what documents you need to bring in your hand luggage
- Work through your enrolment information
- Check out the University's welcome programme for international students



## DID YOU KNOW?

We operate a free Manchester airport collection service on certain days. Advance booking is essential!



## FINANCES

- Make sure you have made any necessary advance payments
- Check that you have sufficient funds (cash or travellers cheques) to cover the cost of living for 1-2 weeks while you open a UK bank account
- Stay aware of possible financial scams



## HEALTHCARE

- Check if you need to have any additional vaccinations or screenings before travelling to the UK
- Obtain up-to-date vaccination and medical records (in English if possible)
- If you haven't paid the Immigration Health Surcharge as part of your visa application you will need to arrange private medical insurance
- Arrange any medication you need to bring with you to the UK, including a letter from your doctor explaining the medication you are taking



# ARRIVING IN YORK

- Collect your Biometric Residence Permit
- Attend a Student Visa Registration event
- Open a UK bank account
- Register with a doctor
- Make sure you have arranged your accommodation prior to travelling to the UK. We offer a range of self-catered and catered accommodation options with ensuite and shared bathrooms available
- Check the welcome programme for international students. All international students are expected to attend the orientation to university life and study at the start of term
- Arrange insurance for your belongings once you arrive. This is also called contents insurance or student insurance

## DID YOU KNOW?

The University of York offers a student buddying scheme to new undergraduates to help you settle into University life and study.



# PACKING LIST

Below is a list of important documents we recommend you bring in your hand luggage if you have a visa to study here in the UK

- Passport with visa vignette or other UK entry clearance
- The letter that accompanied your visa
- Your University of York offer letter and/or UCAS confirmation slip
- Your University of York accommodation confirmation email
- IELTS (or equivalent) certificate
- Originals (or certified true copies) of any degree certificates or technical qualifications
- Documentary evidence that you have enough money to pay your tuition fees and accommodate yourself while you're in the UK (recent bank statements, proof of scholarship or official financial sponsor letter)
- Any relevant medical certificates showing recent vaccinations
- Chest X-ray report for TB screening (if you need to be screened)
- Medication for ongoing conditions and a doctor's letter
- Plane ticket
- Translations of documents as needed