

Welcome to our guide to applying for a Chemistry course at the University of York.

York is one of the UK's leading chemistry departments with an excellent reputation for its teaching and research. With nearly 50 members of academic staff, we are a large and successful department in an attractive university. We are the only department in the country to have 3 members of staff recognised for the excellence of their teaching by the Royal Society of Chemistry and the 2007 National Student Survey rated our undergraduate chemistry courses as the best in the UK for overall student satisfaction.

We offer a choice of three-year BSc and four-year MChem courses in Chemistry, including courses specialising in management and industry, natural resources and the environment, and biological and medicinal chemistry. All of our courses are modular, enabling you to design your degree pathway, whilst ensuring that you graduate as a fully qualified Chemist. Distinctive features of our courses include a large component of practical chemistry, a diverse range of option modules, and an emphasis on college-based small-group teaching, with tutorial and workshop support for all our lecture courses. Students in the final year of an MChem degree can choose to spend that year at York, at one of our partner universities abroad, or in industry with the majority of the year being spent on a research project: Around 50 organisations participate in the Year in Industry scheme, and they employ around 35 – 40 of our students each year.

To get a sense of the real excitement and the enthusiasm that we at York share for chemistry and it's teaching, we would be delighted to show you around the department. With an investment of over 17 million pounds in buildings and equipment, over the last 6 years, we provide our students with modern teaching and research facilities in a supportive learning environment.

Before making an application, you might like to attend one of our pre-application visit days run by the chemistry department in August, or you may like to visit the Department on a university open day, these are held in July and October.

Alternatively, we are happy to organise an individual visit; simply contact us to arrange a mutually convenient date. Situated almost halfway between London and Edinburgh, York is easy to reach, and the university campus is only 10 minutes by bike from the city centre. York itself is a friendly and safe place where people enjoy life.

All applications for our Chemistry degree courses must be made through UCAS, and applications can be completed online. Normally, we will write to an applicant within 2-3 days of receiving your application.

We require all UK-based students to attend an interview prior to our making an offer. We believe the interview experience is extremely important in helping a student to decide on

which university to attend. Our interview days are held 2 or 3 times a week, between October and February, and we aim to make these days as informative, interesting and relaxed as possible for you and any accompanying guests you may bring. As part of the day you will have the opportunity to chat with academic staff and students, and have a tour of the department, and the university campus, including a campus study bedroom. We write to students and send decisions to UCAS within a few days of the interview. A few days later UCAS will confirm the offer.

In summary, the Chemistry Department at York offers you both an international research reputation and top quality teaching in a modern and welcoming environment.

If you require any further information about our courses, please do not hesitate to contact us.