Biology

Our Biology degree programmes begin with a common first year that covers the major areas of biology from molecular biology through to ecology. From the second year you have the opportunity to personalise your degree by choosing from the wide range of modules that we offer, within the framework of our Biology degree or one of the specialist degrees (Biotechnology & Microbiology, Ecology, Genetics and Molecular Cell Biology).

Biochemistry

Our Biochemistry degree programme is the result of a longstanding and fruitful collaboration between the Departments of Biology and Chemistry. You will be taught in both departments by academic staff engaged in research that is specifically biochemical. This research impacts on many aspects of our teaching of biochemistry.

Biomedical Sciences

Our Biomedical Sciences degree programme will equip you with the scientific knowledge and skills to understand the fundamental science underpinning health and disease. The degree is taught by staff from four departments with expertise in Biology, Health Sciences, Psychology and Medicine. There are therefore strong links throughout the course between your studies, scientific research and clinical applications.
Welcome

The Department of Biology at York welcomes students from around the world. We celebrate excellence, breadth and diversity across the spectrum of modern biology, from ecology to biomedicine. We are proud of our status as one of the UK’s elite university biological sciences departments as measured by our high rankings for research, teaching and student satisfaction.

At York you can take advantage of this expertise, and be taught by world leaders in the field. You will find our undergraduate degrees intellectually stimulating and you will develop a skill set that is extremely attractive to employers.

Our state-of-the-art teaching laboratories and purpose-built computer facilities have allowed us to create an excellent learning environment for all our students.

Our graduates are highly sought after, with more than 90% going into employment or further study within six months of graduating.

We look forward to welcoming you to York.

Professor Ian A Graham
Head of Department
Science for the 21st century

The study of life ranges from the chemical boundaries of single molecules to understanding how populations of different species respond to changes in the environment.

Driven by cutting-edge technologies, we now live in an era where medicines can be tailored to individuals and whole genomes of novel organisms can be sequenced in less than a day.

An explosion of discoveries relating to how cancer develops, predicting the effects of climate change and harnessing the biotechnological potential of organisms to produce fuels, food and novel materials makes biosciences one of the most exciting and relevant subjects of the 21st century!
The Department of Biology at York is at the forefront of life science research and discovery. Consistently ranked as one of the best departments in the UK, we have an outstanding global reputation underpinned by our cutting edge research and excellent facilities. This directly informs our teaching, giving you the opportunity to study a wide range of subjects influenced by up to date research, in a supportive learning environment. Our graduates will become the next generation of leaders in research science, business and industry, education, public administration and media, by developing the necessary skills in critical thinking, problem solving, data analysis and teamwork.

**Biology and related subjects:** After our broad based first year, you can tailor your degree across the full range of subjects to match your interests and aspirations, choosing topics from climate change to cancer, biofuels to evolution, from population modelling to DNA sequencing. Alternatively, you have the opportunity to select subjects within our specialist degree programmes in Biotechnology & Microbiology, Ecology, Genetics, and Molecular Cell Biology.

**Biochemistry:** The Biochemistry degree programme at York is underpinned by the excellent reputation for teaching and research of both the Biology and Chemistry departments. The chemistry teaching within the programme ensures that our graduates are excellent chemists, with a thorough understanding of the reactions underlying the biochemical processes they study. Our graduates are highly sought after both in research and industry.

**Biomedical Sciences:** An interdisciplinary course with breadth and depth in diverse topics such as human biology, pathogens, epidemiology and psychology. You will be taught by enthusiastic non-clinical academic scientists from four disciplines, including Biology, Medicine, Health Sciences and Psychology with additional contributions from clinician-researchers.
High-quality programmes across the spectrum of contemporary biological sciences, with an opportunity to spend a year in another European country.

High staff-student ratio providing a supportive and friendly environment that gives you quality time with academic staff and easy access to a personal supervisor who will oversee your academic progress and personal welfare.

Purpose built teaching facilities, including a brand new teaching building housing state-of-the-art teaching laboratories and computer facilities.

Flexibility to choose your specific area of interest as the course progresses.

Top-rated research environment including a substantial final year research project.

Regular tutorials with just four or five students provide excellent staff-student interactions and a unique learning experience.
**Key reasons** to study biosciences at York

**Outstanding** and consistently highly ranked teaching within an active and enquiring research environment by enthusiastic world-class staff who are experts in their field.

**Supportive learning environment**, with transferable skills incorporated into all aspects of teaching – these are the general skills that help you get a job and succeed in the workplace.

**Location in the beautiful, historic city of York** with excellent transportation links – you can reach London by train in under two hours and there are international airports at Leeds and Manchester.

**Opportunity** to work for a year in industry, putting into practice what you have learnt in your degree. We have strong links with industry and a dedicated Industrial Placement Co-ordinator who will support you throughout the process.

**Excellent career prospects** – our graduates are highly sought after in the workplace. Our dedicated Careers Officers will give you training and advice on how to write your CV, prepare yourself for job interviews and boost your interpersonal skills. They run regular drop-in sessions and careers guidance workshops.
The Department of Biology accepted its first undergraduates in 1965. Over the years it has grown enormously. In 2003 a £21.6 million biosciences building opened to house our innovative Technology Facility and York Structural Biology Laboratories (YSBL). An extension of the Centre for Immunology and Infection (CII) opened in 2010.
Our most recent expansion (2014) is a 1700 m² teaching block. The second phase will see the construction of a new 4000 m² three-storey, purpose-built facility, adjacent to the first phase building. With completion scheduled for August 2016, the new £15 million facility will bring together all laboratory teaching and associated technical support and the Department’s student administration.

The phase 2 building will also provide project workspace for students on our new integrated Masters programmes, laboratories and interactive space for students to share information and ideas. The atrium between the phase 1 and phase 2 buildings will provide a natural hub for student services and administration.

For students and staff this will become the heart of the Department, promoting interaction and encouraging collaboration.
Which course is right for me?

I am interested in the science underpinning health and disease

BSc/MBiol Biology (C100 / C105)
+ Year in Europe (C101 / C106)
+ Year in Industry (C107 / C108)

BSc/MBiol Biotechnology & Microbiology (C157 / C154)
+ Year in Europe (C155 / C156)
+ Year in Industry (C156 / C157)*

BSc/MBiol Ecology (C180 / C185)
+ Year in Europe (C181 / C186)
+ Year in Industry (C184 / C187)

BSc/MBiol Genetics (C400 / C405)
+ Year in Europe (C401 / C406)
+ Year in Industry (C406 / C407)*

BSc/MBiol Molecular Cell Biology (C130 / C135)
+ Year in Europe (C131 / C136)
+ Year in Industry (C134 / C137)*

I am interested in a broad Biology degree with the flexibility to specialise in the 2nd year

BSc/MBiol Biomedical Sciences (C900 / C903)
+ Year in Europe (C902 / C905)
+ Year in Industry (C901 / C904)

BSc/MBiol Biochemistry (C700 / C706)
+ Year in Europe (C701 / C707)
+ Year in Industry (C705 / C708)*

I am interested in the chemistry underlying biological processes

BSc/MBiol Molecular Cell Biology (C130 / C135)
+ Year in Europe (C131 / C136)
+ Year in Industry (C134 / C137)*
What will you study?

Stage 1
An introduction to the main areas of study in your programme and lays the foundation for specialised study in the second and final years. The modules covered are delivered through lectures, practicals and workshops. In addition skills and tutorial sessions develop key transferable skills, including scientific and research methods, scientific writing, criticising scientific literature, oral presentation skills and problem solving.

Stage 2
You build on first year material to extend your knowledge and deepen your understanding through your choice of modules and tutorials. Alongside a proportion of core modules, you choose from a wide range of other modules enabling you to begin to specialise in areas of interest. This year also includes group research projects and practical skills options.

Optional Year Away
You may choose to spend one Year Away studying in another European country or working in industry.

Stage 3 (BSc)
In the final year of your BSc you will choose a unique research project and carry this out independently with supervision by academic staff. This substantial project, based on the knowledge and skills gained during stages 1 and 2, gives you an opportunity to work with one of our research groups and gain hands-on research experience. Project topics reflect the wide range of current research in the participating departments. Your research work is complemented by a choice of six specialist modules and research skills tutorials.

Stage 3 (Masters)
This year follows the same format of Stage 3 of the BSc degree except you undertake a special group research project and take more specialist modules.

Stage 4 (Masters)
Masters students undertake a further year of study that focuses on an extended research project, Masters-level modules and further training in research skills.
The modules we offer

**Stage 1**

- **Compulsory for all**
  - Scientific Skills
  - Cell and Developmental Biology
  - Genetics
  - Microbiology
  - Molecular Biology and Biochemistry
  - Genetics and Evolution* (except BCH)
- **Compulsory for BIO only**
  - Animal and Plant Biology
- **Compulsory for BCH only**
  - Foundation Chemistry for Biochemists I
  - Foundation Chemistry for Biochemists II
- **Compulsory for BMS only**
  - Introduction to Biomedical Sciences
  - Human Reproduction and Development

**Stage 2**

- **Compulsory for all**
  - Scientific Skills and Tutorials
- **Compulsory for BMS only**
  - Pharmacology
  - Understanding Health and Disease
- **Optional for all**
  - Developmental Biology
  - Neuroscience
  - Molecular Biotechnology* (compulsory for Biotechnologists)
  - Postgenomic Biotechnology*(compulsory for Biotechnologists)
- **Optional for BIO only**
  - Behavioural Ecology
  - Species-Environment Interaction
  - Marine and Coastal Biology Field Course
  - Environmental Ecology
- **Optional for BCH only**
  - Biochemical Reaction Mechanisms
  - Strategy to Synthesis in Organic Chemistry
  - Proteins in 3D
  - Chemistry and Disease

Other optional modules available in Stage 2 include: Cell Biology, Eukaryotic Gene Expression, Evolutionary and Population Genetics, Immunology, Mechanisms of Genetic Change, Metabolisms in Health and Disease, Molecular Microbiology, Organisms in their Environment and Population Biology.
**Stage 3**

**Compulsory for all**
- Research Project
- Research Skills

**Compulsory for BMS only**
- Translational Medicine

**Optional for all**
- Antibiotics
- Bacterial Pathogenesis
- Biocatalysis
- Systems and Synthetic Biology
- Transcription and Cancer
- Principles of Molecular Virology
- Protein Nucleic Acid Interaction
- Protein-Protein Recognition
- Human Molecular Parasitology
- Learning and Memory
- Molecular Machines
- Glycobiology
- Environmental Microbiology
- Epigenetics in Development and Disease
- Brain in Health and Disease

Cancer and the Cell Cycle
- Cell Tissue Engineering
- Chromosome Dynamics
- Human Genetics* (except BCH)
- Advanced Topics in Immunology* (except BMS)
- Biofuels and Biotechnology* (except BMS)
- Plant Biotechnology* (except BMS)

**Optional for BIO only**
- Advanced Topics in Developmental Biology
- Advanced Topics in Behaviour
- Bioremediation
- Conservation Ecology and Biodiversity
- Ecological Genetics
- Evolutionary Ecology
- Global Change Ecology
- Nutrient Acquisition and Cycling in Natural Agricultural Systems

**Optional for BCH only**
- Analytical and Forensic Chemistry
- Bioinspired Chemistry
- Proteins and Disease

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**Stage 4 (Masters)**

**Compulsory for all**
- Extended Research Skills
- Research Project

**Optional for all**
- Computational Systems Biology
- Image Analysis
- Introduction to Phyton Programming
- Protein Structure Analysis
- Sequence Analysis
- Using R for Statistics

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Key:
- **BIO** = Biology + specialist subjects
- **BCH** = Biochemistry
- **BMS** = Biomedical Sciences

All modules listed here are indicative and subject to change, as we regularly update and refine them to keep our teaching as up-to-date as possible.
“I chose York because of its teaching and its research ranking. I liked the idea of being on a campus. I have found that the Biology Department is really relaxed and everyone is on first-name terms. This creates a real friendly atmosphere.”

Gareth

Biomedical Sciences
Lectures
We aim to deliver lectures that are not just lists of facts, but which offer a stimulating and challenging perspective on a subject and encourage you to study further.

Tutorials
These are one of the most popular and distinctive aspects of our programmes. They are an opportunity for a group of usually just four or five students to hold informal scientific discussions on a weekly basis with a member of staff. Tutorials help you to develop skills in conceptual thinking and analysis, as well as oral and written communication. Students regularly give presentations, and there is plenty of opportunity to debate topical issues.

Practicals
Practicals are designed to complement your lectures and other studies. They help you to develop laboratory skills, and to become familiar with a wide range of practical techniques, training you how to use methods precisely, and encouraging you to assess objectively the reliability of your results. These laboratory skills, together with skills in planning experiments and solving problems, will culminate in your research project in the final year of the programme.

Skills and group work
The skills that enable you to flourish in your chosen careers are developed in our core scientific and transferable skills modules. Some of these focus on specific scientific techniques, while others develop skills in problem solving, experimental design and data analysis. We encourage you to develop important communication skills, including working in groups to plan and carrying out experiments to investigate a scientific problem, and presenting your work as an oral presentation or poster. The confidence and wide-ranging skills of our students are often commented on by employers.

Research project
Your research project is an essential part of your degree. For many students this is the aspect of the course that they find particularly rewarding. It is your chance to experience research at first hand. You have the support and advice of an academic member of staff, but you work independently and plan and carry out your own experiments. Projects span the whole range of contemporary biology, from cancer to conservation, and most students carry out their project work alongside research students and postdoctoral workers within the research laboratory of the project director. Biochemistry students have the option to choose projects in both Biology and Chemistry departments.
Your optional Year in Industry

An extra year, gaining research experience in an industrial or research institute laboratory, is available in all biosciences degree programmes. You can opt into the Year in Industry programme during the first academic year, if you have not already done so. An Academic Co-ordinator guides you through the process of finding a placement, and you receive support from the Department during your year away. Generally, you are paid a salary by the employer during your research placement.

We have excellent relationships with a wide variety of organisations and we place students with employers to match their interests, ranging from pharmaceutical companies (such as AstraZeneca, GlaxoSmithKline, Lilly, Green Biologics, Reckitt Benckiser, UCB Pharma) and medical research institutes (Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute, The Genome Analysis Centre) to botanic and zoological gardens (Kew Gardens, Flamingo Land Zoo) and environmental organisations (The Wildlife Trusts, Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, Environment Agency, FERA, Rothamsted Research).

Taking a year out in industry has many benefits, including hands-on experience of working in a research environment, and more generic skills, such as teamwork and time management – invaluable for your final year, and highly prized by prospective employers and PhD supervisors.

“I won an award at the annual EXPO for a poster I produced on my work during my placement at Lilly. It was amazing to know that my work had been recognised. Knowing that the research I’ve done and the ideas that I’ve had are beneficial for someone, somewhere in the future is a great feeling. It has made me more confident in my potential as a research scientist, and has encouraged me to be bold with my research. I have seen first hand the outcome of pursuing an idea.”

Lorna
Biology with a Year in Industry
Your optional Year in Europe

Another option is to spend the third year of your degree in another European country. This programme is overseen by an Academic Co-ordinator with relevant expertise and experience, and financial support is available from the European Union’s Socrates/Erasmus scheme.

As well as continuing to develop your scientific knowledge and skills, you would have the opportunity to live in another country for a year, experiencing a different culture, improving your language abilities and gaining self-confidence - all advantageous when you apply for jobs, as international mobility is greatly valued.

There are two schemes to choose from (see below)

Study placements
Our study placement exchange scheme offers you the opportunity to spend your third year studying at one of our partner universities, currently in France (Grenoble), Germany (Bayreuth and Jena), Spain (Valencia and Madrid) and Denmark (Aarhus). During your year away, you take a range of courses and carry out a project to complement your studies at York.

Applicants for exchanges with universities in France, Germany and Spain should have good language abilities (normally to at least AS or equivalent level); additional language tuition is provided during the first two years at York. For exchanges with the University of Aarhus in Denmark, language prerequisites do not apply, as courses are taught in English.

Laboratory placements
As an alternative to a study placement, you can elect for a full-time laboratory placement during your third year, working on a research project in an internationally renowned European laboratory, either in a university or in a research organisation.

This scheme is independent of any bilateral exchange agreements, so there will be a wide choice of country and institution available.

Since English is the accepted working language in these laboratories, familiarity with the language of the host country is not a prerequisite.
Your integrated Masters option

We are able to offer all our biosciences courses with an integrated Masters programme. It is possible to take all of our integrated Masters programmes with an optional extra year either in industry or Europe.

The MBiol, MBiochem or MBiomedSci introduces to the programmes an extra year that specifically focuses on the skills needed for a career as a research scientist. During this time you work with research scientists within one of the UK’s top biosciences departments to learn specialised research techniques and gain experience in a cutting edge research laboratory. You will undertake specialist research training and take specific Masters level courses.

**Our integrated Masters programmes may be for you if you want to:**

- Learn more about the very latest technologies that are driving biosciences research
- Gain extensive practical experience and knowledge by working with the experts
- Develop your business and interpersonal skills to maximise employment potential
- Obtain a valuable postgraduate qualification
- Enhance your chances when applying for scientific jobs or a PhD degree.
“My experience at York has been great. I would recommend it to anyone. You can always find a quiet place to study, or a society putting on a social event. The facilities in the Department of Biology are excellent, and the staff are always happy to help you.”

Mariamme
Masters student
Teaching, learning and your personal development

Personal supervisor
You will have a supervisor who is a member of the academic staff. Your supervisor will meet you regularly and guide you through your studies and is someone who you can turn to for help. He or she is normally your first port of call if you have an academic problem, but supervisors deal with personal issues as well.

Personal development
As well as a good degree, employers also look for other appropriate skills and qualities. We take a keen interest in the personal development of our students and provide a structured and supported programme of personal development to help you reflect upon your learning, performance and achievements, and plan your personal, educational and career development. You meet with your supervisor specifically to discuss this at least once a year.

We encourage you to widen your experience and skills and to develop your non-academic interests during your time at University. You can take advantage of the many extra-curricular activities on offer, both within and outside of the Department such as York Biosciences Society, outreach activities, Languages for All, University clubs and societies and Unijobs.

Further opportunities to study abroad
In addition to our Year in Europe programme the University operates a worldwide exchange programme, replacing your second year, which allows students to pursue international interests in another university. We have partnerships with universities in the United States, Canada, Hong Kong, Singapore and Australia.

Teaching and Learning
In Stage 1 the number of hours scheduled for lectures, practicals, seminars, workshops and tutorials is between 20 and 25 per week where the teaching session is with at least one member of academic staff. In addition to the timetabled learning, you are expected to undertake independent learning and consequently are expected to be self-motivated, self-disciplined and willing to learn outside regular classes.

Course assessment
There are a variety of modes of assessment, including traditional closed examinations, open assessments and coursework. The most significant open assessment that you will undertake is your final year research project that contributes significantly towards your final mark.
“I came to York because lecturers here are cutting edge researchers in their field and York has excellent facilities. The staff have been willing to help me when I have needed it and I have really enjoyed the small group tutorials, which allow close interaction with staff and other students.”

Yitao, Biochemistry
Your future with biosciences

Over half of our graduates go on to study for higher degree (Masters and PhDs), which is well above the national average. Substantial numbers go directly on to a career in science. Our programmes require you to meet the challenges of solving problems and understanding complex concepts, a process that develops skills of value in a variety of other occupations and most jobs asking for a degree don’t specify which subject.

You also may obtain employment in non-biological science disciplines such as the financial services, information and communication services and media and advertising sectors. Positions held by our recent graduates include:

- Relationship manager for a multinational media and information firm
- Quality control analyst for an engineering and electronics conglomerate
- Field ecologist for a government agency
- Clinical trials co-ordinator
- Bioinformatics analyst.

Throughout your course we will provide you with transferable skills, such as team-working, leadership, communication, self-management, motivation and professionalism, which will make you attractive to future employers.

After graduating from the University of York with a BSc degree in Genetics, I embarked upon a career as a Trainee Clinical Scientist through the NHS Scientist Training Programme. Having acquired a taste for Immunology through a summer placement and research project, my natural progression was to develop these skills in a clinical context. When I’m not studying for my Masters in Clinical Immunology, I’m based at a Teaching Hospital as a final year trainee. I have participated in adult and paediatric laboratory investigations and clinical interactions within the Immunology, Biochemistry, Haematology, and Genetics.

Aimee Rhodes, Trainee Clinical Scientist - Immunology
NHS Scientist Training Programme, Sheffield Teaching Hospital
How to apply

All applications for our degree courses must be made through UCAS (www.ucas.com), although we can offer advice before and during the admissions process (biol-admissions@york.ac.uk).

Essential subjects and typical offers

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We usually make offers on the basis of information on the UCAS form, including your personal statement, reference, and academic grades or predictions. On occasion, candidates may be invited for interview, particularly where there are special circumstances or unusual qualifications. All applications receive equal treatment, irrespective of race, gender, sexual orientation, disability or educational background.

Other qualifications

We welcome applicants offering the International and European Baccalaureates, Scottish Advanced Highers, Irish Leaving Certificate, or any qualifications of equivalent standard that include our essential subjects at an appropriate level. Our selection policy and programme requirements are subject to review, and we recommend that you consult our website for up-to-date information. If you have any specific enquiries about our entrance requirements, please email the Admissions Tutors (biol-admissions@york.ac.uk).

Taking a gap year

A significant number of our students defer entry for a year to enable them to travel or earn some money before beginning their degrees. We welcome such applications, and find that many students benefit enormously from this experience, which is sometimes - but not always - in an area connected with their future studies.

Mature applicants

We are always pleased to welcome mature applicants, whose skills and experience are valued by staff and students, provided you have an appropriate background in our essential subjects, such as through a Foundation or Access course. You may find it helpful to talk informally to the Admissions Tutors, who are happy to offer advice and guidance, before making an application.

Pre-application visits

- The University has at least four Open Days each year, usually in the Summer (www.york.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/open-days).
- Campus tours are often available during school holiday periods (www.york.ac.uk/study/visit/campus-tours), with opportunities for departmental visits on some dates.
- If you are unable to come to an Open Day, we can organise an individual visit to the Department. Please email visit-biosciences@york.ac.uk to arrange a mutually convenient day.
International students

International students form an important part of the community at York, and the Department of Biology welcomes students from all over the world. We realise that you are a long way from home and sometimes you may require additional support services.

We offer our international students:

- A friendly supportive environment, with close interactions between students and staff, which allows students to flourish
- A strong emphasis on small group teaching, with weekly tutorials in groups of usually only four students
- An International Student Co-ordinator within the Department, and a personal supervisor to oversee your academic progress and welfare
- Dedicated support services from the International Support Office. They provide support and guidance including an Immigration Advice Service, student orientation, an International Students’ Association and help with housing, health and finances
- A range of courses at the Centre for English Language Teaching to further develop and improve your English Language skills. Please visit www.york.ac.uk/celt for more information.

English Language Requirements

If English is not your first language you should be able to show evidence of English language ability. For some European countries, the English language requirement may be fulfilled by achieving a satisfactory English grade in the relevant country’s state or school examinations. Please contact us for information about the specific requirements for your own country.

We accept the following qualifications:

- IELTS (Academic): 6.5 with a minimum of 6.0 in each section
- Cambridge Proficiency in English (CPE) taken before January 2015: grade C
- Cambridge Advanced English (CAE) taken before January 2015: grade A
- Cambridge CPE and CAE taken from January 2015: 176 overall with a minimum of 169 in each section
- Pearson (Academic): 61 points overall with a minimum of 55 in each section.
In just over 50 years, York has become one of the top UK universities, performing equally well on teaching and research quality measures.

We are located in Heslington on the edge of the historic city of York, where our colleges are in attractive lakeside settings. The University is compact, easy to get around, and has a safe, friendly atmosphere. We also offer excellent sports facilities.

All York students become members of our college system with an emphasis on support and pastoral care which means you will make friends and settle in quickly.

About the **University of York**

We offer you:

- A very high-quality academic experience
- A commitment to enhancing your employability
- A strong reputation for student support
- A lively & stimulating environment
- A 24/7 student welfare support
- A wide variety of campus accommodation
- A welcoming college system.
York – a great location

Life in the city of York is varied, colourful and lively. A diverse range of shops, galleries, clubs, cafés, museums, music groups and sports clubs means that the city really does offer something for everyone.

With a population of 200,000, York is big enough to feel cosmopolitan but small enough not to be overwhelming. It is a friendly place where you can feel at home quickly, but which still feels fresh and exciting once you get to know it well.

York was recently voted Britain’s favourite small city in a Rough Guide poll, and its historic streets bustle with visitors from all around the world. There is plenty to impress, from the famous gothic York Minster and winding medieval streets, to a packed calendar of cultural activities including festivals, concerts and sporting events.

You’ll also be in one of Britain’s best connected cities, offering great transport links to major cities including London, Edinburgh, Leeds and Manchester, as well as the wealth of beautiful countryside and coastline in Yorkshire and beyond.

For further information about life as a student at York visit:

www.york.ac.uk/study/student-life
“York is a great city in which to be a student. It’s amazing that such a small place has so much to do, whether it’s going out clubbing or listening to live jazz and blues in a small venue. You’re sure to find anything you can think of here. The locals are very warm and friendly. I love the whole feel of the place.”

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inspired by
world-class research
with impact

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