Exchange Scheme with York University

Where is York University?

Established in 1959 - York University is the third largest university in Canada and is situated in the city of Toronto, Ontario in Canada. The university has 11 faculties and 26 research centres, supporting approximately 50,000 students.

Who can go?

- **Four places** will be made available to York undergraduate students in 2020/21.
- This will replace your 2nd year of study at York for credit-replacing programmes (or the 2nd/3rd year of study if you’re on a 4 year programme). Please speak to your department about the availability of extended degrees that allow you to take an additional year to study abroad.
- Please note that students from **Computer Science cannot take part** in this exchange.
- Other departmental restrictions include Social Work Program, and those offered by the Schulich School of Business, School of the Arts Media, Performance and Design.
- Please consult the [Opportunities by Subject](#) webpage to see if your department is eligible for exchange.

Courses

- Students will be required to take a full course load of **24 credits** (e.g. four 6 credit modules/eight 3 credit modules or a mix of both to total 24). A maximum of 15 credits per term.
- Every course has a 4 digit code, in order for students to get the equivalent of 120 York credits; they must take 3000-4000 level courses. These level courses normally require pre-requisites which will need to be taken into account when choosing courses.
- Courses available for 2018-19 Fall semester can be found in the course catalogue here and can be used as a guide to what courses could be like: [yorku.ca/Apps/WebObjects/cdm](#)
- More information on courses and their restrictions can be found on the York University website [here](#).

How will my marks be assessed/converted?

- Grade Conversion Tables for each institution will be made available to successful applicants. Grades will only be converted for credit replacement students.
- University of York staff can access Grade Conversion Tables here: [york.ac.uk/students/study-abroad/accepted/#tab-5](#)
- Please ensure that you are fully aware of how your grades will be converted on your return to York. Students on additional years will have different arrangements to those on credit-replacing exchange.
**Costs**

*Please note that the costs below are based on previous years and are provided for guidance only. Exact costs may vary due to exchange rates, inflation, personal circumstance and/or other reasons.*

- **Tuition Fees:** Students will pay no tuition fees to York University in Canada and in 2019/20 their University of York fees were reduced to 15% of the full academic fee.
- **Visas:** Study permits for Canada $150 (approx. £87)
- **Additional costs to consider:** flights, accommodation, travel insurance and visas (see below), living costs (food, books, money for additional travel/activities).

**Medical insurance:**

- All international students will be covered by the University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP), which is mandatory, more information can be found at: [yorku.ca/current-international-students/health-insurance/](http://yorku.ca/current-international-students/health-insurance/).
- Coverage in 2018/19 it cost a student $52 per month.

**Financial Assistance**

- There is funding available for some students on North America exchanges through the US Alumni Connection Award Bursary. More information on this and other funding can be found on our [Exchange Finances and Funding webpage](http://york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering-careers/skills/work-experience/yfs/).
- **York Futures Scholarship** new for 2019/20. Support for personal and professional development. Funding of up to £6000 available to students applying to study abroad in 2020/21. There are two rounds of applications for this funding, Autumn Term and Easter Vacation/start of Summer Term. We recommend that you apply for the first round of funding to secure this before you have received confirmation of your study abroad place. For more information please see the following web pages: [york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering-careers/skills/work-experience/yfs/](http://york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering-careers/skills/work-experience/yfs/)

**Visa**

*Please be aware that Centre for Global Programmes staff are not qualified to offer consultations or in-depth advice regarding visa applications. Immigration laws are complex and subject to frequent changes. Therefore if you do have any further questions about the process of applying for your visa you will need to contact the appropriate Embassy directly. The information below is intended as guidance only and unless otherwise stated applies only to UK citizens without exceptional circumstances.*

- Students will need to apply for a **Canadian Study Permit** to allow them to study in Canada. The application consists mainly of providing documents; passport, two passport photos, letter of acceptance from York University and proof of financial support (bank statement, student finance, and letter from parent/guardian). For more information and for where to apply visit the Canadian Government website [here](http://gc.ca/english/information/applications/guides/5269ETOC.asp).
- When going through your application, make use of the instruction guidelines and in particular, the document checklist. These can be found here: [gc.ca/english/information/applications/guides/5269ETOC.asp](http://gc.ca/english/information/applications/guides/5269ETOC.asp).
- Once the application is approved, you will receive your visa at immigration in the first Canadian airport you travel through. To receive your visa, you will need all the documents you used to apply for the visa and the email confirming your application approval. They will most likely only ask for the acceptance letter from YorkU, however carry **everything** with you just in case.
- **A Temporary Resident Visa** (TRV, “entry visa” or “visitor visa”) is required for students with certain citizenships to enter Canada. Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) is required for foreign nationals from some visa-exempt countries. To find out if an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) or an entry visa is required, please check [gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp](http://gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp) or contact the nearest Canadian visa office.
- From 31\textsuperscript{st} July 2018, students applying for Canadian Visas will have to register for Biometric checks. More information can be found on the official Canadian government webpages here: [https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/security-securite/biometrics-biometrique-eng.html](https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/security-securite/biometrics-biometrique-eng.html).
- Additional information can be found on the York University website [here](http://gc.ca/english/information/applications/guides/5269ETOC.asp).
What’s it like to Study there?

'I don’t think I’ve really experienced any culture shock, but people here are certainly different; everyone is so friendly and kind and ready to help if you need it. The University is so widely different to back home, and it has taken a bit of getting used to, but as we head into the first reading week/ term break, I feel like I’m really settling in and making a routine for myself. I made friends so easily with the other international students, and its really nice to have people understand exactly what you’re going through, and having people willing to do all the touristy things - we have been to Niagara Falls, an ice-hockey game, and we are currently working our way through the best brunch restaurants downtown, and we have a group trip booked to spend Thanksgiving in Montreal! There’s still a lot to explore here, but I’m really looking forward to it.’

Rosie, History, 2019/20

“I am thoroughly enjoying all of my classes and learning about so many new things and experiencing different perspectives. I have made many amazing friends who I will stay in contact with for a long time following this exchange. I have become so much more confident and independent in just the three months I’ve been here, from scheduling my course modules to organising road trips across Canada.”

“I’ve already visited Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, Niagara Falls, New York City and will be visiting Chicago, Calgary, Vancouver, Seattle, San Francisco and LA in the coming months. I definitely feel at home here in Toronto and can’t imagine leaving after this semester.”

Christina, History, 2017/18

Where will I live?

- Students may apply for on-campus accommodation, in one of ten residences on York campus, by filling out the housing application as soon as possible. Students will be informed whether their application was successful or not. If students are not successful then it is advised that they arrive in Toronto before orientation in order to find permanent accommodation.
- Campus rooms without kitchen facilities require students to buy a meal plan, the plan can vary in cost from $2,500-$4,000 for the academic year depending on the type of plan chosen.
- For more information on housing visit the university website here: studenthousing.info.yorku.ca/

Is it the right choice for me?

- When thinking about choosing your destination for studying abroad please look through the Considerations Checklist on our web pages.
- This will help you find the best opportunity for your degree and personal circumstances.

Contact details at York

- Exchange Team: Beth Alaksa, International Mobility Coordinator. Email: balaksa@yorku.ca
- Address: York International, 200 York Lanes, York University, 4700 Keele Street, Toronto, ON, Canada, M3J 1P3
- General Email: exchange@yorku.ca

Useful web links

- Main York Website
- York Study Abroad and Exchange
- York University Housing
- York University Immigration Information
- Global Graduates
- Foreign Commonwealth Office Advice
- Alternative accommodation site
- Cost of living Comparison Site
- Alternative cost of living comparison site
Please note: The websites listed here are not intended to represent a comprehensive list. The Centre for Global Programmes cannot be held responsible for the content of external websites.

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Students are responsible for researching their own exchanges and making sure that they have considered all costs and the compatibility of the overseas programme to their own degree, in discussion with their departments and supervisors. The Centre for Global Programmes are here to offer support.