So – you’re thinking of doing a Masters?

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What is a Masters?

A Masters degree is an academic degree granted to individuals who have undergone a course of study demonstrating a mastery or high-order overview of a specific field of study or area of professional practice.
MSc? MRes? MA? MBA?

• Many kinds of Masters courses
• MRes – Masters in Research. Contains a significant research element – good for PhD prep
• MSc – Masters in Science. An in depth study of the area
• MA – Masters in Arts/Humanities
• MBA – Business (usually very expensive and done alongside a management job)
How is it different to an undergrad degree?

• Higher level of ability assumed
• Very focussed students
• Work all-year round (180 as opposed to 120 credits per year)
• Smaller class sizes
Is a Masters for you?

- Can you afford it?
- Do you have the motivation?
- Do you love your subject?

(or are you doing it to delay your next career decision?)
Tuition fees

- MSc Bioscience Technology = £4390
- MRes Computational Biology = £3790
- MRes Ecology & Environmental Management = £3740
- MRes Functional Genomics = £4390.

But tuition fees vary:
- MBA at Nottingham £18,000
- LLM (law) at Exeter £
Pros of doing a Masters

- Chance to study a subject in depth
- More technical information
- Insight into research
- More hands-on than undergrad
- Studentships often available
- Small class sizes
- Motivated students
- Get to know researchers
Cons of doing a Masters

• Another year of study (and cash!)
• Tuition fees
• Hard work (46 weeks per year compared with 30) multiple deadlines and pressures
• Moving to a new place for just one year can be an upheaval
• Accommodation may be limited
You might enjoy a Masters if...

- You want an insight into a new or advanced subject area
- You’re thinking of doing a PhD
- You love the subject
Career options

- More highly regarded than undergrad
- Entry to PhD
- May enter jobs at a higher level
- Research/industrial experience means you’re more employable
- Proof that you can manage your time and work under pressure
Application process (York)

- www.findamasters.com
- University webpages
- Recommendations from your supervisor
- Darren Spillett
The University of York
Department of Biology

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Masters Open Day: Wednesday 17 March 2010

We invite current and potential students to York Biology’s Masters Open Day.

To book, please visit our online booking page.

MSc in Bioscience Technology
MRes in Computational Biology
MRes in Ecology and Environmental Management
MRes in Functional Genomics

The Open Day is a great opportunity to meet academic staff and current students.

- Meet staff associated with each programme.
- Talk to current graduate students.
- Find out how a graduate degree from York will enhance your career prospects.
- Have a guided tour of the department, university and on-campus accommodation.
- Find out about funding opportunities and how to apply.
- Open day schedule
- Getting here
- Applying for admission to one of our graduate programmes.
AVAILABLE MASTERS COURSES 2010/11

MSc in Biotechnology

MSc in Computational Biology (formerly MSc Bioinformatics)

MSc in Ecology and Environmental Management

MRes in Functional Ceramics

MSc in Mathematics and the Living Environment

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York Biology offers several exciting Masters programmes that run for 12 months (October until the following September). Two types of Masters programmes are offered: MRes and MSc programmes. Both contain substantial training in research methods and some taught components. In addition to being ideal preparation for entry to a PhD, the Masters programmes also provide enhanced employment prospects for their graduates.

Please also see our new Masters Newsletter which is sent to prospective students who have been made an offer on: http://www.york.ac.uk/depts/biol/document/masters/prospectus_newsletter.html

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University of York, Department of Biology Masters

University of York, Department of Biology Masters Hi all many thanks for supporting the Masters programmes in the Biology Department here at York. The courses have started now for 2009/10, however we will soon be accepting applications for entry in 2010 so watch this space. ;-) 07 October at 10:00

University of York, Department of Biology Masters Hi guys the latest Biology Masters Newsletter for July is available to view at the following link: http://www.york.ac.uk/depts/biol/gsp/current/masters/Prospectusnewsletter.html


University of York, Department of Biology Masters 24 July at 08:00


University of York, Department of Biology Masters 15 June at 11:04

What do recent Masters graduates think?

• Zeenat Nordally

• Pranay Rajgarhia
Summary

• Chance to study a subject in-depth
• Do a significant project
• Taste of research and/or industrial placement
• Hard work
• Excellent on the CV
• Can lead into a PhD
• Many other career possibilities...