

WELCOME TO YORK

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CHECKLIST

Things you MUST do

- ☐ **1. Check your University email regularly**
You will receive all correspondence from the University through your York Gmail account so you must check this regularly. Log in using your email address and IT password: york.ac.uk/it-services/services/email
- ☐ **2. Use this checklist along with our new undergraduate or postgraduate checklist**
This is a list of things international students need to do **in addition** to our new undergraduate and postgraduate checklists: york.ac.uk/students/new

Things to do before travelling

- ☐ **1. Check your visa details are correct**
Check the conditions on the visa letter emailed to you by UKVI (from a Gov.uk email address). See our immigration information for details about your Student visa: york.ac.uk/students/support/international/immigration
- ☐ **2. Check if you need additional screenings**
You may need additional screenings before arriving in the UK as part of your Student visa application: gov.uk/tb-test-visa
- ☐ **3. Check for travel restrictions leaving your country**
You will need to check with your local border control or tax organisation whether there are restrictions on taking money out of your country.
- ☐ **4. Check for restrictions on entering the UK**
Read information about entering the UK for a smoother journey through border control: gov.uk/uk-border-control. You will need to declare if you bring more than €10,000 in cash.
- ☐ **5. Book your travel and travel insurance**
Don't forget to arrange your travel insurance when you book your travel. Find out more about getting to York, including whether there is a free Manchester Airport collection service: york.ac.uk/students/new/international/travelling-to-york
- ☐ **6. Arrange your accommodation**
Accommodation must be arranged prior to travelling to the UK. If you prefer to find somewhere to live after you arrive, pre-book a hotel or guest house accommodation so you have somewhere to stay while you look. We can help advise on campus and private sector accommodation: york.ac.uk/study/accommodation
- ☐ **7. Check if you need a certificate of good conduct**
If you would like to volunteer with children in the UK, you may need a translated police check/certificate of good conduct from your home country. It can be difficult to obtain this while you are at York so it's a good idea to arrange this beforehand.

Arrange your finances

- ☐ **1. Make sure you have made any necessary advance payments**
You may need to pay tuition or accommodation fees in advance. See information about paying the University: york.ac.uk/students/finance/paying
- ☐ **2. Make sure your bank card will work in the UK (and that you have funds)**
Catering outlets on campus only take card or contactless payments so make sure that your bank card will work in the UK when you arrive. Make sure you have enough funds to last the one to two weeks it may take to open a UK bank account.

Be aware of fraud and scams



- ☐ **Find out about current scams we know of**
Unfortunately, every year international students lose money to scammers. Check our scams web page for the most common scams to look out for – including fake officials, fake tuition fee discounts, fake foreign exchange rates, fake accommodation offers and fake welcome events: york.ac.uk/students/help/scams

Arrange your healthcare

- ☐ **1. Get a full up-to-date vaccination record and other medical records**
Bring a full up-to-date vaccination record (translated into English, if applicable) to help with continuity of care.
- ☐ **2. Arrange any medication you need to bring**
Bring evidence if you require long term medication (consultant letters of diagnosis and care, proof of medication in letter or physical form - translated into English, where applicable). We recommend bringing **three months' supply of your regular medication in its original packaging** to allow time for you to register with and see a doctor in the UK.
- ☐ **3. Arrange private medical insurance** (if you haven't paid the Immigration Health Surcharge as part of your visa)
See healthcare you are entitled to in the UK and how to access it: york.ac.uk/students/support/international/living/healthcare



What to bring in your hand luggage

- ☐ Passport
- ☐ ETA or Visitor visa if you're studying for six months or less
- ☐ 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 which were required to obtain your unconditional offer, plus translations if required
- ☐ 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)
- ☐ Medical records and at least three months' medication for ongoing conditions
- ☐ Your full vaccination record and chest x-ray report for TB screening (if applicable)
- ☐ Boarding pass (please keep this as you may need it for a University registration event)

Things to do in your first week

- ☐ **1. Attend a Student Visa registration event:** york.ac.uk/students/studying/student-visa/registration-events
- ☐ **2. Make a note of your passport and visa details:** york.ac.uk/students/new/international/arriving
- ☐ **3. Open a UK bank account:** york.ac.uk/students/support/international/living/bank-account
- ☐ **4. Register with a doctor:** nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-gp
- ☐ **5. Get your free Meningitis B vaccine** (if you haven't already): tinyurl.com/men-b-vaccine
- ☐ **6. Arrange insurance for your belongings if you are living off campus** (this is also called contents insurance or student insurance): moneysavingexpert.com/insurance/renters-contents-insurance
- ☐ **7. Check the welcome events programme for international students:** york.ac.uk/students/events
- ☐ **8. Find out about bus routes and food shopping in York:** york.ac.uk/students/campus-city

Help and support

Contact the Postgraduate and International Communities Team

if you need help. Complete the self-referral form or come to an online drop-in session: york.ac.uk/students/support/international

