Welcome to York 2019/20
EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW AND DO
Key dates

Undergraduate arrivals weekend 28 and 29 September 2019
International undergraduates can arrive from 27 September 2019
Free airport collection service from Manchester Airport on 27 and 28 September 2019 – places need to be booked in advance: york.ac.uk/student-collection-service

TERM DATES

Autumn Term: 30 September 2019 – 6 December 2019
Spring Term: 6 January 2020 – 13 March 2020
Summer Term: Tuesday 14 April 2020 – 19 June 2020

You may have different term dates if you’re a student in the Department of Health Sciences, Hull York Medical School (HYMS) or if you’re taking an extended degree programme (York College). You can confirm your start dates with your department.
Welcome to the University of York

We’re looking forward to welcoming you to the University of York. Your programme of study has been carefully designed by international experts who you will get to know personally as they teach and supervise your work. At York, we will support you to achieve academically and thrive personally.”
Professor John Robinson, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Teaching, Learning and Students

Congratulations on getting your place at York! Your years at university will be some of the best of your life. York is a beautiful city and the University has loads to offer you, so make the most of every chance you can. You can get involved with college life, play a sport you’ve never played and join a society you can’t even pronounce! You’re going to meet lots of new people, learn new things and have new experiences throughout your time at uni, and your Students’ Union is here to help you every step of the way. From hosting the biggest events, to representing your voice across campus, we’re here to support your ambitions and help you to achieve your goals. The other officers and I are looking forward to meeting you in Freshers’ Week!”
Samara Jones, University of York Students’ Union President
Things you have to do first

You need to carry out these tasks as soon as you have accepted your place at York.

We will send joining instructions to your personal email account. Please read the message carefully, it will include your University of York username and password.

- **IT account**
  Set this up at `idm.york.ac.uk` using your York username and password. Once this is done you will have a University email account.

- **Log in to e:Vision**
  Use your username and password to access your student record and complete the enrolment tasks below at `evision.york.ac.uk`.

- **Enrol**
  Enrol with the University as soon as possible. At this stage you also have the choice to register to vote if you are a UK resident.

- **Photo**
  Upload a passport-style head and shoulders photo of yourself so you can apply for your University card. The card is your ID, printing, Library and room access card.

- **Proof of Eligibility to Study in the UK**
  Upload proof of your eligibility to study in the UK such as your passport or driver’s licence.

- **Payments**
  Set up direct debit payments for your accommodation (if you are in University accommodation) and tuition fees (if you are not receiving student finance). Note: US Direct Loans students should NOT set up direct debits.
University accommodation
Apply for University accommodation, or accept your offer if you've pre-booked, and pay the £200 booking fee. Make sure you tell us if you have any special or additional requirements.
accommodation.york.ac.uk

Private sector accommodation
If you are not applying for University accommodation and you need help finding somewhere to live, visit
york.ac.uk/study/accommodation/private-sector

Student finance
Make sure you've applied early for student finance and returned the signed declaration. If you receive a Maintenance Loan of £7,661 or more, you may be eligible for a York Bursary.
york.ac.uk/york-bursary

Money
Just in case your loan is delayed, make sure you can access enough money to last you for the first few weeks of term.

Emails
Keep checking your University email account. This is where we will send all future messages, information and instructions, including any module choices.

Help
To help you with these tasks and more visit
york.ac.uk/students/welcome

International students – upload a copy of your personal details from your passport. If you are a Tier 4 visa holder please provide us with your intended travel date and proof of your visa application before you leave your home country. You can do this at e:vision.york.ac.uk

Book your free airport collection from 1 August via e:Vision once you have enrolled.
Getting ready to arrive

We hope you’re looking forward to coming to York – a city with a great student social scene, rich in history and culture. Did you know that York is regularly voted one of the best and most beautiful places to live in the UK?

Life at York centres around our colleges. These small distinct communities will become your home from home. Your college provides a network of support and a calendar of events and activities to help you settle in, make friends, develop skills and try new things.

To help you prepare for your arrival we’ve listed some things for you to think about or do before you get here.

Have you checked your emails?
Important information will come into your University email account. This will include arrival information from your college, deadlines for module choices and updates on your timetable – so keep checking this account. Consider installing the gmail app on your phone if you haven’t already.

Join the official University of York undergraduate students 2019/20 Facebook group.
Find it at bit.ly/uoy-freshers1920 and get all the news and information you’ll need for Freshers' Week and beyond.

Other social media you may want to follow are:
f /universityofyork @uniofyork f /yorkunisu @yorkunisu
@UniOfYork uniofyork @yorkunisu yorkunisu
f /duckoftheday Tag your posts with #uoyfreshers

Want to make friends before you come?
Your college will send you a link to their Facebook group. Once you know your room number (last few days of August) you can find your Block Facebook group and start finding your housemates.

Plan your first week
Check out your Students' Union and plan your Freshers' Week activities at freshers.yusu.org
Do you know how to cook?
Try out some simple meals at home to practise your cooking skills. For inspiration see bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/student

Don’t want to cook?
Think about buying your meals in advance (MAD – Meals in Advance Deal) york.ac.uk/food-and-bars/mad

How will you manage your money?
Plan how you’re going to make your money last for the term. There are some sample budgets you can look at york.ac.uk/student-budgets
International students need to bring enough money to last the first few weeks until they can open a UK bank account. york.ac.uk/international-students/bank-accounts

Are your vaccinations up to date?
All students need to have vaccinations against measles, mumps, meningitis and meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY). Arrange these with your local doctor or visit the Student Health Centre on campus when you get here.
Note: International students should bring evidence of their vaccinations with them (preferably in English). Some international students need to have a tuberculosis (TB) test as part of your Tier 4 visa application gov.uk/tb-test-visa

Sign up to social events
Freshers’ Week is run by the student committees in each college and wristbands for the week of activities and events are on the University of York Students’ Union (YUSU) website. YUSU organise a couple of big events at the end of Freshers’ week. You can wait until you arrive and see if your friends are going, but sometimes events will run out of tickets – so don’t miss out.
Getting ready to study

You’ll be taught by world-leading researchers who are passionate about their subject and keen to share the latest ideas and discoveries with you. This means you’ll learn from the best – literally the people who wrote the book.

You might feel nervous about starting your studies, or maybe you can’t wait to begin. Either way, here’s a list of questions we are usually asked about getting ready to study.

☐ **Is there work I can do over summer?**
  Take a look at the Skills Guides at [subjectguides.york.ac.uk/skills](http://subjectguides.york.ac.uk/skills) for guidance, tips and interactive resources to support your studies.

☐ **Does my department have information on studying?**
  Your department may have “preparing to study” pages with information and advice on starting your studies. [york.ac.uk/students/new/undergraduate/ getting-ready/preparing-to-study](http://york.ac.uk/students/new/undergraduate/getting-ready/preparing-to-study)

☐ **Do I have a reading list?**
  Some departments will issue a reading list but don’t rush out to buy any books – check our Library at [yorsearch.york.ac.uk](http://yorsearch.york.ac.uk). Sometimes relevant chapters are loaded on the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE). Some returning students sell their books on so you can buy a cheaper copy when you get here.

☐ **Are there special rules for studying at University?**
  There are precise rules related to academic study and presenting academic work. To ensure you understand these, you must complete the compulsory Academic Integrity Tutorial on the VLE early in your first term. [york.ac.uk/integrity](http://york.ac.uk/integrity)

☐ **When do I get my timetable?**
  You will get an early version of your timetable in August with mandatory items included. As you get closer to arrival we will add in college and other induction events. If you’ve been asked to choose modules, these will be added to your timetable in early September. [york.ac.uk/viewtimetables](http://york.ac.uk/viewtimetables)

☐ **Will I have a supervisor?**
  Your department will arrange for you to meet your supervisor early in your first term. To get the most from your supervisory sessions, it’s good to be prepared. [york.ac.uk/students/supervisor](http://york.ac.uk/students/supervisor)

To help you with these tasks and more, visit [york.ac.uk/students/welcome](http://york.ac.uk/students/welcome)
On the day

We're really looking forward to welcoming you. To make sure your arrival goes smoothly, we've put together a list of the things you must do when you get here. When you arrive, you need to register to release your student finance and collect your University card (this is your ID, printing, Library and room access card).

University accommodation?
Check your college for your arrival information at york.ac.uk/students/colleges.
If you arrive on the main arrival day, you can register and collect your University card when you pick up your room key. You'll need to show us a copy of your offer letter and student finance information as well as photo ID (such as your passport or driver's licence).

Living off-campus?
Collect your University card from the Information Centre help desk in Market Square and then register your arrival at the Student Hub. You will need to bring a copy of your offer letter and student finance information as well as a photo ID.

Unload your things
Second and Third Year Contacts (STYCs) will be on hand to help you in with your bags. Give your flatmates a helping hand too and start making friends.

Note: for a full list of what to bring and what not to bring visit york.ac.uk/students/new/undergraduate/what-to-bring
Get online on campus
There will be instructions on how to get online in your study bedroom. If you have any problems, IT Services will be running help sessions on Campus East and West to help you sort things out.

Check your room
Complete and submit the room inventory and report any problems you find at york.ac.uk/fix-my-room

Grab a drink or a bite to eat
Why not visit one of our catering outlets on campus and treat yourself or your driver? york.ac.uk/food-and-bars

Download the Safezone app
It gives you quick access to emergency calls, first aid, campus maps and a general help desk. york.ac.uk/safezone
International students

Students from outside the European Economic Area (EEA) requiring a Tier 4 visa will also need to...

- Attend the International Welcome talk
- Set up a UK bank account
- Collect your Biometric Residence Permit (BRP) from the local Post Office
  You will get information on how to do this as part of the International Welcome talk in your first week.
- Upload all of your immigration documents
  Upload copies of your passport, short term travel document and BRP to your student record via e:Vision before attending the Tier 4 Student Registration.
- Register your attendance with the University
  Do this at one of the Tier 4 Student Registrations advertised around campus. Bring all your documents with you.
- Register with the police
  If you have to register with the police, it will say on the UKVI letter that was emailed to confirm you had successfully applied for your visa. You have to register within seven days of arriving in the UK. You will get help with this in your first week.
  york.ac.uk/international-students/police-registration

To help you with these tasks and more visit
york.ac.uk/students/welcome
Freshers’ Week

Freshers’ Week is a lot of fun but it can also be a little confusing if you are away from home for the first time. So we’ve put together a list of handy hints and tips to help you get the most out of your first week. STYCs (Second or Third Year Contacts) will look after you and organise social events during Freshers’. There should be something to suit every taste.

Find out about social events
Your college, department and the University of York Students’ Union (YUSU) are all running welcome and induction events. Find out what's happening by looking at your timetable, your college welcome pack, YUSU Freshers’ site and ask your STYC. freshers.yusu.org

Don’t miss official events
Any 'must attend' events like the central induction and introduction to your department will appear in your timetable. york.ac.uk/students/studying/manage/timetable

Register at the health centre
Register with a doctor (GP) as soon as possible. You can do this online at unityhealth.info

Go to the Freshers’ Fair
Find out all the amazing things you can get involved in. Join clubs and societies that you like the look of and start enjoying the opportunities you have over the next few years. yusu.org/freshers
Useful contacts

GENERAL CONTACTS

- General admissions
  ug-admissions@york.ac.uk
  +44 (0)1904 324000

- Enrolment queries
  enrol@york.ac.uk
  +44 (0)1904 322136

- Your IT account or IT queries
  itsupport@york.ac.uk
  +44 (0)1904 323838

- Accommodation queries
  accommodation@york.ac.uk
  +44 (0)1904 322165

- College contacts
  york.ac.uk/students/colleges

- Department contacts
  york.ac.uk/about/departments/academic

- Library support
  lib-enquiry@york.ac.uk
  +44 (0)1904 323838

- Travel and transport including buses and car parking
  york.ac.uk/students/travel
  +44 (0)1904 322057

- Reporting room faults
  york.ac.uk/fix-my-room
  +44 (0)1904 325555

- Careers and Placements
  york.ac.uk/careers
  +44 (0)1904 322685

- YUSU
  yusu.org
  +44 (0) 1904 323724

- Health centre
  unityhealth.info
  +44 (0)1904 754900

SUPPORT

- Health and wellbeing advice
  york.ac.uk/students/health

- Disability
  disabilityservices@york.ac.uk
  +44 (0)1904 324785

- Student Hub
  york.ac.uk/student-hub
  +44 (0)1904 324140

- International and Tier 4 students
  immigration@york.ac.uk
  +44 (0)1904 324140

- Student Financial Support
  sfsu@york.ac.uk
  +44 (0)1904 324043

- Nightline – YUSU confidential helpline for students
  yorknightline.org.uk
  +44 (0)1904 323735

- YUSU Advice and Support Centre
  asc@yusu.org
  +44 (0)1904 323724

EMERGENCIES

- On-campus
  +44 (0) 1904 323333

- Off-campus
  999
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University of York
Students’ Union

What does your Students’ Union do for you?

200+
Societies for students to get involved with

67
Sport clubs representing the University each week

4
Official club nights held every week at the heart of the York party scene

14
Volunteering projects for students to give something back

YUSU runs 4 venues on Campus and hosts major events such as Summer Ball attended by students

465
Representative student roles to elect

3500

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Your future, York Futures
During your first term

There are so many ways to make your time at York a great success.

- Opportunities for you to get involved in activities, societies, sport and student representation
- Personal and professional development through volunteering, internships, a work placement year, studying abroad and the York Strengths Programme.

GETTING STARTED

**Careers Gateway** – use your online platform to access part-time work, volunteering opportunities and events on campus – update your profile for useful alerts.
york.ac.uk/careers/gateway

**Give it a Go (GIAG)** – YUSU’s GIAG series is your fast-track into all the activities student life offers you at York! It will run throughout Autumn Term and all of the events have a GIAG Guarantee™: no experience or membership necessary! A booklet is produced by YUSU so pick up a copy when you arrive.

**Autumn Careers Fairs** – Many graduate employers now offer first years a range of Insight Days and Internships. Come along and get a feel for the graduate marketplace.
york.ac.uk/careers/events

**Volunteering** – Volunteer for a cause you care about to discover the city, build your skills and make an impact. We offer a huge range of projects, placements and one-off activities.
york.ac.uk/volunteering

**Go Global** – Enrich your education with the chance to study or work abroad as part of your degree. Some opportunities close by December of your first year. Funding opportunities are available.
york.ac.uk/globalyou

**YUSU** – your Students’ Union offers you lots of opportunities to get involved in student representation at academic and union level, volunteering and charity work. Get great experience and something for your CV:
yusu.org

**Societies** – be more than a member; become part of the team running the society and develop skills like leadership, events organisation and finance management.
yusu.org/student-life

**Colleges** – get involved with organising events, running the Junior Common Room, competing in college sports and much more to get the most out of your time at University.
york.ac.uk/students/colleges
york.ac.uk/students/welcome

Join the facebook group

Follow the hashtag #UoYFreshers
and tell us why you #LoveYork