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Get to know us at events on campus or online, such as taster days, campus tours and virtual open days. You can also visit us at study fairs in the UK and abroad.

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A WORLD-LEADING UNIVERSITY

Bright minds like yours can thrive at York – one of the world’s premier institutions for inspirational and life-changing research.

TRANSFORM YOUR THINKING

Be inspired by our dynamic and innovative research culture.

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EXCEL IN YOUR CAREER

Benefit from our expertly designed courses and specialist careers support.

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STUDY IN OUTSTANDING SPACES

Develop your knowledge in our superb facilities and study spaces.

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Our track record
We’re a Russell Group* university, combining an inclusive environment with academic excellence. This produces consistently high outcomes for students from all backgrounds.

York academics lead in their fields, producing research with global impact, supported by a collaborative interdisciplinary community. We maximise our research impact and ambition through pioneering partnerships across the globe.

Our work to promote gender equality, representation, progression and success for all has been recognised with 12 Athena SWAN awards. Other recent awards include honours from the Royal Society, the British Academy, the British Psychological Society and the Leverhulme Trust. Find out more at york.ac.uk/about/awards.

*The prestigious Russell Group represents 24 leading UK universities committed to maintaining the highest academic standards in both teaching and research.
York is a vibrant, contemporary, student-friendly city, renowned for its rich history and heritage. With a population of 200,000, it’s big enough to feel bustling and small enough to feel like home. The centre is a cultural hub which attracts visitors from all over the world. With a festival or event for every month of the year, including the JORVIK Viking Festival, the York Christmas Festival and the inspiring York Festival of Ideas, the city is always alive with activity.

Nightlife: creative scenes and impressive venues
From cosy pubs to popular clubs, York is just as lively when the sun goes down. Music lovers can delight in an eclectic mix of venues showcasing aspiring musicians and established acts. Theatre-goers can enjoy productions at York Theatre Royal or the Grand Opera House. Film enthusiasts will feel at home in the relaxed art-house cinema, City Screen, or settling into a sofa at Everyman York for a luxury cinema experience.

Our idyllic campus is within walking distance of the impressive city centre, so you can enjoy the best of both worlds.
York’s cultural city centre is only a short walk away from campus. I love the parks and gardens, and strolling around the city and by the rivers. York has lots of nice cafés too – I really like to work from coffee shops.

Syuhaida, PhD Environmental Science
York is a beautiful, historic city and has so much going on in terms of nightlife, shopping and sightseeing. I have a young family and there are lots of fun, cheap activities on offer. I really enjoy walking the City Walls with my children during springtime, when the flowers are in bloom, and you can get a great view of the city.

Renée, MA Social Research

Family life: green spaces and interactive attractions
York is a fantastic place to raise a family, with a wide range of high-performing schools. It’s also one of the safest places to live in the UK*. The city has a wealth of activities and welcoming spaces for families to enjoy, with more attractions per square mile than any other city in the UK. From the National Railway Museum to the Yorkshire Museum, there is always something new to discover.

Shopping: high street stores and independent boutiques
York offers some of the most distinctive and stylish shopping in the UK. Major retail chains share the streets with designer boutiques, specialist stockists and organic food retailers. Quaint shops sit within its medieval City Walls while retail parks and a designer outlet are just a short bus journey away.

Eating: cosy cafés and cosmopolitan cuisine
Boasting a thriving street food scene, top-quality restaurants, high street favourites and cosy coffee shops, York has earned its reputation as a major foodie destination.

You can sample local, regional and cosmopolitan cuisine at the York Food and Drink Festival, Shambles Market and Food Court and at plenty of independent cafés. There are also lots of quirky eateries and places to grab a drink on Fossgate and Walmgate including Brew York – the perfect place to try local craft ales. Close by is Spark: York which offers an eclectic mix of food outlets in upcycled shipping containers.

*“York has the lowest rates of crime most likely to affect students in the areas they live during term time in England and Wales”, according to the Complete University Guide 2018
VENTURE FURTHER

Well connected
York is one of Britain’s best-connected cities. It’s easy to get to and a great base for exploring the UK. You can be in London in two hours and Edinburgh in just two-and-a-half hours by train.

Idyllic countryside and sweeping coastlines
Explore beyond the city to discover the stunning landscapes of national parks, countryside and coast. Take a trip to the spectacular North York Moors, the glorious Yorkshire Dales or Yorkshire’s charming seaside towns.

Travel independently or as part of a group to make friends and memories with the Graduate Students’ Association. They arrange popular trips to places such as Oxford, Leeds and the Lake District. Find out more at yorkgsa.org.

FIND OUT MORE
York city guide
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Accommodation

YOUR HOME AT YORK

york.ac.uk
Choose from accommodation on or close to campus, right at the heart of the action.

Living on campus
You’ll live with other postgraduate students in one of our nine friendly colleges. These provide a ready-made community to help you settle in and meet people. With study areas, social spaces, shops and sports facilities, you’ll have everything you need on your doorstep. See pages 10–11 to find out more about life on campus.

What’s included?
All our postgraduate accommodation is self-catered, with a 51-week let length. The majority of our rooms are ensuite, and we have some lower-priced rooms plus some self-contained studio flats.

Explore room options and view 360s and image galleries at york.ac.uk/accommodation.

All our study bedrooms include:
- access to a shared kitchen
- access to a shared bathroom or ensuite
- electricity, heating, water and contents insurance
- 24-hour campus security, 365 days of the year
- wifi with no download limit.

2019/20 prices range from £109 to £150 (£180 for studios) per week.

Families and couples
We have a small number of flats, houses and on-campus studio rooms suitable for couples and families. Priority is given to students paying international tuition fees.

Additional requirements
We have rooms suitable for students with additional health or disability requirements. You should mention these requirements in your accommodation application.

Living off campus
Student Castle offers university-approved ensuite rooms and studios just inside the York City Walls. You’ll be a member of Wentworth, our graduate college, and all bills are included, along with wifi, 24/7 security, cycle storage and a fully equipped gym.

There are also plenty of private student flats and houses within easy walking distance of campus, and we can help you explore the options. Wherever you live, you’ll become a member of one of our colleges.

Our Graduate Students’ Association has a Facebook group which is a great place to meet other postgraduates who are looking to share accommodation. Visit facebook.com/groups/findahousemate.

OUR GUARANTEE
You’re guaranteed an offer of a room in accommodation owned, managed or approved by the University for each year of your study if you meet all of the following criteria:
- you’re a new, full-time postgraduate student, applying for a single room for the full academic year
- you’re paying international tuition fees
- you book your accommodation and accept an unconditional course place by the guarantee deadline.

Even if you’re not eligible for our guarantee you can still apply for accommodation. If we can’t offer you University accommodation, we can advise you on private renting options.
Our beautiful, green campus is a lively and friendly space for your social, cultural and academic life.

Choosing to study in York was the best decision of my life. It gave me an opportunity to develop my academic and leadership skills both in my course and as part of the Graduate Students’ Association. As an international student, I feel that York provided me the best possible postgraduate experience where I got a chance to meet and interact with a wide range of people from different cultures.

Sehrish, Graduate Students’ Association President 2018/19
There are two main areas of campus – Campus East and Campus West – set in 500 acres of parkland, each with a lake and a variety of wildlife. In the heart of the city, our historic King’s Manor is home to the Department of Archaeology, the Centre for Medieval Studies and the Centre for Eighteenth Century Studies.

No matter where you’re based you’re never far from our cafés, shops, sports facilities and support services.

Getting around
Travelling between Campus East and West is easy. It’s a 20-minute walk, a ten-minute cycle or you can take the free bus. The city centre is about 30 minutes on foot, 15 minutes by bike or 20 minutes by bus.

Your community
Our colleges and students’ unions create a real sense of community and a way of meeting like-minded people. Whether you live on or off campus, you’ll become a member of one of our vibrant colleges. Each is unique, but every college aims to cultivate your academic curiosity, develop your skills and support your wellbeing.

You can also take part in activities organised by Wentworth Graduate College. Our dedicated postgraduate college organises events from sports to gardening and volunteering to book clubs.

Graduate Students’ Association (GSA)
We’re one of only a few universities in the UK to have an independent student-led organisation specifically for postgraduates. The GSA is here to support and represent you. It offers an advice service and a year-round calendar of social and academic events, including one of the largest postgraduate welcome weeks in the UK.

If you’re a parent you can meet other students with children through the GSA’s Family Network. You can also find support and share your experiences through the GSA’s various other networks. These include PhD, Masters, LGBTQ, Graduate Teaching Assistant and College Tutor networks.

University of York Students’ Union (YUSU)
Working alongside the GSA and our colleges, YUSU is an independent body representing all our students. Together, they co-ordinate sport, social activities and welfare support.

Culture on campus
Watch, play or perform with our student societies dedicated to pantomime, opera and more. Our student-run Drama Barn performs a different show every week during term time. You can also enjoy a rich programme of concerts by international visiting artists and our own performers.

Expand your horizons with free Open Lectures and YorkTalks, our annual research showcase. The University also runs the York Festival of Ideas – which features more than 200 mostly free events to educate, entertain and inspire.

Societies and sport
There are over 200 societies and more than 60 sports clubs to choose from, so you can make new friends, indulge your passions or try something new. Whether you’re a beginner or a high-performer, there’s something for everyone at York.

We also offer scholarships, support and training for top performing athletes. Our sports facilities are recognised as some of the best in the region and the University is one of only ten British Rowing START centres in the UK, supporting students with Olympic potential.

Our commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion
Being an international, research-led university relies on equality in participation, progression and success for all. We are committed to creating a working, learning, social and living environment that will enable all our students and staff to achieve their potential, whilst they experience and celebrate diverse cultures, knowledge and identities and are encouraged to make a positive contribution to the city, region and beyond.
WE’RE HERE TO HELP

Our support services are here if you need them and can help you get the best from your time at York.

**Academic supervisor**
Your academic supervisor will be an integral source of support during your university life. They’ll guide your studies and personal development, and steer you towards the resources and services available for your health, wellbeing and practical needs.

**College team**
Your college team will help you settle in and represent your interests in our community, whether you live on or off campus. They also offer welfare advice and can help resolve issues or point you in the direction of specialists.

**Someone to talk to**
You won’t be short of a listening ear or impartial advice should you need it. If you’re not comfortable discussing your issues or problems with a member of University staff, there are independent sources of support you can access.

The GSA Advice Service and YUSU Advice and Support Centre both offer impartial advice on topics such as academic issues, exceptional circumstances and health and wellbeing.

You can also speak to Nightline – an independent confidential listening and information service run by students. Our Chaplaincy can provide support to all students regardless of background, as well as opportunities to discuss matters of faith and belief.

**Specialist support**
The Student Hub can provide advice and information on a range of issues, everything from finance and childcare to housing and immigration. They also offer support for students with caring responsibilities.

**Disability Services**
If you have a disability or specific learning difficulty, contact our Disability team before you arrive. They can provide advice, reasonable adjustments and study skills support.

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York is inviting, full of beauty and history, and very friendly to newcomers. I’ve felt supported before leaving Canada to come here, and the staff and student representatives have continued to provide helpful advice and information. My course leaders have been great at signposting me to University resources to help me navigate challenging situations, both academically and personally.

Camila, Masters of Public Health (MPH)
International students
For international students we provide specialist support on everything from visa advice to adjusting to life in another country and studying in another language. See pages 14–15.

Mental health support
Open Door provides support to students experiencing psychological or mental health difficulties. They can work in tandem with the NHS, your GP or other services if you’re receiving therapeutic or medical help for a long-term condition.

Health services
The health centre closest to campus, Unity Health offers GP appointments, a repeat prescription service and walk-in clinics. If you take any medication or have a long-term health condition or disability, contact them before you arrive so that they can help you make a smooth transition.

Space to reflect
You can access a number of dedicated spaces for prayer and reflection on campus. The chaplains can provide information on places for worship both on and off campus. We also have a number of student societies that can offer spiritual and cultural support to people of all faiths and none.
International students

OUR INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

Enjoy a global experience as part of a diverse community with students from over 140 countries.

At York, you’ll meet students from all over the world – 52 per cent of our 2018/19 postgraduate students are from outside the UK.

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Meet us
Meet us at an event in your country. Our staff make regular overseas visits and work with official representatives across the world. You can also get insights into campus life and find out what it’s really like to study here by chatting with staff and students online.

Preparing for your arrival
We provide a range of services to ensure your move to York is as straightforward as possible and to help you prepare for your new life in the UK. If you need a visa to study in the UK, we’ll guide you with expert assistance and advice.

When you arrive
We run a collection service from Manchester airport during arrivals week, a welcome week programme for new students, and English language courses and workshops. We also provide an Immigration Advice service and have facilities for practising your faith.

During your studies
You’ll be offered continuous English language, literacy and communication support during your studies. Our Careers and Placements team offers support and can provide you with international networking opportunities through the York Alumni Association.

Study options
Postgraduate taught
A postgraduate taught course (including Masters degrees) will help you develop and build upon the skills and knowledge learned at undergraduate level or enable you to study a new subject at a higher level. See pages 20–31.

Research degrees
Research degrees (including PhDs) allow you to explore a specific area of your chosen subject in-depth. PhDs are the highest level of degree awarded by UK universities. See pages 32–51.

Pre-Masters courses
Our pathway courses can help you plot a route onto many of the Masters degrees at York. Our Pre-Masters programme will strengthen your academic and English language skills.

You’ll be guaranteed a place on your chosen Masters at York if you complete the pathway course to the required level. Our International Pathway College is situated on Campus East and features outstanding facilities in the brand new £27m Piazza Building.

Pre-sessional English language courses
These courses are for international students who need to meet an English language condition for entry to a degree-level course. There are three length options: 10 weeks, 15 weeks and 20 weeks. The course you need to take depends on your current IELTS scores and the English language requirements for the degree you wish to study. If you have an unconditional offer but want to learn essential new study skills and practise your English, you could take our five-week course.

Visiting students
We welcome visiting students from across the world through various partnerships and programmes. You can apply to spend time at York for up to three terms (postgraduate taught) or 18 months (research degrees) before returning to your own university to complete your qualification.
OUTSTANDING STUDY SPACES

You’ll benefit from an exceptional learning environment, with access to specialist teaching and research facilities.

Study spaces
Our extensive library is open 24/7, 362 days of the year. It includes over 1,500 study and social learning spaces – including dedicated areas for postgraduate taught and research students. You’ll also find impressive study facilities in other buildings across campus, including the Piazza and the Ron Cooke Hub’s lakeside pods and collaborative study spaces.

The University Library is home to the Borthwick Institute for Archives, one of the largest and most varied archives of any university in the UK. Our King’s Manor Library in the city centre has collections relating to architecture, archaeology, medieval studies and eighteenth century studies. Additionally, the York Minster Library is open to all members of the University.

You can hop on a free weekly shuttle bus from campus to take advantage of the world-class resources at the British Library in Boston Spa. It’s just 15 miles from York.

Teaching facilities
Our excellent teaching and learning spaces, laboratories and research facilities allow you to study in a way that’s convenient to you. We continually invest in our teaching and research facilities to provide you with a world-class experience. Our most recent investments are in the Departments of Biology, Chemistry, and Environment and Geography.

Connect on campus
You’ll have no problem getting connected with our extensive wifi across campus. Not bringing your own laptop? Don’t worry, you can use one of our networked computers across campus, many of which are available 24/7. You can also collaborate and keep in touch using Google Apps on your phone or other device.

Our virtual teaching environment can enhance your learning through simulation, collaborative projects and study activities. In many departments you can also watch videos of your previous lectures, enabling you to reflect and build upon your notes and learning.
I primarily work in the Humanities Research Centre (HRC) when I’m on campus. Having access to the facilities in the HRC – a desk, locker, kitchen and social spaces – means I feel my contribution to the University’s research and teaching programmes is respected and valued by the University. More broadly, the HRC community has offered me invaluable training and funding opportunities.

Maddie, PhD History of Art
POSTGRADUATE PATHWAYS

We offer a range of postgraduate taught and research degrees with flexible study options.

POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT

Taught courses involve a series of modules delivered through a mix of lectures, seminars and independent study. For some courses you may also undertake a piece of in-depth study in the form of a dissertation. Qualifications include: MA, MSc, PGDip, PGCert, PGCE, LLM, Graduate Diploma and MRes.

See pages 20–31

POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH

Research degrees allow you to conduct a comprehensive study of a particular topic. You’ll produce a piece of independent and original research, which you’ll write up in the form of a thesis or a dissertation. Research students normally already have a Masters degree. Qualifications include: PhD, MPhil and MA/MSc by research.

See pages 32–51

ONLINE AND DISTANCE LEARNING

You can study flexibly online from anywhere in the world with personal academic support throughout your studies. You’ll be part of a collaborative community where you’ll share ideas with your fellow students. Options include: Postgraduate Certificates and Diplomas, Masters degrees and some PhDs.

See pages 52–53
WHICH PATHWAY?

With full-time, part-time and a growing portfolio of online and distance learning courses available, there are flexible options to suit your lifestyle and career. Whichever route you choose, you’ll work with outstanding academics and enhance your earning potential and career prospects.

IS A TAUGHT COURSE FOR ME?

You may want to expand on your knowledge from your undergraduate degree and boost your career prospects. A taught course is also a good option if you’re looking to progress in your current career or to enter a specific career or industry which requires a Masters-level qualification.

IS A RESEARCH DEGREE FOR ME?

If you’re interested in producing an original piece of research into a topic you’re already interested in, you may consider a research degree. A research degree is suited to independent workers, able to study intensively over a longer period (although some taught courses can also last three years).

For detailed guidance on the types of courses on offer, see our study options on pages 26–27 (taught) and 44–45 (research).
Postgraduate taught

Carter at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London
TAUGHT DEGREES: ACHIEVE MORE

Advance your career and subject knowledge on our expertly designed courses.

Creating opportunity
Competition for graduate-level jobs is becoming tougher as more of the workforce has an undergraduate degree. A postgraduate qualification can set you apart from the competition and propel you towards a new or advanced career.

Why York?
A postgraduate taught degree from York could help give you a competitive edge. You’ll make connections with new people from day one on expertly designed courses which are delivered by staff at the forefront of their disciplines. You’ll be equipped with the knowledge and abilities valued in today’s global marketplace and encouraged to develop an international outlook.

Whether you’re in an established career, looking for a new direction, or you’ve just completed an undergraduate degree, our Masters degrees and other specialist taught courses can help you achieve your ambitions. We also offer a range of support to help you identify, develop or change your career path.

You’ll have access to a range of impressive facilities and resources and you’ll benefit from our dedicated Graduate Students’ Association, whether you study online or on campus.

Research-led teaching
We’re one of the world’s premier institutions for inspirational and ground-breaking research. This research expertise feeds directly into your teaching. In the most recent assessment of UK research (Research Excellence Framework 2014), we were ranked 14th overall and 10th for the impact of our research*.

*I\'times Higher Education 2014 – excluding specialist institutions which submitted fewer than four units of assessment

I appreciate the opportunities the University provides to take my research out of the classroom. I’m currently on placement at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London. My time at the V&A is exposing me to the operations of a museum and providing access to art and historical resources which is enriching my dissertation and preparing me for my career.

Carter, MA History of Art
ENHANCING YOUR CAREER PROSPECTS

Develop highly sought-after skills so you can stand out as an exceptional candidate.

Your career success
Our graduates succeed at leading organisations all over the world. Your postgraduate qualification could open up new opportunities, enable you to change your career path or keep you ahead in your field of employment.

Whatever your ambition, we’ll support you in making the most of your investment in postgraduate study by providing you with skills and resources that can further your career potential.

Engage with employers
As a Russell Group university, we’re a popular choice for many top recruiters, from large corporations to charities and public sector employers. We have a comprehensive programme of events designed to help you connect with potential employers, including careers fairs, employer-led events and networking meetings. You can also network via our online York Profiles and Mentors platform.

Develop professional networks
Our networking events offer you the chance to make valuable connections with recent graduates and established alumni across a range of sectors. Once you leave York, you’ll be invited to join the York Alumni Association, giving you lifelong access to careers support and networking opportunities.

How we can help
Our Careers and Placements team can help you research your options and articulate skills gained through postgraduate-level study. You can take part in our award-winning York Strengths Programme, so that you can articulate your strengths and stand out to employers.

Your faculty will have a dedicated careers consultant who can provide advice and guidance. We also offer bespoke sessions to international students to help you explore work in the UK and beyond.

Work while you study
We can provide details of job vacancies, work experience and internship opportunities. Our Student Internship Bureau advertises paid project-based internships with local employers, enabling you to enhance your career prospects alongside your studies.

Some of our Masters courses also include practicals and fieldwork to help you apply the theory and knowledge learned on your course to real-world problems.

Start an enterprise
Tap into the culture of innovation at York in the dedicated Student Enterprise Space, with free hot-desking facilities. We can also help you access funding, advice and guidance.

Study abroad
Depending on your course, it may be possible to work or study abroad as part of your Masters, spending from two weeks to a few months at a partner university or host organisation. There are also opportunities to immerse yourself in a two-week interdisciplinary academic and cultural programme at an international partner university. These global opportunities can give you a new perspective in your field of expertise and allow you to make valuable professional connections.

Learn a language
Our free language and intercultural competency courses help you prepare for a period of work or study abroad. We also offer a number of general and bespoke language courses, from beginner to advanced level.
I’ve found the professional networks particularly useful. It’s a valuable chance to mix with people at various stages of their career and get help and advice on finding work and improving your prospects. Alumni, who are leaders in their fields, share their experiences, allowing us to learn and have constructive discussions. Unmissable.

Anne Marciniak (MSc Healthcare Economics, 1993)
Senior Director, Head of Market Access, Aimmune Therapeutics Ltd

We work with leading recruiters, including:

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MEET KELEISHA FROM LONDON

Passionate about human rights and the support she receives at York, Keleisha feels her Masters is already helping her prepare for the next step in her career.

Can you tell us what you are working on at the moment?
I’m working on an assignment that asks whether states, in any circumstance, have the right to restrict immigration. This has been a really interesting assignment because it concerns a very contentious and real issue. I’m enjoying this project for the same reasons I enjoy the course: it’s relevant and current to society today and I can apply the things I’m learning to everyday life.

Why did you decide to do a Masters?
I decided to do a Masters for personal and professional development. I’m passionate about human rights and want to work within this field, so for me this Masters was an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding about the practical skills needed to develop my career. It was also a chance to build useful networks and gain direction by improving my knowledge of the different roles and opportunities available within my chosen field and sector.

Why did you choose to study at York?
I liked that the course at York offered a more practical learning experience. It also stood out to me from all the other human rights degrees, and when I saw there was an opportunity to travel to South Africa I started packing my bags to get here. Even though I didn’t need much more convincing, when I came to visit and saw the beautiful campus I was sold right away! If that wasn’t enough, everyone was so welcoming.

Have you benefited from any of the University’s support services?
I have a disability/long-term health condition that means I’m not always able to attend lectures in person. However, the teaching style at York is so accessible and supportive that it hasn’t really affected me or my studies negatively. Disability Services kindly produced a Student Support Plan and all my lecturers have been informed about my circumstances and advised on how they might support me. They have always been ready to help me catch up and go over things and even just to have a chat about how things are going for me.

What skills and experience have you gained on your course?
As part of my course I completed a group fieldwork placement in partnership with York Women’s Forum and York: Human Rights City Network. This was a great opportunity for me to develop and enhance many skills that will be relevant in future roles, including carrying out desk-based research to inform research approaches, conducting surveys, understanding and complying with ethical principles, and being able to adapt my communication to different audiences. I believe this acquired skill set will make me a more employable individual because it communicates competence and an ability to meet challenges that come with working life.

Keleisha, MA Applied Human Rights
I’m passionate about human rights and want to work within this field, so for me this Masters was an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding about the practical skills needed to develop my career.

Keleisha, MA Applied Human Rights
EXPERTLY DESIGNED COURSES

Meet your career goals and fit study around your lifestyle.

The York Approach
Our courses are carefully designed by our academics so that you have the best opportunities to build your knowledge and skills.

Each course provides unique learning outcomes, so at every stage you’ll know what you’re aiming for and develop the skills for your chosen career. You’ll get the guidance you need through supervisor meetings, and group work and feedback on assessments such as exams, coursework and projects.

Types of course
You can study full-time, part-time or online. Our flexible options will help you balance your studies around family or work commitments.

Masters degrees
A Masters will develop the skills and knowledge you’ve gained at undergraduate level, with opportunities to advance your knowledge or explore a new subject. If you’re already pursuing a career, a Masters will add academic theory to professional experience.

Most courses last one year and are full-time. We offer the following qualifications:

- **Master of Arts (MA) and Master of Science (MSc)** – on a full-time course you’ll typically spend six to nine months following taught modules and then three to six months writing a dissertation.
- **Master of Law (LLM)** is for mid-career professionals or new graduates and enables you to specialise in a field of law.
- **Master of Research (MRes)** is for those who’d like to pursue a career in social policy, social work or psychology, where an understanding of research will be useful.
- **MA/MSc by research** – these research Masters focus on producing a dissertation and involve less coursework than a taught Masters.
- **Master of Public Administration (MPA)** – for experienced public services managers. See page 167, 168, 180 or 182.
- **Master of Public Health (MPH)** prepares you to pursue a career in public or population health to address local and global health problems. See page 107.

PGDip and PGCert
Postgraduate Certificates and Diplomas are shorter in length and are unlikely to include a dissertation. Some courses are stand-alone qualifications and others are a stepping off point in a Masters. Diplomas are typically nine months full-time, while Certificates usually take six months to one year full-time.

Professional training programmes
These courses are designed for certain professions, specifically related to public services:

- **Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)** – for entry into teaching. See page 84.
- **MA/PGDip/PGCert Health Professions Education** – designed for professionals from all health backgrounds who are interested in teaching. See page 147.
- **MA Social Work** – this enables you to apply to register as a social worker. See page 181.
You study in a more independent way than at undergraduate level. I understand what my lecturers are currently researching and – naturally – they love talking about it. After our induction all the Linguistics Masters students chatted with the academics. It really felt like I was part of a community of thinkers.

Ben, MSc Forensic Speech Science
FEES AND FUNDING FOR TAUGHT COURSES

Discover your funding options to help with tuition fees and living costs.

Check the funding deadlines
Start researching your funding options a year before applying to a course. To be eligible for funding you normally need to hold an offer of study. Visit our website for the latest funding information at york.ac.uk/pgt-funding.

York Graduate Loyalty Discount
Completed an undergraduate degree at York? You could be eligible for a ten per cent fee discount for postgraduate taught courses. Read more at york.ac.uk/pgt-alumni-discount.

Tuition fees
Tuition fees cover the cost of your study with us. Fees can vary by course and whether you’re classed as a UK/EU or international student.

Paying your fees
If you’re self-funding your studies you can normally pay your annual fees in three instalments. For a small number of our online courses there is a different process for paying your fees.

For full details about fees see york.ac.uk/pgt-fees.

Note for EU students: the Government has confirmed that EU students starting in 2020/21 will continue to pay UK fees and be eligible for financial support for the duration of their course. Keep up-to-date about funding and the UK’s exit from the EU at gov.uk/student-finance/eu-students.

Funding for UK/EU students
A number of subject-specific scholarships are on offer at York as well as scholarships funded by generous donations from our alumni. You could also be eligible for a UK Government Masters loan to help fund your postgraduate studies.

Funding for international students
We offer a range of scholarships for international students. This includes subject-specific opportunities, country-specific funding and scholarships based on academic merit. Check deadlines and find out more at york.ac.uk/pgt-funding.

The British Council also provides useful information about funding for international students. You can contact your local office for advice or search for funding online.

Work while you study
A part-time job or casual work could contribute towards your costs while studying, giving you the opportunity to develop skills that are valued by employers and strengthen your CV. Whatever your situation, our Careers and Placements team can offer help and advice about working part-time during your studies. For more information visit york.ac.uk/pgt-work.
My choice to study a Masters was only possible due to the UK Government Masters Loan. I researched this online a lot and even contacted the University about it before applying. Knowing that I could access this loan meant I could consider the course at York without worrying that it might burden my family or partner.

Edward, MA Social Justice and Education
APPLYING TO A TAUGHT COURSE

Your quick guide to applying.

1. **Look at the entry requirements**
   Requirements vary by course. Typically you’ll need at least the equivalent of a UK 2:1 honours degree. Some courses accept a 2:2 combined with professional experience and/or vocational qualifications.

2. **Check the deadline**
   Applications can be submitted year-round, but we recommend you apply as early as possible as entry to many courses is competitive. Some courses have specific closing dates and a small number of courses recruit in rounds, with different deadlines throughout the year. Check the course web page.

3. **Explore funding options**
   Various funding options are available to help with tuition fees and living costs. If you’re applying for funding you normally need to hold an offer. Be sure to check the funding application deadlines.
What supporting documents do I need?
We’ll let you know which documents you need to supply at the start of your online application. You may be required to submit an academic transcript, academic reference and a sample of your written work. Find out more at york.ac.uk/pgt-documents.

International applicants
If you’re an international applicant there are some additional factors to consider as part of your application.

English language requirements
If you’re a non-native English speaking applicant you must provide evidence of your English language ability. Detailed information is available at york.ac.uk/pgt-language.

Pre-sessional language courses
If you need to meet a language condition, you may be able to take a pre-sessional language course for entry to your chosen postgraduate degree. Read more at york.ac.uk/presessionals.

Pre-Masters pathways
If you don’t meet the entry requirements, some of our Masters courses offer you the opportunity to prepare for entry via an international pre-Masters course. If you complete the course to the required level you’ll be guaranteed a place on your chosen Masters at York. For more information visit york.ac.uk/international-pathways.

UCAS applications
If you’re applying to an MA in Social Work or a Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) you must apply through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS).
RESEARCH DEGREES: INNOVATE AND INSPIRE

Make your contribution to human knowledge and develop skills for a wide range of careers.

Creating knowledge
Explore the questions that drive your curiosity. On a research degree you’ll collaborate with pioneering academics across disciplinary boundaries, on discoveries that can make our world a better place and change people’s lives.

Why York?
York is an excellent choice for your research degree. You’ll be working with world-leading academics who are carrying out pioneering research.

You’ll be supported by our Graduate Research School (YGRS), a vibrant community of more than 2,000 research students. YGRS brings together the support you need to make the most of your degree. Alongside your department, they’ll help you to engage with our dynamic research environment and all it has to offer. You’ll receive high quality training and supervision and get access to workshops, courses, expert advice and the latest funding information.

Innovate and inspire
There are lots of opportunities to showcase your innovation, inspire and be inspired at York. Highlight your discoveries to a broad audience and make connections with other researchers and potential collaborators through competitions and events. Gain presentation experience by explaining your research concisely to a non-specialist audience through the Three Minute Thesis (3MT) competition, or exhibit your research at the PhD Research Spotlight competition.

You can also find out about our latest discoveries at YorkTalks, featuring York’s leading academics, as well as departmental research events and our Open Lectures series.
I’ve really enjoyed the opportunities I’ve gained through my PhD. Conferences have taken me around the world and collaborations with industry have given me an insight into other ways of conducting research. I’m excited to be working on taking my PhD research into industry – to see my work contribute to products that are on the market would be amazing!

Nicola, PhD Mathematics and Physics
INSPIRATIONAL RESEARCH LEADERS

Professor Asifa Majid researches categories and concepts in language
Our pioneering researchers are experts in their fields. Crossing departmental boundaries, they address the great scientific, social and environmental challenges of our time by focusing on interdisciplinary themes: from environmental sustainability and resilience to technologies for the future.

**Inspirational Research Leaders**
Inspiring and strengthening our academic community, our Inspirational Research Leaders spearhead new research approaches.

**Understanding mental disorders**
**Professor Christina van der Feltz-Cornelis** from the Department of Health Sciences and the Hull York Medical School sets the agenda for mental health research. She conducts large epidemiological studies, clinical trials and reviews of trials to aid the understanding, diagnosis and treat disorders, with a specific focus in medically unexplained symptoms and the translation of stress to mental disorders.

**Integrating evidence**
**Professor Dawn Hadley** from the Department of Archaeology integrates historical and archaeological evidence. She recently collaborated with computer scientists to explore digital methods of analysing and disseminating information about medieval buildings and funerary practices. She is now working with organisations from the region’s creative industries sector on urban regeneration.

**Investigating language**
**Professor Asifa Majid** from the Department of Psychology researches categories and concepts in language. Using a large-scale cross-cultural approach, her work explores which aspects of categorisation are fundamentally shared, and which are language-specific.

**Going against the flow**
**Professor Tom McLeish** from the Department of Physics researches the properties of ‘soft matter’, a class of materials that can be easily changed by stress. His role as Chair of Natural Philosophy reflects his strong interest in interdisciplinary work across sciences, humanities and social sciences, such as learning from medieval science to address today’s scientific questions.

**Exploring the mind**
**Professor Matthew Ratcliffe** from the Department of Philosophy works in the fields of phenomenology (the philosophical study of experience), philosophy of mind and philosophy of psychiatry. Topics that he is currently addressing include trauma and trust, hallucination, emotional experience, and emotion regulation. His research plans include a major project on the nature of grief.

**Examining the past**
**Professor Gillian Russell** from the Department of English and Related Literature specialises in British and Irish literature and culture of the period 1730-1830. Her current research projects include Charles Lamb’s sociability and political ephemera in Britain and Ireland.

**Overcoming mathematical obstacles**
Mathematical Physicist **Dr Benoit Vicedo** from the Department of Mathematics works in the field of classical and quantum integrable systems. He has developed a distinctive new approach to the long-standing open problem of ‘non-ultralocality’ in quantum integrable field theories.

**Getting to the heart of the matter**
**Professor Daniel Watts** from the Department of Physics utilises the world’s most intense electromagnetic beams to probe the structure of hadronic matter and carry out precision measurements on atomic nuclei. His research provides new information on nuclei, the origin of mass and neutron stars.
Can you tell us about your research?
The best thing about my PhD is that I do research on something I am deeply interested in. My work is focused on trapping individual bacteria to study their response to antibiotics by using a combination of optical and electrical techniques. The aim is to pinpoint the best antibiotic for a specific infection, thereby reducing the overuse of drugs that is causing an uncontrolled spread of antibiotic resistance.

Why did you decide to do a PhD?
Studying for a PhD felt like a natural next step to me. I’ve always been interested in all natural phenomena and eager to learn new concepts. I thought a PhD was the best route to fuel this passion and apply it to real-life problems. My experience of a PhD at York is confirming these initial beliefs on a daily basis. I’m continually exposed to new ideas and mindsets by collaborating with people from different departments, nationalities and cultural backgrounds.

Why did you choose to study at York?
The research group I’m working in is the main reason I chose York. My supervisor is a world-leader in the field of photonic crystals (particular structured materials to control the propagation of light at the nanoscale). It was my dream since my Masters degree to work with him. Beyond this, I realised that York has so much to offer with its stimulating research environment, interdisciplinary scientific collaborations and a beautiful city.

What skills and experience have you gained through your PhD?
The skills a PhD provides you with are countless. You learn how to search the literature, prepare a good presentation, liaise with people, write a good research report or paper, manage your own time and tasks and, eventually, become an independent thinker and researcher. Not to mention that you work towards becoming an expert in your research field, which clearly helps to find a job and really enhances your CV.

An invaluable experience in my case was the Three Minute Thesis competition (3MT). The aim of the competition is to present your PhD research in just three minutes. The experience helped me to really understand what my research is about and to make it accessible to the general public. Taking part in the competition boosted my confidence, both in myself and in my research topic and enhanced my presentation skills, which I believe are essential in specific job searches.

Giampaolo, PhD Physics

Through his PhD, Giampaolo is tackling the global threat of antibiotic resistance and realising his dream of working with a world-leading supervisor.
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Giampaolo, PhD Physics
MEET JAMIE
FROM MALAYSIA
Can you tell us about your research?
I’ve chosen to research something that is deeply personal to me: beauty ideals and women’s relationships to their bodies. A lot of the questions I’m addressing in my research are issues I’ve struggled with in my own life. It’s rewarding to be able to investigate how other women respond to these same issues and to conceptualise alternative ways that we might approach them. I’m also excited that my research responds to what is happening in the media as well as in girls’ and women’s real lives. I hope that my work will contribute towards changing the way we think and talk about these issues.

How do you achieve a work/life balance while doing a PhD?
I don’t try to force myself to work when I’m feeling tired, burnt out or unmotivated. I allow myself time off to do other things that interest me and trust that when I’ve had the rest I need, I’ll be able to work and write far more efficiently and productively. Also, I make sure I get enough exercise – yoga and weightlifting at the gym make a huge difference to my energy levels and to keeping a clear head.

What skills and experience have you gained through your PhD?
I’ve had the opportunity to be involved in organising and participating in many conferences, workshops and other student-oriented events such as coordinating the PhD Spotlight competition, organising poetry readings, and facilitating a body-acceptance yoga workshop. I’ve also presented as many papers as I can at conferences to strengthen my PhD research and develop my public engagement and public speaking skills. Participating in the Three Minute Thesis competition (3MT) at York, and then going on to compete, and win, at national level has also had a massive effect on catapulting my academic career. I’ve since received several invitations to speak at conferences, and developed a tremendous amount of confidence as a researcher and speaker.

Have you benefited from any of the University’s support services?
My entire PhD journey would not be what it is without my supervisors – they have been supportive at every stage of my thesis. I cannot stress enough how important this support has been to me, not just for my research but for my career development and for my entire academic and extracurricular experience at York. My supervisors have demonstrated over and over again that they care about my mental health and overall wellbeing and development, as much as my research. They perfectly understand that the strength of my work is the result of holistic wellbeing. They are also generous with their encouragement and reassurances. Most importantly they believe in my potential both within the PhD and beyond. I have also found support from the Research Excellence Training Team exceptional, from the time I first applied for the 3MT competition and well after.

Jamie, PhD Women’s Studies

Jamie gained two degrees at York and then spent several years working in the media. She returned to campus to pursue a PhD in a subject that is both personal to her and much debated in society.

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competition at York, and then going on to compete, and win, at national level has also had a massive effect on catapulting my academic career.
INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH

Our world-class research environment combines internationally renowned research institutes, centres and facilities to promote specialist and interdisciplinary research across departments.

By working across disciplines, our researchers are able to collaborate and inspire each other to see their work from new angles and address global development challenges in innovative ways.

**MAJOR RESEARCH UNITS**

Explore some of our major research centres highlighted below. You can see the full list of our research units at york.ac.uk/research/units.

- **Digital Creativity Labs** provides a centre of excellence in which top researchers explore the rich space where games and interactive media converge.
  
digitalcreativity.ac.uk

- **Our Research Centre for Social Sciences** provides a hub for collaborations and postgraduate life, drawing together researchers from across our social science departments and research centres.
  
york.ac.uk/social-science

- **The Leverhulme Centre for Anthropocene Biodiversity** brings together world-leading researchers to improve our understanding of the relationship between humanity and the world’s biodiversity.
  
york.ac.uk/anthropocene-biodiversity

- **The Humanities Research Centre** is at the heart of York’s investment in arts and humanities, bringing together our departments and centres to provide a spectacular environment for dynamic and imaginative research.
  
york.ac.uk/hrc/centres

- **The York Biomedical Research Institute** is a new cross-departmental initiative set up to expand and consolidate York’s international expertise in biomedical research.
  
york.ac.uk/biomedical-research-institute

- **The Interdisciplinary Global Development Centre** works across and beyond the University to create sustainable change that directly benefits communities in developing countries around the world.
  
york.ac.uk/igdc
I develop computational tools to study the evolution of hepatitis B. Working at YCCSA has introduced me to new ideas and collaborations. Exploring the interface of mathematics and biology with high profile academics has allowed me to move from biology to bioinformatics, expanding my skill set and opening doors for my career.

Eva, PhD Biology, York Cross-disciplinary Centre for Systems Analysis (YCCSA)
Prepping for success
Whether you see your future career in research, industry, or beyond, we’ll offer you the support you need to achieve your ambitions. The skills you’ll develop as a research student are highly valued in a wide variety of sectors.

Boost your skills
Our award-winning Research Excellence Training Team provides a range of courses and workshops, covering topics such as governance, engagement, influence, impact, presentation skills, networking and project management. They’re designed to equip you with the skills, attributes and knowledge to thrive as an independent researcher.

Develop your goals
You’ll be encouraged to produce a Professional Development Plan. It’s designed to help you have constructive conversations with your supervisor and Thesis Advisory Panel about the skills you want to develop.

Gain teaching experience
From laboratory demonstration to leading seminars and marking, many research students at York take advantage of the opportunity to add teaching experience to their portfolio of skills. Teaching can improve your confidence and develop your creativity as you learn to engage people with your disciplinary expertise.

If you’re offered a teaching position, we’ll provide you with training and support to teach in an international research environment. We also offer the York Learning and Teaching Award programme – a Masters-level course that confers professional recognition as an Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy.

Get careers advice
Our Careers and Placements team provides advice and support as well as access to top recruiters through careers fairs and events on campus. Our enterprise team can offer guidance and help you find funding to start a business. With a rich programme of networking events, you can make connections with established alumni from a range of sectors.

Learn a language
We offer free language and intercultural courses to help you prepare for a period of work or study abroad. We also offer a number of general and bespoke language courses, from beginner to advanced level.

95% of York research students enter work or further study within six months of completing their course
Destination of Leavers from Higher Education Survey 2016/17 (HESA), UK/EU graduates

Study abroad
Depending on your area of research, you may be able to apply for a study or work placement at one of our partner universities or host organisations. There are also opportunities to immerse yourself in a two-week interdisciplinary academic and cultural programme at an international partner university. These global opportunities can give you a new perspective in your field of expertise and allow you to make valuable professional connections.
During my studies, I benefited greatly from the interdisciplinary environment at York, support from my supervisors, and travel opportunities for conferences and collaborations. I’m now able to pursue research in a more independent way, both technically and intellectually. My PhD also gave me the chance to re-evaluate what I enjoy doing; this has shaped the direction of my research and importantly my career choices.

Herman Fung (PhD Combating Infectious Disease: Computational Approaches in Translational Science (CIDCATS), 2017)
Postdoctoral Fellow at the European Molecular Biology Laboratory in Heidelberg, Germany
I really like the atmosphere here in York and the way people think. The professors constantly bring up new ways to look at a question, but they also give us plenty of freedom to come up with our own answers. They encourage us early on to start thinking about the kinds of projects and research we really care about.

Shipra, PhD Electronic Engineering
Complete a piece of original research with expert guidance from world-class academics.

Find the right course for you
You might already have a specific supervisor, department or project in mind. Or maybe you’re thinking more about an area of study rather than a specific project. Whichever route you’re considering we’ll help you find the right opportunity for you. Here are some starting points:

- Look at the staff lists in York Research Database for academics who work in your field at pure.york.ac.uk/portal/en/. Contact your potential supervisor to discuss the research area you’re interested in.
- Visit department web pages to see if there is an advertised project which fits your ambitions.
- If you’re generating your own research project, contact your potential supervisor about its suitability and find out about funding opportunities.

Types of course

**Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)**
You’ll conduct a large-scale piece of original research, written up in the form of a thesis under the supervision of an experienced academic. You’ll develop high-level transferable skills and contribute to the development of knowledge in your chosen field. A PhD usually takes three or four years full-time, or six years part-time.

**Master of Philosophy (MPhil)**
An MPhil is like a small-scale PhD. You’ll conduct a piece of original research and develop your skills in research, writing, analysis and critical thinking. An MPhil typically takes two years full-time.

**Master of Arts (MA) and Master of Science (MSc) by research**
A research Masters involves completing a short, focused research project which is assessed by a thesis. You’ll work closely with a supervisor and receive research training and support. These courses generally last one year full-time, although this may vary by department.

Course structure and assessment
Most courses start in October or January, but you can often start your research at different times of the year. Assessment is based on the quality of your thesis and on your performance at an oral examination (known as a viva). A minimum of two examiners will assess your work and at least one of the examiners will be an expert from another university.

Support and feedback
At York, you’ll receive the support you need to complete your research degree to the highest standards.

Your supervisor(s) will provide regular support and guidance through feedback and supervision meetings. You’ll have a Thesis Advisory Panel, which will meet to advise you on your research every six months. All MPhil and PhD students have annual Formal Reviews of Progress, which helps to ensure you’re making satisfactory progress.

Development opportunities
We offer a range of research skills and training programmes, from Becoming an Effective Researcher to Preparing for your Viva. You may have an opportunity to present papers and posters at conferences, or to have your work published in specialist journals.

**Doctoral training programmes**
These offer funding opportunities and integrate research with training and interdisciplinary networking. See page 51.
Fees and funding for research degrees

Discover your funding options to help with tuition fees and living costs.

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Funding for UK/EU students
We offer an impressive range of research council funding and studentships at York. You can also find funding through our research centres and doctoral training programmes (see page 51).

There are a number of University subject-specific scholarships on offer at York, as well as some funded PhD opportunities by our major research units.

As a UK student, you could be eligible for a UK Government doctoral loan to help fund your postgraduate studies. There are also UK Government loans available to MPhil or MA/MSc by Research students.

Funding for international students
The York Graduate Research School offers three to four scholarships recognising academic excellence. These cover 100 per cent of tuition fees, a generous stipend (to cover living expenses), plus a research training support grant for three or four years (depending on the course).

You may also be able to apply for subject- or country-specific scholarships and funding. Check deadlines and find out more at york.ac.uk/pgr-funding.

In addition, the British Council provides useful information about funding for international students. You can contact your local office for advice or search for funding online.

Work or teach while you study
A part-time job or casual work could contribute towards your living costs, giving you the opportunity to develop skills that are valued by employers and strengthen your CV. You can also apply for teaching-related opportunities within your department. This could include laboratory demonstrating, facilitating tutorials or seminars, invigilating, marking and teaching-related administration.

FIND OUT MORE
Fees and expenses
york.ac.uk/pgr-fees

Funding
york.ac.uk/pgr-funding
I’ve worked part-time throughout my PhD which has been a practical thing for me to do. It has given me the opportunity to develop interpersonal skills and explore career opportunities outside my studies. As a self-funded student, I’ve always seen work as a necessity, but I’ve tried to see the benefits too.

Maddie, PhD History of Art
APPLYING TO A RESEARCH DEGREE

Your quick guide to applying.

1. Look at the entry requirements
   Normally you’ll need at least the equivalent of a UK upper second-class (2:1) honours degree and, in some cases, a Masters degree.

2. Check the deadline
   In most cases applications can be submitted year-round. However, we recommend you apply as early as possible as entry to some areas is competitive.

3. Explore funding options
   In many cases you’ll need to have received an offer before you can apply for funding, so be sure you check the funding application deadlines. They usually fall between January and March.
Prepare your research proposal
Your research proposal is an integral part of the application process. It must outline the topic of your proposed research and the questions it addresses. You should indicate how you’ll carry out your research.

Complete your application
Submit an online application, including your research proposal and supporting documents. You don’t need to complete your application all at once; you can start it, save it and finish it later.

Track your application
We’ll acknowledge your application by email. You can then track the progress of your application online, upload supporting information and update your contact details.

Read the terms and conditions
If you’ve been successful with your application, you’ll receive an offer letter via email. You should read the terms and conditions set out in this letter carefully before you accept your offer. If you’ve been awarded funding, ensure you’ve read the terms and conditions in your award letter too.

Important information

Research proposal guidance
The purpose of this is to establish whether you, the academic department and your eventual supervisor(s) are sure that you and the University are well-matched and can make progress. This is achieved through discussion and correspondence, towards defining your research topic before you start your course. Find out more at york.ac.uk/proposals.

What supporting documents do I need?
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Pre-sessional language courses
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Find out more
Applying
york.ac.uk/pgr-apply
Funding
york.ac.uk/pgr-funding
I’m less than a year into my PhD, but I feel like I’ve already learned so much and grown as a researcher. My supervisors have been really supportive, I’ve had the opportunity to meet excellent scientists from around the world, and I benefit from facilities and expertise at both the York Plasma Institute and the UK’s national fusion research laboratory in Oxfordshire.

Lena, PhD Plasma Physics (Fusion CDT), and previously MSc Fusion Energy
DOCTORAL TRAINING PROGRAMMES

Tackle today’s evolving issues and future challenges via one of our doctoral training programmes.

Doctoral Training Partnerships and Centres for Doctoral Training (CDTs) provide an innovative learning environment, with broader development opportunities such as research visits or placements. You’ll develop technical and transferable skills, build relationships with researchers at other universities, often internationally, and forge links with industrial and cultural partners.

We award over £7m of studentships to our students each year through UK Research and Innovation. Continuation of these programmes is subject to ongoing funding by Research Councils. For the latest information check [york.ac.uk/pgr-funding](http://york.ac.uk/pgr-funding).

Faculty of Social Sciences
The White Rose Social Sciences Doctoral Training Partnership is a collaboration across the social sciences at the Universities of Bradford, Hull, Leeds, Manchester Metropolitan, Sheffield, Sheffield Hallam and York.

It was accredited by the Economic and Social Research Council in 2016 and offers 335 studentships. This major centre of expertise enables PhD students to participate in local, national and international networks of non-academic partners, opinion formers, policymakers and leading academics.

Faculty of Sciences
We lead a Quantum Communications Hub and two pioneering Centres for Doctoral Training that have been funded by the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC).

Intelligent Games and Game Intelligence (IGGI)
IGGI is preparing the next generation of researchers, designers, developers and entrepreneurs in digital games, bringing PhD students together with over 60 external industry partners.

York leads this dynamic collaboration, working with Goldsmiths, University of London; Queen Mary, University of London; and the University of Essex.

Science and Technology of Fusion Energy
We lead this collaboration alongside world-class institutes, industry partners and the Universities of Durham, Liverpool, Manchester and Oxford. The CDT provides access to fusion devices across the world, with research projects spanning plasma physics, materials science and related fusion technologies.

Other doctoral training programmes
In addition to these CDTs, we offer further programmes funded by the EPSRC, Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council and Natural Environment Research Council.

FIND OUT MORE
Doctoral training programmes
[york.ac.uk/pgr-funding](http://york.ac.uk/pgr-funding)
How our courses work

Our courses are designed specifically for online and distance learners and are as academically rigorous as campus-based equivalents.

You’ll follow a structured learning programme with access to York’s virtual learning environment (VLE), which offers an online classroom and a comprehensive resource centre. As well as receiving expert academic support from your course tutors, you’ll interact with, and learn from, your fellow students. Some of our online courses include some real-time contact.

Flexible study

You’ll have the freedom to choose when and where to study, allowing you to combine work and study without needing to take time away from your job.

Taught courses

We offer a range of high quality, research-informed online and distance learning courses, combined with personal academic support. Options include Postgraduate Certificates and Diplomas, as well as Masters.

Studying with us, you’ll be part of a collaborative learning community and have access to excellent resources. You’ll graduate with a respected qualification which will enhance your career prospects and demonstrate expertise in your chosen field.

Our online and distance learning courses cover a range of subject areas including:
- Astronomy (page 131)
- Parish Church Studies (page 132)
- Creative Writing (page 132)
- Computer Science (page 73)
- English Building History (page 131)
- Geology (page 132)
- Health Economics (page 77)
- Health Professions Education (page 147)
- International Humanitarian Affairs (page 108)
- International Development (page 182)
- Management and Leadership (page 137)
- Mathematical Finance (page 142)
- Public Administration (page 182)
- Public Policy and Management (page 182)
- Railway Studies (page 131)

PhDs

We also offer an increasing number of PhDs by distance learning. These PhDs involve some trips to York and virtual engagement with the research environment in your department, but you’ll be able to research and study away from the campus.

PhD subjects for distance learning include:
- Archaeology (page 61)
- Computer Science (page 73)
- Conservation Studies (page 61)
- Education (page 84)
- History of Art (page 117)

Support services

You’ll have access to the same support services as our on-campus learners. This includes disability and wellbeing support, financial advice and academic supervision and support. See pages 12–13 for more details.

Professional development

Our courses offer opportunities for professional development within an international peer group. Through the course curriculum and shared professional experiences, you’ll gain insights, ideas, skills and good practice that you can apply immediately in your current workplace.
I’m impressed by the range, organisation and clear presentation of content on the online learning platform. The flexibility and accessibility of the material has made engaging with the degree and fitting study around other commitments far more manageable. Combined with the professionalism and expertise of the academic staff, my experience as a distance learner has been an overwhelmingly positive one.

Alison, MA Social and Public Policy

How to apply
For information on how to apply, see the individual course pages. The application process for most of our online and distance learning courses is the same as the steps on pages 30–31 (taught) and pages 48–49 (research).
The Department of Archaeology has a strong international outlook, researching archaeology around the globe. All teaching stems from the cutting-edge research of our academics. York is the UK’s archaeological capital; you’ll be based in King’s Manor, a beautiful medieval building in the centre of York. There you’ll work with leading prehistorians, archaeological scientists and historical archaeologists. We have close ties with York’s wider community of archaeology and heritage professionals and placement opportunities are available within the city and across the region.

You’ll graduate with a set of highly valued and transferable skills, knowledge and experience. Graduates go on to diverse careers within the archaeology and heritage sectors and beyond.

### Research areas

- Bioarchaeology
- Digital archaeology
- Heritage and conservation
- Medieval and historical archaeology
- Prehistory and human evolution
- Theory and practice

### Research centres and facilities

- BioArCh: an integrated facility for Bioarchaeology
- CAHSt: Centre for Applied Heritage Studies
- PalaeoHub
- Palaeo: Centre for Human Palaeoecology and Evolutionary Origins
- Centre for Anatomical and Human Sciences
- Centre for Conservation Studies
- Centre for Digital Heritage
- YEAR Centre: York Experimental Archaeological Research Centre

### Minimum requirements

**Taught degrees**

- 2:1 undergraduate degree in a related subject

**Research degrees**

- A qualification equivalent to a UK Masters with a minimum average grade of 60%

### English language requirements

- IELTS 6.5, minimum 6.5 in Writing, 6.0 in all other components

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### Funding

See page 28 (taught) and page 46 (research)
Taught Masters courses

All of our courses combine arts and science with critical skills in writing, logical thinking, communication and presentation. Modules are designed to be flexible: you’ll lay the groundwork in your discipline with core modules, and tailor your studies to your own individual interests with a range of option modules available across the Department.

Our Masters courses are also available as shorter courses: for the Postgraduate Diploma, you’ll complete all modules and submit a shorter dissertation, with the Postgraduate Certificate comprising just the taught modules.

MSc Digital Archaeology

**FT 1 year, PT 2 or 3 years**

Gain practical experience and a broad foundation in computing applications that is highly valued in the heritage sector. Digital technologies offer us new ways to understand, interpret and model the past, and York has been at the forefront of researching and developing archaeological computing applications since the early days of digital practice in the field.

The course will give you a secure grounding in the digital technologies used for disseminating, publishing and archiving archaeological information, and in the analysis and visualisation of archaeological data.

**Example modules:**

- Digital Publication and Web Technologies
- Analysis and Visualisation
- Virtual Reality and 3D Modelling
- Spatial Analysis in GIS

MSc Digital Heritage

**FT 1 year, PT 2 or 3 years**

Digital practices are becoming increasingly important in the heritage sector. This course draws together the Department of Archaeology’s strengths in archaeological information sciences and cultural heritage to provide a combination of theoretical and applied study of heritage management with practical training in new technologies.
You’ll work with a team of technology pioneers and computing scholars who lead the field in researching and developing interpretative content and digital applications for the heritage sector worldwide.

Example modules:
- Digital Publication and Web Technologies
- Analysis and Visualisation
- Cultural Heritage Management: Museums, Audiences and Interpretation
- Digital Imaging

MA Historical Archaeology

FT 1 year, PT 2 or 3 years

Study at the cutting edge of post-medieval archaeological investigation as you explore the emergence of the modern world, from the end of the Middle Ages to the 21st century.

You’ll gain practical training in analysing and interpreting evidence, from excavations and standing buildings to designed landscapes and artefacts, while examining wide-ranging themes such as modernity, industrialisation, capitalism and colonialism.

Example modules:
- Making the Nation
- Empires of Improvement
- Interpreting Historic Buildings
- The Archaeology of Human Bones

MA Medieval Archaeology

FT 1 year, PT 2 or 3 years

The buildings, material culture and landscapes of York and the north of England offer unrivalled opportunities to study and research medieval archaeology. This course focuses on the artefacts, landscapes and buildings, and the social, cultural and environmental contexts of medieval Britain, Western Europe and Viking-Age Scandinavia.

You’ll explore themes such as settlement, trade and economy, religion, buildings and artefacts, social structure, ethnicity and identity, conquest and cultural contact, and discover methodological and theoretical approaches to medieval material culture.

Example modules:
- The Viking Age: People, Places and Things
- Medieval Settlement and Communities
- Archaeology of Households
- Debates in Funerary Archaeology

MSc Bioarchaeology

FT 1 year, PT 2 or 3 years

Undertake cutting-edge training in osteoarchaeological analysis of skeletal remains and expand your knowledge of the latest developments in molecular techniques applied to artefacts and biological remains.

You’ll be encouraged to immerse yourself in the study of stable isotopes, lipid residue analysis, palaeoproteomics and ancient DNA, and play an active role in the development of new techniques in this constantly evolving branch of archaeology.

Example modules:
- The Archaeology of the Human Bone
- Ancient Biomolecules
- Human Bone Practicals
- Artefacts from Excavation

MSc Zooarchaeology

FT 1 year, PT 2 or 3 years

Study archaeological animal remains on a macro and micro scale to investigate what they tell us about how humans and other species have co-existed over the millennia. This course covers the practical skills, analytical techniques and interpretative frameworks necessary to study the roles of animals in past societies from bones and other remains.

You’ll develop the knowledge and techniques to study the roles of animals in human societies from the Palaeolithic to the present and across the globe, exploring the ways we can use animal remains to model past human ecology.

Example modules:
- Animal Bones for Archaeologists
- Interpreting Animal Remains
- Exploring the Assemblage
- Ancient Biomolecules
MA/MSc Funerary Archaeology  
**FT 1 year, PT 2 or 3 years**

Funerary archaeology combines analysis of human remains with their archaeological context to take a truly interdisciplinary approach to studying both life and death in the past.

You’ll use the latest techniques and equipment to build key practical knowledge and explore the varied archaeological and methodological approaches to funerary archaeology. You’ll develop your skills in a range of different methods and techniques, centred on the investigation of death and burial in the past.

**Example modules:**
- The Archaeology of Human Bones
- Debates in Funerary Archaeology
- Mesolithic Lifeways (MA)
- Hard Tissue Biology (MSc)

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MA Field Archaeology  
**FT 1 year, PT 2 or 3 years**

Train to be part of the next generation of archaeological pioneers, combining theory and practice to deepen your theoretical knowledge and understanding of the logistical challenges, legal requirements and ethics involved in archaeological fieldwork.

You’ll explore how and why archaeological fieldwork has arrived at its current state, and study key methods employed in modern fieldwork, analysis and dissemination. These skills will enable you to think strategically about project design and tactically about project implementation.

**Example modules:**
- Context and Practice of Gathering Field Archaeology Data
- Analysis, Interpretation and Dissemination of Field Archaeology Data
- Experimental Archaeology Design and Practice
- Artefacts from Excavation

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MA/MSc Material Culture and Experimental Archaeology  
**FT 1 year, PT 2 or 3 years**

Combining practical and theoretical approaches to material culture, this course explores ethnoarchaeological and experimental archaeological approaches to objects, alongside functional analyses of a broad range of artefact types.

You’ll discover the theories underpinning our understanding of the material world while developing invaluable practical skills: designing and executing your own experimental archaeology project, analysing microscopic wear and residue traces, working with objects from excavations and museum collections, and making a short documentary film for the heritage sector.

**Example modules:**
- Ethnoarchaeology
- Experimental Archaeology in Context
- Experimental Archaeology Design and Practice
- Material Culture Theory in Practice

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MA/MSc Early Prehistory and Human Origins  
**FT 1 year, PT 2 or 3 years**

Explore what it means to be human through dedicated study of early prehistoric societies from three million to 5,000 years ago, encompassing our earliest ancestors to the dawn of agriculture.

You’ll discover archaeological, cognitive and social approaches to human origins, while working alongside internationally renowned specialists in early prehistoric archaeology and human evolution.

**Example modules:**
- Becoming Human: Evolving Minds and Societies
- Hunting and Gathering Societies
- Themes in the Prehistoric Landscape
- Mesolithic Funerary Archaeology
MA Prehistoric Landscape Archaeology

FT 1 year, PT 2 or 3 years

Bridge the links between landscape theory and practice with a broad foundation in the recognition, recording, interpretation and conservation of archaeological landscapes.

You’ll focus on human ecology and the interactions of people with their environments, using key methodologies and theoretical frameworks to explore and interpret the cultural landscape and link it with ideas about the nature of power and ideology.

Example modules:
- Concepts of Landscape
- Themes in the Prehistoric Landscape
- Analysis, Interpretation and Dissemination of Field Archaeology Data
- Mesolithic Lifeways

MA Mesolithic Studies

FT 1 year, PT 2 or 3 years

Explore the ways in which the European Mesolithic has been interpreted from the 19th century to the present day. You’ll investigate key topics such as consumption practices, death and burial, plants and animals, settlement and technology, with teaching drawn from the Department’s own research.

You’ll learn about cutting-edge techniques such as ancient DNA and stable isotope analysis and climate-change reconstruction, as well as putting your skills into practice through hands-on experience of experimental archaeology in our Mesolithic camp.

Example modules:
- Mesolithic Lifeways
- Mesolithic Funerary Archaeology
- Ancient Biomolecules
- Hunting and Gathering Societies

MA Conservation Studies

FT 1 year, PT 2 or 3 years

This course follows the internationally recognised ICOMOS Guidelines for Education and Training in Conservation.

Gain a broad understanding of conservation with a unique mix of practice-based and theoretical learning. You’ll learn essential disciplinary knowledge and advanced scholarship techniques, with the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in sustainable building conservation practice.

Example modules:
- Approaches to Conservation
- Issues in Cultural Heritage Conservation
- Practical Building Conservation Skills
- Analysing Historic Buildings

MA Conservation Studies (Historic Buildings)

FT 1 year, PT 2 or 3 years

This course is accredited by the Institute of Historic Building Conservation (IHBC).

Engage with conservation in the context of historic buildings, in a course that will provide you with a unique mix of practice-based and theoretical learning.

You’ll combine essential disciplinary knowledge and advanced scholarship with hands-on experience in sustainable building conservation practice, working with experienced practitioners to engage with practical issues and further your professional development.

Example modules:
- Interpreting Historic Buildings
- Heritage Protection
- Sustainable Building Conservation Skills
- Conservation Solutions

MA Cultural Heritage Management

FT 1 year, PT 2 or 3 years

Equip yourself to work in the cultural heritage sector which offers a wide range of opportunities in museums, local authorities, heritage agencies, organisations and consultancies.
You’ll learn to understand key aspects of heritage management theory and practice, exploring why heritage matters, who decides what constitutes heritage, and how to present the past to the public. The course focuses on providing you with highly valued and transferable practical skills, knowledge and experience, which are developed through practical experience with heritage sector professionals.

Example modules:
- Cultural Heritage Management 1: Concepts, Principles and Practice
- Cultural Heritage Management 2: Museums, Audiences and Interpretation
- Approaches to Conservation
- Issues in Cultural Heritage Conservation

MA Archaeology of Buildings
**FT 1 year, PT 2 or 3 years**
Train in the systematic research, recording, analysis and interpretation of historic buildings through a combination of academic studies, practical training and research projects.

You’ll develop the specialised skills needed for the historical research, visual analysis and archaeological recording and interpretation of buildings, while exploring the history of architecture in the UK from c.1000 to the present day.

Example modules:
- Analysing Historic Buildings
- Interpreting Historic Buildings
- Practical Buildings Conservation
- Archaeology of Households

MA Stained Glass Conservation and Heritage Management
**FT 2 years**
For entry requirements and course description, see the Department of History of Art on page 114.

MSc Human Anatomy and Evolution
**FT 1 year, PT 2 years**
For entry requirements and course description, see the Hull York Medical School on page 144.

MA English Building History
**PT 3 years**
For entry requirements and course description, see the Centre for Lifelong Learning on page 130.

Research degrees
We have dedicated study facilities for research students, providing a friendly space to bring together postgraduate researchers. The research community offers plenty of opportunities to get involved, from numerous special interest groups to seminar series and conferences.

- **PhD Archaeology**
  FT 3 years, PT 6 years
- **PhD Conservation Studies**
  FT 3 years, PT 6 years
- **PhD Archaeology by distance learning**
  FT 3 years, PT 6 years
- **PhD Conservation Studies by distance learning**
  FT 3 years, PT 6 years
- **MPhil Archaeology**
  FT 2 years, PT 4 years
- **MPhil Conservation Studies**
  FT 2 years, PT 4 years
- **MA Archaeological Studies (by research)**
  FT 1 year, PT 2 years
- **MA Conservation Studies (by research)**
  FT 1 year, PT 2 years

Doctoral Training Partnerships
Doctoral Training Partnerships provide Research Council funding for PhD students studying at York. They offer skills training and opportunities for collaboration between universities.

- Adapting to the Challenges of a Changing Environment (NERC), with the Universities of Sheffield and Liverpool: acce.shef.ac.uk
- White Rose College of Arts and Humanities (WRoCAH), with the Universities of Leeds and Sheffield: wrocah.ac.uk

See page 51.
With 70 academic staff, we cover the spectrum of contemporary biological sciences from molecular aspects of cancer to field ecology. Our teaching draws directly from our research, meaning you’ll be working with academics who are leading the field. You’ll get to use state-of-the-art facilities and benefit from our interdisciplinary collaborations.

You’ll be supported by our dedicated employability team, helping to prepare you for your career. Many of our graduates go on to further study or to work in industries such as pharmaceuticals, agrochemicals, biotechnology and the environment, as well as in government.

Minimum requirements

**Taught degrees**
2:1 undergraduate degree in bioscience or a related subject. We also consider applicants who have a 2:2 degree with substantial industry experience.

**Research degrees**
2:1 undergraduate degree (or equivalent) in a related subject.

**English language requirements**

**Taught degrees**
IELTS 6.5, minimum 6.0 in each component.

**Research degrees**
IELTS 6.5, minimum 6.0 in each component.

**Research areas**

- Biochemistry and biophysics
- Bioinformatics and mathematical biology
- Cell and developmental
- Ecology and evolution
- Immunology, haematology and infection
- Industrial Biotechnology
- Microbiology
- Molecular and cellular medicine
- Plant biology

**Research centres**

- Centre for Novel Agricultural Products
- York Biomedical Research Institute
- York Environmental Sustainability Institute
- N8 AgriFood Resilience Programme
- Leverhulme Centre for Anthropocene Biodiversity

**Facilities**

- Specialist tissue culture and fluorescence microscopy suites
- Flexible study spaces
- Creative learning lounge
- Computer rooms
- Technology facility, providing services in imaging, proteomics, protein interaction, mass spectrometry, bioinformatics and DNA/RNA analysis

**Contact**

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**Taught degrees**
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**Research degrees**
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**Funding**

See page 28 (taught) and page 46 (research)

Recognising advancement of gender equality: representation, progression and success for all
Taught Masters courses

Our courses combine cutting-edge theory with the practical applied skills students need to become effective researchers or industry specialists. Our expertise spans several areas and teaching draws directly from our research.

Each course incorporates a research and professional skills component that will enable you to develop a strong portfolio essential to both your course and your career prospects.

You’ll be taught through a combination of lectures, seminars, tutorials and group work. You’ll complete an independent study module to give you advanced training in research techniques. You can either work with an academic supervisor or carry out an external placement.

MSc Biodiversity, Ecology and Ecosystems

FT 1 year

Understanding the links between biodiversity and ecosystem function will help us respond to the global challenges of climate change, conservation and food security. This course delivers research-led teaching across a range of topics such as biodiversity assessment, the consequences for biodiversity of land management, and modern techniques for understanding biodiversity and ecosystems, including ‘big-data’ approaches and analytical techniques. Learn from expert staff who have close links to the Centre for Novel Agriculture Products and the York Environmental Sustainability Institute.

This course offers a unique opportunity to explore the theory underpinning ecology, the cutting-edge methods to analyse processes, and how this knowledge can be used in existing ecosystem contexts. You’ll have integrated training in biodiversity and ecosystem function research, and develop the skills to pursue research-led work relevant to biodiversity and ecosystems, at PhD level or in related industries.

Example modules:

- Biodiversity, Ecosystems and Ecology
- Data Analysis and Programming in the Biosciences
- Research, Professional and Team Skills
- Independent study module
MSc Industrial Biotechnology

FT 1 year

This taught Masters will help prepare you for research and industry-based careers in biotechnology research and development. You’ll gain research experience and interdisciplinary training in biomolecular and biochemical techniques. Staff in the Centre for Novel Agriculture Products (CNAP) contribute teaching and research opportunities. You’ll have integrated training in modern recombinant DNA, fermentation and bioreactor technology, and develop the skills to support a research or industry-based career across any area of modern biotechnology.

Example modules:

- Industrial Biotechnology
- Data Analysis and Programming in the Biosciences
- Research, Professional and Team Skills
- Independent study module

MSc Molecular Medicine

FT 1 year

Be at the forefront of healthcare research focusing on personalised medicine, stem cells and the prospect of gene editing. This taught Masters course provides an in-depth grounding in contemporary molecular medicine. We have considerable research expertise spanning several areas relevant to molecular medicine, including cancer, immunology, microbiology, neuroscience and parasitology. You'll learn how basic biomedical research is conducted and translated by scientists in one of the UK’s top-ranked biological sciences departments. Staff in the York Biomedical Research Institute (YBRI) contribute teaching and research opportunities.

We’ll equip you with the key skills of the modern researcher, including critical thinking, data interpretation, statistics, programming, and the written, oral and graphical presentation of scientific data and ideas. You can go on to pursue a PhD in biomedical research or another specialist career path within the healthcare or pharmaceutical sectors.

Example modules:

- Molecular Basis of Disease
- Data Analysis and Programming in the Biosciences
- Research, Professional and Team Skills
- Independent study module

Research degrees

Our postgraduate research degrees cover the whole spectrum of modern biological disciplines, from field ecology to protein structure, and have an integrated approach to biology, with no barriers between disciplines.

We have around 120 research students and our supportive culture results in high completion success rates. As a research student you can expect:

- a supervisor who directs your research and training
- your supervisor to spend at least one hour per week with you, plus a progress meeting every two months
- a Thesis Advisory Panel of two other staff to monitor progress and offer support and advice during your studies, meeting with you every six months
- a programme of training in research and transferable skills tailored to your needs to support you during your research project and to enhance your employability for your future career
- opportunities to attend seminars by leading scientists from around the world, and to present your own work through posters and talks at conferences

- MSc Biology (by research)
  FT 1 year, PT 2 years
- MPhil Biology
  FT 2 years, PT 4 years
- PhD Biology
  FT 3 or 4 years, PT 6 or 8 years
- PhD Mechanistic Biology
  FT 4 years, PT 8 years
- PhD Adapting to the Challenges of a Changing Environment
  FT 4 years, PT 8 years
Doctoral Training Partnerships

Doctoral Training Partnerships provide Research Council funding for PhD students studying at York. They offer skills training and opportunities for collaboration between universities.

- Mechanistic Biology (White Rose BBSRC), with the Universities of Leeds and Sheffield: whiterose-mechanisticbiology-dtp.ac.uk
- Adapting to the Challenges of a Changing Environment (NERC), with the Universities of Sheffield and Liverpool, the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, and the Natural History Museum: acce.shef.ac.uk

For further information, see page 51.
CHEMISTRY

Our Department has over 150 graduate students from around the world enjoying our outstanding facilities. Strong links with industry mean many have the opportunity to work closely with chemical companies during their studies.

Our 55 research-active staff encourage an interdisciplinary and collegiate approach, with collaborative projects offered both across the discipline and the University. PhD projects are offered within and beyond our nine research themes.

Excellence in research and teaching, plus industry-supported projects, mean our alumni go on to careers in academia, industry, government, non-governmental organisations and teaching.

Minimum requirements

Taught degrees
2:2 undergraduate degree in Chemistry or a related subject

Research degrees
2:1 (PhD) or 2:2 (MSc by Research) in Chemistry or a related subject

English language requirements

Taught degrees
IELTS 6.0, minimum 6.0 in Writing, minimum 5.5 in all other components

Research degrees
IELTS 6.0, minimum 5.5 in each component

Contact

Taught degrees
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Research degrees
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Funding

See page 28 (taught) and page 46 (research)

Research areas

Analytical
Atmospheric
Energy research
Environmental
Green

Inorganic
Materials
Organic
Physical
Structural biology

Research centres

Centre of Excellence in Mass Spectrometry
Centre for Magnetic Resonance
Centre for Hyperpolarisation in Magnetic Resonance Imaging
Green Chemistry Centre of Excellence

Facilities

State-of-the-art research and teaching laboratories
Over 150 research fumehoods in four synthetic chemistry buildings
Exceptional structural biology laboratories
The largest atmospheric chemistry laboratories in the UK
Four laser and ultra-fast laser laboratories
Cutting-edge analytical support facilities
Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) centre housing six open access NMR spectrometers (eleven in total)
In-house NMR, mass spectrometry, X-ray, microanalysis and chromatography service
Electronic, glass-blowing and mechanical workshops
Cryo-electron microscopy facility

Recognising advancement of gender equality: representation, progression and success for all
Taught Masters course

You’ll be taught by our leading academics and external experts, through lectures, workshops and practical laboratory work. Assessment includes an examination, written assignments, presentations, posters and practical work, as well as a major research project.

MSc Green Chemistry and Sustainable Industrial Technology

FT 1 year

Accredited by the Royal Society of Chemistry

Focus on developing sustainable chemical products and processes while minimising the generation and use of hazardous substances. This course will equip you with key skills in green chemistry and green chemical technology.

You’ll have the opportunity to work with industry experts and external collaborators on an extended research project. Your project will allow you to tackle real-life challenges faced by industry when developing environmentally friendly products and processes. You can align your work with larger research projects taking place in the Green Chemistry Centre of Excellence. This course is also available as a PGCert or PGDip. Please contact chemgrad@york.ac.uk for further information.

Example modules:

- Principles of Green Chemistry
- Application of Green Chemistry
- Commercialisation of Green Chemistry
- Green Chemistry Transferable Skills

World-leading research

Ninety-four per cent of our research rated internationally excellent or world-leading (Times Higher Education’s ranking of the Research Excellence Framework 2014)

£35m funding boost

We’ve invested over £35m in new research and teaching laboratories since 2011

Centre of excellence

Our Green Chemistry Centre of Excellence is internationally recognised for its pioneering research

Industry experts

Many supervisors have strong links to industry, providing opportunities for collaboration

Key:
FT - Full-time
PT - Part-time
Research degrees

Our research degrees give you the opportunity to do advanced independent research, in close collaboration with a supervisor, into an area of chemistry that interests you.

You’ll have opportunities to present your research at seminars, meetings and conferences in the UK and abroad. We offer in-house training to help you develop your language and communication skills. A conference funding budget is available to help with expenses.

We recognise excellence in graduate research and teaching through a number of annual awards and events. You’ll hear from academic speakers from around the world and across disciplines throughout the year at our programme of research seminars.

Some of our research students have strong links with industry and some industrial collaborators offer financial support. In addition, they may provide opportunities to work within the company so you can gain experience in an industrial setting.

- **PhD Chemistry**
  FT 3 years, PT 6 years
- **PhD Biological Chemistry**
  FT 4 years, PT 8 years
- **MPhil Chemistry**
  FT 2 years, PT 4 years
- **MSc Chemistry (by research)**
  FT 1 year, PT 2 years

Doctoral Training in Chemistry

As a research student, you’ll receive training which helps you develop essential scientific and transferable skills for your future career, including:

- specialist training on techniques and equipment in your research area
- preparing scientific posters, papers, reports and presentations
- Graduate Teaching Assistant training
- research integrity, chemical ethics, research data management
- employability and professionalism, public engagement opportunities
- resilience, time management and motivation
- equality and diversity
- IT skills
- career planning, CV and interview guidance
- networking techniques
- preparing grant proposals

Doctoral Training Partnerships

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- Mechanistic Biology (White Rose BBSRC), with the Universities of Leeds and Sheffield: *whiterose-mechanisticbiology-dtp.ac.uk*
- Adapting to the Challenges of a Changing Environment (NERC), with the Universities of Sheffield and Liverpool: *acce.shef.ac.uk*
- PhD training in Environmental Research (NERC), with the University of Leeds: *nercdtp.leeds.ac.uk*

We’re also involved in a number of Innovative Training Networks. See the Department’s research web pages for more information.
The Department of Computer Science has a strong international reputation for teaching and research excellence.

We offer taught courses developed with industry and professional bodies, ensuring dynamic, relevant and up-to-date content. We emphasise a multidisciplinary approach to research, working with researchers across academia and industry. You can also study flexibly with our online taught Masters degrees. Our state-of-the-art facilities include software, hardware and research laboratories.

Minimum requirements

Tought degrees
2:1 undergraduate degree in a related subject

System Safety Engineering courses: 2:2 undergraduate degree in a related subject and relevant industrial experience; non-degree holders on a case-by-case basis

Online taught degrees
2:2 undergraduate degree in any subject

Research degrees
A qualification equivalent to a UK Masters with minimum average grade of 60% or at least a 2:1 undergraduate degree

English language requirements

Taught degrees
IELTS 6.5, minimum 6.0 in each component

Research degrees
IELTS 6.0, minimum 5.5 in each component

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Funding
See page 28 (taught) and page 46 (research)
Taught Masters courses

Our MSc taught courses involve six months of taught modules. During the second half of your course you’ll undertake a research project, under supervision. Postgraduate teaching includes core computing issues and advanced topics, and our courses differ in emphasis to suit your interests and chosen career path.

You’ll have a personal tutor who will provide academic and pastoral advice throughout your course.

MSc Advanced Computer Science

FT 1 year

This taught Masters will enable you to develop a high level of understanding and technical skill at the leading edge of the subject. It addresses the pace of change in this vibrant discipline by giving you breadth of knowledge in several areas, a range of advanced skills, and the expertise necessary to engage in work at the forefront of the application of computer science.

You’ll choose modules from four themes: research, software engineering, cyber security and interactive technologies.

Example modules:
- Evolutionary Computation
- Model-Driven Engineering
- Identity, Trust, Reputation and their Applications
- User-Centred Design for Interactive Systems

MSc Cyber Security

FT 1 year

Certified by the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC)

Ensuring the security of computer systems is one of the most challenging endeavours of our time. On this course, you’ll acquire the skills and knowledge you need for a cyber security career in industry, government or research. You’ll learn the theories, principles, practices and technologies of cyber security, and gain knowledge and understanding of the principles underpinning effective approaches to cyber defence. The course emphasises important technical material that you need to understand in order to make effective cyber security decisions.

Key:
FT - Full-time
PT - Part-time
**Example modules:**
- Identity, Trust, Reputation and their Applications
- Cryptography Theory and Applications
- Networks and Communications Security: Threats, Attacks and Countermeasures
- Malware and Other Malfeasance

**MSc Human-Centred Interactive Technologies**

*FT 1 year*

*Recognised by the Institution of Engineering and Technology for partial fulfilment of the CEng, and by the BCS for partial fulfilment of the CEng and the CITP Further Learning*

Learn how to design for positive user experiences. This course will enable you to gain expertise and industry-relevant practical skills in user-centred approaches to design. The course emphasises design that is driven from a deep understanding of users, through qualitative and quantitative research techniques.

You’ll understand how to elicit and analyse user goals, design usable and inclusive user journeys, and evaluate user experience with interactive technologies. Your course project can contribute new knowledge in UX or apply existing theories and design practice to novel domains.

**Example modules:**
- User-Centred Design of Interactive Technologies
- Research Methods for Interactive Technologies
- Design and Research Practice for Interactive Technologies
- Advanced Topics in Interactive Technologies

**MSc Safety Critical Systems Engineering**

*FT 1 year, PT 2–3 years*

**PGDip Safety Critical Systems Engineering**

*FT 1 year, PT 2 years*

**PGCert System Safety Engineering**

*FT 1 year, PT 2 years*

*Recognised by the Institution of Engineering and Technology and the BCS as partial fulfilment of the education requirement for the Chartered Engineer (CEng) registration*

This course will provide you with the educational background required to become a leader in the field of safety critical systems engineering, whether you are currently a practising or an aspiring professional in this area. You’ll be equipped to understand the contribution technology, humans and organisations make to product and service safety.

You’ll be taught through a range of core and option modules and will undertake an independent study module. For full-time students, your study module will be a 70-page report on an engineering project. For part-time students, the project is split into two reports: a critical literature review of 25 pages and a final project report of 45 pages.

**Example modules:**
- Foundations of System Safety Engineering
- Hazard and Risk Assessment
- Software Requirements and Architectures
- Human Factors for Safety

This course is also available as a taster session.

**MSc System Safety Engineering with Automotive Applications**

*PT 4 years*

**PGDip System Safety Engineering with Automotive Applications**

*FT 1 year, PT 2 years*

**PGCert System Safety Engineering with Automotive Applications**

*FT 1 year, PT 2 years*

Developed for the Jaguar Land Rover Technical Accreditation Scheme, this course will allow you to expand your technical knowledge of this important discipline.

The course provides a thorough grounding in techniques used to develop, operate and assure the safety characteristics of automotive systems and services, and also explores the principles behind these techniques; principles upon which sound safety judgements need to be made. This course will be useful to you if you are involved in functional safety in the automotive industry; if you are undertaking continuous professional development modules via the Jaguar Land Rover Technical Accreditation Scheme (JLR TAS); or if you wish to have an educational background in the safety assurance of next generation vehicles, including the area of autonomous vehicles.
Example modules:
- Foundations of System Safety Engineering
- Human Factors for Safety
- Computers and Safety
- Through Life Safety

**MSc Social Media and Interactive Technologies**

**FT 1 year**

This course is run in collaboration with the Department of Sociology. For entry requirements and course description see page 186.

**Online Masters degrees**

Our online courses are mainly designed for working professionals and ambitious career changers who may not currently have a computer science background and want to launch their career in this in-demand and lucrative field. They give you the flexibility to study alongside your professional and personal commitments.

**MSc Computer Science**

**PT 2 years**

**MSc Computer Science with Data Analytics**

**PT 2 years**

**MSc Computer Science with Cyber Security**

**PT 2 years**

The courses will equip you for a range of positions in software and web development, data analytics, cyber security, AI, networking and programming. The Department has a long-established and successful track record of training for industry, ensuring that our courses remain current to today's workplace.

**Example modules:**
- Algorithms and Data Structures
- Big Data Analytics
- Cyber Security Threats
- Individual research project

**Research degrees**

On our research degrees, you’ll be working in our vibrant and internationally respected research community. You’ll define and conduct a body of research with one of our world-leading academics as your supervisor.

Our themes and centres have an emphasis on multidisciplinary work, meaning students can develop an exciting and diverse research environment in which to flourish.

- **PhD Computer Science**
  **FT 3 years, PT 6 years**

- **PhD Intelligent Games and Game Intelligence (IGGI)***
  **FT 4 years**

- **PhD Computer Science by distance learning**
  **FT 3 years, PT 6 years**

- **MSc Computer Science (by research)**
  **FT 1 year, PT 2 years**

*Delivered in collaboration with Queen Mary, University of London
From international trade deals to the pound in your pocket, economics touches our lives in every conceivable way.

Our pioneering work in new fields such as health and experimental economics has established York as a world-leader in these developing areas. At the same time, we maintain an international reputation in a number of more traditional areas of economics, econometrics and finance.

Our graduates go on to develop careers in a wide range of institutions around the world such as global public bodies and national governments.

Research areas

- Applied microeconometrics
- Econometrics
- Economics theory
- Finance
- Health economics
- Historical economics
- Macroeconomics
- Political economy

Minimum requirements

**Taught degrees**

2:1 undergraduate degree in a related subject

**Research degrees**

A qualification equivalent to a UK Masters in a related subject with a minimum average grade of 60%

**English language requirements**

IELTS 6.5, minimum 6.0 in each component

MSc Financial Engineering: IELTS 6.0, minimum 5.5 in each component

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**Funding**

See page 28 (taught) and page 46 (research)
Taught Masters courses

You’ll study a set of carefully selected modules as you develop your passion for your chosen specialism. As you work through your course, you’ll learn how to sketch out the details of the subject matter while also gaining essential research skills. You’ll be able to choose from a range of option modules covering topics such as experimental economics, health economics and finance.

MSc Development Economics and Emerging Markets

**FT 1 year**

Gain the skills you need to build a career in development economics. This course places a special emphasis on emerging market economics and will help you to understand the challenges facing them. As you progress through the course, you’ll be able to choose a number of option modules, meaning you can shape your degree to your interests.

**Example modules:**
- Emerging Market Macroeconomics
- Development Economics: Theory and Evidence
- International Macroeconomics
- Statistics and Econometrics

MSc Econometrics and Economics

**FT 1 year**

The public and private sectors are gaining awareness of the value of quantitative skills to assess and use evidence from large amounts of data, making econometricians highly sought after. This course will give you the essential skills you need to build a professional career or to pursue further research, in applied or theoretical econometrics.

**Example modules:**
- Advanced Microeconomics
- Advanced Macroeconomics
- Applied Microeconometrics
- Econometric Methods for Research

Join a masterclass

Gain insights from an extensive range of guest speakers at our regular events and seminars.

Five-star learning

We are one of only three UK institutions to receive five stars from the Centre of Higher Education Development for postgraduate economics.

Follow inspirational alumni

Alumni include the former President of Portugal, Professor Anibal Cavaco Silva, and many leading figures in business, finance and academia.

Groundbreaking research

Ranked joint eighth in the UK for the impact of our research (Times Higher Education’s ranking of the Research Excellence Framework 2014).

Key:
- **FT** - Full-time
- **PT** - Part-time

Groundbreaking research

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MSc Economics

FT 1 year

Develop a broad understanding of the discipline, while having the freedom to focus on your interests. You'll develop a solid understanding of key concepts in your core modules and benefit from the opportunity to study areas of application at the frontiers of economics such as experimental economics, regulatory policy, industrial organisation, intertemporal and international macroeconomics, financial markets, and labour economics.

Example modules:
- Advanced Microeconomics
- International Macroeconomics
- Advanced Macroeconomics
- Project

MSc Economics and Finance

FT 1 year

This course is designed for students with prior knowledge of economics. You'll develop a solid grounding in theoretical and applied finance based on key economic principles. You'll also extend the depth and breadth of your knowledge of economics. By the end of the course, you'll have the skills you need to build a career in areas associated with finance and economics or be able to pursue further research.

Example modules:
- Advanced Microeconomics
- Advanced Macroeconomics
- Theory of Finance
- Financial Markets

MSc Economics and Public Policy

FT 1 year

This degree is designed to give you the skills to build a career in government, international organisations, research centres, consultancy firms and universities. If you already work in the public sector, this course will help you upgrade your skills and give you the tools you need to develop your career. This course will allow you to build on your existing economics knowledge and gain expertise in specialised areas such as health economics, social policy analysis and public finance.

Example modules:
- Advanced Microeconomics
- Public Policy Analysis
- Statistics and Econometrics
- Public Sector Economics

MSc Finance

FT 1 year

Explore theoretical and applied finance as you make your way through this course recognised by the Chartered Financial Analyst Institute. If you already have a background in economics, this course will act as a springboard enabling you to build a career in international business or finance.

Example modules:
- Theory of Finance
- Continuous-time Finance
- Financial Market Microstructure
- Financial Markets

MSc Finance and Econometrics

FT 1 year

This course is for those with a background in economics or mathematics. You'll gain essential skills in theoretical and applied finance, alongside developing your knowledge of the mathematical techniques needed to model complex data. You'll also learn how to apply econometric methods to carry out effective studies, and will finish your studies with a piece of independent research.

Example modules:
- Advanced Microeconomics
- Advanced Macroeconomics
- Financial Markets
- Econometric Methods for Research
MSc Financial Engineering
FT 1 year
This course combines the study of relevant topics in applied and computational mathematics with econometrics and quantitative finance. Graduates of this course have the technical, analytical and problem-solving skills required to undertake roles in quantitative finance in investment banks and other financial institutions.

Example modules:
- Econometric Methods for Research
- Continuous-time Finance and Derivative Assets
- Mathematical Methods of Finance
- Time Series

MSc Project Analysis, Finance and Investment
FT 1 year
This course will give you the skills you need to pursue a successful career with a financial institution, consultancy firm, government department or international agency. You’ll study areas including finance and investment, corporate finance and econometrics, alongside gaining a thorough grounding in core economic and econometric theories.

Example modules:
- Investment and Portfolio Management
- Corporate Finance
- Fixed Income Securities
- Statistics and Econometrics

MSc Health Economics
FT 1 year
Gain the skills and experience you need to make effective decisions in healthcare, in this course which provides comprehensive training in the theory and practice of health economics. During the summer months, you’ll have the opportunity to undertake a research placement under the supervision of an experienced health economist. Past students have worked in a range of environments, including the NHS and pharmaceutical companies.

Example modules:
- Evaluation of Health Care
- Health Economics
- Clinical Decision Analysis
- Statistics and Econometrics

Health Economics by distance learning
If you are already working in the healthcare sector, these distance learning courses enable you to gain an accredited qualification in health economics and advance your career without having to study full-time.

PGCert Health Economics for Health Care Professionals
PT 1–2 years

PGDip Health Economics for Health Care Professionals
PT 1–2 years

MSc Economic Evaluation for Health Technology Assessment (HTA)
PT 1–2 years
During the Postgraduate Certificate, you’ll learn about the basic principles and tools of health economics to enable you to understand your work from an economic perspective.

The Postgraduate Diploma allows you to further develop your knowledge in the areas of economic evaluation and the economics of healthcare systems.

The Masters course provides comprehensive training in the theoretical and practical issues in economic evaluation for health technology assessment. You’ll gain the knowledge and skills you need to produce quality research.

Example modules:
- Basic Economics Concepts
- Health Economics: Concepts and Analysis
- Introduction to Healthcare Evaluation
Research degrees
Join our community of research students as you follow your passion in a topic of your choice. As a research student in the Department, you’ll have access to training courses designed to help you make the most of your time at York.

- **PhD Economics**
  3 years FT
- **MPhil Economics**
  2 years FT

Doctoral Training Partnerships
Doctoral Training Partnerships provide Research Council funding for PhD students at York. They offer skills training and opportunities for collaboration between universities.

- **White Rose Social Sciences Doctoral Training Partnership** (ESRC), with the Universities of Leeds, Sheffield, York, Bradford, Sheffield Hallam, Hull, and Manchester Metropolitan: [wrdtp.ac.uk](http://wrdtp.ac.uk)

For further information, see page 51.
EDUCATION

We are a close-knit community of researchers, students and educators working together to investigate all aspects of education. As a student in our Department, you’ll work alongside some of the brightest minds in the field.

Our range of specialisms means you can choose to study whatever interests you, whether that’s the psychological processes in language learning, approaches and methods in language teaching, or educational policies around the world.

As a graduate of our Department, you’ll be ready to develop as a leader in teaching, academia or policymaking, or to build a career in many other sectors.

Minimum requirements

Taught degrees
2:1 undergraduate degree in a related subject
(Also see course descriptions)

Research degrees
A qualification equivalent to a UK Masters with a minimum average grade of 60%
(Also see course descriptions)

English language requirements
See course descriptions for details

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Funding
See page 28 (taught) and page 46 (research)

Research areas

Education and social justice
Language learning and use
Psychology in education
Science education
Taught Masters courses

Study a range of core and option modules as you develop an in-depth knowledge of your chosen field of study, alongside gaining a solid understanding of the research methodology you need to develop sophisticated studies. Towards the end of your course, you’ll conduct your own research, supported by one of our experienced academics.

MA Education

**FT 1 year**

English language requirements: IELTS 6.5, minimum 6.0 in each component

This course offers you the opportunity to look at education as a whole. You’ll study key aspects of teaching, learning and development while gaining valuable skills in designing and carrying out research. Alongside a number of core modules, you’ll choose from a wide range of option modules in topics such as citizenship education, science education, and motivation in education.

This course is perfect for anyone interested in working in education, whether you have already started your career or are looking to develop yourself as a teacher, lecturer, trainer, researcher, educational administrator or a policymaker.

**Example modules:**

- Teaching and Learning in Schools
- Theories of Learning and Development
- Research Methods in Education
- Planning and Communicating Research

MA Global and International Citizenship Education

**FT 1 year**

English language requirements: IELTS 6.5, minimum 6.0 in each component

Schools and other educational institutions are at the centre of our global network. This course will help you to understand the way education can help in forming tolerant and inclusive societies.

Key:

- **FT** - Full-time
- **PT** - Part-time
You’ll study how education rights, duties and communications globally are connected to learning, teaching and assessment methods.

By the end of the course, you’ll have a solid understanding of education in an international context, alongside a wider global awareness that will be invaluable in developing a successful career in a range of sectors, including academia, the third sector and government.

**Example modules:**
- Citizenship Education
- Teaching and Learning Citizenship and Global Education
- Research Methods in Education
- Planning and Communicating Research

**MSc Psychology in Education (conversion programme)**

**FT 1 year**

Minimum requirements: We will accept a 2:1 undergraduate degree in any subject. As this is a conversion programme we do not accept students who already hold a degree accredited by the British Psychological Society.

English language requirements: IELTS 6.5, minimum 6.5 in Writing and 6.0 in all other components

*This MSc course provides Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC) of the British Psychological Society (BPS).*

This course is for those who do not hold an undergraduate degree in Psychology. It will allow you to gain a solid understanding of the key debates in the psychology of education, and will give you the tools you need to apply your knowledge to policy and practice.

**Example modules:**
- Development and Cognition
- Individuality and its Roots
- Psychology in Society
- Research Methods for Studying Psychology in Education

**MA Social Justice and Education**

**FT 1 year**

Minimum requirements: You do not need to have a background in education to study this course.

English language requirements: IELTS 6.5, minimum 6.0 in each component

This course is ideal if you want to learn more about diversity and inclusion, and build towards a fairer and more decent society. You’ll study the pedagogical and professional issues relating to social justice and develop a solid understanding of the research skills you need to question the fairness of educational systems around the world.

**Example modules:**
- Gender, Sexuality and Education
- Social Justice and Education
- Planning and Communicating Research
- Motivation in Education

**MA Applied Linguistics for Language Teaching**

**FT 1 year**

English language requirements: IELTS 7.0, minimum 6.0 in each component

Use your practical experience of teaching a foreign language to underpin your reflections on the latest developments in applied linguistics research. In this course, designed for those who have already started their career, you’ll study the processes involved in foreign language learning. If you are interested in developing your career in language teaching, or would like to carry out further research in this field, this Masters course is perfect for you.

**Example modules:**
- Language for Education
- Teaching and Learning Language
- Research Methods in Language Learning and Teaching
- Planning and Communicating Research
MA Applied Linguistics for English Language Teaching

FT 1 year

English language requirements: IELTS 7.0, minimum 6.0 in each component

Designed for those who already have experience of teaching English as a foreign/second language, this course will help you understand the processes that underpin language learning. You’ll develop a specialism in teaching English through a number of core modules, and choose from a number of option modules covering topics such as World Englishes and Teaching English for Academic Purposes.

Example modules:
- Language for Education
- Teaching and Learning Language
- Research Methods in Language Learning and Teaching
- Planning and Communicating Research

MA Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages

FT 1 year

English language requirements: IELTS 7.0, minimum 6.0 in each component

Study the English language systems (grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, language skills and discourse) and the main approaches and methods in English language teaching. This course is suitable for those with little or no previous teaching experience. Alongside a number of core modules, you’ll have the opportunity to deepen your knowledge of language education through option modules covering topics such as testing and assessment, English for academic purposes, and technology-enhanced teaching and learning.

Example modules:
- TESOL Methods
- English Linguistics
- Evaluating TESOL Practice
- Research Methods in Language Learning and Teaching

PGDip Educational Practice

PT 1 year

MA Educational Practice

PT 2 years

Minimum requirements: 2.1 undergraduate degree in any subject and a PGCE with 60 credits at Masters level. You’ll also need to be currently working in a school or educational setting.

English language requirements: IELTS 6.5, minimum 6.0 in each component

This course will enhance the skills developed during your primary or secondary PGCE. You’ll have opportunities to collaborate with other teachers in a learning community to share, build and evaluate professional practice and educational policy. You’ll critically engage with up-to-date research and develop the skills and knowledge to tackle educational challenges in your current and future workplace in a strategic, research-informed manner.

Example modules:
- Leading Learning
- Practitioner Research
- Working Meaningfully with Educational Research
- Independent Professional Study
**Research degrees**
Join one of our four research centres and benefit from a department with a network of academic contacts and regular seminars and events. We offer a range of predefined PhD projects, alongside offering you the opportunity to set your own path.

English language requirements: IELTS 6.5, minimum 6.0 in each component

- **PhD Education**
  - FT 3 years, PT 6 years
- **PhD Education (by distance learning)**
  - FT 3 years, PT 6 years
- **MPhil Language and Communication**
  - FT 3 years, PT 6 years
- **PhD Language and Communication**
  - FT 3 years, PT 6 years
- **PhD Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages**
  - FT 3 years, PT 6 years

English language requirements: IELTS 7.0, minimum 6.0 in Listening and Speaking and 6.5 in Reading and Writing

- **PhD Applied Linguistics**
  - FT 3 years, PT 6 years
- **PhD Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages**
  - FT 3 years, PT 6 years

**Doctoral Training Partnerships**
Doctoral Training Partnerships provide Research Council funding for PhD students at York. They offer skills training and opportunities for collaboration between universities.

- White Rose Social Sciences Doctoral Training Partnership (ESRC), with the Universities of Leeds, Sheffield, York, Bradford, Sheffield Hallam, Hull, and Manchester Metropolitan: wrdtp.ac.uk

See page 51.
The Centre for Eighteenth Century Studies (CECS) provides a rich and stimulating environment for interdisciplinary study. We offer specialist supervision in Archaeology, English Literature, History and History of Art.

Housed at King’s Manor, the medieval home of Henry VIII’s Council of the North, the Centre hosts a programme of seminars, forums and conferences, attracting scholars from around the world.

A range of internship opportunities are available to our students: we have close links with museums, film companies and other exciting partners. Our alumni have gone on to successful careers in higher education, publishing, law, the media, arts administration, teaching and the film industry.

Minimum requirements

Taught degrees
2:1 undergraduate degree in a related subject

Research degrees
A qualification equivalent to a UK Masters with a minimum average grade of 60% or at least a 2:1 undergraduate degree

English language requirements
IELTS 7.0, minimum 7.0 in Writing, 6.5 in Reading, 6.0 in Speaking and Listening

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Funding
See page 28 (taught) and page 46 (research)

Research areas

Archaeology
- Estate and designed landscapes
- Material culture
- Urban environments

English
- Romantic and Gothic literature
- Theatre studies
- Women’s writing

History
- Histories of race, empire and ethnicity
- Science and medicine
- Social and cultural history of war

History of Art
- Architecture
- British sculpture
- Landscape and marine painting
Taught Masters courses

Our courses are designed to be as flexible as possible. You’ll be able to pursue your individual interests, while having the freedom to delve into less familiar subjects as part of your interdisciplinary approach.

You’ll investigate the long 18th century through a range of literary, visual and material sources, developing an intellectual curiosity that is open to different methods of enquiry and culminating in a substantial piece of independent research.

You’ll have access to extensive resources both physical and online, including special collections of rare books, the comprehensive collection of microfilmed 18th-century books and ephemera, and the unique and extensive archival resources of the Borthwick Institute for Archives.

MA Eighteenth Century Studies

FT 1 year, PT 2 years

Develop your understanding of some of the major issues, debates and discourses that shaped British cultures and how they related to other cultures in the 18th century.

Taught by world-leading scholars from the Departments of English, History, History of Art, and Archaeology, you’ll explore many different aspects of the era and construct your own distinct programme of study from a range of options across the different disciplines.

Example modules:
- Changes of Meaning, Narratives of Change
- Literature, Medicine and Metropolis, 1785–1850
- Representing Women in Eighteenth-century Britain: Ideas, Images and Texts
- Fashion and Material Culture in Eighteenth-century Literature

MA Literature of the Romantic Period, 1775–1832

FT 1 year, PT 2 years

For entry requirements and course description, see the Department of English and Related Literature on page 94.

Key:
- FT - Full-time
- PT - Part-time
Research degrees

Research students from Archaeology, English, History and History of Art form a pivotal part of the CECS community, taking an active role in running our postgraduate forum for students wanting to give their first paper in a supportive environment. We have dedicated study facilities for research students, providing a friendly space to bring together postgraduate researchers.

Students wishing to apply for a research degree are invited to make preliminary contact with members of staff and the Centre informally. They should indicate their interest in the Centre for Eighteenth Century Studies.

For more information about applying to related departments:

See Archaeology: page 61
See English: page 98
See History: page 113
See History of Art: page 117
Electronic engineering provides the foundation for many of today’s most advanced technologies. Our research groups and postgraduate courses link theory, practice and creativity, equipping students to design the systems, networks, and applications of the future.

Our postgraduate taught and research degrees are delivered by internationally acclaimed academics with excellent facilities and outstanding technical support.

You’ll graduate with a deep understanding of your subject and transferable skills that will prepare you for the next stage of your engineering career.

Research centres
- Digital Creativity Labs (DC Labs)
- York Centre for Complex Systems Analysis
- York JEOL Nanocentre
- York-Nanjing Joint Centre for Spintronics and Nano Engineering
- York Neuroimaging Centre
- York Robotics Laboratory

Minimum requirements
2:1 undergraduate degree in Electronic and Electrical Engineering or a related subject. A 2:2 degree will be accepted in some cases.

English language requirements
IELTS 6.0, minimum 5.5 in each component

Facilities
- 3D design office
- Applied electromagnetic test facilities
- Clean room
- Digital fabrication laboratory
- Fabrication workshop
- Manycore computing platform
- OPNET (Optimized Network Engineering Tools)
- Printed circuit board production laboratory
- Recording studios
- Robot laboratory
- Specialised computing laboratories
- Specialised teaching laboratories

Research areas
- Communication technologies
- Applied electromagnetics and devices
- Audio and acoustics
- Communications systems and protocols
- Signals and waveforms
- Engineering education and management
- Engineering education
- Entrepreneurship and intrapreneurship
- Skills frameworks
- Intelligent systems and nanoscience
- Adaptive devices and architectures
- Autonomous systems and robotics
- Computational biomedical systems and electronics for healthcare
- Next-generation nanoscale technologies

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Funding
See page 28 (taught) and page 46 (research)
Taught Masters courses

Our courses combine advanced modules with a substantial project. You’ll undertake work in groups, employing design, test and integration procedures that adhere to industrial quality standards. The courses are closely aligned with our research strengths and research groups, and you’ll be taught by world-leading experts in a range of teaching styles including lectures, small group seminars, practical laboratory work and fieldwork.

MSc Audio and Music Technology

**FT 1 year**

Combine science, technology and creativity to develop innovative audio applications for music making, recording, analysis and reproduction. You’ll gain high-level technical skills and explore surround sound for home entertainment and virtual reality, voice recognition and synthesis applications, as well as environmental and architectural acoustics. You’ll have access to several fully equipped recording studios, a bespoke 50-channel loudspeaker array, a fully anechoic chamber and a newly updated Mac and iOS computer suite.

We have excellent collaborations with industrial partners. Our students have previously undertaken projects with Google, Abbey Road, AECOM, Music Tribe and many more. You’ll be forging industrial connections and experiences right from the start of the course.

**Example modules:**

- Audio Signals and Psychoacoustics
- iOS Programming for Audio
- Virtual Acoustics and Spatial Audio
- Voice Acoustics and Applications

MSc Communications Engineering

**FT 1 year**

*Accredited by the Institute of Engineering and Technology (IET)*

Focus on modern digital communication systems, particularly on mobile communications and the internet, with our practical and theoretical course. You’ll cover the latest techniques and issues in modern communications.

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**Key:**

FT - Full-time
PT - Part-time
systems, along with a thorough grounding in their technical and mathematical backgrounds, with an emphasis on wireless communications, signal processing, network protocols and cutting-edge technologies. You’ll graduate with experience in designing and building industry-standard tools, managing projects and teams, and conducting innovative research at the cutting edge of communications.

Example modules:
- Internet and LAN Protocols
- Mobile Communication Systems
- Signal Processing for Communications
- Wired, Wireless and Optical Transmission

MSc Digital Systems Engineering
**FT 1 year**

_Accredited by the Institute of Engineering and Technology (IET)_

Gain advanced knowledge and transferable skills in the design, modelling, implementation and evaluation of state-of-the-art digital systems. Our course will enable you to contribute effectively to the increasingly complex and rapidly evolving technologies in both industry and research.

Our course is built around an extensive laboratory programme which will allow you to gain experience with industry-standard tool chains and will provide you with a solid grounding in both theory and practice. The course brings together hardware and software development for digital systems, using FPGAs as a hardware platform and VHDL as the design language.

Example modules:
- Digital Design
- Embedded Systems for FPGA
- Integrated Circuit Design and Simulation
- Systems Programming for Embedded Devices

MSc Embedded Wireless Systems
**FT 1 year**

_Accredited by the Institute of Engineering and Technology (IET)_

Gain the tools and skills necessary for a career in wireless communication and mobile computing. This is the largest growth sector in electronics, with applications ranging from mobile phones and other consumer electronics to self-driving cars and the Internet of Things. You’ll study theoretical and practical electronic design, sensors, instrumentation systems, communications and embedded computing from core principles to cutting-edge research. We’ll teach you about industry-standard embedded systems using ARM processors, which are currently in over 90 per cent of all mobile phones. You’ll also gain real-world problem solving experience with a major group project involving the design and practical implementation of a wireless sensor network.

Example modules:
- Systems Programming for Embedded Devices
- Enterprise
- Neural Networks and Neural Computing
- Sensors and Instrumentation

MSc Engineering Management
**FT 1 year**

_Accredited by the Institute of Engineering and Technology (IET)_

Our course will enable you to become effective as a manager within an engineering firm. You’ll develop your innovation skills and ability to assess the engineering and business implications of ideas and effectively convert them into commercial successes. You’ll study the theory of management tools and techniques, as well as how they are applied in real engineering situations. We’ll teach you how to apply management thinking to modern technology issues. Undertaking a major group project will help you gain practical experience, and will develop your research, team working, problem solving, personal effectiveness and communication skills for academic and professional purposes.

Example modules:
- Enterprise
- International Business
Developing robots that are capable of behaving intelligently in unknown situations is a significant driver in the robotics industry and is at the cutting edge of research development. Through lectures and hands-on experience, you’ll learn about the development of mechanisms, control systems, algorithms that can learn and adapt, and swarm systems (multiple robots working together). You’ll learn techniques and skills from programming to problem identification and solution development.

Our course has a strong emphasis on practical experience both in hardware and simulation, and you’ll have access to a dedicated robotics laboratory. You’ll complete a group project focused on collective robotic systems, including ground-based units and flying robots. We’ll equip you with the tools, knowledge, skills and experience necessary to pursue a career in robotics.

**Example modules:**
- Control Systems Engineering for Robotics
- Critical Evaluation of Intelligent Robotic Systems
- Swarm Robotics
- Practical Robotics

**Research degrees**

Investigate your research interests in a department with diverse expertise, a dynamic research environment and strong links with industry. We have a range of projects open to prospective research students, each one embedded within one of our research groups. Throughout your time at York, you’ll have a desk and computer in the Department as well as access to facilities relevant to your project. You’ll also be able to engage with a range of initiatives designed to help you prepare for your career and develop your skills.

- **MSc Electronic Engineering**  
  (by research)  
  FT 1 year, PT 2 years
- **MSc Music Technology (by research)**  
  FT 1 year, PT 2 years
- **MPhil Electronic Engineering**  
  FT 2 years, PT 4 years
- **MPhil Music Technology**  
  FT 2 years, PT 4 years
- **PhD Electronic Engineering**  
  FT 3 years, PT 6 years
- **PhD Music Technology**  
  FT 3 years, PT 6 years
ENGLISH AND RELATED LITERATURE

Studying postgraduate English at York will enable you to develop your literary knowledge and critical and creative skills at a world-leading centre for literary study.

We are a welcoming department with an international community and a global outlook. Research is central to our teaching, and we provide a warm and supportive environment for you to pursue your studies. You’ll have access to outstanding research resources, from regional archives and libraries to our Humanities Research Centre and several interdisciplinary research centres. Our graduates pursue careers in journalism, law, theatre and film, publishing and academia.

Minimum requirements

**Taught degrees**
2:1 undergraduate degree in a related subject

**Research degrees**
A qualification equivalent to a UK Masters with a minimum average grade of 60%
MA by research: 2:1 undergraduate degree in a related subject

**English language requirements**
IELTS 7.0, minimum 6.5 in each component

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**Funding**
See page 28 (taught) and page 46 (research)

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Research areas

Eighteenth century and Romantics
Medieval
Modern
Renaissance

Interdisciplinary research centres

Centre for Medieval Studies
Centre for Eighteenth Century Studies
Centre for Women’s Studies
Centre for Renaissance and Early Modern Studies
Centre for Modern Studies
Humanities Research Centre
Centre for Narrative Studies

Recognising advancement of gender equality: representation, progression and success for all
Taught Masters courses

Our taught Masters degrees are assessed through four essays over the course of the programme, followed by a dissertation of 14,000–16,000 words. You’ll also be expected to give regular seminar presentations and attend Department day conferences.

Our training module, Postgraduate Life in Practice, provides a high-level introduction to research methods and resources, and is designed to prepare you for a range of avenues beyond your Masters programme, including doctoral work.

MA English Literary Studies

**FT 1 year, PT 2 years**

Study the cultural meanings and associations of the various styles, genres and mediums in which English literature is produced and explore a range of different critical and theoretical perspectives on advanced literary study.

Choosing the modules that interest you the most, you’ll develop an understanding of how English literature engages with a range of political, social and aesthetic issues. You’ll be able to choose from our entire range of MA modules, with options available on poetry, fiction and drama from the medieval to the modern.

**Example modules:**

- England in Europe: Anglo-Saxon Literary Culture
- Gothic Bodies
- The Global Imaginary in the Victorian Novel
- The Making of Modern Poems: A Workshop

MA Film and Literature

**FT 1 year, PT 2 years**

Engage in challenging, imaginative study of contemporary debates in film and literature. This course examines the lively, symbiotic traffic between written word and cinematic image, examining films in their cultural, historical, industrial, technological and aesthetic contexts.

World-leading research

We have the highest proportion of world-leading English research in the UK (*Times Higher Education*’s ranking of the Research Excellence Framework 2014).

World top 25

English at York is ranked top 25 in the QS World University Rankings 2019.

A wealth of learning

Our interests cover literature and culture both in English and in other languages including Anglo-Saxon, Classical and Modern Greek, French, Italian, Latin, Old Norse and Spanish.

Home of publications

A number of prominent journals are edited from the Department, including *Shakespeare Quarterly*, the *Journal of Victorian Culture* and the *Journal of Commonwealth Literature*.

Key:

- FT - Full-time
- PT - Part-time

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Key:

- FT - Full-time
- PT - Part-time
You can study high culture and pop culture, silent cinema and contemporary release, and compare theoretical questions with creative practice, blockbuster with poetry, mainstream with avant-garde. As you explore critical, theoretical and contextual approaches to film and literature, we offer the opportunity to specialise in global political film, documentary, Shakespeare on film, adaptation and transmediality, post-war and Cold War European and American film.

Example modules:
- Film/Literature Encounters
- Cold War Culture: Literature, Film, Theory
- Useful Cinema: Documentary, Educational and Activist Film
- Political Fictions: Film and the Novel in the Global Twenty-first Century

MA Global Literature and Culture

Engage with identity politics, human rights and global culture through literature with a wide-ranging exploration of the cultural manifestations of colonial conquest, national identities, anti-colonial resistance and postcolonial struggles.

You’ll have the opportunity to study these interconnected experiences from the beginnings of European imperialism to the present day. You can construct a distinct, individually chosen programme of study from a wide range of interdisciplinary options (some offered by other University departments) all of which involve questions of culture, history and politics.

Example modules:
- Debating Global Literary Culture
- Writing the Body
- Imagining Muslims
- Reading for the World: System, Resource, Text

MA Literature of the Romantic Period, 1775–1832

Find your own path through the literary and cultural history of the period, and develop an understanding of how Romantic writing engaged with a range of political, social and aesthetic issues in the period.

You’ll investigate the cultural meanings and associations of the variety of styles and genres in which Romantic writing was produced, and study a range of different critical perspectives about Romantic literature.

Example modules:
- Romantic Texts and Contexts
- Gothic Bodies
- From Wollstonecraft to Jane Austen
- The Comedy of Difference: Britishness and Otherness, 1770–1850

MA Medieval Literatures and Languages

Study the whole range of medieval English literature – a dynamic, multilingual literary culture in which English interacted with many other languages and literatures. You’ll have access to unique medieval resources, including King’s Manor Library, York Minster Library and the Borthwick Institute for Archives.

Taught and supervised by world-leading scholars, with expertise in Latin, Old English, Middle English, Old Norse, Old French, medieval Italian, medieval Arabic, and Palaeography, you’ll learn a range of linguistic and technical skills which are essential for further medieval research.

Example modules:
- England in Europe: Anglo-Saxon Literary Culture
- Fictions of Audacity: Middle English Popular Romance
- Reading Dante’s Comedy
- Viking Poetry
MA Modern and Contemporary Literature and Culture

FT 1 year, PT 2 years

Explore key issues central to modernity through literature as you delve into the exciting literary culture of the 20th and 21st centuries.

You'll study the development of 'modernity' in association with particular genres and writers, and assess the importance of political movements and new identities to modern writing. You'll also investigate the cultural meanings and associations of important developments in literary technique in the 20th century and form an understanding of the interplay of modern writing with a range of cultural issues, learning how modern historical and technological development affected notions of writing.

Example modules:
- Reading Modernity
- Narrative, Fiction, Theory
- Modern Theatre and the Political Imagination
- Unspeakable Bodies: Theorising Queer and Abject Embodiment

MA Poetry and Poetics

FT 1 year, PT 2 years

Study widely and deeply in poetry and ideas from the classical period to the present day. Engage with a cross-cultural approach and place issues of translation and cultural exchange at the heart of the study of poetry from classical to postcolonial poetics.

You'll be able to focus on the poem and the poet with an emphasis on theory and form, and be able to construct a distinct, individually chosen programme of study from a wide range of options. This will include the opportunity to take a workshop in poetry writing with our creative writing faculty.

Example modules:
- Poetry and Poetics (core module)
- Viking Poetry
- Poetry and the Visual Arts
- The Making of Modern Poems: A Workshop

MA Renaissance Literature

FT 1 year, PT 2 years

Explore one of the most exciting periods of English literature and history, where the transformations in religion, politics, the technologies of writing and publication, science and global exploration, which continue to resonate today, prompted some of the most vibrant, difficult and rewarding writing ever produced.

You'll join a team of world-leading scholars, working at the cutting edge of your discipline to explore an extraordinary world of literature, and illuminate some of its local, European, and global contexts.

Example modules:
- Shakespeare
- Why Read Literature?: Lessons from the Renaissance

MA Victorian Literature and Culture

FT 1 year, PT 2 years

Engage with political, social and aesthetic issues through Victorian literature and explore the engagement of 19th-century literature with a wide range of political, social and aesthetic issues.

You'll encounter writing in a variety of styles and genres, and come to be familiar with both contemporary and modern critical perspectives. You'll have the flexibility to specialise within the Victorian period or to explore a range of research interests across the 19th century, including interdisciplinary options from Departments including History and History of Art.

Example modules:
- Questioning the Victorians: Texts, Contexts and Afterlives
- The Global Imaginary in the Victorian Novel
- Poetry and the Visual Arts
- Channel Crossings: French and English Poetry in Conversation
Research degrees

Our Department expertise covers a diverse range of research interests. We welcome research proposals in any field of literature from the Middle Ages to the present day, including literature in languages other than English.

We offer training in research methods and skills appropriate to your level of study and the nature of your work. This includes guidance on planning and writing your thesis, using bibliographic and archival resources (both electronic and printed), handling research data, making conference presentations, preparing and submitting material for publication and applying for jobs. We also offer training in teaching via a shadowing scheme with members of full-time staff.

- **PhD English**
  FT 3 years, PT 6 years

- **MPhil English**
  FT 2 years, PT 4 years

- **MA English (by research)**
  FT 1 year, PT 2 years

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MA Culture and Thought after 1945

**FT 1 year, PT 2 years**

For entry requirements and course description, see the Centre for Modern Studies on page 152.

MA Eighteenth Century Studies

**FT 1 year, PT 2 years**

For entry requirements and course description, see the Centre for Eighteenth Century Studies on page 86.

MA Medical History and Humanities

**FT 1 year, PT 2 years**

For entry requirements and course description, see the Department of History on page 110.
ENVIRONMENT AND GEOGRAPHY

Our exciting interdisciplinary research and teaching community focuses on global environmental issues. Our reputation for excellence and innovation puts us at the forefront of environmental research.

We pride ourselves on our dynamic and friendly engagement with our postgraduate students. You’ll develop the skills and frameworks needed to tackle environmental issues at local, regional and global levels and prepare you for a wide range of careers in the environmental sector.

Graduates have gone on to work in a range of public sector bodies, including Defra, the Food Standards Agency, the Environment Agency and the OECD. Graduates also work in environmental consultancies, non-governmental organisations and research agencies.

Minimum requirements

Taught degrees
2:1 undergraduate degree in a related subject. We also consider applicants who have a 2:2 degree with substantial industry experience.

Research degrees
A qualification equivalent to a UK Masters with a minimum average grade of 60%

English language requirements

Taught degrees
See course descriptions for details

Research degrees
IELTS 6.0, minimum 5.5 in each component
PhD Environment and Politics: IELTS 6.5, minimum 6.0 in each component

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Funding
See page 28 (taught) and page 46 (research)

Research areas

Developing innovative solutions to environmental challenges

Climate change
Ecotoxicology
Contaminants
Environmental chemistry
Ecology
Pollution
Energy
Natural resources
Environmental management
Planning
Environmental policy
Sustainability
Food security

Understanding the causes and consequences of environmental change

Biodiversity
Glaciology
Conservation
Palaeoecology
Ecology
Sea-level change
Ecosystem services

Research centres

Stockholm Environment Institute – York
York Environmental Sustainability Institute
York Institute for Tropical Ecosystems
CIRCLE (Centre for the Integration of Research, Conservation and Learning)
Centre for Human Palaeoecology and Evolutionary Origins

Recognising advancement of gender equality: representation, progression and success for all
Taught Masters courses

Our taught Masters courses are designed to provide vocational training for jobs in environmental research, consultancy, academia or business, and in governmental and non-governmental organisations. They also provide a solid foundation for studying for a PhD. We incorporate the Stockholm Environment Institute at York and have close links with industry, providing placement opportunities as part of our dissertation projects and forging links with potential future employers.

We hold weekly seminars where academic and industry speakers are invited to talk about key and policy-relevant areas of environmental research.

MSc Environmental Economics and Environmental Management

FT 1 year

English language requirements: IELTS 6.5, minimum 6.0 in each component

Explore sustainable solutions for environmental problems. You’ll learn how to apply economic analysis to the environmental challenges facing society. You’ll be equipped to incorporate environmental feedback into economic decision making in a way that satisfies both ecological managers and economists.

This course provides an excellent foundation for tomorrow’s environmental managers, policymakers and scientists, skilled to tackle environmental issues at local, regional and global levels. It is suitable for students from a wide range of backgrounds, including economics, human geography, business, sociology, politics and environmental science.

Example modules:

- Current Research in Environment, Economics and Ecology
- Applied Environmental Economics
- Economics for Natural Resources and Environmental Management
- Environmental Governance

Key:

FT - Full-time
PT - Part-time

World-leading research

Ninety-six per cent of research activity in the Department is ‘internationally recognised’ (Times Higher Education’s ranking of the Research Excellence Framework 2014)

Links with policymakers

Unique access to the Stockholm Environment Institute, an international environmental policy unit embedded in the Department

Major partner collaborations

We partner with leading organisations including UNEP, Defra, Forestry Commission, Natural England, Overseas Development Institute, Willis Global Insurance Broker

Inspired by leading scientists

Led by world-renowned environmental scientists, our research clusters focus expertise in topics from conservation to poverty alleviation
MSc Environmental Science and Management

FT 1 year

English language requirements: IELTS 6.5, minimum 6.0 in each component

Understand how to manage natural resources through the application of environmental science. This course will give you a firm grounding in the fundamental principles of environmental science and environmental management. You’ll learn to analyse and address specific questions in environmental science and management and you’ll engage with the latest research through debate and discussion.

You’ll take part in problem solving, especially in issues that are at the forefront of our research. You’ll also examine case studies that allow you to analyse and tackle the complex problems that characterise environmental management.

Example modules:

- Current Research in Environmental Science
- Ecotoxicology
- Environmental Impact Assessment
- IPCC Science

MSc Marine Environmental Management

FT 1 year

English language requirements: IELTS 6.5, minimum 6.5 in Writing, 6.0 in all other components

This MSc will equip you to work for a wide range of marine environmental organisations. You’ll be introduced to different marine ecosystems, key species and the impact of humans, now and in the past. You’ll get a chance to examine contemporary marine issues including over-fishing, bycatch, habitat destruction and illegal fishing; aquaculture; human effects on marine ecosystems; marine protected areas. A summer placement will allow you to explore a project with an external organisation.

Example modules:

- Fisheries Ecology and Management
- Research Skills and Statistical Methods
- Current Research in Marine Conservation
- Biodiversity Conservation and Protected Areas

MSc Corporate Sustainability and Environmental Management

FT 1 year

English language requirements: IELTS 6.5, minimum 6.5 in Writing, 6.0 in all other components

Gain a multi-dimensional perspective on the sustainability challenge faced by businesses today and evolving corporate practices. This specialist Masters will give you essential theoretical and evidential foundations, allied with practical tools for interrogating and responding to these challenges. You’ll be trained in suitable research methods and business ethics, while developing a broad range of professional skills through a variety of team and individual projects. Our course draws on the academic expertise and professional experience of the Department of Environment and Geography and the York Management School, alongside industry-leading guest speakers working in the corporate sustainability sphere. You’ll unlock a rapidly evolving array of potential career paths with a corporate/business sustainability focus.

Example modules:

- Corporate Sustainability
- Business and the Environment
- Environmental Impact Assessment
- Qualitative Research Methods
Research degrees
We are a leading centre for teaching and research on sustainable solutions to the world’s environmental issues. You’ll work on your own research project, working closely with your academic supervisor and with the support of other postgraduate students, postdoctoral researchers and staff in your research group.

- **PhD Environmental Economics and Environmental Management**
  FT 3 years, PT 6 years
- **PhD Environmental Science**
  FT 3 years, PT 6 years
- **PhD Environmental Geography**
  FT 3 years, PT 6 years
- **PhD Environment and Politics**
  FT 3 years, PT 6 years
- **PhD Human Geography and Environment**
  FT 3 years, PT 6 years
- **MPhil Environmental Economics and Environmental Management**
  FT 2 years
- **MPhil Environmental Science**
  FT 2 years
- **MPhil Environmental Geography**
  FT 2 years, PT 4 years
- **MPhil Human Geography and Environment**
  FT 2 years, PT 4 years
- **MSc Environment (by research)**
  FT 1 year

Doctoral Training Partnerships
Doctoral Training Partnerships provide Research Council funding for PhD students. They offer skills training and opportunities for collaboration between universities.

- Adapting to the Challenges of a Changing Environment (NERC), with the Universities of Sheffield and Liverpool: [acce.shef.ac.uk](http://acce.shef.ac.uk)

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HEALTH ECONOMICS

Join one of the world’s leading institutions for health economics research and teaching. Health economics informs how we make difficult decisions about prioritising resources, and helping people to live longer and healthier lives. The subject encompasses everything from measuring the productivity of the health system to providing policy recommendations to governments and policymakers both in the UK and further afield.

As a graduate of health economics, you’ll be ready to make a tangible impact in this developing field. Our graduates take on roles in government departments, research units, national health services and healthcare organisations.

Minimum requirements

Taught degrees
2:1 undergraduate degree in a related subject

Research degrees
See page 74 for Department of Economics and Related Studies and page 106 for Department of Health Sciences

English language requirements
IELTS 6.5, minimum 6.0 in each component

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Funding
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Research areas

Econometric methods
Economic evaluation of health technologies
Equity in health and healthcare
Global health
Health and social care
Health policy
Public health

Recognising advancement of gender equality: representation, progression and success for all
Taught Masters courses
The University offers a number of courses which will enhance your knowledge of economic principles, and help you understand their application to health and healthcare. As a student on one of these courses, you’ll benefit from the specialist expertise of the Department of Economics and Related Studies together with that of the specialists located in the Centre for Health Economics (CHE).

MSc Health Economics
FT 1 year
For entry requirements and course description, see the Department of Economics and Related Studies on page 74.

PGCert Health Economics for Health Care Professionals
PT 1–2 years

PGDip Health Economics for Health Care Professionals
PT 1–2 years

MSc Economic Evaluation for Health Technology Assessment (HTA)
PT 1–2 years
These distance learning courses are a collaboration between the Department of Economics and Related Studies, CHE and York Health Economics Consortium. For entry requirements and course descriptions, see the Department of Economics and Related Studies on page 74.

Research degrees
You’ll receive expert supervision from leading academics and researchers and benefit from studying at a university with a concentration of specialists in your field. Depending on your subject area, you’ll be based in either the Department of Economics and Related Studies or the Centre for Health Economics. Occasionally, research students are based in Health Sciences.

- PhD Economics
  FT 3 years

Key:
FT – Full-time
PT – Part-time
Our postgraduate courses will enable you to develop a range of discipline-specific and transferable skills to support your future career. Our teaching is underpinned by multi- and interdisciplinary, impact-focused research, placing you at the cutting edge of the latest developments in public health, health services research and healthcare.

You’ll be joining a vibrant community of experts working together to improve health and healthcare. Our research spans a diverse range of health-related areas, meaning you’ll be able to learn from leading academics in whichever subject you’re most passionate about.

Graduates from our postgraduate degrees go on to find employment in public health and health services sectors around the world.

**Research areas**

- Cardiovascular health
- Epidemiology and cancer statistics
- Health services and policy
- Mental health and addiction
- Nursing and midwifery research
- Public health and society
- Trials and statistics

**Minimum requirements**

**Taught degrees**

- 2:1 undergraduate degree in a related subject, or
- 2:2 undergraduate degree in a related subject with relevant professional qualifications or one year’s work experience

**Research degrees**

- 2:1 undergraduate degree in a related subject

**English language requirements**

**Taught degrees**

- IELTS 6.5, minimum 6.5 in Writing, 6.0 in all other components

**Research degrees**

- IELTS 7.0, minimum 6.5 in each component

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**Funding**

See page 28 (taught) and page 46 (research)
Taught courses
Our courses include a number of specialist pathways designed to reflect your interests. As part of your course, you may have an opportunity to conduct an independent piece of work and focus on a specific topic or area. Throughout this project, you’ll be supported by a member of our academic staff.

MPH Public Health
**FT 1 year, PT 2 years**
Prepare to address local and global problems as you develop a thorough understanding of the knowledge and skills essential to public health: to prevent disease, promote health and prolong life. We offer a range of options to develop the core disciplines needed for public health practice and specialised aspects of public health including health policy, research methods or global and humanitarian work.

**Example modules:**
- Public Health Foundations and Practice
- Epidemiology
- Infection and Disease
- Introduction to Health Statistics

MSc Applied Health Research
**FT 1 year, PT 2 years**
This multidisciplinary course is designed to equip you with the skills and knowledge required to design and conduct high quality health research and critically appraise and interpret research evidence, alongside a broad understanding of the methodologies used. You’ll learn from our world-leading experts who help improve human health and health outcomes through the analysis and delivery of leading research.

**Example modules:**
- Introduction to Health Statistics
- Qualitative Research Methods
- Randomised Controlled Trials
- Systematic Reviews
PGDip Advanced Clinical Practice
PT 2 years

MSc Advanced Clinical Practice
PT 3 years

Prepare for a career as an Advanced Clinical Practitioner with this course designed to develop your competency in practice. You'll develop the practical skills and knowledge in assessing, diagnosing and treating patients while also studying the wider context of healthcare.

This course is available as a Postgraduate Diploma and a Masters degree. If you choose to take the Masters route, you'll spend your third year carrying out a service improvement project.

Successful completion of the non-medical prescribing module will enable you to legally prescribe medicines and appliances.

Example modules:
- Biological Basis of Illness
- Patient Assessment and Clinical Decision Making
- Using Laboratory Investigations in Advanced Clinical Decision Making
- Independent and Supplementary Prescribing for Non-medical Prescribers

PGCert Health Research and Statistics
FT 1 year, PT 2 years

Gain the basic skills you need to design and carry out high quality health research. This course, which combines face-to-face and online learning, will give you a solid grounding in the quantitative research methods used in health research, and give you the opportunity to analyse health data using a range of software.

Some of the modules on this course can be studied online, making it a great choice if you want to continue working while furthering your studies.

Example modules:
- Introduction to Regression Analysis
- Health Research Methods
- Epidemiology
- Systematic Reviews

Online Masters degree

Studying online gives you the flexibility to develop your knowledge and gain new skills while continuing to live and work wherever you are based in the world. You'll benefit from being part of an online learning community, and receive support from our academic staff.

MSc International Humanitarian Affairs
PT 2 years

Work in collaboration with experts on humanitarianism from the United Nations, IFRC, INGOs, academic institutions and community groups in Africa, Asia and the Middle East.

Explore the changing nature of humanitarianism in this multidisciplinary course, delivered online. You'll develop the skills and knowledge to enable you to respond to humanitarian needs across a number of complex operational areas, drawing on social, political, cultural, economic and health perspectives to analyse contemporary challenges and inform practice.

Example modules:
- Examining Humanitarianism
- Protection and Assistance in International Humanitarian Law
- Humanitarian Response: Food and Nutrition, Shelter, Health and WASH
- Research Methods in Humanitarian Affairs

Research degrees

As a research student in our Department, you'll have the flexibility to tailor your studies to achieve your research interests. You'll benefit from our bespoke research training programme which supports the development of essential subject-specific and transferable skills for your future career. You'll be welcomed as a valuable member of our scientific community and will be embedded into one of our specialist research groups.

- PhD Health Sciences
  FT 3 years, PT 6 years
- MPhil Health Sciences
  FT 2 years, PT 4 years
We are one of the largest History graduate schools in the country, offering world-class teaching and research opportunities to a vibrant international community of students. You’ll learn from more than 45 academic staff who are leading experts in their fields. We offer unique skills-based training and diverse module choices for taught MAs as well as a broad range of interdisciplinary courses.

You’ll study in a beautiful city and be part of a lively supportive postgraduate community. York has unparalleled access to rich local, specialist resources, so you’ll have a unique insight on history in geographic, social and cultural context.

You’ll leave well-equipped for a career in a wide range of sectors including education, law, teaching, politics and government, conservation, publishing, journalism and heritage.

Minimum requirements
Taught degrees
2:1 undergraduate degree in a related subject
Research degrees
A qualification equivalent to a UK Masters with a minimum average grade of 60%

English language requirements
IELTS 7.0, minimum 6.5 in each component

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Funding
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Taught Masters courses

We offer a range of taught MA degrees, including interdisciplinary degrees taught in collaboration with other departments and institutes.

You’ll take a series of core modules, one to three option modules, a core training programme in research skills, ancillary skills courses and a substantial research dissertation of up to 20,000 words.

You’ll have access to our internationally renowned research centres and institutes which provide an active programme of academic seminars, small conferences and reading groups involving both academic staff and graduate students.

MA Medieval History

FT 1 year, PT 2 years

Our MA in Medieval History will enable you to explore new approaches to the history of medieval Britain and Europe. You’ll be able to acquire new knowledge and develop valuable skills alongside extensive training in research techniques and methodology.

York is rich in medieval history. You’ll have an unparalleled opportunity to get acquainted with local primary resources, including manuscripts, documents, coins, buildings and material culture. You’ll benefit from a wealth of expertise on the medieval period and be challenged to think critically about source material.

Example modules:

- Perspectives on Medieval History
- Palaeography
- Death, Commemoration and Memory in the Viking World
- The Cult of Saints in the Medieval West, 1050–1350

Key:

FT - Full-time
PT - Part-time

Innovative humanities hub

The Humanities Research Centre provides a hub for interdisciplinary research and postgraduate life in the arts and humanities at York.

Discover a leading UK archive

The University of York is home to the Borthwick Institute for Archives, one of the largest and most important repositories in Britain.

Top 2 in the UK

Our research ranked second overall in the UK (Times Higher Education’s ranking of the Research Excellence Framework 2014).

Major research wins

Impressive track record of winning funding for major research projects from leading research councils and trusts.

Recognising advancement of gender equality:
representation, progression and success for all

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Key:

FT - Full-time
PT - Part-time
MA Early Modern History

**FT 1 year, PT 2 years**

Our distinctive MA in Early Modern History combines thorough research training with opportunities to explore new approaches to the history of early modern Britain, other European countries and their overseas empires. You'll enhance your awareness of key historiographical and methodological debates in social, cultural, political and religious history, 1500–1750.

**Example modules:**
- Approaches to Early Modern History
- Oral History Methods
- The Roman Inquisition and Italian Society, 1543–1700
- Representing Women in Eighteenth-century Britain: Ideas, Images and Texts

MA Modern History

**FT 1 year, PT 2 years**

Our MA in Modern History combines an advanced-level introduction to the methodologies and techniques of modern history with a wide range of thematic modules exploring the 18th to 20th centuries. You'll gain a sound understanding of various topics of your choice, analyse important historiographical developments and develop practical skills essential for your studies and for your future career.

**Example modules:**
- Approaches to Modern History
- Oral History Methods
- A Picture of Health: The Mass Media and Public Health in the Twentieth Century
- Class Wars in US History, 1786–1929

MA Public History

**FT 1 year, PT 2 years**

Our Public History degree, offered in conjunction with the Institute for the Public Understanding of the Past (IPUP), gives you hands-on experience in the heritage sector alongside cutting-edge academic training. You'll study perspectives on the relationship between the past and the public, analyse how public engagement has evolved, and explore the role of heritage institutions in society. You'll undertake a public history placement module with a museum, archive, production company, historic house, or other context involving communicating the past to the public.

**Example modules:**
- Meanings and Values in Public History
- Things in History: Researching Material Culture
- Experiencing and Remembering the French Wars, 1792–1918
- Global Visions and Local Actions: The History and Politics of International Health

MA Contemporary History and International Politics

**FT 1 year, PT 2 years**

This interdisciplinary MA brings together politics and contemporary history, with a particular focus on transnational ideas and institutions. You'll consider how the world can move towards better ways of distributing resources and resolving conflicts, looking at how history underpins national and international politics.

You'll benefit from a wide range of expertise across two outstanding departments, and from access to numerous centres and institutes.

**Example modules:**
- The Making of the Contemporary World: History, Politics and Ideas since 1945
- Global Visions and Local Actions: The History and Politics of International Health
- Russian Foreign Policy from Alexander I to Vladimir Putin
- Theories and Policies of Development Governance

MA Medical History and Humanities

**FT 1 year, PT 2 years**

On this course, you'll explore historical, literary, social and cultural perspectives on illness and health, general wellbeing, issues of public health and the history of medicine. You'll examine the links between history, the humanities and policy, gaining advanced skills in analysis and critical reflection.

This is an exciting interdisciplinary course jointly run by the Departments of History and English. The content is shaped by cutting-edge international
research spanning the fields of medical history, literature, sociology, philosophy, health sciences and policy. It is open to people with backgrounds in other humanities disciplines, as well as those with social science, science and public health backgrounds with an interest in the medical humanities.

Example modules:

- Lies, Darn Lies, and Statistics – for Historians
- Global Visions and Local Actions: The History and Politics of International Health
- A Picture of Health: The Mass Media and Public Health in the Twentieth Century
- Unspeakable Bodies: Theorising Queer and Abject Embodiment

MA in Culture and Thought after 1945

**FT 1 year, PT 2 years**

This course is run in collaboration with the Centre for Modern Studies. For entry requirements and course description see page 152.

MA in Eighteenth Century Studies

**FT 1 year, PT 2 years**

This course is run in collaboration with the Centre for Eighteenth Century Studies. For entry requirements and course description see page 86.

MA Medieval Studies

**FT 1 year, PT 2 years**

This course is run in collaboration with the Centre for Medieval Studies. For entry requirements and course description see page 148.

MA Renaissance and Early Modern Studies

**FT 1 year, PT 2 years**

This course is run in collaboration with the Centre for Renaissance and Early Modern Studies. For entry requirements and course description see page 174.

MA Women’s Studies

**FT 1 year, PT 2 years**

This course is run in collaboration with the Centre for Women’s Studies. For entry requirements and course description see page 196.

Research degrees

We offer research-based Masters and MPhil/PhD degrees to both full-time and part-time students across a broad spectrum of research areas reflecting our wide academic expertise. You’ll develop advanced research skills either as a prelude to a research-based career or as training to become an academic. You’ll produce an extended dissertation on your chosen subject. We advise that you approach a member of staff informally to discuss research topics in the first instance.

- **PhD History**
  **FT 3 years, PT 6 years**

- **MPhil History**
  **FT 2 years, PT 4 years**

- **MA History (by research)**
  **FT 1 year, PT 2 years**
We are one of the UK’s largest History of Art departments; our teaching staff includes international curators and world-leading researchers with a wide range of interests in the visual arts, architecture and art theory. Our collaborations and partnerships directly inform and influence our research and teaching.

You’ll study in a beautiful city and be part of a large postgraduate and research community. York has amazing resources for art history, so you’ll be well placed to explore art and architectural history in its social and cultural context.

You’ll leave well-equipped for a career in a wide range of sectors including curation, cultural management, heritage and conservation, media and arts administration.

Minimum requirements

Taught degrees
2:1 undergraduate degree in a related subject

Research degrees
A qualification equivalent to a UK Masters with a minimum dissertation grade of 65%

English language requirements

Taught degrees
IELTS 6.5, minimum 6.0 in each component

Research degrees
IELTS 7.0, minimum 6.5 in each component

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Funding
See page 28 (taught) and page 46 (research)
Taught Masters courses

We offer six taught Masters degrees, four of them being specialist pathway degrees in Architectural History and Theory, British Art, Medieval Art and Medievalisms, and Modern and Contemporary Art. Our academics also contribute to interdisciplinary MA courses in Medieval Studies, Renaissance and Early Modern Studies, Eighteenth Century Studies, Culture and Thought after 1945, and the LLM in Art Law.

We offer modules that are jointly designed and taught in collaboration with our partners, for example the Tate or the V&A, and many include field trips to experience art first-hand. You’ll also have the option to explore related academic disciplines such as history, literature, archaeology, philosophy and sociology.

MA History of Art

FT 1 year, PT 2 years

This flexible course is exceptional in its historical and geographical breadth and depth, encompassing a wide variety of art objects and their related visual practices from the antique to the contemporary. You’ll have the choice to study art by time period, to focus on a specific theme or media, or to pursue a diverse range of interests.

Example modules:

Ceramic Arts of the Islamic World

Fashion: Theories, Materials and Images (1540–1940)

The Uses of Photography

The Art of the Pre-Raphaelites

MA History of Art

(Architectural History and Theory)

FT 1 year, PT 2 years

Investigate the nature of our relationship with art and architecture, which is much disputed by architectural historians and theorists. You’ll think about architecture beyond the study of individual buildings and engage with architecture as metaphor, materials and materiality, patronage and design process. You’ll also explore the relationships between architecture and social pressures such as power, religion, gender and sexuality, education, and imperialism.

Key:

FT - Full-time
PT - Part-time
MA History of Art
(Modern and Contemporary Art)

FT 1 year, PT 2 years

Interpret art and forms of cultural production in the modern world. This course will develop your ability to analyse images, art and architecture in a conceptual way – a valuable skill in a contemporary society with innovative technologies of visual research and communication. You can study works of art from the 19th century through to the contemporary, or focus on a specific period, issue or media.

Example modules:
- Modern and Contemporary Art: Research Skills in History of Art
- The Uses of Photography
- Home, Habitat, and Community in Modern Italian Art
- Monument, Object, Fetish, Artefact: Contesting ‘Modern’ Sculpture

MA Stained Glass Conservation and Heritage Management

FT 2 years

Take on integrated study of stained glass and its conservation in a location with unmatched resources such as York Minster, national conservation studios and our Stained Glass Research School. You’ll gain practical experience with up-to-date conservation techniques, and an opportunity to work with specialist conservation studios, museums and heritage institutions in Britain, Europe and the US, which will give you invaluable work experience and networks for your career.

The course includes a studio or heritage institution placement and masterclasses with visiting experts. It is taught in collaboration with the Department of Archaeology. You’ll study topics including art and architectural history, the history, ethics and philosophy of conservation, and international issues in conservation such as the impact of climate change. Every other year, we offer a European study tour, visiting major stained glass sites and exploring conservation practices.

Example modules:
- Advanced Techniques of Stained Glass Conservation
- Cultural Heritage Management I: Concepts, Principles and Practice

MA History of Art (British Art)

FT 1 year, PT 2 years

Study the material culture of Anglo-Saxon Britain through to the painting and sculpture of 18th-century and Victorian Britain, to British Modernism and Britart. This course will push you to investigate ideas of national, imperial, cosmopolitan and global visual and material cultures, and help you to engage with debates about British and European cultural identity.

Example modules:
- British Art: Research Skills and Methods
- Toil and Trouble: Feminism and Art Now
- The Art of the Pre-Raphaelites
- JMW Turner

MA History of Art (Medieval Art and Medievalisms)

FT 1 year, PT 2 years

Explore the medieval world through its art in one of the best preserved medieval cities in Europe. You’ll investigate the rich material legacy of the period, including the shaping of urban structures, places of worship, sites of government and universities. There will also be a chance to examine medieval revivals and engage in transhistorical work.

Example modules:
- Medieval Art and Medievalisms: Research Skills and Methods
- Mapping the World, 1100–1300
- ‘Painting on Light’: Stained Glass in the Medieval Tradition
- Art and Imagery in York Minster
History and Theory of Stained Glass Conservation

Painting on Light: Stained Glass in the Medieval Tradition

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MA Medieval Studies
FT 1 year, PT 2 years

This course is run in collaboration with the Centre for Medieval Studies. For entry requirements and course description see page 148.

MA Renaissance and Early Modern Studies
FT 1 year, PT 2 years

This course is run in collaboration with the Centre for Renaissance and Early Modern Studies. For entry requirements and course description see page 174.

MA Eighteenth Century Studies
FT 1 year, PT 2 years

This course is run in collaboration with the Centre for Eighteenth Century Studies. For entry requirements and course description see page 86.

MA Culture and Thought after 1945
FT 1 year, PT 2 years

This course is run in collaboration with the Centre for Modern Studies. For entry requirements and course description see page 152.

LLM Art Law
FT 1 year

This course is run in collaboration with York Law School. For entry requirements and course description see page 126.

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Research degrees

Our research degrees ensure you have the opportunity to follow your interests and conduct independent and original art history research.

We offer a distance learning version of our PhD which involves supervision by videoconferencing and online recordings, giving you flexibility to conduct your research and engage with our community while minimising the need to travel to York.

- PhD History of Art
  FT 3 years, PT 6 years

- PhD History of Art (by distance learning)
  FT 3 years, PT 6 years

- MPhil History of Art
  FT 2 years, PT 4 years

- MA History of Art (by research)
  FT 1 year, PT 2 years
The Centre for Applied Human Rights is an interdepartmental research and teaching centre with links to the Department of Politics and York Law School.

Visiting human rights defenders form the core of the Centre's work. By supporting and learning from experienced activists, we can gain an invaluable insight into front-line human rights battles.

The Centre is also a hub for academic research in the field of human rights: our staff collaborate with non-governmental and intergovernmental organisations to conduct policy-influencing research.

Graduates have gone on to successful careers in government and NGOs around the world, international organisations and research in think tanks and academia.

**Minimum requirements**

**Taught degrees**
See individual department pages for details

**Research degrees**
See page 126 for York Law School and page 166 for Department of Politics

**English language requirements**
See individual department pages for details

**Contact**
See individual department pages for contact information

**Funding**
See page 28 (taught) and page 46 (research)

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**Research areas**

- Cultures of human rights practice
- Economic, social and cultural rights
- Human rights and development
- Human rights cities
- Human rights defenders
- Legal empowerment
- Non-state actors and international law
- Refugee law and policy
- Religion and law
- Responsibility to protect
- Transitional justice
Taught Masters courses

Our degrees have a strong practical focus, and are designed to equip you with the applied skills needed to work for intergovernmental agencies (such as the UN), NGOs, governments or in other relevant professions (e.g., journalism). As well as theoretical training, both degrees also include practical opportunities to work on human rights in the UK and, depending on student numbers, possible international placements.

MA Applied Human Rights

FT 1 year, PT 2 years

For entry requirements and course description, see the Department of Politics on page 166.

LLM International Human Rights Law and Practice

FT 1 year, PT 2 years

For entry requirements and course description, see York Law School on page 126.

Research degrees

The Centre has an active programme of research and seeks to develop research communities based around a variety of topics. We regularly host lectures, workshops and conferences on various human rights issues.

In conjunction with the Department of Politics and York Law School, your first year will include regular research training sessions covering theory, ethics and methodology.

- PhD Politics
  FT 3 years, PT 6 years

- PhD Law
  FT 3 years, PT 6 years

Key:
FT – Full-time
PT – Part-time
Communication makes us human. Almost everything we do – the ways in which we relate to one another, teaching, learning, and our social, political and economic behaviour – relies on communication and the language that we use.

We offer interdisciplinary supervision for research into human interaction. Our students’ investigations span language and communication in contexts from everyday interactions to medical, institutional, workplace, educational, social welfare and legal settings.

Join researchers from the Departments of Education, Language and Linguistic Science, Psychology and Sociology, and be part of a welcoming and diverse postgraduate community with an international outlook.

**Minimum requirements**

**Research degrees**

MPhil: 2:1 undergraduate degree

PhD: 2:1 undergraduate degree or MA in linguistics, psychology, sociology, education, communication, or a related area

**English language requirements**

IELTS 7.0, minimum 6.5 in each component

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**Funding**

See page 28 (taught) and page 46 (research)

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**Research areas**

**Conversation analysis**, especially its relation to linguistics (including phonetics) and gesture; its application to different settings and problems; communicative strategies in interaction, and pragmatics

**Cross-linguistic differences** in language and communication; bilingual communication; communication in English as a second language

**Developing new methodologies**, especially multimodal, and methodologies that combine insights from qualitative and quantitative research paradigms

**Language in particular settings**, for example new media, the classroom, clinical encounters, legal, educational and workplace settings
World-leading research

The Department of Language and Linguistics has the second highest proportion of ‘world-leading’ linguistics research in the UK (Times Higher Education’s ranking of the Research Excellence Framework 2014).

Global outlook

We welcome multilingual and multicultural research projects.

Specialist training

Each department provides a full programme of training covering subject-specific knowledge and research skills.

Interdisciplinary research

We are affiliated to the Centre for Advanced Studies in Language and Communication.

Research degrees

Investigate language as it is used in the real world and develop your understanding of the linguistic and social processes which underpin it. Research the communicative structures – linguistic, sequential, gestural – used in everyday life, in workplace settings, in educational settings, and in online interaction.

You are normally assigned two supervisors from two different departments for our MPhil or PhD in Language and Communication. This ensures input from different but complementary disciplinary perspectives and methodologies, including cognitive, ethnographic, interactionist, or dynamic/emergent approaches to the study of language.

Your supervisors will help you to design your project, implement a research strategy and develop your expertise in relevant perspectives and methodologies. Specialist research training is available across the participating disciplines.

- PhD Language and Communication
  FT 3 years, PT 6 years
- MPhil Language and Communication
  FT 2 years, PT 4 years

Key:
FT - Full-time
PT - Part-time
The study of language and linguistics provides a window on the mind, on people, and on society. Our courses bridge the arts and humanities, sciences and social sciences, giving you a wide range of perspectives on the discipline.

We collaborate with colleagues from all over the world, bringing you international expertise and experience. We aim to produce research with real-world applications and societal impact.

Studying linguistics equips you with analytical skills which are useful in any career. Many of our graduates remain in academia, and others enter fields such as advertising, teaching, IT and broadcasting, as well as forensic science, the police and security services.

Research areas
- Forensic speech science
- History of English
- Phonetics and phonology
- Psycholinguistics
- Sociolinguistics
- Syntax and semantics

Minimum requirements
Taught degrees
2:1 undergraduate degree in a related subject

Research degrees
A qualification equivalent to a UK Masters with a minimum average grade of 60%

English language requirements
IELTS 7.0, minimum 6.5 in each component

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Funding
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Taught Masters courses

Our courses let you shift the focus of your academic expertise to linguistic study or explore a specialist discipline in greater depth.

You’ll be taught through a mixture of lectures, seminars, workshops and practical training. For each module you’ll have around three hours of timetabled contact with tutors each week, and complete independent study such as reading, group work, research and assessments.

The course culminates in an extended dissertation that you write over the summer vacation, worth a third of your overall grade. A personal academic supervisor will help guide your studies and monitor your progress throughout your degree.

MA Linguistics

**FT 1 year, PT 2 years**

This course offers a general foundation in the central areas of linguistics. You’ll also have opportunities to develop your own particular areas of interest. It is suitable for those who are new to linguistics or who have only a little prior experience of this subject.

**Example modules:**

- Language Variation and Change
- Phonetics and Phonology
- Bilingualism
- Syntactic Theory

MA Comparative Syntax and Semantics

**FT 1 year, PT 2 years**

This course is aimed at those with a solid theoretical background in syntax and semantics. It provides the opportunity to deepen your interest in areas such as parameters, comparative syntax and the syntax-semantics interface.

**Example modules:**

- Issues at the Syntax and Semantics Interface
- Comparative Syntax and Syntactic Typology
- Advanced Comparative Syntactic or Semantic Typology
- Comparative Semantics

**Key:**

- **FT** - Full-time
- **PT** - Part-time

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**Top 10 in the UK**

We are top 10 in the UK and top 100 in the world for Linguistics (QS World University Rankings 2019).

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**Outstanding facilities**

Our dedicated laboratories house experimental equipment, specialist software and large corpora of data for analysis.

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**Global collaborations**

We have strong links across the UK and around the world – Canada, France, Finland, Germany, Japan, Korea, the Netherlands, Spain, Australia, New Zealand, the US and elsewhere.

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MA Phonetics and Phonology

**FT 1 year, PT 2 years**

Our MA in Phonetics and Phonology will give you the opportunity to consider the fine details of everyday speech. You can study the sounds and sound patterns of the languages of the world from cognitive and social angles, combining theory and data. You'll explore how and why the sounds of language change over time.

**Example modules:**
- Advanced Phonology
- Advanced Phonetics
- Prosody of English
- Psycholinguistics

MA Psycholinguistics

**FT 1 year, PT 2 years**

Analyse the ways in which language is represented and processed in real time, and study the factors that enable us to comprehend and use language. You'll have opportunities to develop your interest in areas such as bilingualism, syntactic and semantic processing, and early phonetic and phonological development.

We offer two routes through this degree, depending on your prior knowledge of the subject: experienced linguists study advanced modules, while those new to the field receive an intensive introduction to the fundamental principles.

**Example modules:**
- Language Acquisition
- Phonetics and Phonology
- Learning Mechanisms in Phonological Development
- Psycholinguistic Approaches to Second Language Acquisition

MA Sociolinguistics

**FT 1 year, PT 2 years**

Discover how social factors affect language and investigate the social, geographical and stylistic differences in speech. You’ll consider the roles of society, social class and gender in the context of a speech community, and investigate social motivations for language change.

**Example modules:**
- Language Variation and Change
- Phonetics and Phonology
- Sociophonetics
- Syntax

MSc Forensic Speech Science

**FT 1 year**

Our MSc in Forensic Speech Science is delivered in conjunction with one of the world's leading forensic speech laboratories, JP French Associates. The course focuses on the key forensic tasks of speaker identification, questioned utterance analysis, speaker profiling and line-ups or identification parades. You'll have opportunities to work with genuine case materials, applying techniques for the forensic analysis of speech and acoustics.

**Example modules:**
- Introduction to Forensic Speech Science
- Articulatory and Impressionistic Phonetics
- Sociophonetics
- Research in Forensic Speech Science
Research degrees

Conduct independent research on a topic of your choice, supported by academics with complementary expertise. Your supervisory team will include one or more main advisers as well as other researchers who can help guide your work.

You’ll join a friendly and supportive research community. Departmental seminars and research group events allow you to share your work and build collaborative relationships with fellow researchers. We encourage and support students to present at conferences and publish their findings.

You’ll have opportunities to develop advanced skills in areas related to your research, such as experimental methods, psycholinguistic tools, corpus analysis, acoustic analysis, and quantitative analysis.

- **MA Linguistics (by research)**
  FT 1 year, PT 2 years

- **PhD Linguistics**
  FT 3 years, PT 6 years

- **PhD Applied Linguistics**
  FT 3 years, PT 6 years

- **PhD Language and Communication**
  FT 3 years, PT 6 years

- **MPhil Language and Communication**
  FT 2 years, PT 4 years
  Our research degrees in Language and Communication are run jointly with the Departments of Education, Psychology and Sociology. See page 120.
York Law School operates on the principle that a 21st-century Law graduate requires more than just a thorough knowledge of legal rules. Our postgraduate community is drawn from all over the world. Our research expertise spans a diverse range of topics, and applies a variety of research methods: from doctrinal to philosophical, empirical, historical and critical.

Our graduates leave as well-rounded individuals who understand law in its economic, political, social and theoretical contexts. The skills and techniques developed over the course provide a solid foundation for the world of work, whether as a lawyer or in sectors such as finance, health and social work, or public administration.

Minimum requirements

**Taught degrees**
2:1 undergraduate degree in a related subject

**Research degrees**
A qualification equivalent to a UK Masters with a minimum average grade of 65%
MA by research: 2:1 undergraduate degree in a related subject

English language requirements
IELTS 7.0, minimum 7.0 in Writing, 6.5 in all other components

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Funding
See page 28 (taught) and page 46 (research)

Research areas

- Applied human rights
- Critical corporate and financial law
- Environmental law
- Financial crime
- Health and wellbeing
- Intellectual property law
- International and comparative corporate and commercial law
- International human rights law
- International trade law
- Law and history
- Law and social policy
- Law, justice and power
- Private law in context
- Public law and administrative law
- Regulation, decision and scrutiny
- Rights, equality, citizenship and empowerment
- Trust law
Law firm environment

Work in a student law firm or our professional Law Clinic to gain experience and understanding of law in its practical, social and theoretical contexts.

Equal 5th in the UK

York Law School was placed equal fifth in the UK (Times Higher Education’s ranking of the Research Excellence Framework 2014).

Courses with expert input

Real-world experience integrated with your degree: law firms, governmental and non-governmental organisations are involved in the design and delivery of all our courses.

Open career doors

Alumni have gone on to legal training, as well as positions in government, professional bodies and charities.

Taught Masters courses

Many of our taught courses make use of problem-based learning, an innovative learning method that ensures you experience and understand law in its social and theoretical contexts, and helps to develop the skills and techniques you’ll need to work as a professional.

LLM Law

FT 1 year, PT 2 years

Study theoretical and economic contexts of law and gain the solid foundation you need to further your career. You’ll delve into a range of specialisms, and have the flexibility to specialise so you can study the things that really interest you. You’ll benefit from our international outlook, interdisciplinary approach and research and learn from academics whose research is making a real impact in their field.

Example modules:

- Law and Commercial Transactions
- Intellectual Property
- Applying International Human Rights Law
- Legal Systems: Sources and Operations

LLM International Corporate and Commercial Law

FT 1 year

Take an international perspective as you look at the key areas of corporate governance and corporate and commercial law. Through this course you’ll explore the differences in laws and governance in countries across the globe, and how they respond to economic and social pressures, economic stability and crisis.

Example modules:

- International Corporate Governance and Company Law
- Law and Commercial Transactions
- International Business Negotiation
- Legal Systems: Sources and Operations

Key:
FT – Full-time
PT – Part-time
LLM International Human Rights Law and Practice

**FT 1 year, PT 2 years**

Human rights violations still occur, despite growing numbers of international treaties and organisations dedicated to their eradication. This course engages you in a critical, nuanced and interdisciplinary examination of this paradox. It is taught in collaboration with the Centre for Applied Human Rights. See page 118.

You’ll learn about issues central to the work of human rights scholars and practitioners including states and non-state actors as perpetrators and duty-bearers; human rights standard-setting and implementation; and the interaction between law, policy and advocacy at local, regional and global levels. Whether you are a mid-career professional or recent graduate, our LLM enables you to acquire the substantive knowledge, versatile skills and valuable networks necessary to work in the human rights field.

**Example modules:**
- Applying International Human Rights Law
- Human Rights Placement
- The Practice of Fieldwork
- The Modern Actors of International Law

LLM Art Law

**FT 1 year**

The global trade in art is a growing and evolving market; the need for experts to negotiate, defend, analyse and understand the art world is ever more apparent.

Art Law is an exciting and fast-developing area, tackling issues surrounding the legal treatment of fine art and cultural heritage. Our LLM in Art Law is a unique collaborative and interdisciplinary course, co-taught by academic specialists from York Law School and the Department of History of Art.

You’ll gain a deep understanding of the complex legal, artistic, social and ethical issues in the art world, and learn essential skills of analysis and negotiation.

**Example modules:**
- Art: A Problematic Life Cycle
- Law and Art: Parallel Perspectives
- Painting on Light: Stained Glass in the Medieval Tradition
- Legal Systems: Sources and Operation

LLM Legal and Political Theory

**FT 1 year, PT 2 years**

Governments and international institutions regulate our lives, from what we wear in public to what we say about others. This raises profound questions about how we relate to each other and to our government.

This course explores the core issues of political and legal theories and the relationship between them. By studying the works of theorists both past and present, you’ll delve into the fundamental questions of jurisprudence and develop skills that interest you as you learn about topics such as pluralism, terrorism and ethics.

**Example modules:**
- Foundational Issues in Legal Theory
- Approaches to Political Theory
- Corporate Responsibility and Law
- Feminism and Sexuality

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Research degrees

A key characteristic of our research is a strong multidisciplinary focus. We are well networked with other disciplines and have highly co-operative relationships with departments across the University.

We offer a research training programme to all research students, supporting you in designing your research project, refining your research question, and in critical reading and thinking.

- **PhD Law**
  FT 3 years, PT 6 years

- **MPhil Law**
  FT 2 years, PT 4 years

- **MA Law (by research)**
  FT 1 year, PT 2 years
The Centre for Lifelong Learning offers high-quality distance learning courses, focusing on student engagement and flexibility. We put you at the centre of your study – you’ll become an active and collaborative learner within a supportive, international learning community. You can study on your own terms and in your own time, developing a range of transferable skills while extending your subject knowledge. With an emphasis on writing and research skills, our courses offer a strong foundation for future study, as well as the chance to pursue areas of personal interest.

**Minimum requirements**
2:1 undergraduate degree in a related subject and evidence of recent higher education level of study. However, we are committed to ensuring open access and applicants are assessed on a case-by-case basis.

**English language requirements**
IELTS 7.0, minimum 6.5 in each component.

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**Funding**
See page 28 (taught) and page 46 (research)
Taught courses

All our postgraduate courses are part-time programmes that can be taken over two or three years, and are the ideal way to engage with materials at a time convenient to you. You'll study via distance learning, engaging with your peers and a dedicated academic, to follow a series of interactive and flexible modules using intuitive technology that requires only basic IT skills.

MA English Building History

PT 3 years

Delve into the history of English architecture and explore a range of building styles, from vernacular dwellings to the country house, and learn how they were shaped and developed by the societies surrounding them. The course is run in collaboration with the Department of Archaeology.

Throughout the course you’ll broaden your expertise of key historic buildings and the wider environment, from c.1000 to 1950, and focus on key periods from medieval all the way to modern architecture. You’ll learn how to recognise archetypal styles of buildings and how these were shaped by technological, social, economic, geographic and cultural forces.

Example modules:
- An Introduction to the Historic Built Environment
- The Medieval Era
- The Neoclassical Tradition
- Approaches to Historic Buildings Research

MA Railway Studies

PT 3 years

A symbol of modernity, the railway is as important to British history as it has been in shaping the country’s landscape.

This unique Masters course covers a range of perspectives crossing social, cultural, political, business, economic and technological boundaries. You’ll develop a comprehensive understanding of the role of the railway in British history and the impact of historical events and changes in mobility on the industry. The course is taught in collaboration with the York Management School.

Example modules:
- The Coming of the Railways to Britain, 1825–1900
- British Railway Workers, 1825–1921
- The Role of the Railways: Railways and Government, 1905–1945
- Privatising British Rail, 1979–2010

PGDip Astronomy

PT 2 years

Explore planets, stars and galaxies, and discuss black holes, dark matter and the Big Bang.

This course is designed to give you a robust and up-to-date background in areas such as planetary science, stellar physics and cosmology. Guided by a supportive tutor, you’ll strengthen your scientific communication and essay-writing skills and explore advanced topics from exoplanets and the search for life to the theory of relativity and the standard model of particle physics.

Example modules:
- Stars and Galaxies
- Planetary Science
- Relativity and High Energy Astronomy
- Particles and Cosmology

Key:
PT - Part-time

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**PGDip Creative Writing**

**PT 2 years**

Balance literary appreciation with practical application, as we address the central role of language and meaning in both creative and academic contexts.

This flexible course explores a variety of fascinating genres and major forms of prose, poetry and scriptwriting. Guided by a supportive tutor, you'll strengthen your writing style and sharpen your critical prowess. You'll gain a wealth of technical skills and discipline-related knowledge, writing convincingly in an array of literary forms.

**Example modules:**
- Effective Creative Practice: Creativity, Theory and the Craft of Writing
- Compressed Fiction: The Art of the Short Story
- Poetic Power: Theory and Practice in Contemporary Poetry
- Dramaturgy, Sound and Screen: Scripting for Theatre, Radio, Film and Television

**PGDip The Geology of Northern England**

**PT 2 years**

Uncover the extraordinarily diverse landscapes and geological features of northern England. You'll analyse and interpret key geological features and concepts to integrate regional knowledge into the interpretation of larger scale Earth processes and structures. You'll assess the region's importance in current and historical Earth science controversies and study human interactions with the rocks and landscapes of northern England from the Stone Age to the present day.

Although the focus is on northern England, the programme also examines elements of other significant areas of UK geology where relevant, and also covers topical aspects of both national and international geology.

You'll hone a range of scientific and transferable skills including advanced research, science communication and palaeoenvironmental analysis.

This course includes a mandatory residential week each academic year, including field work.

**Example modules:**
- Dales, Vales and Lakes – The Palaeozoic of Northern England
- Advanced Palaeoenvironmental Analysis
- Fire and Ice – The Cenozoic of Northern England
- People and Landscape – The Human Geology of Northern England

**PGDip Parish Church Studies**

**PT 2 years**

Parish churches are religious, historical, artistic and archaeological monuments. With social, economic and cultural implications, the parish church is a recognisable feature of settlements across the country.

This online course provides an excellent academic grounding in the key issues, themes and contexts associated with the changing nature of parishes and parish churches. You'll gain a comprehensive understanding of a breadth of notable research on topics ranging from the conservation of the church and its legislative framework, sacred objects and art, to the management and care of the churchyard.

Delivered in association with The Churches Conservation Trust, this unique qualification provides unprecedented access to local sites and valuable resources as well as discounted membership to the Trust and opportunities for placements.

**Example modules:**
- Objet D’art, Objects of Faith: Exploring Past and Present Challenges and Issues
- Worship and Ritual in Context
- Parish and Community
- The Use, Conservation and Change of Church Buildings
The York Management School offers a range of postgraduate courses that are built on influential scholarship, an international outlook and strong links with business. As a member of the prestigious Russell Group, we put you at the cutting edge of research into effective and ethical business behaviour, accounting and financial management. You’ll study in a supportive, intellectually rigorous environment that focuses on real-world problems. Our alumni work in accounting and finance – many with EY, PwC, Deloitte and KPMG. They become consultants and investment bankers. They launch start-ups and small businesses. They serve in the public sector, with roles in local government, police, education and health.

Minimum requirements

Taught degrees
2:1 undergraduate degree in a related subject, or 2:2 undergraduate degree in a related subject with relevant professional qualifications or one year’s work experience

Research degrees
A qualification equivalent to a UK Masters with a minimum grade of 60% in your dissertation and 60% overall

English language requirements

Taught degrees
IELTS 6.5, minimum 6.5 in Writing, 6.0 in all other components

Research degrees
IELTS 7.0, minimum 6.5 in each component

Contact

Taught degrees
+44 (0)1904 325032
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Research degrees
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Funding

See page 28 (taught) and page 46 (research)

Research areas

Accounting
Actuarial science
Business history
Employment relations
Finance
Human resource management
International business and strategy
Marketing
Operations management
Organisational behaviour
Taught Masters courses

You’ll study a mixture of core and option modules. These will introduce you to key knowledge and skills and allow you to delve deeper into areas which interest you.

Lectures, tutorials and other smaller group teaching sessions will allow you to learn directly from our academic staff. Group projects will develop your ability to collaborate professionally and socially with people with different backgrounds, life experiences and skills.

You’ll also undertake independent study, working through problems and carrying out research. The course culminates in an extended dissertation, written over the summer vacation, which is worth a third of your overall grade.

Support is on hand throughout your course. Your supervisor will guide your academic and personal development. You can access careers advice and help with job applications through our in-house employability team. Our programme of informal events and masterclasses gives you opportunities to learn from and network with business leaders and industry experts.

MSc Management

FT 1 year

An intensive introduction to management theory. You’ll critically address key aspects of management, including finance, human resources, strategy, marketing and organisational behaviour. Organisations operate globally, so this course places an emphasis on international context. You’ll work with staff and students from all over the world, who bring diverse perspectives which will inform and enrich your learning.

Example modules:

- Financial Management
- Managing People
- Continuity and Change in Organisations
- Case Studies in Strategic Management

International expertise

Our international staff bring perspectives from around the globe, giving you a panoramic view of current issues in business and management.

Masterclasses

Gain insights from experienced business leaders throughout industry with our extensive programme of guest lectures.

Careers support

Our in-house employability team can help you explore your career options and find a path that’s right for you.

World-leading research

The majority of our research was rated ‘internationally excellent’ or ‘world-leading’ (Times Higher Education’s ranking of the Research Excellence Framework 2014).

Key:

- FT – Full-time
- PT – Part-time

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MSc Human Resource Management

FT 1 year

Accredited by the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD)

This is a specialist course that teaches human resource management theory and practice. It will equip you with the knowledge and skills necessary to become an HR specialist. You’ll explore current research, best practice and innovative thinking in this field. Your taught modules will give you a solid grasp of processes involved in the recruitment, selection and retention of employees, work and society, and employment relations in a global context.

Example modules:

Skills for Business Leadership
Organisation Capacity Building
Human Resource Management and Sustainability
Global Perspectives on Human Resource Management and Employment Relations

MSc International Business

FT 1 year

Discover some of the major issues which affect enterprises working in different countries, from local circumstances to international politics. You’ll build on undergraduate skills in mathematics or economics to process complex information and present your data. You’ll analyse how organisations respond to the challenges of operating on a global scale and how social and ethical responsibilities inform their response.

Example modules:

International Political Economy and Business
International Business Management and Emerging Markets
Managerial Economics
International Sales Management

MSc Management with Business Finance

FT 1 year

If you have a strong background in economics, finance or other quantitative subjects, this MSc can help you shift your focus to a more business-oriented course of study. You’ll develop the technical knowledge needed to gather and analyse data, identify sources of finance and profit, formulate strategies and manage projects.

Example modules:

Strategic Management
Advanced Financial Management
Operations and Project Management
Accounting and Risk

MSc Accounting and Financial Management

FT 1 year

This specialist Masters degree builds on your existing knowledge of accounting and finance. You’ll need to have a good understanding of the basics to pursue this degree. You’ll concentrate on the role of accounting and finance in organisational management and gain a thorough grounding in accounting, finance, financial management, financial reporting, financial markets, investment and risk.

Example modules:

Advanced Management Accounting
Advanced Financial Accounting
Financial Strategy and Governance
Financial Markets and Investment

MSc International Strategic Management

FT 1 year

An in-depth look at how business strategy is formulated, articulated and enacted in a global context. You’ll explore the strategic concepts and tools which consultants, developers and managers of international organisations use to deliver exceptional performance.

Example modules:

International Political Economy and Business
Strategy in Global Organisations
Exploring Strategic Management
Managing People
MSc International Business and Strategic Management

**FT 1 year**

Study elements of both International Business and International Strategic Management. This course will give you a broader sense of the factors that shape global industries. You’ll gain an in-depth understanding of how global politics, technological change and cultural difference shape the formulation and implementation of business strategies.

**Example modules:**
- International Business in the Global Context
- Global Perspectives in Human Resources and Employment Relations
- International Marketing Communications and Ethics
- Continuity and Change in Organisations

MSc Global Marketing

**FT 1 year**

*Accredited by the Chartered Institute of Marketing*

Get an insight into the latest thinking in global marketing from leading academics and industry experts. This course focuses on innovation in global marketing in general and the areas of sustainability, marketing ethics, and the use of social media and internet communication tools in particular.

**Example modules:**
- Digital Marketing Strategy
- Ethical Marketing and Sustainability
- Brand Management
- Contemporary Consumer Behaviour

MSc Corporate Sustainability and Environmental Management

**FT 1 year**

For entry requirements and course description, see the Department of Environment and Geography on page 100.

MSc Social Media and Management

**FT 1 year**

For entry requirements and course description, see the Department of Sociology on page 186.

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**Online Masters degrees**

Our online courses are designed for working professionals and ambitious career changers. They give you the flexibility to study alongside your professional and personal commitments. They are designed to develop three distinct skills required for innovation in leadership: a critical approach to problem-solving, effective communication skills, and insight into your own professional development.

The courses include cutting-edge content, designed by world-class academics and business leaders. Our international academic staff bring new perspectives and global expertise. You’ll benefit throughout your career from the ethical, socially responsible and international themes that underpin all our courses.

**MSc Finance, Leadership and Management**

**PT 2 years**

**Example modules:**
- Finance for Business
- Leading and Managing People
- Corporate Financial Strategy
- Investment Management

**MSc Innovation, Leadership and Management**

**PT 2 years**

**Example modules:**
- Leading and Managing People
- Entrepreneurial Leadership
- Innovation Management
- Leading Change, Managing Continuity

**MSc International Business, Leadership and Management**

**PT 2 years**

**Example modules:**
- Leading and Managing People
- Cross-cultural Management and Negotiation
- International Sales Leadership
- Contemporary Issues in International Business
Research degrees

Our PhD programme offers high-quality training and support to help you unleash your curiosity and develop key skills to support a career in academia, industry, consultancy or research.

We welcome applicants who share our vision and want to undertake challenging, innovative and exciting research as part of our academic community. Join researchers from across the globe who are extending our understanding of business and management.

- PhD Management
  FT 3 years, PT 6 years
Detxn your mathematical knowledge and move towards cutting-edge research, under the guidance of world-leading experts with one of our postgraduate courses.

We combine world-class mathematical and interdisciplinary research with high-quality postgraduate teaching. We place particular emphasis on a personal approach and a friendly atmosphere within our vibrant academic community.

Our graduates have gone on to successful careers in academia, research, teaching and business. Many work in the financial sector, including accountancy, banking, insurance and the stock market. Others transfer their expertise to roles in consultancy and medical and biological sciences.

### Minimum requirements

2:1 undergraduate degree in Mathematics or a related subject

2:2 undergraduate degree supported by relevant professional qualifications

### English language requirements

IELTS 6.0, minimum 5.5 in each component

### Research areas

- **Algebra**
- **Geometry and analysis**
- **Mathematical biology and chemistry**
- **Mathematical finance and stochastic analysis**
- **Mathematical physics**
- **Number theory**
- **Statistics and probability**

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### Funding

See page 28 (taught) and page 46 (research)
MAGIC access
Access to the virtual graduate school MAGIC, which video-links York with 19 other UK Mathematics departments

Taught Masters courses
Our taught Masters courses will equip you with specialist knowledge and mathematical modelling skills. You’ll study taught modules in the Autumn and Spring Terms. From the Summer Term, you’ll work on your dissertation, with support from a personal supervisor.

MSc Mathematical Sciences
FT 1 year
Develop your mathematical knowledge through a range of modules, each concentrated on one of our research specialisms in algebra, number theory, geometry and analysis, mathematical physics and mathematical biology. Our course provides a bridge to world-class research in one of these areas.

You’ll combine traditional mathematics subjects with advanced courses that will prepare you for an array of numerate and analytical professions to be found at the core of the digital economy, PhD study or other research paths.

You have a choice of three routes through this course: Pure Mathematics, Mathematical Physics or Mathematical Biology.

Example modules:
- Algebraic Geometry
- Metric Number Theory
- Soft Matter in Physics and Biology
- General Relativity

Key:
FT – Full-time
PT – Part-time

Research excellence
Eighty per cent of our research was rated internationally excellent or world-leading (Times Higher Education’s ranking of the Research Excellence Framework 2014)

Pre-sessional courses
Brush up your maths skills to meet our admission requirements with an online pre-sessional course

Visiting speakers
Hear from leading mathematicians from around the world at our regular seminars and events
MSc Mathematical Finance

**FT 1 year**

Our exciting and intensive MSc in Mathematical Finance will give you the skills and competence you need to work in the financial sector and adapt quickly to new developments in the field. (See also our online courses in Mathematical Finance.)

You’ll learn from a dedicated team of academic staff who are leaders in their field. They have published definitive textbooks with Cambridge University Press and Springer, introducing stochastic processes and mathematical finance to crucial modern concerns such as credit risk.

**Example modules:**
- Mathematical Methods of Finance
- Discrete Time Modelling and Derivative Securities
- Modelling of Bonds, Term Structure, and Interest Rate Derivatives
- C++ Programming with Applications in Finance

MSc Statistics and Computational Finance

**FT 1 year**

Train to work as a professional statistician on a course which emphasises data analysis. You’ll develop your understanding of contemporary statistical ideas and methodologies. Working at the interface between statistics and finance, you’ll gain skills and experience that are attractive to prospective employers.

**Example modules:**
- Advanced Regression Analysis
- Portfolio Theory and Risk Management
- Financial Time Series
- Advanced Multivariate Analysis

MSc Financial Engineering

**FT 1 year**

For entry requirements and course description, see the Department of Economics and Related Studies on page 74.
Research degrees

If you’re interested in taking Mathematics further, a research degree is an opportunity to use your insight to develop new ways of understanding. You can study in a broad area or focus on a specific project. Our staff offer supervision in a wide range of disciplines and will help to guide your studies.

We have a rich research environment to support your studies. Many of our research groups belong to UK or EU research networks, giving you access to academics from around the world. You can learn directly from international scholars at our weekly research seminars, and find out about the work of your peers at student-only seminars and reading groups.

During your studies, you can access postgraduate-level training online from 19 UK universities. This will help develop your understanding in areas which will complement your research. If you wish to begin a PhD but require more extensive Masters-level training, we offer a Foundation Phase Year.

- **PhD Mathematics**
  FT 3 years, PT 6 years

- **PhD Mathematics (with Foundation Phase)**
  FT 4 years, PT 8 years

- **MPhil Mathematics**
  FT 2 years, PT 4 years

- **MSc Mathematics (by research)**
  FT 1 year, PT 2 years
Access the world-class facilities, equipment and expertise of Hull York Medical School – the joint medical school of the Universities of Hull and York. With many courses and options for flexible and part-time study, you can choose a course that best suits you and your career goals.

As a postgraduate student at the Medical School, you’ll be welcomed into our vibrant and supportive community, addressing the needs of an ever-changing healthcare environment.

You’ll join experts helping to find new solutions to ever more complex problems in areas such as cancer, palliative care, mental health, health and population sciences, diabetes, cardiology, respiratory research and vascular research.

Minimum requirements
Taught degrees
Please see the individual courses for details

Research degrees
Please refer to individual courses on the website for details

English language requirements
IELTS 6.5, minimum 6.0 in each component
MSc Physician Associate Studies: IELTS 7.5, minimum 7.0 in each component

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Taught degrees
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Research degrees
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Funding
Funding opportunities are available for both taught and research postgraduate degrees. Details are available online

Research areas
Anatomical and human sciences
Atherothrombosis and metabolic disease
Cancer research
Cardiology research
Clinical trials and methods
Diabetes, endocrinology and metabolism
Experimental medicine and biomedicine
Health and population sciences
Health professions education
Mental health and addiction
Palliative care
Primary care
Respiratory research
Vascular research

Recognising advancement of gender equality: representation, progression and success for all

Athena SWAN Silver Award
Taught Masters courses

We offer a diverse range of taught courses, showcasing our expertise in areas such as anatomy and medical education. We also offer a two-year professional Masters course in Physician Associate Studies, and have just launched our Masters in Pharmacology and Drug Development.

You’ll benefit from the teaching of world-leading subject experts, clinicians and researchers, who will encourage you to think independently and critically. You’ll graduate with the skills and expertise to forge an exciting and rewarding career, making a real and lasting positive impact on people’s lives.

Intercalation

If you are a medical student wishing to intercalate, you can choose any of our one-year full-time Masters courses. Intercalation is a unique opportunity to explore an area of interest in greater depth, develop new skills and help you in your chosen career. We welcome applications from current Hull York Medical School students and students from other medical schools.

MSc Clinical Anatomy

FT 1 year, PT 2–3 years

Immerse yourself in the practical and in-depth study of clinical anatomy. You’ll develop a deep understanding of the complex nature of the human body, to help you evaluate, diagnose and treat illnesses. The programme is built around core dissection-based modules covering the whole body. We’ll encourage you to shape your own learning, and challenge perceived knowledge and current ways of thinking about the human body.

Example modules:

Clinical Anatomy
Radiological Anatomy
Clinical Neuroanatomy
Clinical Microanatomy

Entry requirements: you should have previous training in human or mammalian biology and related backgrounds. For details, see hyms.ac.uk.
MSc Clinical Anatomy and Education

FT 1 year, PT 2-3 years

Accredited by the Higher Education Academy

Develop skills in clinical anatomy, alongside pedagogical techniques that will give you the skills to teach anatomy to students and healthcare professionals. This programme is a useful and significant step on the path to applying for Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy.

Example modules:
- Clinical Anatomy
- Radiological Anatomy
- Pedagogic Research
- Anatomy Pedagogy

Entry requirements: you should have previous training in human or mammalian biology and related backgrounds. For details, see hyms.ac.uk.

MSc Pharmacology and Drug Development

FT 1 year, PT 2 years

Pharmacology is the science underpinning the action of drugs on biological system. It plays a vital role in medicine, biomedical science, nursing, dentistry and veterinary medicine, touching all our lives.

This course will give you insight into the entire journey of a new drug from bench to bedside, and beyond. It will allow you to immerse yourself in every aspect of pharmacology. You'll learn from and work with academics who are experts in this field. You'll gain highly sought after and transferable skills that will greatly enhance your career prospects.

Your studies will conclude with a significant research project. We'll provide expert guidance and support to give you the best chances of getting your work published.

Example modules:
- Foundations of Pharmacology
- Bench to Bedside I: Design and Discovery
- Therapeutics
- Bench to Bedside II: Clinical trials

Entry requirements: you should have previous training in medical or biomedical science, sport science, or human and mammalian biology or related degrees. For details, see hyms.ac.uk.

MSc Human Anatomy and Evolution

FT 1 year, PT 2 years

Study human anatomy from an evolutionary perspective. You'll develop a detailed understanding of human and primate evolution and gain practical and theoretical knowledge of cutting-edge tools for morphometrics, imaging, virtual modelling and functional simulation. You'll learn from research-active subject experts in an exciting and inclusive research environment. The course is taught in collaboration with the Department of Archaeology.

Example modules:
- Primate Ecology and Evolution
- Human Evolutionary Anatomy
- Hard Tissue Biology
- Functional and Musculoskeletal Anatomy

Entry requirements: you should have previous training in medical or biomedical science, sport science, or human and mammalian biology or related degrees. For details, see hyms.ac.uk.

MSc Physician Associate Studies

FT 2 years

Begin your journey towards a career as a physician associate, working alongside doctors in a variety of healthcare settings. On this course you'll gain sound medical and scientific knowledge, as well as excellent communication skills, meaning that you can work effectively with other healthcare professionals. You'll benefit from early and sustained patient contact and gain hands-on experience through our diverse range of clinical placements.

Through our innovative approach to medical education you'll learn to deliver confident, compassionate care, as part of a multidisciplinary team.

Example modules:
- Introductory Medicine for Physician Associates
- Clinical Science and Practice I, II and III
Research degrees

Our research is making a real impact in healthcare locally, nationally and internationally. We’re addressing some of the most important current questions in healthcare, in areas including cancer research, infection control, mental health, diabetes and end-of-life care.

As a postgraduate research student, you’ll be welcomed into our thriving research community. Our courses attract students from all over the world, from both clinical and non-clinical backgrounds, who are guided under the expert supervision of our researchers.

Our research is organised into groups and centres, each of which conduct world-class research. Much of this is interdisciplinary, spanning traditional subject boundaries and reaching out into other departments at the Universities of Hull and York.

- **MD Medical Sciences**
  FT 2 years, PT 4 years

- **PhD Medical or Human Sciences**
  FT 3 years, PT 6 years

- **MPhil Medical or Human Sciences**
  FT 2 years, PT 4 years

- **MSc Medical or Human Sciences (by thesis)**
  FT 1 year, PT 2 years

- **PhD or MD (by published work)**

### Online courses

**MSc Health Professions Education**

- **FT 1 year, PT 1–3 years**

**PGDip Health Professions Education**

- **PT 1–2 years**

**PGCert Health Professions Education**

- **PT 1 year**

*Accredited by the Higher Education Academy*

Our Health Professions Education courses will equip you with the skills and knowledge to deliver exceptional teaching and learning, so that you can lead and inspire in your area of practice.

We offer a Certificate, Diploma and Masters in Health Professions Education – all of which are flexible and designed to fit around your busy work schedule and home life. You can study each programme part-time, one after the other. Alternatively, you can combine the three programmes into a one-year full-time Masters. You can opt to study entirely online, or with a blend of face-to-face study days and online learning. You can begin your studies in January or September.

Upon completion of the Certificate, you can apply to become a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy – a status recognised by professional bodies as an indicator of teaching scholarship.

**Example modules:**

- Anatomy Pedagogy
- Professional and Reflective Practice
- Research Approaches in Health Professions Education
- Leadership in Health Professions Education

**Entry requirements:** For details, see [hyms.ac.uk](http://hyms.ac.uk).
MEDIEVAL STUDIES

Explore all facets of medieval life and culture, from 400 to 1550, studying in the heart of this medieval city. The Centre for Medieval Studies (CMS) benefits from the expertise of four parent departments: English and Related Literature, History, History of Art and Archaeology.

Research and teaching spans all periods of the Middle Ages and encompasses the medieval world from Scandinavia to the Mediterranean, the Middle East and Africa. We run a lively programme of events, talks, conferences and reading groups, many of which are student-led.

Our graduates go on to work in a wide range of professions, including archives, libraries, museums, galleries, publishing companies and the heritage sector.

Minimum requirements

Taught degrees
2:1 undergraduate degree in a related subject

Research degrees
A qualification equivalent to a UK Masters with a minimum average grade of 60%

English language requirements
IELTS 7.0, minimum 6.5 in each component

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Funding
See page 28 (taught) and page 46 (research)

Research areas

Archaeology
Art and architectural history
Codicology
History (social, economic, political, cultural, ecclesiastical, intellectual and gender)
Islamic world
Literature (including Old and Middle English, Old Norse, Latin, Italian, French)
Palaeography
Science (history, reception and application)
Viking studies
**Taught Masters courses**

We offer one taught Masters degree in Medieval Studies. It is unique in offering skills training in four medieval languages and three different periods of palaeography.

The CMS also administers the MA in Medieval Literatures and Languages within the Department of English and Related Literature. These students work side by side with CMS students and those studying Masters degrees in Medieval History, Medieval Archaeology and History of Art (Medieval Art and Medievalisms pathway).

**MA Medieval Studies**  
**FT 1 year, PT 2 years**

This course is an introduction to the medieval cultures of Europe. New disciplines will complement your existing skills, offering you world-class teaching from our parent departments. You’ll learn to recognise how the subjects are inter-related, while exploring the fields of study that most interest you.

In the medieval city of York, inspiration is everywhere, and you’ll have access to some of the UK’s most important medieval records, including York Minster Library and Archives and the Borthwick Institute for Archives.

**Example modules:**

- The Global Middle Ages
- The Invisible City
- The Cult of Saints in the Medieval West, 1050–1350
- Art and Imagery in York Minster

**MA Medieval Literatures and Languages**  
**FT 1 year, PT 2 years**

This course is run in collaboration with the Department of English and Related Literature. For entry requirements and course description see page 94.

**MA Medieval History**  
**FT 1 year, PT 2 years**

For entry requirements and course description, see the Department of History on page 110.
MA Medieval Archaeology
FT 1 year, PT 2 or 3 years
For entry requirements and course description, see the Department of Archaeology on page 56.

MA History of Art (Medieval Art and Medievalisms)
FT 1 year, PT 2 years
For entry requirements and course description, see the Department of History of Art on page 114.

Research degrees
PhD courses are available both full-time and part-time. You’ll develop advanced research skills either as a prelude to a research-based career or as training to become an academic. You’ll produce an extended dissertation on your chosen subject. We strongly advise that you approach a member of staff informally to discuss research topics in the first instance.

- PhD Medieval Studies
  FT 3 years, PT 6 years
The Centre for Modern Studies is a vibrant research centre and a community of academic staff and postgraduate students dedicated to the interdisciplinary study of the period from 1830 to the present. Our experts come from Archaeology, English and Related Literature, History, History of Art, Philosophy, Politics, Sociology, the Centre for Women’s Studies, the Department of Theatre, Film and Television, the Institute for the Public Understanding of the Past and the Centre for Applied Human Rights.

Our graduates have gone into academia and teaching, arts administration, journalism, broadcasting, public relations, social work, politics, the Civil Service and management consultancy.

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**Research areas**

- Archiving the city
- Creative dissonance: writing now
- Medievalism and imperial modernity
- Modernist peripheries: fringes and frontiers

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**Minimum requirements**

2:1 undergraduate degree in a related subject

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**English language requirements**

IELTS 7.0, minimum 6.5 in each component

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**Funding**

See page 28 (taught) and page 46 (research)
Taught Masters course

We offer one flexible taught course. You’ll be able to follow your interests in the contemporary era with option modules offered by our numerous partner departments and with your dissertation.

MA Culture and Thought after 1945

FT 1 year, PT 2 years

This flexible course enables you to explore the key intellectual, cultural and historical developments of the contemporary period. We’ll introduce you to the various means by which different disciplines conceptualise and analyse the period. You’ll take a tailored research skills module, a core module entitled Framing the Contemporary, and three option modules. You’ll also undertake a substantial independent research dissertation.

You can investigate the art, literature, history, culture and thought of the post-1945 era, and explore topics from social media to the making of the contemporary world, cultural heritage management to decolonisation and globalisation, art and the environment to social justice. You’ll study with leading experts from the Departments of Archaeology, English, History, History of Art, Sociology, and Theatre, Film and Television, and the Centre for Women’s Studies. You can construct a programme that suits your interests and develops your transferable skills in interdisciplinary research.

You’ll engage with the wider research culture of the Centre for Modern Studies, and there will be a diverse schedule of seminars, conferences and reading groups for you to attend.

Example modules:

- Digital Publication and Web Technologies
- Film/Literature Encounters: History, Theory, Criticism
- Global Visions and Local Action: The History and Politics of International Health
- Law and Social Control

Key:
FT - Full-time
PT - Part-time

Share ideas and be inspired

Interdisciplinary reading groups and our Postgraduate Forum provide a platform for students to present their work and share ideas with other humanities students.

Achieve more with project grants

Take advantage of funding we offer for postgraduate students to aid their interdisciplinary work.

Extensive range of learning events

Annual programme of visiting speakers, conferences, symposia and workshops organised by staff and students.

Vibrant research centre

Based in the Humanities Research Centre, we offer a lively research community of staff, postgraduate students, postdoctoral scholars and academic visitors.
MUSIC

The Department of Music at York is internationally recognised for creative, practical and scholarly approaches to music, and allows you the time and space to develop your own distinctive approach to the discipline.

You’ll join a vibrant and international musical community of researchers, composers and performers. Our courses are taught by active professionals – what you learn at York stems directly from current research and practice.

York Music postgraduates have gone on to be performers, composers, academics, arts managers, teachers, journalists, broadcasters and community musicians.

Research areas

- Church music
- Community music
- Composition (acoustic and electroacoustic)
- Contemporary music
- Jazz and improvised music
- Music education
- Music production
- Music psychology
- Music technology
- Music, science and technology
- Musicology and analysis
- Performance

Minimum requirements

Taught degrees
2:1 undergraduate degree in a related subject.
We will also consider your application if you have a 2:2 honours degree and relevant professional experience
MA Community Music: 2:1 undergraduate degree or above in music or a related discipline

Research degrees
A qualification equivalent to a UK Masters with a minimum average grade of 60% or at least a 2:1 undergraduate degree

English language requirements
See course descriptions for details

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Funding
See page 28 (taught) and page 46 (research)
World-class faculty
York’s Faculty of Arts and Humanities is eighth in the UK and 34th in the world (Times Higher Education’s World University Rankings 2019)

Exceptional facilities
Access to a wide range of early and non-western instruments, practice rooms, listening labs, recording studios and two professional concert halls

Extensive learning experience
We offer diverse department ensembles, a professional concert series, weekly research seminars, performance classes and composition seminars

Join outstanding professionals
Plenty of opportunities to work with our associate ensembles as well as local specialist groups

Taught courses
At York, our courses are centred around flexibility and freedom of choice. Whatever your course, you’ll be able to explore your own research ideas while being a part of a lively and supportive community.

Most of our taught Masters courses are also available as shorter courses: for the Postgraduate Diploma, you’ll complete all modules and submit a shorter final project, and the Postgraduate Certificate comprises just the taught modules.

MA Music
FT 1 year, PT 2 years

PGDip Music
FT 1 year, PT 2 years

PGCert Music
FT 6 months, PT 12 months

English language requirements: IELTS 6.0, minimum 5.5 in each component

Our MA Music is taught in Pathways, allowing you to focus your studies on your particular interests. We place an emphasis on independence and creativity – you’ll have the freedom to study the areas that interest you. You’ll combine this focused study in your specialist area with an introduction to research techniques and methodologies.

Available pathways:
Composition
English Church Music
Music Psychology
Musicology
Performance Practice
Piano Studies
Solo Voice Ensemble Singing (MA/PGDip only)
Vocal Studies

Key:
FT - Full-time
PT - Part-time
MA Music Education: Instrumental and Vocal Teaching
FT 1 year, PT 2 years

PGDip Music Education: Instrumental and Vocal Teaching
FT 1 year, PT 2 years

English language requirements: IELTS 6.5, minimum of 6.0 in each component

Our MA in Music Education is a unique course for musicians interested in developing their instrumental and vocal teaching skills.

You’ll explore practical and theoretical concepts of music education, as well as aspects of psychology, music psychology and health. Drawing on your own experiences, you’ll develop your understanding of instrumental pedagogy and develop strategies for reflective practice, helping you to enhance your capabilities and confidence as a teacher.

Example modules:
- Effective Pedagogy
- One-to-one Teaching
- Teaching Techniques
- Enhanced Teaching Skills

MA Music Production
FT 1 year, PT 2 years

PGDip Music Production
FT 1 year, PT 2 years

English language requirements: IELTS 6.0, minimum 6.0 in Writing, 5.5 in all other components

Recordings and productions are the dominant way of engaging with music of all types. This programme explores the skills and knowledge relevant to this important musical activity, as well as understanding how it affects music more broadly.

You’ll study practical, theoretical and analytical aspects of the creation, perception and reception of audio productions. You’ll take an interdisciplinary approach, examining how creative studio practice is informed by science and engineering (acoustics, psychoacoustics, electroacoustics, signal processing) as well as composition, performance and musicology.

Example modules:
- Audio Signals
- Production Techniques, Technologies and Aesthetics
- Musicology of Production
- Music Perception and Critical Listening

MA Community Music
FT 1 year, PT 2 or 3 years

English language requirements: IELTS 6.0, minimum 5.5 in each component

Community music is a growing career option, as more and more musicians opt to work outside formal settings like the concert hall and many orchestras and arts organisations seek to extend their audience base into the community.

Community music covers work in schools, prisons or hospitals, the development of music in under-resourced areas and with disadvantaged people, and the development of creative partnerships between people of different skills and cultures. The majority of music degrees focus on musicology and instrumental/vocal excellence; this course will challenge you to build on these skills and think critically about the practical applications of music beyond the concert hall.

Example modules:
- Community Music in Principle
- Music in Education, Therapy and Health
- Group work, Classwork and Project Management
- World Music and the Other Arts

york.ac.uk/music
Research degrees

English language requirements: IELTS 6.0, minimum 5.5 in each component

The Department is home to a diverse range of researchers and practitioners who provide expert guidance during our research courses, including practice-based and practice-led topics. Seminars from distinguished composers and scholars, as well as performance classes with industry professionals, are held on a weekly basis.

The Department also houses two specialist research clusters: the Contemporary Music Research Centre, bringing together composition, performance, musicology and technology of contemporary music; and the Music, Science and Technology Research Cluster, encompassing music production, technologies for musical creativity and music psychology.

Research courses can be assessed by composition, performance or thesis.

- **PhD Music**
  FT 3 years, PT 6 years

- **MPhil Music**
  FT 2 years, PT 4 years

- **MA Music (by research)**
  FT 1 year, PT 2 years

- **MA Music Technology (by research)**
  FT 1 year, PT 2 year
We are a welcoming postgraduate and research community. We bring together exciting teaching and original research in an informal, friendly setting, and have strong research links with other universities. We are recognised internationally for our expertise across a wide range of areas including philosophy of mind, phenomenology, aesthetics, metaphysics, ethics and bioethics, political philosophy, philosophy of religion, and the history of philosophy. Our postgraduate students are integrated into all aspects of our thriving and dynamic research culture.

Our graduates have gone on to roles in marketing, education, finance, IT, the charity sector, tourism and leisure industries, as well as into academia.

Minimum requirements

Taught degrees
2:1 undergraduate degree in a related subject

Research degrees
A qualification equivalent to a UK Masters with a minimum average grade of 60%

English language requirements

Taught degrees
GDip Philosophy: IELTS 6.5, minimum 6.0 in each component
MA Philosophy: IELTS 7.0, minimum 7.0 in Writing, 6.5 in all other components

Research degrees
IELTS 7.0, minimum 7.0 in Writing, 6.5 in all other components

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Funding
See page 28 (taught) and page 46 (research)
Taught courses

We offer a taught MA in Philosophy course which prepares students for an academic career and also helps them to develop research skills that are valued by a wide range of employers. In addition, we offer a Graduate Diploma for those with no background in Philosophy.

MA Philosophy

**FT 1 year, PT 2 years**

On this course, you’ll engage with issues at the centre of contemporary debates, through a combination of core and option modules. You’ll consider topics that are central to debates in normative and political theory, and explore some key issues in theoretical philosophy, especially in metaphysics, epistemology, philosophy of language and philosophy of mind. Through our module on dissemination, you’ll organise and present a paper at a one-day ‘conference’, advancing your skills in communication and presentation. From the outset of the course, you’ll prepare for your dissertation, a substantial piece of critical writing which follows your own interests and can be the basis of applications for funding for a research degree.

The philosophical knowledge and abilities that you develop on the course will be invaluable if you choose to continue to an MPhil or PhD in Philosophy. You’ll gain essential transferable skills in research, critical thinking and analysis, leading discussions, grasping complex ideas, writing and problem solving.

**Example modules:**
- Theories of Social Justice
- Consciousness
- German Idealism
- Contemporary Issues in Bioethics

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**Key:**
- FT – Full-time
- PT – Part-time

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World-leading research

Ninety-six per cent of our research activity was judged to be of international quality (Research Excellence Framework 2014)

Inspiring range of events

We host regular Philosophy Colloquium events with prominent speakers; Royal Institute of Philosophy-sponsored public lectures; and a variety of workshops, symposia and conferences

Invaluable research links

We have links with the Universities of Leeds, Sheffield, Durham and Manchester through various projects and networks

Faculty’s global excellence

Our Faculty of Arts and Humanities is eighth in the UK and 34th in the world (Times Higher Education’s World University Rankings 2019)
GDip Philosophy
FT 9 months, PT 18 months

This Graduate Diploma course offers you the opportunity to obtain an honours-level qualification in Philosophy; you do not need to have a background in the subject. The first part of the course will introduce you to important topics and give you the skills required to engage critically with those topics. You’ll also choose from a selection of undergraduate modules, and you’ll study the Postgraduate Research Skills module, which will give you training in writing skills, critical thinking and philosophical analysis.

The second part of the course will give you experience in applying philosophical skills to a well-defined problem, under the guidance of an expert. You’ll prepare a written project based on independent research, supervised by a member of staff.

For those who wish to study for a Masters degree in Philosophy but lack the required philosophical background, the Graduate Diploma can serve as a springboard. It will train you up to the level required for admission onto the MA in Philosophy course at York and many other UK institutions.

Example modules:
- Theories of Social Justice
- Consciousness
- German Idealism
- Contemporary Issues in Bioethics

Research degrees

You’ll engage in the creation and interpretation of new philosophical knowledge and understanding through original research with our research degrees.

- PhD Philosophy
  FT 3 years, PT 6 years
- MPhil Philosophy
  FT 2 years, PT 4 years
- MA Philosophy (by research)
  FT 1 year, PT 2 year
The Department of Physics is at the forefront of pioneering global research and technological advancement in condensed matter physics, nuclear physics, the physics of life, and plasma physics and fusion energy. As a postgraduate, you’ll develop your own research and make your personal contribution to the advancement of physics. You’ll work closely with world-class researchers with wide-ranging interests to create new insights into the physical world.

We offer an active programme of postgraduate training including skills and professional development. We have strong ties to industry, national and international facilities and our research spans a wide range of fields in fundamental, cross-disciplinary and applied physics.

After their postgraduate degree, our graduates embark on careers as academics, as researchers and engineers in a variety of technology-based industries, as software developers, and in a wide range of other graduate professions.

**Research areas**
- Biological physics
- Biophysics
- Condensed matter physics
- Nuclear physics
- Plasma physics and fusion
- Quantum theory and quantum technologies

**Research centres**
- Condensed Matter Physics Institute
- York Plasma Institute
- York Centre for Quantum Technologies

**Facilities**
- York JEOL Nanocentre
  - High resolution STEM and TEM microscopes
- York Plasma Institute
  - Tokamak control room
  - Specialised plasma laboratories
- Astrocampus
  - Optical, solar and radio telescopes

**Minimum requirements**

**Taught degrees**
- 2:2 undergraduate degree in a related subject

**Research degrees**
- A qualification equivalent to a UK Masters with a minimum average grade of 60%
- MSc in Physics (by research): 2:2 undergraduate degree

**English language requirements**
- IELTS 6.0, minimum 5.5 in each component

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**Funding**
- See page 28 (taught) and page 46 (research)
Taught Masters course

We offer a taught Masters in Fusion Energy with unrivalled opportunities to interact with world-class fusion scientists who are pushing the boundaries of knowledge at the York Plasma Institute. This course is an excellent way to explore your interest in fusion and prepare for a career in this field.

MSc Fusion Energy

FT 1 year, PT 2 years

Research into fusion is entering an exciting new era with several large facilities aiming to achieve the crucial milestone of net energy gain. This MSc will prepare you to address these challenges. You'll be introduced to skills in computational and experimental plasma physics, and to fusion technology, and you'll conduct cutting-edge research.

You'll take a number of core lecture courses, supplemented by laboratory work designed to develop your computational and experimental skills. You'll have access to data analysis techniques and equipment, purpose-built teaching, research, and laboratory space. Your final project is an open-ended investigation which you'll design, carry out and report on independently. The project will be under the supervision of world-leading physicists at the York Plasma Institute, with potential for collaboration with external organisations.

Example modules:
- Plasma Physics for Fusion
- Fusion – Inertial Confinement
- Fusion – Magnetic Confinement
- Frontiers of Fusion Workshop

Key:
FT – Full-time
PT – Part-time

International excellence

Ninety-five per cent of research activity in the Department was rated internationally recognised (Research Excellence Framework 2014)

Learn at the cutting edge

Access to state-of-the-art computing techniques and equipment, in purpose-built teaching, research and laboratory spaces

Work with world-class researchers

Conduct research under the supervision of our world-class researchers, with potential for collaboration with external organisations

Championing equality

Our Institute of Physics: Project Juno Champion status demonstrates our action to address gender equality in Physics
Research degrees

Develop your own research and contribute to our understanding of physics on a one-year MSc by Research or a three-year doctoral degree. MSc by Research students also have the opportunity to move on to the second year of the PhD, subject to satisfactory progress, funding and available supervision.

Alongside your research, you’ll choose from a range of taught modules to help you develop specialist skills and relate your project to developments in the field.

You’ll join one of our leading research groups, which bring together complementary expertise and the support of other postgraduate students, postdoctoral researchers and staff. We encourage you to talk to a potential supervisor at an early stage.

Throughout the course you’ll benefit from our comprehensive training programme, designed to develop your research techniques alongside transferable skills to enhance your employability.

- **PhD Physics**
  - FT 3 years, PT 6 years

- **MSc Physics (by research)**
  - FT 1 year, PT 2 years

- **PhD Plasma Science and Fusion Energy**
  - FT 4 years

This unique, collaborative course available through the Centre for Doctoral Training in the Science and Technology of Fusion Energy (Fusion CDT) integrates a substantial research project with a short taught programme, in a range of inertial and magnetic fusion disciplines spanning materials and plasma physics.

Fusion CDT is a collaboration between five of the UK’s top universities – Durham, Liverpool, Manchester, Oxford and York – and world-class research institutes, including the Culham Centre for Fusion Energy, the Central Laser Facility, the National Nuclear Laboratory, AWE, the National Ignition Facility, ITER and Fusion for Energy, as well as industry partners. The combination of world-leading experts, international facilities and funding to develop collaborations around the world creates an outstanding training environment for the next generation of fusion scientists who will help make fusion energy a reality.

Funding for the Fusion CDT for further intakes is currently under consideration.

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With world-class academics at the forefront of research and debate on real-world issues, studying Politics at York places you at the heart of current political thinking.

Home to a prestigious, lively and international community of students and academics, our teaching and research cover all the major sub-disciplines of politics including political theory; comparative politics and public policy; political economy and conflict; and security and development.

Our courses pave the way to diverse careers in international organisations, the media, law, the Civil Service, politics, journalism and business.

Research areas

- Comparative politics
- Contemporary political theory
- Environmental politics
- Gender politics
- Global development
- History of political thought
- Human rights
- International political economy
- International security
- Migration
- Peace-building
- Public policy

Minimum requirements

Taught degrees
2:1 undergraduate degree in a related subject

Research degrees
A qualification equivalent to a UK Masters with a minimum average grade of 60%

English language requirements
IELTS 6.5, minimum 6.0 in each component

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Funding
See page 28 (taught) and page 46 (research)
Taught Masters courses

Our taught courses combine taught modules and an extended individual project, normally in the form of a dissertation. Spanning all the major areas of Politics, a wide range of modules are available on all courses, enabling you to specialise in the areas that interest you most.

**MA Public Administration and Public Policy**

*FT 1 year, PT 2 years*

Explore the key themes that drive the creation of public policies – how they are made, framed, brought to life and managed.

From patterns of global trade and finance to state restructuring and its consequences, this dynamic course will give you a detailed insight into the decision-making processes that govern our lives.

**Example modules:**
- Theories of the Policy Process
- Comparative Institutions and Public Policy
- Public Management and Delivery
- Principles of Policy Advice

**MPA Public Administration**

*FT 1 year, PT 2 years*

This course offers a unique opportunity to study for a professional qualification designed to enrich your knowledge of international service delivery in government and non-profit organisations.

By exploring the critical issues that drive policies in government and on the ground, you’ll understand how they support people’s everyday needs in countries around the world.

**Example modules:**
- Theories of the Policy Process
- Managing Public Finance
- Public Management and Delivery
- Strategic Planning
You’ll explore these topics in greater depth and from different perspectives, drawing on our internationally recognised teaching and research strengths in analytical political philosophy, intellectual history and critical theory.

Example modules:
- Approaches to Political Theory
- Ethics and World Politics
- Theories of Justice
- Critical Theories of International Political Economy

**MA Conflict, Governance and Development**

**FT 1 year, PT 2 years**

Development is an inherently political process of change that tests human relationships. By exploring these relationships you’ll see the connections between violent and non-violent conflict, processes of development, and how they relate to the governance of our modern world.

On this course, you’ll examine key conflict and development case studies and apply major theories of international development to deepen your understanding of local, national and global processes of change.

Example modules:
- Theories and Policies of Development Governance
- Conflict and Development
- The Politics of Global Trade
- Ethics and World Politics

**MA International Political Economy**

**FT 1 year, PT 2 years**

At the heart of this course are passionate discussions on contemporary issues such as international development, global financial regulation and the organisation of production and trade.

Our expertise in the field of international political economy spans the full breadth of the discipline, from classic thinkers to debates over contemporary trade policy and transnational financial regulation. You’ll also be encouraged to look beyond your discipline, with option modules delivered by departments across the University to give you a fresh, interdisciplinary perspective on the issues you’ll face.

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**MA Public Administration (International Development)**

**FT 1 year, PT 2 years**

By investigating how policy is made, from development to deployment, and identifying the challenges that lie in public organisations throughout developing countries, you’ll be able to provide solutions that make a difference.

From leadership and strategy to performance and human resources, this course will help you build a set of highly sought-after skills that will prepare you for managerial roles in the developing world.

Example modules:
- Theories of the Policy Process
- Managing Public Finances
- Theories and Policies of Development Governance
- Strategic Planning

**MA Public Policy (Mundus MAPP)**

**FT 2 years**

Mundus MAPP is an international joint Masters program in Public Policy, offered by four leading European institutions.

The course directly responds to the educational needs created by the rapidly changing global environment and new public policy challenges. It will equip you with the conceptual knowledge and practical skills that are necessary for understanding and decisively intervening in contemporary transnational policy problems.

Example modules:
- Comparative Institutions and Public Policy
- Conflict and Development
- European Public Policy
- Challenges to Policy-making in Democratising Countries

**MA Political Theory**

**FT 1 year, PT 2 years**

This course addresses some of the most pressing questions in political life. What is politics for – to bring real freedom and equality for all human beings, to realise justice, or to prevent human beings from killing one another in large numbers? What do we owe the global poor? Can we close our borders? Where does power lie in democracies?
Research degrees

Our expertise spans the discipline of Politics, and we offer a subject-specific research training programme to all research students. These will help develop the skills you need to design your research project and refine your research question.

- **PhD Politics**  
  FT 3 years, PT 6 years
- **PhD Post-war Recovery Studies**  
  FT 3 years, PT 6 years
- **PhD Environment and Politics**  
  FT 3 years, PT 6 years
- **PhD Global Development**  
  FT 3 years, PT 6 years

**Example modules:**
- Contemporary Issues in International Political Economy
- Critical Theories of International Political Economy
- Politics of the Poor
- Africa and International Politics

**MA International Relations**  
**FT 1 year, PT 2 years**

There has never been a more exciting and important time to study world politics. The refugee crisis, epidemics like Ebola and Zika, terrorism, international conflict and nuclear tensions are just some of the issues that highlight how the complexity of international politics affects the lives of billions.

This course will enable you to understand contemporary international events, their causes and repercussions, through theoretical debates; and recognise how those debates resonate in distinct issue areas and contexts.

**Example modules:**
- Themes and Theories in International Relations
- New Security Challenges
- The Making of the Contemporary World: History, Politics and Ideas since 1945
- Politics of Migration

**MA Applied Human Rights**  
**FT 1 year, PT 2 years**

Learn to bridge the gap between theory and practice by combining hands-on experience with interdisciplinary academic enquiry. Discover the theoretical frameworks and practical skills which make advances in human rights possible.

You'll study different aspects of human rights practice: the strategies employed and the debates, institutions and political structures that human rights defenders seek to influence, learning directly from human rights defenders with first-hand experience in governmental, judicial and grassroots roles.

**Example modules:**
- Social Sciences and Human Rights Practice
- Project Placement
- Ethics and World Politics
- Women, Citizenship and Conflict
PSYCHOLOGY

Join our research-intensive Department of Psychology and enjoy outstanding facilities, diverse research and excellent teaching standards. Our research covers a diverse range of subjects including cognitive processes and development, cognitive neuroscience, and forensic, social and personality psychology. We are committed to developing practical uses for theoretical findings, meaning much of our research has direct educational, forensic and medical applications. Our alumni go on to secure professional psychologist jobs or PhD/postdoctoral positions at top institutions.

Research areas

Cognition and communication
Developmental psychology
Neuroscience methods and theory
Perception and action
Social interaction and forensic psychology

Facilities

York Neuroimaging Centre
Numerical Cognition Laboratory
Spatial Hearing Laboratory
Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation
Sleep Laboratory
Group Testing Laboratory
Links to Edinburgh Zoo for behavioural research with chimpanzees, Squirrel and Capuchin monkeys
Transcranial Direct Current Stimulation
York Educational Assessment Clinic
The Wolfson Centre for Child Development and Family Research
York Developmental Social Neuroscience Laboratory
Eye-tracking Laboratories
Virtual Reality Laboratory

Minimum requirements

Taught degrees
2:1 in a related subject

Research degrees
A qualification equivalent to a UK Masters with a minimum average grade of 60%

English language requirements
IELTS 7.0, minimum 7.0 in Writing, 6.5 in all other components

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Funding
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Taught Masters courses

Our strengths lie in experimental psychology, meaning all of our courses are based on firm scientific foundations.

Lectures, seminars, practicals and group work allow you to learn directly from our academic staff as well as experts from other institutions. You’ll gain knowledge in all aspects of research, from designing and carrying out experiments to analysing, critically evaluating and interpreting results, equipping you with valuable skills that you’ll apply in your final project.

MSc Cognitive Neuroscience

FT 1 year

How does the brain think? That’s the question this course tries to answer. You’ll explore how modern techniques in brain imaging can be used to ask questions about how the brain and the mind work.

Students at York gain experience in functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI), magnetoencephalography (MEG), electroencephalography (EEG), and transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS), allowing them to probe the biological processes that help us understand complex mental functions, such as memory, language, emotion, perception and even consciousness.

You’ll learn how to design, analyse and evaluate neuroimaging experiments, and see how they contribute to our understanding of brain mechanisms.

Provided jointly by the Department of Psychology and the York Neuroimaging Centre (YNiC), the course pulls in expertise from other areas of the University, such as the Hull York Medical School, and aims to provide a bridge between undergraduate study and PhD research in cognitive neuroscience and experimental neuropsychology.

Example modules:

- Basic Principles in Neuroimaging
- Topics in Cognitive Neuroscience
- Research Design and Analysis in Neuroimaging
- Programming in Neuroimaging

Top 10 in the UK

Ranked eighth in the UK for Psychology

(Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2019)

Top 100 in the world

Ranked in the world top 100

(QS World University Rankings 2019)

Learn at the cutting edge

Our research feeds directly into our teaching, putting you at the cutting edge of developments in the field.

Outstanding research

Ranked fourth for overall performance and second for the quality of research papers (outputs)

(Times Higher Education’s ranking of the Research Excellence Framework 2014)

Key:

FT - Full-time
PT - Part-time

Top 100 in the world

Ranked in the world top 100

(QS World University Rankings 2019)

Learn at the cutting edge

Our research feeds directly into our teaching, putting you at the cutting edge of developments in the field.

Outstanding research

Ranked fourth for overall performance and second for the quality of research papers (outputs)

(Times Higher Education’s ranking of the Research Excellence Framework 2014)

Top 10 in the UK

Ranked eighth in the UK for Psychology

(Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2019)
MSc Development, Disorders and Clinical Practice

**FT 1 year**

This MSc combines a theoretical grounding in typical development and neurodevelopmental disorders with practical experience in clinical assessment, diagnosis and treatment. You’ll focus on disorders including dyslexia, developmental language disorder, autism, ADHD and dyscalculia, and gain an understanding of the underlying causes of such disorders, as well as considering practical implications.

Combining perspectives from cognitive psychology, developmental cognitive neuroscience, and applied clinical and educational practice, you’ll gain knowledge of topical issues such as co-occurrence between disorders, the controversies of using labels for disorders, and the implications of neurodevelopmental disorders for children’s mental health.

**Example modules:**
- Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience
- Neurodevelopmental Disorders
- Clinical Practice for Developmental Disorders
- Treatment of Developmental Disorders

MSc Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience

**FT 1 year**

Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience explores how the mind changes as children grow up, examining the environmental and biological influences on the developing brain.

You’ll be provided with perspectives from developmental cognitive neuroscience and developmental and cognitive psychology, as well as hands-on training in brain imaging methods. You’ll explore topical issues such as neural bases of perceiving, acting in the physical and social world and neuroeducation.

**Example modules:**
- Topics in Cognitive Neuroscience
- Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience
- Data Analysis in Neuroimaging
- Current Questions in Developmental Research

Research degrees

As a research student, you’ll join our vibrant community of approximately 60 full-time and part-time research students. You’ll get support from our Early Career Researchers Forum and enjoy a regular calendar of social events. You can attend any relevant final-year undergraduate and Masters modules to enhance your knowledge of a specific area. You’ll also attend three academic tools sessions, covering topics such as grant- and CV-writing and interview skills.

- **PhD Psychology**
  - FT 3 years, PT 6 years
- **MPhil Psychology**
  - FT 2 years, PT 4 years
- **PhD Cognitive Neuroscience and Neuroimaging**
  - FT 3 years, PT 6 years
- **MPhil Cognitive Neuroscience and Neuroimaging**
  - FT 2 years, PT 4 years

Doctoral Training Partnerships

Doctoral Training Partnerships provide Research Council funding for PhD students at York. They offer skills training and opportunities for collaboration between universities.

- **White Rose Social Sciences Doctoral Training Partnership (ESRC), with the Universities of Leeds, Sheffield, York, Bradford, Sheffield Hallam, Hull, and Manchester Metropolitan:** [wrdtp.ac.uk](http://wrdtp.ac.uk)

See page 51.
Become part of the lively community of the Centre for Renaissance and Early Modern Studies (CREMS), interacting with peers from many different disciplines and bringing new perspectives to your work. We offer postgraduate degrees devoted to the study of the long 16th and 17th centuries. You’ll benefit from the expertise of nine parent departments.

CREMS offers a flourishing interdisciplinary community, a dynamic research culture, a programme of research seminars and conferences and support for postgraduate-led workshops and events.

Our graduates go on to work in a wide range of professions, in settings that include archives, libraries, museums, galleries, publishing companies, academia and the heritage sector.

Research areas

- Editing and performance
- Materiality, embodiment and the senses
- Neapolitan history, topography and culture
- Shakespeare
- Soundscapes in early modern culture
- Space, landscape and the environment
- The court cultures of England, Italy, Holland and France
- The history of the book, the history of religion and the history of ideas
- The reading of history in Elizabethan England
- Uses of the past
- Violence and crime

**Minimum requirements**

**Taught degrees**
2:1 undergraduate degree in a related subject

**English language requirements**
IELTS 7.0, minimum 6.5 in each component

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**Funding**
See page 28 (taught) and page 46 (research)
Taught Masters courses

We offer a taught Masters in Renaissance and Early Modern Studies. In the medieval city of York, inspiration is everywhere, and you’ll have access to some of the UK’s most important medieval and early modern records, including York Minster Library and Archives and the Borthwick Institute for Archives. As well as regular research seminars, students have their own postgraduate forum (Cabinet of Curiosities), which hosts socials, invited speakers, symposiums and film nights.

MA Renaissance and Early Modern Studies

FT 1 year, PT 2 years

This course will provide you with a wide-ranging and cross-disciplinary perspective on this exciting period. You’ll develop methodical research and archival skills to complement your specialist knowledge in this fascinating field, from visual and material culture to the history of religion, politics and political philosophy via music and the history of space/performance.

You’ll take a core module, three option modules and a core training programme in research skills and you’ll complete a substantial research dissertation of 15,000–20,000 words.

Example modules:
- Approaches to Renaissance and Early Modern Studies
- Early Modern Theories of Everything
- Magic, Science and Religion in the Renaissance
- Domestic Historic Interiors

MA Early Modern History

FT 1 year, PT 2 years

For entry requirements and course description, see the Department of History on page 110.

MA Renaissance Literature, 1500–1700

FT 1 year, PT 2 years

For entry requirements and course description, see the Department of English and Related Literature on page 94.
Research degrees

Research students from our contributing departments form a pivotal part of the CREMS community, taking part in interdisciplinary research seminars, conferences and student-led activities where subject boundaries are easily crossed.

We also have dedicated study facilities for research students, providing a friendly space to bring together postgraduate researchers.
We are an internationally focused department with a world-class reputation. We offer full-time, part-time and online courses for students pursuing careers in social policy, social work, social security, health, social services, public policy, public administration, the voluntary and independent sectors and social research.

We study a dynamic field, so research and teaching are closely aligned. We pride ourselves on the calibre of our academic staff, the majority of whom have been assessed as either ‘world-leading’ or ‘internationally excellent’ (Research Excellence Framework 2014).

Our postgraduate programmes draw on research excellence and expertise in social policy, social work and public management. Whether on campus or online, you’ll be part of a diverse student body in a friendly and intellectually stimulating environment, supported by academics with a wide range of interests.

**Minimum requirements**

**Taught degrees**
2:1 undergraduate degree in a related subject. You’ll also be considered if you have relevant work experience and academic potential

**Online courses**
2:1 undergraduate degree in a related subject and professional experience in the public service field

**Research degrees**
2:1 undergraduate degree in a related subject

**English language requirements**

**Taught degrees**
IELTS 6.5, minimum 6.0 in each component
MA Social Work: IELTS 7.0, minimum 6.5 in each component

**Research degrees**
IELTS 6.5, minimum 6.0 in each component

**Research areas**

**Childhood, youth and family**

**Comparative and global social policy**

**Crime**

**Health and social care**

**Housing**

**Mental health**

**Welfare and poverty**

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**Research degrees**
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**Funding**
See page 28 (taught) and page 46 (research)
Top for research impact

Equal first for impact
(Times Higher Education’s ranking of the Research Excellence Framework 2014)

4th in the UK

for Social Policy and Administration
(QS World University Rankings by Subject 2019)

9th in the world

for Social Policy and Administration
(QS World University Rankings by Subject 2019)

Making research count

Our regular seminars promote communication between academics and social care professionals so everyone can benefit from the latest research

Taught Masters courses

SOCIAL POLICY

Our Masters courses equip you with the skills you need to analyse social policy. You’ll study how policies are developed and their effects on people’s lives.

Our courses degrees offer a combination of taught coursework and a supervised independent study project. You’ll develop research and presentation skills to allow you to carry out and communicate the results of your own policy research.

MA Social Policy

FT 1 year, PT 2 years

Analyse social policy to understand how policies are developed and the role they play in people’s lives. You’ll develop the skills required to carry out your own research in an area of social policy that interests you.

This course is especially suited to you if you are considering a career in social policy analysis, advocacy or research in the public sector, or socially focused NGOs. You’ll cover topics such as the welfare state in the UK and other countries, the impact of globalisation on social programmes and why patterns of social inequality persist.

Example modules:
- Social Policy Analysis
- Research Design
- Globlisation and Social Policy
- Advanced Qualitative Methods

MA Global Social Policy

FT 1 year, PT 2 years

Engage with the theoretical and empirical dimensions of global social policy development. A combination of social policy analysis and research training modules give you a broad introduction to relevant social policy theories, analysis and methods. Throughout the course you’ll develop detailed knowledge of social policy in a global context.

Key:
FT - Full-time
PT - Part-time
You’ll have the opportunity to put the research skills that you’ve gained into practice on a research placement. You’ll then produce a dissertation, under the guidance of a personal supervisor.

**Example modules:**
- Comparative and International Social Policy – Research Methods
- Global Social Problems and Global Social Policy
- Globalisation and Social Policy
- Making Global Social Policy

**MA Global Crime and Justice**

**FT 1 year, PT 2 years**

This course is designed for students and professionals seeking to develop a career in criminal justice, international organisations, the media and research. You’ll study an increasingly important feature of society: transnational crime and the responses taken by states and non-state actors.

You’ll engage with the reality of global crime and criminal and related social policies from an interdisciplinary perspective. You’ll progress to more advanced analysis of global crime and justice, exploring diverse global crimes ranging from drug and human trafficking to corporate and state crimes.

**Example modules:**
- Policy Analysis – Crime and Justice
- Global Crime and Justice
- Global Social Policy and Global Social Problems
- Research Design

**MA Comparative and International Social Policy**

**FT 1 year, PT 2 years**

Analyse and compare international policy to build your skills for a career in policy development for governments, charities and NGOs.

You’ll take a broad international approach, rooted in the analysis of higher-income OECD countries and adapting this to a study of countries across the globe. The course attracts students from around the world, so you’ll benefit from first-hand international insight.

**Example modules:**
- Social Policy Analysis

**MRes Social Policy**

**FT 1 year, PT 2 years**

This course will equip you with advanced research skills specific to social policy. You’ll learn how to critically analyse and investigate contemporary social problems and policy issues. At the beginning of the course, you’ll study a broad introduction to social research methods and social policy analysis, before looking at effective data collection in greater depth.

**Example modules:**
- Social Policy Analysis
- Research Design
- Advanced Qualitative Methods
- Advanced Quantitative Methods
**SOCIAL WORK**

Our social work courses offer the first step towards a career where you can make a real difference to the quality of people’s lives, as a registered social worker in the UK or supporting social work on the global stage.

**MA Social Work**  
**FT 2 years**

*Accredited by the Health and Care Professions Council*

Minimum requirements: GCSE English and GCSE Mathematics at grade 4 (C)

This course offers you both a Masters degree and a professional qualification. It will equip you with the skills and knowledge you’ll need for effective professional practice as a social worker. It is suitable for graduates from a wide range of disciplines who are committed to a career helping people.

The course will introduce you to core areas of social work. It gives you the option to specialise in an area that’s particularly important to you. You’ll focus on professional practice and take part in two placements in different areas of social work. After completing this course, you can apply to register as a social worker with the Health and Care Professions Council.

**Example modules:**
- Knowledge for Social Work
- Readiness for Practice
- Social Work with Adults
- Social Work with Children, Young People and Families

**MRes Social Work**  
**FT 1 year, PT 2 years**

This course offers intensive research training in social work. After developing a broad understanding of social research methods, you’ll look at research in a social work context. At the end of the course, you’ll have the opportunity to apply the skills you’ve gained through developing your own research project.

**Example modules:**
- Research Design
- Comparative Social Work: Concepts and Contexts for Research and Practice
- Globalisation and Social Policy
- Global Crime and Justice

**MA Comparative and International Social Work**  
**FT 1 year, PT 2 years**

This is one of a very small number of courses in the UK to focus on social work in international contexts. Through multi-disciplinary and cross-national study you’ll gain in-depth knowledge of key social work theories and current issues, preparing you to contribute to global debates and lead change in policy and practice.

You’ll develop research skills allowing you to investigate real-world issues in social work. Practice-based learning lets you apply your theoretical knowledge to practical challenges of leadership and delivery.
Online Masters courses

As a student on one of our online courses, you’ll benefit from an approach that has been specifically designed for busy professionals who need to study at the same time as working. Our courses offer close support, a structured yet flexible approach, and an international learning community of public service practitioners.

MPA Public Administration

PT 2 years

This online Masters is designed for professionals in public and non-profit organisations. You’ll learn how to analyse complex public management problems, lead change, and develop your ability to manage through networks and partnerships. You’ll be able to shape and deliver the public services of the future and move into more strategic roles.

Throughout the programme you’ll grow as a competent and reflective practitioner, both in your current role and in preparation for more demanding roles in the future.

Example modules:
- Public Management and Delivery
- Strategic Planning
- Policy Analysis and Process
- Leading and Managing Organisational Change

MPA Public Administration – International Development

PT 2 years

Gain the knowledge and skills to analyse, influence and implement development policies and programmes. Drawing from approaches used in different countries, you’ll learn how to approach multi-stakeholder policy processes and lead development projects.

Designed for development practitioners in governmental, non-governmental and international organisations, this online course prepares you to meet the challenges of development in complex and demanding contexts.

Example modules:
- Social and Political Issues in Development
- Globalisation and Social Policy
- Governance and Public Administration
- Policy Analysis and Process

MA Public Policy and Management

PT 2 years

Develop your knowledge of public policy-making and get a better understanding of how policies are implemented on the ground. You’ll also acquire skills in public management and learn to analyse and influence how public services are run.

You’ll learn to analyse and influence how policies are made and implemented in an age of increasing complexity. You can choose from a range of option modules to ensure you learn about what is important to you.

Example modules:
- Public Management and Delivery
- Governance and Public Administration
- Policy Analysis and Process
- Public Service Reform: Economic and Political Perspectives
MA Social and Public Policy

PT 2 years

Examine the policy process and explore the interactions in policymaking at the local, national and global level. You’ll assess and analyse how social policymaking interacts with socioeconomic structures and conflictual political processes. You’ll discover how globalisation dynamics impact on and are filtered through national social policies.

This MA will enable you to develop or further your career in a wide range of public service and non-profit sector organisations, shaping policy and the future of public services. During your studies you’ll link theory to practice, developing skills and knowledge to influence policy.

Core modules:

- Social Policy Analysis
- Globalisation and Social Policy
- Social Policy: Evidence, Ideas and Institutions
- Work, Welfare and Citizenship

Research degrees

As a research student in the Department, you’ll be part of a diverse and welcoming postgraduate community. Alongside your research, you’ll have opportunities to participate in seminars and explore ideas with fellow researchers from across the globe, contributing to an academically stimulating research environment.

- **MPhil Social Policy and Social Work**
  FT 2 years

- **PhD Social Policy and Social Work**
  FT 4 years
SOCIAL RESEARCH

Prepare for a career in doctoral research or the social sciences, with a degree that focuses on teaching you how to ask the right questions and design effective studies to try and answer them.

We draw on social science expertise from around the University including the Departments of Economics, Education, Environment and Geography, Health Sciences, History, Language and Linguistic Science, Politics, Psychology, Social Policy and Social Work, York Law School, the York Management School, the School of Politics, Philosophy and Economics and the Centres for Applied Human Rights and Women’s Studies.

Dynamic research network
Join the Research Centre for Social Sciences – a hub for interdisciplinary and collaborative research at York

World-class research skills
Gain world-class research skills, as defined by the Economic and Social Research Council

Globally renowned experts
Experience exceptional teaching from internationally recognised experts

Highly ranked
Top 100 in the world for Social Sciences (Times Higher Education World University Rankings by Subject 2019)

Minimum requirements
2:1 undergraduate degree in a related subject

English language requirements
IELTS 6.5, minimum 6.5 in Writing, 6.0 in all other components

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Funding
See page 28 (taught) and page 46 (research)
Taught Masters course

Alongside giving you a solid grounding in social research methods, our course gives you the opportunity to develop your disciplinary knowledge and skills by studying optional modules from our contributing departments.

MA in Social Research

**FT 1 year, PT 2 years**

*Accredited by the UK Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)*

Our course will prepare you for a career in doctoral research or social science research. You can tailor your studies to your own interests, and we’ll equip you to be an independent researcher with the skills and knowledge to be able to investigate key societal issues. We offer five core modules, and you can choose up to 40 credits of option modules from participating departments.

You’ll study qualitative and quantitative research methods, and the key theoretical concepts of social science research. You’ll develop interview and other data collection techniques, and become proficient in methods of data analysis, including thematic, narrative and regression analysis. You’ll also put your training into practice with a substantial research project, supervised by an experienced academic in the discipline in which you intend to specialise.

**Example modules:**

- Research Design
- Introduction to Qualitative Methods and Data Analysis
- Introduction to Quantitative Methods and Data Analysis
- Working Beyond Disciplines
- Professional and Transferable Skills

Key:

FT - Full-time
PT - Part-time
SOCIOMETRY

Develop a new way of interpreting the world as you follow your passion in a creative and far-reaching discipline. Our research spans topics as varied as religion, health, science, crime and language. Thanks to our diversity of expertise, we’ll be able to support you in focusing on whatever is important to you.

Studying with us will transform the way you think, enabling you to ask the right questions and giving you the research skills you need to find answers. A degree from our Department will enable you to take on a career in a range of sectors.

Minimum requirements

Taught degrees
2:1 undergraduate degree in a related subject

Research degrees
A qualification equivalent to a UK Masters with a minimum average grade of 60% or at least a 2:1 undergraduate degree in a related subject

English language requirements
IELTS 6.5, minimum 6.0 in each component

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Taught degrees
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Research degrees
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Funding
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Research areas

Culture, values and practices
Gender, sexuality and inequalities
Language and social interaction
Science, health and technology
Outstanding research
First in the UK for the quality of our research (Times Higher Education’s ranking of the Research Excellence Framework 2014)

Taught Masters courses
Study a set of carefully selected modules as you get to grips with the key aspects of your chosen topic and delve into the areas that interest you most. You’ll not only gain a thorough understanding of the subject matter but also develop solid research skills that will enable you to set realistic research questions and design effective studies.

MA Criminology and Social Research
FT 1 year, PT 2 years
Analyse the nature of crime and deviance and learn how to conduct effective studies to find your own solutions to challenging issues. This course will enable you to critically examine key topics in the field of criminology and will provide comprehensive training in social research methods.

Example modules:
- Advances in Criminological Theory
- Critical Perspectives on the Criminal Justice System
- Law and Social Control

MA Culture, Society and Globalisation
FT 1 year, PT 2 years
Investigate how societies and cultures across the world are increasingly connected. This course will help you to understand culture differences and evaluate the impact of increased global connections on the contemporary world.

Example modules:
- Culture, Society and Globalisation 1: Theories and Developments
- Culture, Society and Globalisation 2: Inequalities and Practices
- Research Design
- Understanding Social Media

Learn from pioneering academics
Learn from academics making a real impact in the field, whose research translates directly into their teaching

An inspirational community
Feel part of an academic community, with regular events organised by the Department

Diverse expertise
Benefit from working with academics whose expertise ranges from religion and health to science and language

Key:
FT – Full-time
PT – Part-time

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MA Social Media and Social Research

FT 1 year, PT 2 years

With the data they generate containing insights into how entire populations behave, social media are fast becoming an important part of social research. This course will enable you to examine the role of social media in contemporary societies, alongside teaching you the skills you need to design effective social research enquiries.

Example modules:
- Understanding Social Media
- Social Media, Data and Society
- Advanced Methods in Social Research
- Themes and Issues in Contemporary Sociology

MSc Social Media and Management

FT 1 year

Critically examine how social media and information applications are transforming business. This course, taught by experts from the Department of Sociology and the York Management School, will help you to develop business awareness and explore the history of organisations.

Example modules:
- Understanding Social Media
- Innovation and Technology Management
- Business Information Systems
- Social Media, Data and Society

MSc Social Media and Interactive Technologies

FT 1 year

Evaluate the impact of social, political and economic factors on the use of interactive technologies, as you learn how to design and create usable and accessible devices and applications. In this course taught by the Department of Sociology and the Department of Computer Science, you’ll explore topics such as human–computer interaction, user-centred design and human psychology.

Example modules:
- Understanding Social Media
- Social Media, Data and Society
- Design and Research Practice in Interactive Technologies
- User-centred Design for Interactive Technologies

Research degrees

As a research student in the Department, you’ll benefit from a dedicated area to study in with your fellow students, with shared offices and a common room. You’ll be able to access a range of modules in research design, allowing you to carry out effective studies on the topic of your choice.

- MA Sociology by Research
  FT 1 year, PT 2 years
- PhD Sociology
  FT 3 years, PT 6 years
We offer a unique community at Theatre, Film, Television and Interactive Media (TFTI), where industry professionals and academics from the fields of film, television, interactive media and theatre all combine to make an exciting environment for creative study and practice. We have amazing industry-standard performance, production and postproduction facilities for you to work with, strong industry links, and regular industry masterclasses to develop your knowledge and expertise. We’ll help you to gain all the technical, critical and collaborative skills that you’ll need for a career in the creative industries.

Research areas
- Acting and rehearsal
- Artificial intelligence in games
- British cinema
- Broadcasting
- Immersive technologies
- Soundscapes
- Virtual reality
- Visual storytelling

Facilities
- A professional scenic stage theatre, seating over 200
- A multipurpose black box theatre/sound stage with a full lighting grid and gantry, as well as a two-wall cyclorama for live action and visual effects film shoots
- Two fully equipped rehearsal rooms
- A 4K digital cinema screening theatre with full surround sound and digital projection
- Two broadcast-ready HD television studios
- Two postproduction labs equipped with leading industry software packages for Mac and PC
- High-end picture finishing suites featuring DaVinci Resolve software and control surfaces
- Professional audio recording suites equipped with live rooms and bespoke Foley, ADR and mix facilities
- Industry-standard camera systems from Red Digital Cinema and Sony, professionally configured for location film and television production
- Professional audio equipment for mono, stereo and surround-sound recording
- A dedicated Interactive Media lab with interactive peripherals such as a Wacom Cintiq, game consoles, Leap Motion sensors, tracking cameras and high-end immersive VR headsets

Minimum requirements

Taught degrees
2:1 undergraduate degree in a related subject

Research degrees
A qualification equivalent to a UK Masters with a minimum average grade of 60%

English language requirements
IELTS 6.5, minimum 6.0 in each component

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Funding
See page 28 (taught) and page 46 (research)
Learn from professionals
We have wide-ranging industry connections and regularly host distinguished visiting speakers and masterclasses.

An inspirational community
We bring together world-leading researchers, dynamic teachers and industry professionals in a vibrant community.

24-hour facilities access
You’ll use industry-standard performance, production and postproduction facilities.

Major film partnerships
We work with Screen Yorkshire and the British Film Institute to support and grow screen industries in Yorkshire and the Humber.

Taught Masters courses
Our courses are tailored to the different aspects of film, television and theatre creation and production. From exploring storytelling for stage and screen to learning technical skills and studying the business side of the industries, from the development of a script to completing the final work, our courses will enable you to realise your creative vision.

We strongly encourage collaboration, exploration, innovation, critical analysis and practical skill advancement on all of our courses. We’ll teach you through a mix of workshops, lectures, screenings and masterclasses with leading academics and industry professionals. The project modules that you’ll complete mirror real-world industry requirements, and you’ll work with industry-standard equipment to ensure that you gain essential expertise for your future career.

Our five specialist Film and Television courses share some modules so you can work with others from different specialisms. These five courses are accredited by ScreenSkills, the skills and training body for the British film and television industries.

MA Playwriting
FT 1 year, PT 2 years
Learn the craft of writing for the theatre in a dynamic, creative and supportive environment. This course enables you to focus on your artistic and professional development as a writer. Taught by visiting writers and staff in the Department, we combine seminar explorations and discussions with practical writing workshops to ensure that you can acquire the research, writing and practical skills that you’ll need to write for the theatre.

You’ll use collaborative approaches for working with other writers and with actors and directors to develop your plays. You’ll have the opportunity to generate an extensive portfolio of writing in various styles and genres. We’ll familiarise you with the field of new play development in the UK and specific skills such as how to pitch new work, apply for funding and write to a commission.

Example modules:
- Thinking Through Playwriting
- Playwriting in the Marketplace
- Form and Realisation
- Guided Writing Project

Key:
FT = Full-time
PT = Part-time
**MA Theatre-Making**

**FT 1 year, PT 2 years**

We encourage you to focus on your practical work as a theatre-maker on our dynamic course. You’ll gain first-hand experience of the intricate collaborative interplay between dramatists, directors and performers which underpins successful theatre-making in the UK. Our course will enable you to learn the critical and interpretive skills needed to map and analyse the processes of theatre-making at an ambitious level. You’ll develop your own practical or written work in an extended project.

Our teaching combines seminar explorations and discussions with practical workshop experiments. We consider a range of texts from the early modern period to the present day, and we also interweave the ethics, politics and aesthetics of theatre-making with critical analysis throughout the course. You’ll benefit from contact with leading theatre-makers outside scheduled classes. This includes theatre projects, masterclasses, lectures and workshops exploring a wide range of creative disciplines.

**Example modules:**
- Thinking Through Theatre-Making
- Contemporary Approaches to Theatre-Making
- Elements of Theatre-Making
- Production Project

**MA Film and Television Production with Cinematography**

**FT 1 year**

*Accreditation under review*

Discover the close relationship between image and story with our specialist course. You’ll combine art and science, theory and practice, to explore all aspects of cinematography for single-camera film and television production. While learning the technical, practical and aesthetic principles of lighting, you’ll work with industry-standard equipment. You’ll gain technical experience and will develop and shoot your own project to high professional standards.

You’ll learn about lighting theory and design, camera technology and operation, studio and location production methods including grips and electrics. Our focus on practical group projects with hands-on work will prepare you for a career collaborating with others on set and on location.

**Example modules:**
- Business of Production and Postproduction
- Digital Cinematography I, II
- Digital Production and Postproduction Workflows
- Group Projects I, II

**MA Film and Television Production with Directing**

**FT 1 year**

*Accredited by ScreenSkills*

Explore directing for single-camera film and television productions and develop your storytelling for screen with our practical, collaborative course. From identifying and developing story ideas, to analysing and visualising scripts, from working with actors and crew, through to understanding the director’s role in editing, you’ll learn all aspects of directing both fiction and non-fiction projects. You’ll collaborate with others to produce professional-quality work and bring your stories to life.

With our specialist teaching you’ll also learn more about the business side of the industry, and will create pitches, plan projects, manage resources and problem-solve. You’ll gain all the essential skills for a career directing on set and on location.

**Example modules:**
- Business of Production and Postproduction
- Directing for Film and Television
- Group Projects I, II
- Script Development

**MA Film and Television Production with Producing**

**FT 1 year**

*Accredited by ScreenSkills*

Understand what it takes to be a successful producer by exploring the business, creative, technical and logistical perspectives of producing for film and television with this practical, specialist course. You’ll study all aspects of producing and managing projects, from identifying and developing story ideas, to packaging and pitching projects, to planning and managing shoots, as well as distribution and marketing strategies.

You’ll create innovative professional-calibre work, and you’ll work collaboratively to realise your creative vision.
for single-camera film and television projects. When you’ve finished, you’ll have essential expertise for a career in film and television as well as key skills that also transfer to other industries.

**Example modules:**
- Business of Production and Postproduction
- Group Projects I, II
- Producing for Film and Television
- Script Development

**MA/MSc Film and Television Production with Sound**

**FT 1 year**

*Accredited by ScreenSkills*

Study, create and practise contemporary sound production, postproduction and sound design processes for film and television with this specialist course.

We emphasise a high level of craft skill and creativity, combined with critical thought and collaboration on this course. Our modules include hands-on experience of industry-standard techniques, tools and equipment. You’ll receive a strong aesthetic, theoretical and technical grounding in the nature of sound as well as its relationship to picture and role in the recording, editing and mixing processes.

Graduates from this degree have gone on to work at top facilities such as De Lane Studios, Envy and Molinare.

For the MA your extended project will focus on creative production-orientated work.

For the MSc your extended project will focus on the technologies behind production and postproduction systems.

**Example modules:**
- Audio Effects Design Lab
- Business of Production and Postproduction
- Digital Production and Postproduction Workflows
- Spatial Audio and Surround Sound

**MA/MSc Film and Television Production with Visual Effects**

**FT 1 year**

*Accredited by ScreenSkills*

Explore visual effects creative processes, and develop skills and knowledge in contemporary film and television postproduction on our specialist course. You’ll gain scientific and technical training with hands-on experience of visual effects systems, programme creation and artistic decision-making.

On this course, we encourage a high level of craft and creativity, combined with critical thought and collaboration. You’ll learn a variety of postproduction techniques, including compositing, colour grading and conforming visual effects projects. You’ll examine related production methods, such as shooting with green screen, including a strong aesthetic, theoretical and technical grounding in online editing processes.

You’ll work on your own creative and technical projects and gain essential skills to pursue a career in industry. Many graduates of this degree work at top facilities including DNEG, Moving Picture Company, Framestore and ILM.

For the MA your extended project will focus on production-orientated work.

For the MSc your extended project will focus on formal research into the technologies behind postproduction systems.

**Example modules:**
- Business of Production and Postproduction
- Grading and Finishing
- Digital Production and Postproduction Workflows
- Visual Effects Design Lab
Research degrees

We offer five MA/MSc by research degrees that enable you to pursue a particular interest through independent learning with our supervision. You’ll complete a final project such as making a film or television pilot; designing, implementing and evaluating an interactive media system; developing a script for a screenplay or pilot episode; or investigating an area of interactive media or theatre with a thesis.

We also offer a PhD programme by either research or creative practice.

- **PhD Theatre, Film and Television**  
  FT 3 years, PT 6 years

- **PhD Theatre, Film, Television and Interactive Media**  
  FT 3 years, PT 6 years

- **MA Filmmaking (by research)**  
  FT 1 year, PT 2 years

- **MA Screenwriting (by research)**  
  FT 1 year, PT 2 years

- **MA Theatre (by research)**  
  FT 1 year, PT 2 years

- **MA Interactive Media (by research)**  
  FT 1 year, PT 2 years

- **MSc Interactive Media (by research)**  
  FT 1 year, PT 2 years
The Centre for Women’s Studies (CWS) is among Britain’s longest-established bases for feminist and gender-oriented research. Through a women-centred approach, we explore differing perspectives, as well as creative tensions between disciplines.

We are committed to an intersectional approach that acknowledges the experiences of women in non-Western societies, focuses on sexual diversities and reflects on the wider ethical implications of feminist scholarship.

At CWS, you’ll study alongside prominent academics as you develop a feminist sensitivity to difference and power relations. You’ll learn to analyse your own preconceptions and engage with a wide variety of social and political issues, facilitating your development into responsible global citizens with opportunities in academia, journalism, charities and non-governmental organisations.

**Research areas**
- Activism
- Digital and popular culture
- Feminist pedagogy
- Feminist theory
- Gender and sexuality
- Masculinities
- Migration
- Perpetrator studies
- Queer studies
- Terrorism
- The body
- Violence

**Minimum requirements**

**Taught degrees**
2:1 undergraduate degree in a related subject

**Research degrees**
A qualification equivalent to a UK Masters with a minimum average grade of 60% or at least a 2:1 undergraduate degree

**English language requirements**
IELTS 6.5, minimum 6.0 in each component

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**Funding**
See page 28 (taught) and page 46 (research)
Taught courses

Our taught Masters courses provide a thorough grounding in women’s and gender studies through core modules, equipping you with the skills you need to specialise in your area of interest. You’ll also be able to choose from a variety of option modules.

MA courses culminate in an extended individual project, where you’ll develop and apply your skills to produce a dissertation. You’ll be supported throughout this process by your appointed supervisor, as well as through dedicated workshops and discussion within the Centre’s ‘Sisterhood in Action’ conference.

Most of our courses have Postgraduate Diploma and Postgraduate Certificate variants. Students on these courses learn alongside MA students: Diploma students follow the same six modules but do not submit a dissertation, and Certificate students take three 20-credit modules from the MA course.

**MA Women’s Studies**
- **FT 1 year, PT 2 years**

**PGDip Women’s Studies**
- **FT 1 year, PT 2 years**

**PGCert Women’s Studies**
- **FT 1 year**

Explore the challenges, developments and possibilities of this evolving subject. You’ll address a diverse range of theoretical and methodological approaches to women’s and gender studies, challenging your assumptions and academic understanding.

You’ll study the complex issues and debates within women’s studies and gain a critical understanding of the intersections between feminist thought and wider social and cultural debates. An emphasis on practical research and feminist methodologies will equip you with the advanced research skills to enable you to conduct a substantial piece of independent research.

**Example modules:**
- Feminist Research Methodologies
- Feminism and Sexuality
- Introduction to Qualitative Methods and Data Analysis
- Feminist Cultural Activism

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**Key:**
- **FT** - Full-time
- **PT** - Part-time

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**Interdisciplinary study**

Our research and teaching draw on a wide range of disciplines, including history, philosophy, politics, social policy and our two parent Departments, Sociology and English.

**Research excellence**

English had the highest proportion of ‘world-leading’ research; Sociology was ranked first in the UK for overall research (Times Higher Education’s ranking of the Research Excellence Framework 2014).

**Vibrant community**

Close-knit and supportive global community of around 55 postgraduate students from wide-ranging cultural and disciplinary backgrounds.

**Expert tutors**

Seven core members of staff and expertise from over 20 academics from contributing Departments.
Women's Studies (Humanities) offers a tailored programme for those with a particular interest in humanities-informed approaches to interdisciplinary women's and gender studies. You'll address a diverse range of theoretical and methodological approaches to women's and gender studies, developing a critical awareness of the gendered aspects of cultural life, representation and textual enquiry.

You'll have the opportunity to focus on a variety of cultural perspectives and practices – literary, visual and artistic – from both contemporary and historical cultures and across a range of geographical and societal spaces. The emphasis on humanities-informed feminist methodologies and practical research skills will enable you to conduct a substantial piece of independent research.

Example modules:
- Approaching Women's Studies
- Ways of (Feminist) Knowing
- Feminist Cultural Activism
- Feminist Histories – Feminist Historiography

Women, Violence and Conflict are always gendered processes. Shining a critical light on gender helps us to understand violence and conflict better.

These programmes are ideal for students looking to broaden their theoretical perspective on the area of women, violence and conflict through feminist theoretical approaches and a gendered lens. Attentive to intersecting categories, you'll form an awareness of how violence and conflict affect gendered lives differently in local and global contexts.

The specialist focus on gendered experiences of violence and conflict provides the advanced knowledge suitable for further study and careers in organisations engaging with issues around human rights, politics and conflict.

Example modules:
- Feminist Research Methodologies
- Gender and Violence
- Women, Citizenship and Conflict
- Ways of (Feminist) Knowing

MA Women's and Gender Studies (GEMMA)

This course offers a double Masters degree in Women's and Gender Studies from two leading European women's/gender studies institutions. There are a number of Erasmus Mundus scholarships available for study on the programme.

GEMMA is a geographically and culturally diverse consortium of seven different institutions from six European countries, bringing together distinguished feminist scholars from a range of disciplines in the arts, humanities and social sciences.

The programme will provide you with an extensive and highly varied learning experience where you'll enjoy a breadth of module choice. Your first year will take place at your chosen 'home' institution; you'll then spend all or part of your second year abroad at your chosen 'mobility' institution. Through interdisciplinary, internationally-focused teaching, you'll develop the critical academic understanding and range of practical competencies required of effective active citizens contributing to gender equality.

Example modules:
- Feminist Histories – Feminist Historiography
- Ways of (Feminist) Knowing
- Feminist Research Methodologies
- Gender and Migration
Research degrees

We provide a cross-disciplinary environment for research. You’ll benefit from specialised research supervision in your main area of study, with opportunities to engage with our research community which can offer contrasting perspectives and additional guidance.

As part of our research degree provision, we offer research training programmes and unique innovations in teaching, such as writing workshops.

- **PhD Women’s Studies**
  FT 3 years, PT 6 years

- **MPhil Women’s Studies**
  FT 2 years, PT 4 years

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**Beyond human vision**

- Computer vision
- Image processing and analysis
- Pattern recognition

**Critical systems**

- Cyber physical systems
- Cyber security
- Large-scale enterprise systems
- Safety-critical and real-time systems

**People, health and wellbeing**

- Accessibility and inclusive design
- Health informatics
- Human-computer interaction

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- Theatre studies
- Women’s writing
Understanding the causes and consequences of environmental change
- Biodiversity
- Conservation
- Ecology
- Ecosystem services
- Glaciology
- Palaeoecology
- Sea-level change

Health Economics
- Econometric methods
- Economic evaluation of health technologies
- Equity in health and healthcare
- Global health
- Health and social care
- Health policy
- Public health

Health Sciences
- Cardiovascular health
- Epidemiology and cancer statistics
- Health services and policy
- Mental health and addiction
- Nursing and midwifery research
- Public health and society
- Trials and statistics

History
- Asia and Middle East
- Early modern
- Eighteenth century
- Medieval
- Modern Europe (including Britain and Ireland)
- Public history and policy
- Religion
- Science, technology, environment, medicine
- The Americas

Environment and Geography
- Developing innovative solutions to environmental challenges
  - Climate change
  - Contaminants
  - Ecology
  - Ecotoxicology
  - Environmental chemistry
  - Pollution
- Engaging people with environmental challenges and solutions
  - Energy
  - Environmental management
  - Environmental policy
  - Food security
  - Natural resources
  - Planning
  - Sustainability

Electronic Engineering
- Communication technologies
  - Applied electromagnetics and devices
  - Audio and acoustics
  - Communications systems and protocols
  - Signals and waveforms
- Engineering education and management
  - Engineering education
  - Entrepreneurship and intrapreneurship
  - Skills frameworks
- Intelligent systems and nanoscience
  - Adaptive devices and architectures
  - Autonomous systems and robotics
  - Computational biomedical systems and electronics for healthcare
  - Next-generation nanoscale technologies

English and Related Literature
- Eighteenth century and Romantics
- Medieval
- Modern
- Renaissance

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History of Art
- Architectural history and theory
- British art
- Film and new media
- Medieval art and medievalisms
- Modern and contemporary
- Renaissance and Baroque
- Sculpture studies
- Stained glass studies

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Archiving the city
Creative dissonance: writing now
Medievalism and imperial modernity
Modernist peripheries: fringes and frontiers

Music

Church music
Community music
Composition (acoustic and electroacoustic)
Contemporary music
Jazz and improvised music
Music education
Music production
Music psychology
Music technology
Music, science and technology
Musicology and analysis
Performance
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Philosophy

Aesthetics, art and literature
History of philosophy
Metaphysics (including philosophy of mathematics)
Phenomenology and continental philosophy
Philosophy of medicine and health
Philosophy of mind and perception
Philosophy of religion (especially analytic theology)
Political philosophy
Theoretical and applied ethics

Physics

Biological physics
Biophysics
Condensed matter physics
Nuclear physics
Plasma physics and fusion
Quantum theory and quantum technologies

Politics

Comparative politics
Contemporary political theory
Environmental politics
Gender politics
Global development
History of political thought
Human rights
International political economy
International security
Migration

Peace-building
Public policy
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Psychology

Cognition and communication
Developmental psychology
Neuroscience methods and theory
Perception and action
Social interaction and forensic psychology

Renaissance and Early Modern Studies

Editing and performance
Materiality, embodiment and the senses
Neapolitan history, topography and culture
Shakespeare
Soundscapes in early modern culture
Space, landscape and the environment
The court cultures of England, Italy, Holland and France
The history of the book, the history of religion and the history of ideas
The reading of history in Elizabethan England
Uses of the past
Violence and crime

Social Policy and Social Work

Childhood, youth and family
Comparative and global social policy
Crime
Health and social care
Housing
Mental health
Welfare and poverty

Sociology

Culture, values and practices
Gender, sexuality and inequalities
Language and social interaction
Science, health and technology
Theatre, Film, Television and Interactive Media

- Acting and rehearsal
- Artificial intelligence in games
- British cinema
- Broadcasting
- Immersive technologies
- Soundscapes
- Virtual reality
- Visual storytelling

Women's Studies

- Activism
- Digital and popular culture
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