Guide for visiting students
Here at the University of York, you can study with highly motivated people within highly ranked departments. Both the studying and living environment of York is just perfect. York is the best place”

Visiting Student, Japan
Welcome to the University of York

We offer you
- a very high-quality academic experience
- full credit transfer to your home university
- a strong reputation for student support
- affordable and plentiful accommodation
- a lively and stimulating environment
- a beautiful location in one of Europe’s finest cities

... with easy access from everywhere
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Welcome to York

The University of York has been welcoming students from all over the world since its establishment in 1963. With approximately 16,000 students, York provides a stimulating academic and social experience within a friendly and welcoming environment.

York is a member of the Russell Group, the UK’s group of research intensive universities. It is the nearest equivalent to the US Ivy League, although we are all public institutions. Other members include University of Oxford, University of Cambridge, Imperial College London, London School of Economics and Political Science and University of Edinburgh.
City life

York is one of the best and most beautiful places to live in the UK. There is plenty to impress: the famous soaring gothic York Minster, the winding medieval streets and the specialist stores and boutiques. Life in York is varied, colourful and lively, and its historic streets bustle with visitors from all around the world.

The city is a busy cultural centre for its residents as well as a tourist magnet. There is a year-round programme of events, including comedy, food and drink festivals, a Viking festival, Science Week, Festival of Ideas and a continental Christmas market.

Superb shopping

With more than 2,000 stores, York covers a spectrum of styles, specialist stockists and organic food retailers as well as the major retail chains and big-name high street outlets. The city centre is compact, with many shops set in York’s medieval and Georgian streets, but you will also find modern shopping complexes and a designer outlet on the outskirts.

Nightlife and entertainment

York has an attractive range of pubs, bars and restaurants as well as a thriving café culture – afternoon tea at Bettys Tea Rooms is a world famous tradition. As you would expect from a city with so many students, life in York is as energetic and varied by night as it is by day with its shops, galleries, clubs, cafés, museums, theatres, cinemas, music groups and sports clubs. York really does offer something for everyone.

Find out more about living in York at visityork.org
College of the Holy Cross students visiting Castle Howard
Great location

York is one of Britain’s best connected cities. Situated almost exactly half-way between London and Edinburgh on the East Coast mainline, intercity trains reach London in less than two hours and Edinburgh in two and a half. With Eurostar from London St Pancras, Paris is just over six hours away. Flights from Manchester and Leeds/Bradford airports provide easy links to Europe, as do ferries from Hull.

Around and about

Closer to home, you will find that some of Britain’s most beautiful countryside lies within easy reach. Within an hour’s drive are the Bronte Country, the Pennine hills, the Yorkshire dales, and the North York moors, plus the seaside towns of Whitby, Scarborough and Robin Hood’s Bay.
The campus offers a wealth of facilities, with cafés, bars, shops, a sports centre, tennis and squash courts, a health centre, theatres and concert halls all within easy walking distance. It is well-connected, criss-crossed with an excellent network of cycle paths and benefits from a fast, frequent bus service to the city centre and our smaller central site, the beautiful medieval King’s Manor.

The new millennium has signalled a dynamic period of growth for York. Since 2000, the University has invested in 20 new buildings on the existing campus and completed the first phase of a £750m campus expansion. This stunning new development on Heslington East includes four new departmental buildings, three colleges and a sports village.

Accommodation
York is one of a handful of universities which has a college system. Your college provides you with a focus for your residence, welfare and social life. Each of the nine colleges has its own distinctive identity, atmosphere, facilities and history.

All undergraduate visiting students are guaranteed accommodation either in one of the colleges or in university housing on or close to the campus, provided that they meet the deadline for applications shown on their offer. Postgraduate students can also apply for university accommodation and will be offered a room if there is availability. Most students are placed in single study-bedrooms in the five accommodation blocks as York students. Colleges provide self-service laundry facilities and cooking facilities in shared kitchens. Catered accommodation is also available (Heslington West campus only).
We welcome postgraduate and undergraduate visiting students from across the world, through programmes such as the European Commission’s Erasmus+ programme, individual university partnerships, third party providers and country specific government initiatives or as independent applicants.

As a postgraduate or undergraduate visiting student, York offers you:

- study periods of one, two or three terms of the academic year
- college membership and access to a wide range of extra curricular activities
- full integration in regular degree programme modules
- a personal/academic supervisor to support you and your studies
- a lively and stimulating environment.

Undergraduate students only:

- academic study in one or more departments (timetable allowing)
- academic credit for modules to the equivalent of 40–60 credits per term
- an academic transcript at the end of your studies.
Find out more about our Exchange, Erasmus and Visiting Programmes or apply online at york.ac.uk/visitingstudents
Areas of study

The University of York is noted for the interdisciplinary nature of its teaching and research. Our departments offer classes in the following study areas.

- Archaeology including:
  - Archaeology and Heritage
  - Historical Archaeology
  - Bioarchaeology
- Biology including:
  - Biotechnology and Microbiology
  - Ecology
  - Genetics
  - Molecular Cell Biology
  - Biochemistry
  - Biomedical Sciences
- Chemistry including:
  - Green Principles and Sustainable Practise
  - Atmosphere and the Environment
  - Biological and Medicinal Chemistry
- Computer Science including:
  - Embedded systems Engineering
  - Computer Artificial Intelligence
- Economics and Related Studies including:
  - Econometrics and Finance
- Education
- Electronic Engineering including:
  - Electronic Engineering
  - Electronic and Communication Engineering
  - Electronic and Computer Engineering
  - Electronic Engineering with Nanotechnology
  - Electronic Engineering with Business Management
  - Music Technology Systems
English and Related Literature including:
- Global literatures
- Period literatures

Environment including:
- Environmental Geography
- Environmental Science
- Environment, Economics and Ecology
- Human Geography and Environment

History

History of Art including:
- Curating and Art History

Language and Linguistics Science

Law

Management including:
- Accounting, and Business Finance
- Marketing
- Actuarial Science

Mathematics

Music including:
- Music and Sound Recording

Philosophy

Physics including:
- Astrophysics

Politics including:
- International Relations

Psychology including:
- Neuroscience

Social Policy and Social Work including:
- Social Science
- Social Policy (Crime and Criminal Justice)
- Criminology

Sociology including:
- Social Psychology
- Social and Political Science

Theatre, Film and Television including:
- Interactive Media
- Theatre: Writing, Directing and Performance
- Film and Television Production

For Postgraduate students we also offer study opportunities in our interdisciplinary research centres, Centre for Eighteen Century Studies, Centre for Medieval Studies and Centre for Women's Studies.
Application deadlines

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Please note: Some programmes, particularly postgraduate ones, start earlier than these official term dates. Please check with the relevant department for specific information.
Supporting your studies at York

We want you to get the best from your time at York. The college and supervisory system are at the heart of our support network.

Colleges

You will be a member of a college throughout your time at York. All colleges have a welfare team in addition to providing you with a focus for social and community life.

Supervisory system

You will be assigned a member of the relevant department to act as your supervisor throughout your time at York. The supervisor's primary role is in relation to academic matters, but they also support you in your personal development and well-being.

International student support

The University offers a range of services specifically tailored to international students. This includes an immigration advice service to assist with student visa queries, orientation programmes in September and January and international representation within college welfare teams.

Disability support

The University aims to provide you with the help and support you may need to aid your academic progress and make your stay at the University of York as enjoyable as possible. Please let us know if you have a disability and may require support. We will work with you to identify your needs and agree your support provision.

Afterwards

When your registration as a student ends, you will be welcome to continue your association with the University of York by joining the York Alumni Association. This is a wonderful community of over 102,000 York graduates.

For more information visit york.ac.uk/students/support
Facilities

24/7 Library facilities

In 2012 we invested £20 million in Library facilities at the University of York. The Library collections include over 1.2 million items, and access to over 60,000 print and electronic resources. There are many different learning spaces available: quiet and silent study zones; PC clusters; bookable group study rooms and a social learning space with a café and vending machines.

IT services

Visiting students can access the Network Access System (NAS) in on-campus accommodation and departmental computing suites. This allows you to connect your own computer to the internet and other network facilities including email, central file store and printers. If you use a laptop, you will find wireless hotspots across the campus and at King’s Manor.

Sport and fitness

Our Campus West has the York Sports Centre, including indoor racquet, basketball, football and netball courts, a new athletics field and fitness suite. Campus East houses the York Sports Village, which includes a swimming pool, 120 station fitness suite, a health suite with spa pool, steam room and sauna, a velodrome and floodlit pitches for football, lacrosse and rugby.
What students say

“The multitude of societies and sports clubs helped me in finding likeminded people and new friends, and made the integration process much easier. People are very friendly and including of everyone, and whether you’re an exchange student or a full-time one makes no difference.”

Anna, Finland

“I was blessed to have great teachers. They were always willing to improve my academic knowledge and skills, and offered me wonderful environment to study.”

Yuria, Japan

“The film course at York is truly incredible. The opportunities that are available to students here are exceptional. Most of all, the faculty is more than willing to take the extra time to provide guidance and advice which is what sets it apart from many other universities.”

Morgan, USA

“My exchange experience at the University of York has been a magical whirlwind. The city of York itself was exactly how I pictured England to be with its windy, cobblestone streets and leaning old buildings. The city was small enough to navigate and explore but big enough to always find something new and more amazing around every street corner.”

Emily, Canada

“The friendliest people in the friendliest city in the UK. Never think that you will ever be excluded from anything: all you have to do is ask.”

Rune, Denmark

“York has students from all around the world, and they are really nice and friendly! Excellent place to make new friends and learn about new cultures.”

Renato, Brazil
# Useful links

University of York homepage  
york.ac.uk

Centre for Global Programmes  
york.ac.uk/globalyork

City of York information  
visityork.org

Accommodation  
york.ac.uk/accommodation

College life  
york.ac.uk/colleges

Sports  
yusu.org/sport

International Student Support  (including immigration advice)  
york.ac.uk/internationalsupport

Student Support Services (welfare)  
york.ac.uk/student-support-services

Disability support  
york.ac.uk/students/support/disability

Centre for English Language Teaching  
york.ac.uk/celt

Languages for All programme  
york.ac.uk/lfa

Visiting Student programme  
york.ac.uk/visitingstudents

Visiting Student course information  
york.ac.uk/study/study-abroad/visiting/applying/planning

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Talking to our alumni
Contact Visiting Student Admissions to be put in touch with a former student in your part of the world.