Our friendly, inclusive, cosmopolitan university is set in 500 acres of landscaped campus in the city of York. The campus is divided into two areas, East and West, and has a safe and friendly atmosphere.

In recent years, we have invested heavily in our facilities to enhance the student experience and support our academic endeavours and ambitions. For York students this has meant major improvements to existing buildings such as Derwent College and numerous new developments.

This ongoing programme of investment encompasses teaching rooms and lecture theatres, IT facilities and laboratories, as well as facilities for culture, sport, social activities and student accommodation.

Teaching and research environments for students, staff and researchers have been enhanced by the University Library’s £20m renewal programme. Open 24/7, it provides world-class technology and media-rich learning in close proximity to specialist support and physical collections. An extra 500 study spaces have been created for students and researchers as well as areas for group work and open collaborative zones. The £11m Berrick Saul Building, built in 2009, represented a significant investment in the humanities by the University. It has excellent facilities for postgraduate students and is a hub for interdisciplinary research in the arts and humanities and for events. To further expand our teaching facilities, we recently opened our £13.8m Spring Lane Building. The facility offers a variety of modern teaching spaces, including a 350-seat lecture theatre, 26 seminar rooms, informal breakout spaces and study areas.

Our Faculty of Sciences has seen major investment in facilities and laboratory space. We have invested over £29m in professional-standard facilities for our Department of Chemistry, including laboratories. We have also invested £22m in state-of-the-art facilities for our Department of Biology. Alongside these improvements, we funded a £12.5m new building for our Environment Department. The Environment Building houses new laboratories, and teaching and
innovative social spaces. It also features a living wall and outdoor eco garden. 

Students’ Union (YUSU) offices and social spaces have been expanded and upgraded and The Courtyard, YUSU’s central licensed venue, features a covered, heated outdoor seating area. Other campus cafés, bars and restaurants have been revitalised to offer an even wider choice of food in contemporary, relaxing surroundings, all with free wifi access. These existing facilities are enhanced by a major new refurbishment of Vanbrugh Piazza, creating a hub for the entire community and allowing performance, arts, events and student enterprise to be showcased in the heart of Campus West. Known as Greg’s Place, in recognition of the support for the project by former Chancellor Greg Dyke, the lakeside site provides the ideal backdrop for social gatherings.

The camaraderie of college life is an important part of the student experience at York, and each of our colleges has its own distinctive character and ethos. We have completed major upgrades to kitchens, bedrooms and living areas. Goodricke College, one of the oldest colleges, moved into new accommodation on Campus East. Langwith College moved to the new site in 2012 and provides self-catering facilities for 650 students in a village-style setting. The facilities also include the Glasshouse, a YUSU-run bar and restaurant. They were joined in September 2014 by Constantine College. Named after the Emperor Constantine the Great (272–337) and built from sustainable sources, Constantine College is our recognition of York’s Roman origins.

In addition to the college accommodation, Campus East is also home to four of the University’s academic departments: Computer Science, Theatre, Film and Television, Law and Management. Central to Campus East is the Ron Cooke Hub which includes an ‘Enterprise Zone’ for student-run businesses. Work has recently started on two new developments on Campus East: our Piazza Building, which will house a 350-seat auditorium and lakeside restaurant, and a new retail space which will include a pharmacy, shops and cafés.

In June 2015 we added a new athletics track and field to Campus West, offering aspiring athletes access to an eight-lane track and grass infield, built to meet UK athletics and international specifications. The track complements our existing facilities at York Sport Centre and our York Sport Village on Campus East. York Sport Village is a £9m development and is one of the region’s most advanced sports complexes, offering a 25-metre competition standard pool, 120-station gym and a 1km cycle circuit, with a 250-metre outdoor velodrome.

Running parallel to our campus investment is a commitment to sustainable development, balancing environmental protection and enhancement with social responsibility and financial viability. The original campus was built in the grounds of Heslington Hall, an Elizabethan country house, and maintains a parkland feel with natural planting, water and native tree and plant species. The landscape at Campus East reflects this – it features green corridors, a lake and woodland.
CAMPUS WEST TOUR

Explore Campus West by taking the red and blue routes around campus

The main tour of Campus West, marked in red, takes around 35 minutes and starts and ends at Market Square, although you could easily pick it up at any point en route.

FOOD AND DRINK

There are many cafés on campus where you can stop off for refreshments during your tour.
To get to Campus East from the University Library, you can either take a number 66 bus or follow the red dotted walking route from Heslington Hall. The tour around Campus East takes about 45 minutes and is marked in purple on page 6.

The secondary tour is marked in blue and adds around 60 minutes to the main tour of Campus West.
Explore Campus East by taking the purple route around campus.

Campus East
- Goodricke College
- Ron Cooke Hub
- Computer Science
- Theatre, Film and Television
- Law School and Management School
- Langwith College
- Constantine College
- York Sport Village

View the interactive map at york.ac.uk/maps
CITY OF YORK

If you come to the University of York you’ll be spending a good part of your time living, socialising and possibly working in the city. As well as being home to some of the country’s most beautiful parks and buildings, York is a friendly, welcoming place, with a compact city centre where you can walk or cycle everywhere.

Right in the heart of York is King’s Manor, a collection of largely medieval buildings, and home to our Department of Archaeology, and the Centres for Medieval and Eighteenth Century Studies. Nearby is York Minster Library, which is particularly valuable to students of medieval literature and history.

BUS SERVICES

Bus number 56 goes from Heslington Hall, the University Library and Campus East to King’s Manor (in term-time every hour, Monday to Friday).

Bus number 66 goes from Heslington Hall, the University Library and Campus East to York Railway Station (in term-time every ten minutes from 6.30am to 11.30pm).

There are free shuttle buses which operate between Halifax College, Campus South, Heslington Hall, Science Park, York Sport Village and Campus East.
We hope you enjoy your visit and get a feel for what it’s like to be a student here at the University of York. Most buildings are accessible to wheelchair users and if you have any specific questions or requirements please contact the Information Centre on +44 (0)1904 320000 before you come. The campus is constantly being upgraded and developed and we apologise for any inconvenience caused by changes to the tour routes.

For directions to the campus and an interactive map visit york.ac.uk/maps.