EXPLORE OUR CAMPUS
SELF-GUIDED TOURS
Our 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.

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.

In recent years, we have invested heavily in our facilities making major improvements to existing buildings 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.

The Piazza Building, opened in 2018, provides 30 flexible learning spaces, a large open-plan area for student activities and societies, a 350-seat auditorium and a lakeside restaurant.

The Kimberlow Hill Retail Park, also opened in 2018, includes new shops and a health centre.

Students' Union (YUSU) offices and social spaces have been increased and upgraded and The Courtyard, YUSU’s central licensed venue, features a covered, heated outdoor seating area.

These facilities are enhanced by the 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.

Teaching and research environments for students, staff and researchers have been enhanced by the University Library’s £20m renewal programme.

Open 24/7, 362 days a year, the Library 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...
To further expand our teaching facilities, we recently opened our **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 in professional-standard facilities for our Department of Chemistry, including laboratories. We have also invested in state-of-the-art facilities for our Department of Biology. Alongside these improvements, we funded a new building for our Department of Environment and Geography. The **Environment and Geography Building** houses new laboratories, and innovative teaching and social spaces. It also features a living wall and outdoor eco garden.

The **Berrick Saul Building** represents 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.

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.

In June 2015 we upgraded our athletics track and field on 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 landscape at Campus East reflects this – featuring green corridors, a lake and woodland. With over 200 acres of parkland, including a dedicated bird sanctuary and Woodland Trust Diamond Wood, our campus is a haven for wildlife. Keep an eye out for ducks, geese, swans and more as you tour our facilities and campus.
**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. Catering outlets may operate on reduced hours out of term.
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.

View the interactive map at york.ac.uk/maps
CAMPUS EAST TOUR

Explore Campus East by taking the purple route around campus

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CITY OF YORK

If you come to the University of York you’ll spend a good part of your time living, socialising and possibly working in the city. The centre is just a short walk, cycle or bus ride away, and is home to some of the country’s most beautiful parks and buildings. York is a friendly, welcoming place, and was named best place to live 2018 by The Sunday Times.

Right in the heart of York is King’s Manor, a collection of largely medieval buildings that house 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 history.

BUS SERVICES

Bus number 66 goes from Campus East, Heslington Hall and the University Library to York Railway Station (in term-time every 15 minutes from 6.30am to midnight).

Bus number 66a goes from York Sport Village, Heslington Hall and the University Library to Merchantgate (in term-time every 20 minutes between 7.00am and 8.00pm)

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. As we continue to develop our campus, routes may occasionally be diverted, but they will always be sign-posted.

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