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UNIVERSITY *of York*

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 commitment to enhancing your employability
 - 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 15,000 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 was recently voted the best and most beautiful place to live in the UK. There is plenty to impress: the famous soaring Gothic 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
www.visitthecityofyork.org





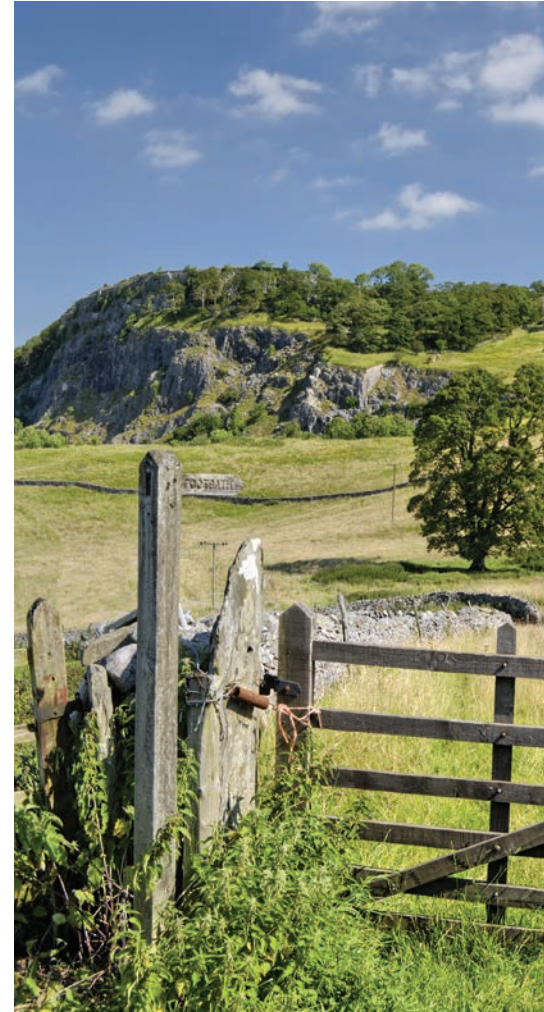
College of the Holy Cross
students visiting Castle Howard

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.





Campus life

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, two colleges and a sports village. 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.

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 eight colleges has its own distinctive identity, atmosphere, facilities and history.

All 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. Most students are placed in single study-bedrooms alongside York students. Colleges provide self-service laundry facilities and cooking facilities in shared kitchens.

Find out more about the University of York's colleges at www.york.ac.uk/colleges and accommodation at www.york.ac.uk/accommodation.



Visiting student programme

We welcome 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 visiting student, York offers you:

- academic study in one or more departments (timetable allowing)
 - study periods of one, two or three terms of the academic year
 - academic credit for modules to the equivalent of 40-60 credits per term
 - 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
 - an academic transcript at the end of your studies
 - a lively and stimulating environment.





Find out more about our
Exchange, Erasmus and
Visiting Programmes or
apply on-line at:
[www.york.ac.uk/
visitingstudents](http://www.york.ac.uk/visitingstudents)



Areas of study

Departments offering modules to visiting students:

- Archaeology
- Biology
- Biochemistry
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Economics
- Education
- Electronics
- English
- Environment
- Health Sciences
- History
- History of Art
- Language and Linguistic Science
- Law
- Management
- Mathematics
- Medieval Studies (PG only)
- Music
- Politics, Economics and Philosophy (PEP)
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Politics
- Psychology (full year students only)
- Social Policy
- Sociology
- Theatre, Film and Television
- Women's Studies (PG only)

Application deadlines

Autumn	15 May
Spring	31 October
Summer (UG Research and PG only)	31 January

Term dates

2014/15	Start	End
Autumn	29 September 2014	5 December 2014
Spring	5 January 2015	13 March 2015
Summer	13 April 2015	19 June 2015
2015/16		
Autumn	28 September 2015	4 December 2015
Spring	4 January 2016	11 March 2016
Summer	11 April 2016	17 June 2016
2016/17		
Autumn	3 October 2016	9 December 2016
Spring	9 January 2017	17 March 2017
Summer	18 April 2017	23 June 2017

Please note: Postgraduate programmes may 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.



**For more information
visit [www.york.ac.uk/
colleges](http://www.york.ac.uk/colleges)**

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

In addition to our York Sport Centre facilities on Heslington West we have the York Sport Village on Heslington East, this brand new facility has a swimming pool, 120 station fitness suite, a health suite with spa pool, steam room and sauna, and floodlit pitches for football, lacrosse and rugby.





Google earth

What students say

"I spent an academic year as a visiting student at the University of York, which made me want to come back here for my MA. It was not easy for me to get through the year, but all the tutors and lecturers in the department are so approachable that I had a chance to talk to them outside of class, and established a firm foundation in Linguistics. I have been really enjoying studying Linguistics here, and I always feel that the previous experience at York has helped me perform well in my current course. One other thing I like about York is it is safe and quiet enough to concentrate on your work, but big enough to enjoy yourself outside of your academic life. There are lots of beautiful historical spots, nice cafes and restaurants, and pubs in town, and it's a good location to travel throughout the UK. If you want a good academic environment, in a fun and interesting city, York is the place for you."

Miyuki, Japan

"I had a wonderful term in York. The British educational system is hardly comparable to the system I am used to. First of all there are fewer contact hours at York and we had a lot of time for reading and preparing for the lectures and seminars."

I lived in university accommodation which was really good because it was pretty easy to get in contact with other students right from the beginning.

In the first week we had no lectures or seminars and had a lot of informational meetings to get to know the University as well as our supervisors and the contact person in the International Office. This was really helpful because it was clear that if any problem occurred, there would be someone to help, which is especially useful if one is from a different country."

Janina, Germany

Jackie Johnson - Study Abroad Advisor, Hamline University
Dr Sam Imbo - Director, Hamline at York Programme
Sarah Leach - Manager, Centre for Global Programmes

"The city of York is an interesting and beautiful city, particularly for a History and English major, with ready access to regional airports and excellent train service for my travels to Sweden, Norway, around the United Kingdom and mainland Europe."

Lindsay, Canada

"Studying at the University of York was a life-changing experience for me. Not only was I able to get hands on experiences in my academic coursework, but I was also exposed to a new culture and society. These experiences made me a more globally minded individual and serendipitously shaped my career in international education. My time at York shaped my life and put me on the path I needed to be on."

Jackie, USA





Claire Postill, Visiting Student Co-ordinator



Useful links

University of York homepage
www.york.ac.uk

Centre for Global Programmes
www.york.ac.uk/globalyork

City of York information
www.visitcityofyork.org

Accommodation
www.york.ac.uk/accommodation

College life
www.york.ac.uk/colleges

Sports
www.yusu.org/sport

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

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

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

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

Languages for All programme
www.york.ac.uk/lfa

Visiting Student programme
www.york.ac.uk/visitingstudents

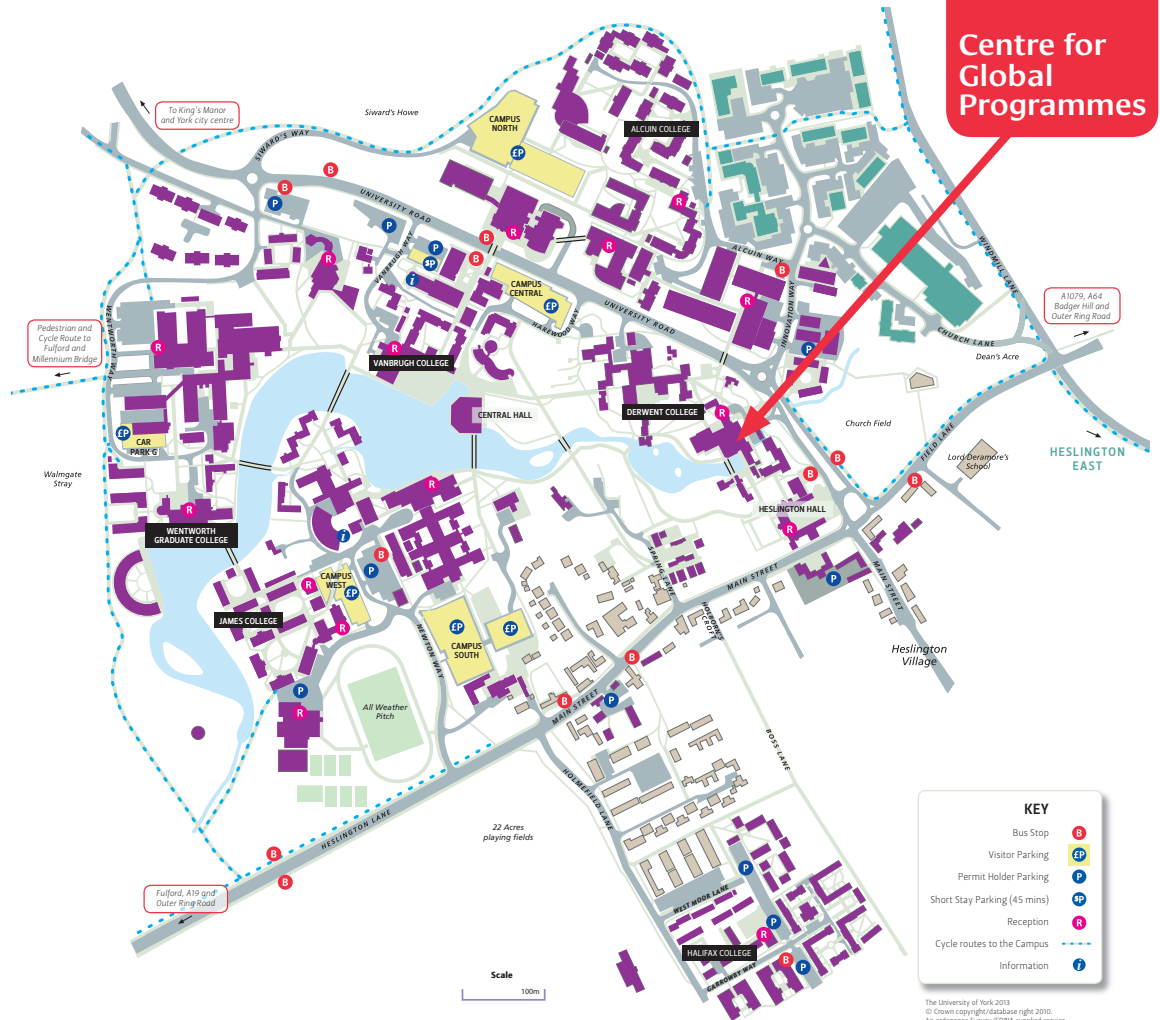
Visiting Student course information
www.york.ac.uk/study/study-abroad/visiting/applying/planning

Facebook search
University of York Study Abroad

Can't find what you're looking for? Then email vs-admissions@york.ac.uk

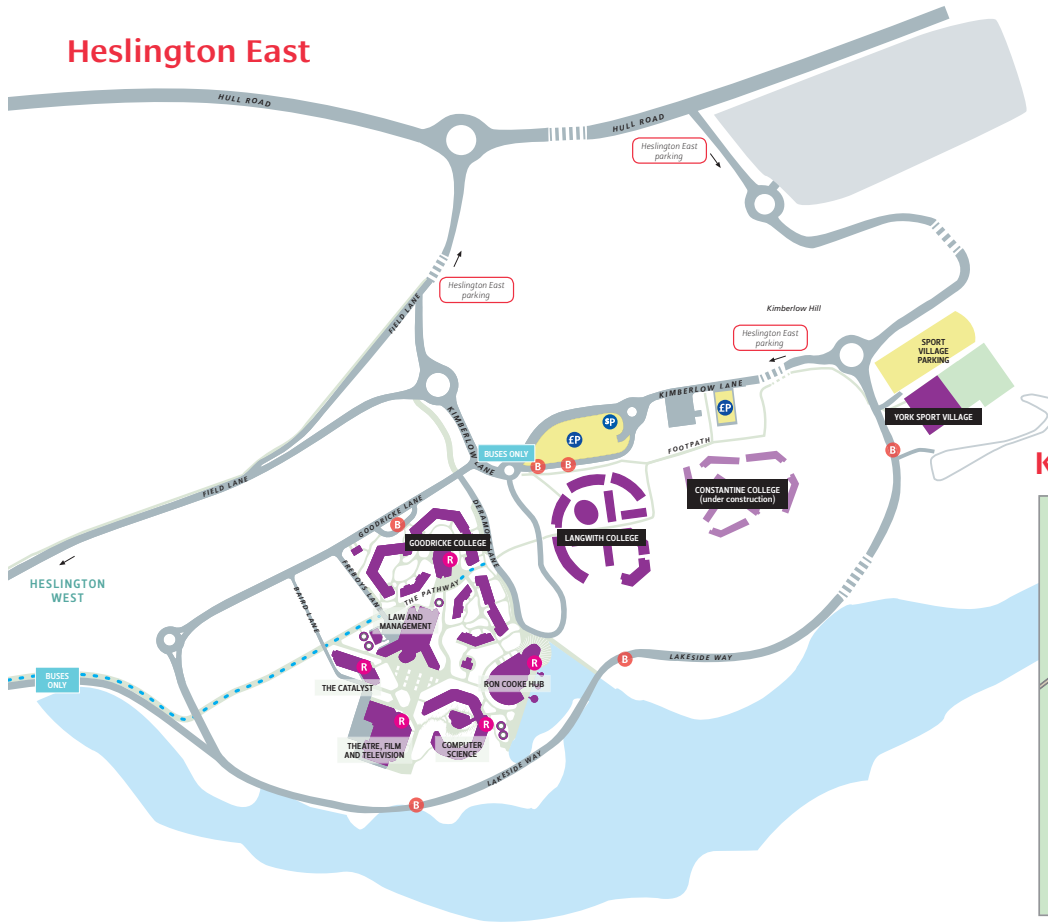
Campus maps

Heslington West

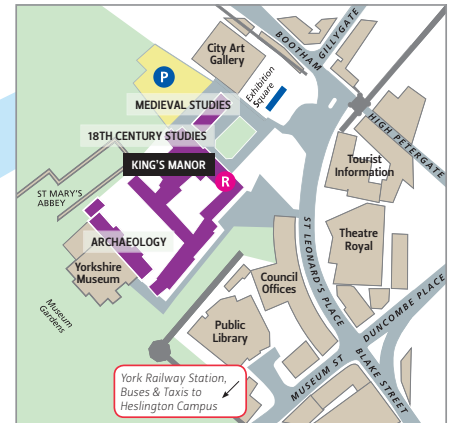


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