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UNIVERSITY
of York

**INTERNATIONAL
PATHWAYS GUIDE**
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WELCOME

Join the University of York and you'll be part of a truly inspiring academic community at a leading UK university. With excellent teaching and fantastic facilities here, you'll receive a great education that can set you on your path to success.

You can gain entry to a degree at the University of York by studying a pathway course on campus at the University of York International Pathway College.

THE UNIVERSITY

Explore your opportunities at the University of York, discover what makes it such a great choice, and learn about the fantastic facilities on campus.
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THE DESTINATION

Find out what it's like to live in York, and what accommodation is on offer while you study here.
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INTERNATIONAL PATHWAY COLLEGE

Learn how you can gain entry to a University of York degree, and the full preparation you'll receive on campus at the International Pathway College.
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Find information on how to apply and how to start your path to university.
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from Turkey

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from United
Arab Emirates

THE CHOICE IS YORK

York is firmly established as a leading UK university and part of the Russell Group. Its focus on groundbreaking research means you'll benefit from an inspiring learning environment, where you can fulfil your ambitions.

Enquiring minds, inspirational teaching and pioneering research

The University of York opened in 1963 with just 230 students, and has since become one of the world's leading universities. Its founding principles were inclusivity, excellence, and opportunity for all, and the University stays true to its mission to this day. At York, you'll join a supportive academic community of enquiring minds from around the world. With students from over 140 countries and many different walks of life, the University of York offers you the chance to broaden your horizons and see things from a new perspective.

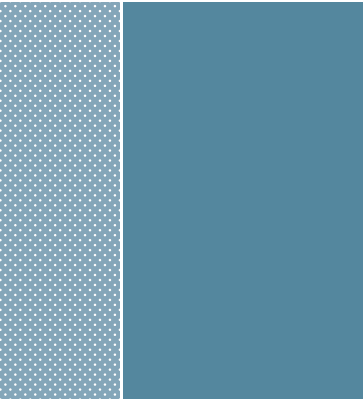
Research is a huge part of the University's appeal. As a member of the Russell Group, York undertakes pioneering research into areas such as robotics and healthcare – recent projects include important research

into autonomous systems, and bladder and prostate cancer treatments. The University was ranked 10th out of 155 higher education institutions for research impact (Research Excellence Framework 2014*).

This research informs all teaching at the University of York, which means you'll receive an up-to-date and relevant education – a great advantage when you start your chosen career. As well as this, your teachers will be experts in their field. In fact, teaching at York was awarded Gold in the Teaching Excellence Framework, so you'll be learning from highly qualified academics who truly care about your education.

* Times Higher Education Interpretation, excluding specialist institutions which have submitted fewer than four units of assessment

5 REASONS TO CHOOSE YORK



94%
of undergraduates in work
or further study within six
months of graduating
Higher Education Statistics Agency
2016-17

Top 20
in the UK overall
Guardian University Guide 2020
Times Higher Education World University
Rankings 2020



Based in
York
a student-friendly city with
a great mix of old and new



Gold
award for teaching
Teaching Excellence Framework



#1 in the
**Russell
Group**
for student satisfaction
National Student Survey 2019



YOUR LIFE ON CAMPUS

At York, you'll be part of a supportive campus community made up of people from around the world. Find out more about the excellent facilities on offer, and what life is like at the University of York.

A green and spacious campus

With over 500 acres of green parkland, lakes and woodland, the University of York's campus is a beautiful place to spend your university years. You'll find plenty of pretty places to relax with friends, unwind after class, study, or even spot wildlife – the campus is home to ducks, swans, rabbits, and geese! You can even record your wildlife sightings on the University's website. Your contributions can help scientists learn more about the campus' biodiversity, and support local and national conservation research.

Ideal location

The University is based just outside the centre of York, so you'll be within easy reach of the city, but you'll find everything you need right on campus, including shops, restaurants, cafés and bars. There are two areas of the campus: Campus West and Campus East. They are a short walk from each other, and each has its own modern facilities. In the city, the historic King's Manor is home to the Department of Archaeology and several study and research centres.

Expanding facilities

The University of York is growing and evolving like never before, as it works on creating a campus for the future. It aims to provide inclusive spaces for everyone so that students and staff feel inspired every day. Projects include a £35 million research facility for safety of robotics, a completely refurbished Library that provides a modern environment for flexible study, as well as new sports facilities, IT suites, and halls of residence. By investing in its facilities, the University is investing in you and your future.

Join the club

Outside the classroom, you can enjoy plenty of opportunities for fun, socialising and personal development. In fact, there are over 200 societies and more than 65 sports clubs to get involved with, covering interests as varied as hip hop, knitting, vegetarianism, comedy, video gaming, and meditation. There are also lots of international cultural societies from Thai to Russian – perfect for overseas students who want to meet people from their own country.



Lakes, woodland and wildlife



Over 200 societies



Everything you need on campus



Modern facilities

YORK: A CITY OF CONTRASTS

Xinyu
from China

Yubing
from China

Yuxiang
from China

Located in the north of England, York is a city that celebrates its past while embracing the future. A rich history and a student-friendly atmosphere combine to create this exciting and vibrant city of contrasts.

Where old meets new

York is best known for its fascinating history, and while this has shaped the city's identity in many ways, there is much more to discover. You can find lively pubs and clubs, and a great mix of venues showcasing musicians and performers, so you'll have lots of opportunities to watch new, up-and-coming artists, as well as bigger names. The arts in general are an important part of life in York, and there are lots of productions to see at York Theatre Royal and the Grand Opera House, as well as cinemas across the city.

Shopping in York is a unique experience; you can walk down medieval, cobbled streets while

browsing independent stores and major chains. You really can find everything you could want, whether it's designer items you're looking for, or high street bargains. There are also plenty of cosy cafés and high-quality restaurants, as well as a thriving street food scene, so you can find your favourite spots, and spend time with your friends in the city.

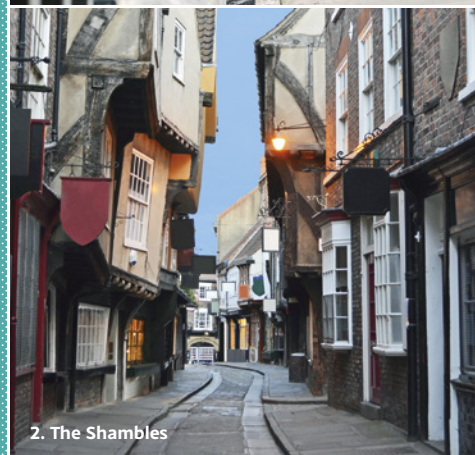
You'll receive a warm welcome in York. The city is known for its friendly people, and it was even named as Britain's 'Best Place to Live' (Sunday Times 2018). Students and locals live happily side-by-side in this thriving city that is embracing its identity as a buzzing hotspot of the north.



1. York Minster

EXPLORE YORK

With so much to discover in and around York, you'll find plenty of ways to take a break from your studies. Here's our list of the top five things to do while you're in York.



2. The Shambles



4. Independent eateries



3. The city walls



5. Beautiful Yorkshire

1

Visit York Minster

Soak up some of York's history at the magnificent Minster! It's been around since the 7th century and is one of the largest of its kind in Northern Europe.

2

Walk along the Shambles

Pretend you're a character in Harry Potter as you wander down York's most famous medieval street, browsing the interesting shops along the way.

3

Enjoy the view from the city walls

Get a different perspective of the city by strolling along the top of the city walls. They're the longest city walls in England and offer you great views across York.

4

Try independent eateries

Eat and drink your heart out at York's many restaurants and independent coffee shops. Find your favourite and make it your usual spot to relax with friends!

5

Explore the surrounding countryside

Leave the city behind for a day or two and discover Yorkshire's breathtaking scenery. From the Dales to the coast, there are so many wonderful places to explore.

LIVING IN YORK

During your time in York, you'll want to live somewhere that is secure, comfortable and convenient, and that's exactly what these accommodation options offer you. It's easy to book too – you can reserve your room at the same time as applying for your pathway course.

- WHAT'S INCLUDED?
- Private bedroom
 - Private bathroom facilities
 - All electricity and water bills
 - WiFi and wired internet access
 - Shared kitchen and dining area
 - Student bedding and cooking equipment pack
 - On-site social spaces
 - Restaurants, bars and cafés nearby

Your accommodation options

Alcuin College
You'll have a private bedroom and a private bathroom at Alcuin College, in a house that you'll share with up to 16 students. It's a 20-minute walk, or five-minute walk plus five-minute free bus journey, from the University of York International Pathway College. There are two on-site cafés.

Constantine College
Constantine College offers you a private bedroom and a private bathroom in a shared flat with up to 12 other students. It's a five-minute walk from the University of York International Pathway College, and located close to a café and bar.

Goodricke College
Here, you'll share a flat with up to 12 students, and have a private bedroom and a private bathroom. It's a five-minute walk from the University of York International Pathway College, and near a café and bar.

Wentworth College
At Wentworth College, you'll share a flat with up to five other postgraduate students, and have a private bedroom and private bathroom. It's a 30-minute walk, or five-minute walk plus five-minute free bus journey, from the University of York International Pathway College. There's also an on-site restaurant here.

The accommodation options shown here are subject to change and may vary.



Goodricke College kitchen



Alcuin College bedroom



Wentworth College exterior



Constantine College lounge

BOOKING YOUR ACCOMMODATION IS EASY!

You can book accommodation when you apply for your pathway course. Turn to page 29 to find out how to apply.

ACCOMMODATION DURING YOUR DEGREE

As an international student, you're guaranteed an offer of accommodation that has been approved by the University for each year of your degree. To qualify, you must meet the University's guarantee criteria and apply by the deadline.



Ruoqiao
from China

Hana
from Bahrain

INTERNATIONAL PATHWAY COLLEGE

The University of York International Pathway College offers you on-campus pathway courses, which help you to meet entry requirements and prepare for your degree at the University.

Take a pathway course

As an international student, you might need, or benefit from, a pathway course that prepares you for degree study in the UK. Sometimes a pathway course is necessary due to differences in national education systems, or because you need to improve your academic or language qualifications so that you are at the required level to enter university in the UK.

During your pathway course at the International Pathway College, expert teaching staff will help you improve your English, academic skills, and subject knowledge. When you pass your course at the required level, and with good attendance, you'll be guaranteed entry to your degree!



Monica
from Belgium

WHAT CAN I STUDY AT THE COLLEGE?

You have several study options that will help you on your path to the University of York: a Foundation Certificate leads to a bachelors degree, a Pre-Masters can allow you to enrol on a masters degree, while a Pre-Sessional English course can help you raise your language level before you start your degree.

Course details

Use the course booklet at the back of this brochure to explore the full range of degrees and courses available.

Foundation Certificate

For entry to the first year of a bachelors degree

For students who have finished high school

English language entry requirements: minimum UKVI IELTS 5.0 with no less than 4.0 in any skills†

Pre-Masters

For entry to a masters degree

For students with at least 3 years of higher education in a suitable subject

English language entry requirements: minimum UKVI IELTS 5.0 with no less than 4.5 in any skill†

Bachelors degree
Year 1

Bachelors degree
Year 2

Bachelors degree
Year 3

Masters degree
1 year

Graduate
with a University of York degree

Pre-Sessional English

This course is right for you if you need to improve your English to qualify for a York degree. You can also take this course if you already hold an offer for a degree at another UK university*.

- English language entry requirement: minimum UKVI IELTS 5.0 with no less than 4.5 in any skill
- Progress to an undergraduate or postgraduate degree at the University of York, or an undergraduate degree at another UK university.

* Please check with your destination university whether this qualification is accepted as preparation for your chosen degree.

You can also gain entry to the University via Kaplan International College London. Find out more: [kaplanpathways.com/london](https://www.kaplanpathways.com/london)

† UKVI IELTS alternatives: we can accept alternative tests as proof of English language. Learn more at: [kaplanpathways.com/uk/ielts/](https://www.kaplanpathways.com/uk/ielts/)

LEARN YOUR WAY

At the Pathway College, you'll study a specially designed programme and receive excellent support from experienced teachers, who will empower you to learn your way.



Be inspired

Your teachers at the International Pathway College will inspire you every day to achieve your goals. They are highly respected academic experts with many years of experience, who will empower you to develop both academically and personally. With their help, you can finish your course feeling ready and confident to start your University of York degree.

Customised curriculum

Your pathway course has been designed for international students, and in collaboration with the University's academic departments. You'll focus on improving your subject knowledge, academic skills and English language level, so that you'll be ready for your degree. Your tutors will tailor module content to your needs, and monitor your progress with a range of assessments and reports.



Dr Ben Flowerdew
Deputy Director
of Teaching



All International Pathway College courses are taught by University of York staff, who are subject specialists. Our tutors are passionate about helping you achieve your goals at university and beyond. For example, our Science team is keen to include as many practical sessions as possible, so that you get the most out of your study experience.

Dr Ben Flowerdew
Deputy Director of Teaching
at the University of York
International Pathway College



STUDENT SUPPORT

When you study at the University of York International Pathway College, you'll have fantastic support every step of the way, from before you arrive to when you start your degree.



Support from the start

You'll benefit from excellent support from the moment you apply, such as a useful pre-arrival pack with key information about studying in York. If you're under 18 years old, we can arrange the legal guardian you'll need during your pathway course for your well-being.

When you land in the UK, we can meet you at the airport and provide a transfer service. We'll make sure you're settled and comfortable when you arrive at your new home, with everything you need to feel ready for your studies and life in the UK.

We're here for you

Your safety, well-being and happiness are extremely important to us. That's why we do everything we can to help you settle in. The first few days of term are Welcome Week, which will be a fun introduction to campus life, the staff and your fellow students.

Throughout your time at the Pathway College, we'll organise social events, activities and day trips to help you make the most of your time here. We'll also help you set up a bank account, register with a doctor and make sure you have everything you need. If you ever want to discuss anything, our friendly support team will always be there for you!





HEAR FROM OUR STUDENT AMBASSADORS

You can get a great idea of what student life abroad is like from our Student Ambassadors. They've experienced it themselves, and can tell you what to expect!

Life as a student

The best way to see what student life in the UK is like is to hear what those who have already made the journey have to say. Our Student Ambassadors have produced tons of exciting content, including articles and videos, to show you what it's like to live and study abroad. You could soon be following in their footsteps!

Become a Student Ambassador

When you study at the International Pathway College, you'll also have the opportunity to join the Student Ambassador programme. Not only will you gain valuable skills and experience that will look good on your CV, you'll also be able to get exclusive rewards, including short stays at our UK residences and a free railcard.



The best part of being an Ambassador is realising how your experiences can have an impact on others. It's great that I have the chance to communicate with people from around the globe, and learn about different cultures, as I teach people about my own. I love that feeling of being connected.

Rachel from Brazil (pictured)

To hear more from our Student Ambassadors, just visit:
kpln.org/ambassador



GO ONLINE

If you want to find out more about the University of York, there's lots to discover online! Below you can find a brief guide to where to go for more useful information.

University of York About the University

kaplanpathways.com/university-of-york

Degree options at the University of York

kaplanpathways.com/degree-finder/york

University of York's website

york.ac.uk

The International Pathway College About the International Pathway College

kaplanpathways.com/york

Student accommodation

kaplanpathways.com/york-accommodation

Student services at the Pathway College

kaplanpathways.com/york-support

Costs of studying abroad

kaplanpathways.com/york-fees

Studying abroad Student visa

www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa

Student insurance

kaplanpathways.com/insurance

College guardians for under-18s

www.collegeguardians.co.uk

Information for parents

kaplanpathways.com/parents

Further questions? Frequently Asked Questions

kpln.org/student-faq

Get in touch

kaplanpathways.com/york-contact

Meet us in your country or region

kaplanpathways.com/kaplan-in-my-country



MEET HANA

Hana from Bahrain followed her path from the University of York International Pathway College to a Linguistics degree at the University of York.



"... IF WE EVER NEEDED HELP, THERE WAS ALWAYS SOMEONE THERE."

Before coming to the UK I had never travelled alone, so when I arrived I was just really scared to be on my own. It was nerve-wracking and I worried about how I was going to make friends. Luckily, there were so many other international students at the Pathway College and I found friends quite quickly. However, I'm really bad with directions so I remember I got lost a lot!

Now, because of the fact that I was so nervous in the beginning, when I get the chance, I like to help out at the Pathway College when new students arrive. It's great to be able to give advice and help them settle in to life in York.

I loved my time at the Pathway College. I studied a Foundation Certificate, and we mostly had small-sized seminars, so we had the chance to build close relationships with the teachers and with each other as classmates. This meant that we weren't afraid to ask questions, and if we ever needed help, there was always someone there.

I've finished my first year at York, and I'm looking forward to the next two years of my degree, and seeing what the future holds for me.

This is my path so far.





APPLICATION PROCESS

Applying to York with Kaplan is quick and easy. Just choose your course using the digital course *information booklet*, follow the steps below, and we'll help you with the rest!

1. Submit your application form

We'll guide you through the process, and tell you what documents you'll need to send with or after your application. Just contact us, or apply at: kaplanpathways.com/york-apply



2. Receive an offer letter

Once your complete application has been reviewed, you'll receive an unconditional or conditional offer, or we can explore other options with you. We'll send a decision within one working day.



3. Accept your offer

You'll do this by paying your deposit to study or sending your financial guarantee. We can also confirm your accommodation at this point, so that you'll have a safe place to live during your studies.



4. Obtain your student visa

To study a pathway course in the UK, you'll typically need to obtain a student visa. We'll advise you on this important process, and send you the supporting documents you'll need for your visa application.



5. Book your flight and begin your studies

The most important step: arrive in the UK and begin your life-changing adventure as an international student!

CHOOSE YOUR PATH

If you like what you've read about the University of York so far and want to know more, then you can either get in touch or use the digital course *information booklet* to find the right path for you.

Contact us
kaplanpathways.com/york-contact

Course information
You can use the course *information booklet* online to find out more about the courses available at the International Pathway College, as well as the degrees you can progress to. You'll also find tuition fees, start dates, entry requirements and module information inside, giving you everything you need to plan your study experience.



Where is York?



Who's on the cover?

Fahad from Saudi Arabia is on his path to a University of York degree.

Find out more

kaplanpathways.com/university-of-york

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