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# Welcome to York St John University

We are proud to be an international university – global in our outlook, thinking and research but local in personality. Here, at York St John University, we offer a truly life-changing UK study experience that will shape your future and inspire you to become the next generation of global citizens. 180 years in the making, our story continues to evolve every day, defined not just by our achievements but by the unique character of our people and this remarkable city.

At York St John University we pride ourselves on our community and heritage, and we are passionate about giving our students a learning and teaching environment that is safe, exciting, diverse and inspirational. We are proud of our community – it's a close-knit, inclusive place enriched by students from across the globe. As you join our international family, you will be joining a vibrant and dynamic environment that embraces diversity, fosters intercultural understanding, and promotes collaboration across borders.

We have a strong commitment to academic excellence and along with our research and creativity, we energise our students and the world around us. We offer a lot more than a degree certificate – you'll have access to cutting-edge resources, take part in ground-breaking research and intellectual pursuits that tackle some of the world's most pressing challenges.

We see our students as the changemakers and influencers of tomorrow and it's our mission to provide a learning environment that is truly international. Your learning experience goes beyond the classroom. That's why we're committed to providing you with opportunities at every corner – find new interests, build lifelong friendships and develop valuable skills that will give you a global perspective and make you stand out from the crowd.

Your success is our priority, extending far beyond your time on campus. We're here to support you through the entire journey – from expression of interest in us to the moment you proudly graduate and beyond. We offer a comprehensive suite of services designed to cater to your needs, including visa and immigration assistance, intercultural workshops, and tailor-made English Language programmes.

Living and studying in York is an unforgettable experience. It's a place where your ambitions are embraced, and your potential is realised. Right now, students from over 100 countries are enjoying their adventure with us. We hope you will, too.

**Mohsin Ramzan**  
Director, YSJ Global



# Talk to us

## Meet the team

Our YSJ Global team regularly travel around the world to meet applicants and partners. Find out when they will be in a city near you by visiting the link below.

## Let our partners support you

Our in-country partners across the world can also help you make your decision about your postgraduate studies. Find a partner local to you:

[www.yorks.ac.uk/yourcountry](http://www.yorks.ac.uk/yourcountry)

## Visit us

If you happen to be visiting the UK, why not visit our campus?

We run a number of postgraduate open evenings where you can speak with our staff and students first-hand.

[www.yorks.ac.uk/postgraduate](http://www.yorks.ac.uk/postgraduate)

We also run weekly campus tours which is a great opportunity to see our beautiful campus and get a feel for the university. Find out more:

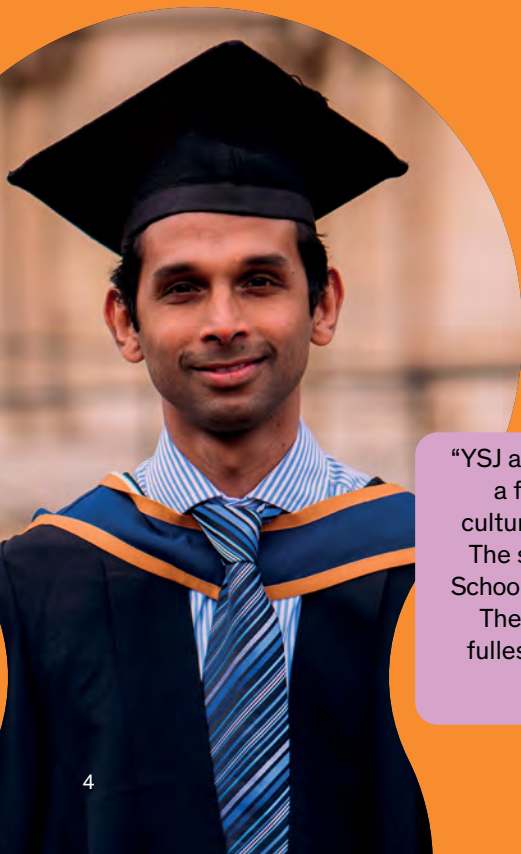
[www.yorks.ac.uk/campustours](http://www.yorks.ac.uk/campustours)

Can't make it to one of our campus tours? Don't worry! You can watch our virtual tour:



[www.youtube.com/watch?v=COpdPX88Oc0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=COpdPX88Oc0)

Our YSJ Global team are always happy to meet you, if you happen to be in York, so please get in touch and let us know at [global@yorks.ac.uk](mailto:global@yorks.ac.uk)



“YSJ always felt like home. Initially, it took a few weeks to get used to British culture, especially the Yorkshire accent! The staff and lecturers in the Business School were so helpful and very supportive. They were welcoming and gave their fullest support to me. It felt like home.”

Thejakith | MBA

# A personalised learning experience

We are a compact but fast growing University, with a campus that's easy to navigate and tutors who get to know you by name. We pride ourselves on the outstanding learning experience we offer – with friendly faces and a diverse, inclusive environment, you'll soon feel at home in our welcoming community.

THE  TIMES  
THE SUNDAY TIMES

**GOOD  
UNIVERSITY  
GUIDE  
2024**

**TOP 20  
FOR TEACHING  
QUALITY**

## Why York St John?

### **A personalised experience**

Our close community means you will be known by your name, not as a number.

### **A transformative journey**

We will help you launch your career before you graduate.

### **Living in York**

York was named one of the top 10 most welcoming cities in the world (booking.com 2023) and the 4th safest university city in the UK (Student Pocket Guide 2023).

### **Heritage**

We have been teaching for over 180 years.

### **Happy students**

Our international students have 95% learning satisfaction, compared to 91% at other institutions (International Student Barometer 2023).

### **Great teaching**

We are 13th for teaching quality out of 131 UK universities (The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2024)

### **Great opportunities**

Over 300 students have worked on University research projects through our Students as Researchers scheme.

**93%**

overall student satisfaction\*

**95%**

of students are happy on campus\*

**93%**

of students have value for money satisfaction\*

\*International Student Barometer 2023

# Why choose postgraduate study?

## Welcoming you

The UK has a long tradition of welcoming international students. By joining us at York St John you can be assured of a community that understands your academic and personal aspirations. We have a Global Student Support team dedicated to providing you with support and assistance across all areas.

## Stand out from the crowd

Here at York St John, 95% of our students are in employment or further study within 15 months of graduating. Furthermore, it is suggested that if you have a postgraduate degree and go on to work in the UK, you could earn an average of £6,000 a year more than those with only an undergraduate degree\*. A postgraduate degree with York St John is the first step to standing out from the crowd.

## Networking

The UK is second in the world for collaboration between universities and businesses (Department for Business Innovation and Skills). We take pride in helping our students progress and excel in all areas of their lives. From your lecturers, to visiting speakers and fellow students, we provide fantastic opportunities for you to build connections alongside your postgraduate study.

## Teaching

Our innovative and excellent teaching methods have seen us be recognised as 13th out of 131 UK universities for teaching quality (The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2024). We provide an exceptional opportunity for international students to expand their study skills and experience new ways of learning, favouring a mix of hands-on, practical learning alongside traditional classroom teaching.

## Learn new skills

As well as constantly improving your English language, postgraduate study will aid you in building up a number of other key life skills. From public speaking, by presenting your work at our Postgraduate Research Conference, to teaching undergraduate students as part of your PhD programme, or project management skills by organising events, the opportunities at York St John will take your learning to the next level, providing you with an excellent platform for progression both in the UK or your home country.



\*Department of Education Graduate Labour Market Report 2022

### Beat the cutting edge

With postgraduate study, you can delve deeper into what you feel passionate about and find your own niche. You will have the opportunity to contribute to our influential research courses and be part of something bigger. Universities are places of discovery, debate and new ideas. We are people looking to the future and innovating for a changing world — by joining our postgraduate community, you too can be part of this.

### Students' Union

Students from all over the world study on our postgraduate courses, and starting a new course is a chance to meet a new group of people. All of the Students' Union (SU) societies and sports clubs are open to postgraduate students, so you can stay part of your team (if you've studied with us before) or try something new.

The team at the SU includes a Postgraduate and Mature Student Officer who are dedicated to representing our postgraduate community. They focus on issues which may affect you, liaising with the appropriate staff to ensure the postgraduate student voice is always heard.

### Flexible study

We know that postgraduate students often have jobs and other commitments to juggle alongside their studies. Flexible part time options are available for the majority of our courses (an MA or MSc course will usually take two years to complete through this route).

Even as a full time student, a lot of our postgraduate teaching takes place on evenings, and you may only be on campus a few times a week. This leaves you free to fit in the required independent study needed for your course, whenever works best for you.





# Your career

You get lifelong career  
support from us

You may have a career in mind, be looking for work experience, or just want to know what your options are. Whatever your career needs, we're here to help. We'll support you as you explore opportunities for the future, helping you to make choices and gain the experience you need to achieve success.

Our career and employability support service is available during and after your studies. Discover more:

[yorksj.ac.uk/careers](https://yorksj.ac.uk/careers)

## **Our Student Success team provides:**

- Online and on-campus drop-in sessions and workshops for career guidance
- Tailored 1 to 1 appointments with specialist career advisers
- Professional skills-based education and support within your course
- Events to help you build your professional network and find new opportunities
- Support arranging global opportunities, from volunteering abroad to working at an American summer camp
- Support looking for part time work, volunteering opportunities, internships and work experience





## Kickstart your business

Through our Kickstart Programme, we can support you in developing your entrepreneurial ideas and turning them into viable enterprises. We'll help you to build the confidence and skills you need and progress your ideas.

“

I met a career adviser who genuinely cared about my future and what I could get from my degree. They spoke to me about part time jobs in York. They also helped me develop a CV and cover letter which has set me up for life.

**Aimee | Economics**

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# Our campus

On our campus, modern buildings meet Victorian architecture. It's a place for you to study in innovative, specialist learning spaces, and unwind in award-winning gardens.

## New health teaching spaces

In 2022, we developed new spaces for Biomedical Science, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, and postgraduate Paramedic Science in our Foss building. It houses specialist healthcare equipment and simulation facilities. If you're a health science student, you'll use these facilities to practice your clinical skills, collaborate with local emergency service teams, and take part in authentic scenarios and assessments.

The facilities include:

- Two high tech nursing teaching wards
- Four community consultation rooms with communal teaching area
- Specialist camera and audio systems which record simulations that take place in the wards and consultation rooms
- Two skills labs which are large open spaces, used for activities such as medication management and sample analysis
- A simulation apartment for collaborative and community based simulation events including paramedic casualty scenes and crime scenes for our Professional Policing students





## Creative Centre

The York St John Creative Centre is a purpose-built, three-storey creative space where bold architecture meets innovative facilities. First opened to students in October 2021, the Centre is a permanent new home for the University's music, theatre and computer science courses. It also features specialist spaces for creative writing and media production students.

Our Creative Centre has already won two York Design Awards, and has been nominated for several national awards for its innovative design and sustainable construction. It is one of the most environmentally friendly buildings in the city.



This is a space for cultivating creativity and bringing ideas to life. It includes:

- Professional standard theatre
- Critical listening room with Dolby Atmos sound system and glass rear projection screen
- Recital room
- Specialist music and media studios
- Editing suites
- Computer Science laboratories



## Sports Park

Just over a mile from our main site, you'll find our Sports Park. With an indoor sports centre and 57 acres of outside space, it's the home of sport here at York St John.

### Our indoor facilities include:

- Sports hall
- Three tennis courts
- Indoor tennis dome
- Strength and conditioning suite
- Human performance laboratory
- Sports therapy room
- Café and social spaces

### Outdoors, we also have:

- Three football and rugby 3G pitches
- Three floodlit tennis courts
- Three grass football pitches
- Sprint track





## Enterprise Centre

Our Enterprise Centre provides business support to small enterprises which align with our values. The support includes a co-working space, mentoring, networking opportunities, financial support and access to University expertise.

[yorks.ac.uk/enterprise-centre](https://yorks.ac.uk/enterprise-centre)

## York St John London Campus

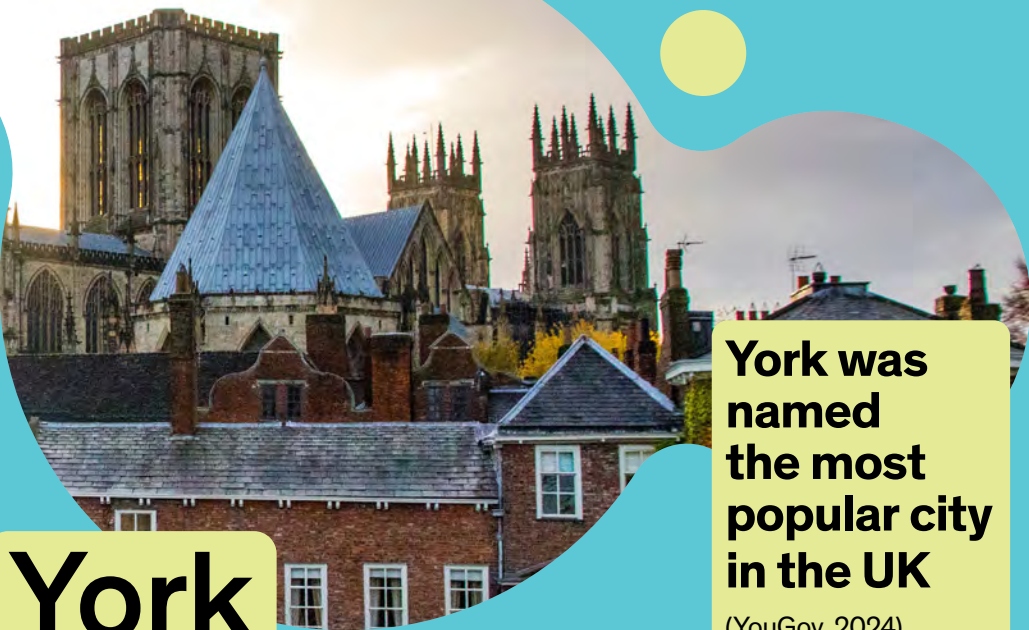
As an ambitious institution, we're always looking ahead and staying at the forefront of education.

Our London Campus is based at the historic East India Dock, which is 10 minutes from Canary Wharf and 15 minutes from central London by train.

London is just 2 hours away from York by train, so we're closely connected to the exciting and fast paced capital city.

[yorks.ac.uk/london-campus](https://yorks.ac.uk/london-campus)





# York

**York was named the most popular city in the UK**

(YouGov, 2024)

Our campus is located right in the city centre of York. Known for its rich history and vibrant student life there is always something to do.

York has a great food scene, streets full of quirky independent shops, and city walls steeped in history.

We are proud to be part of the history and community of this fantastic city. The years you spend with us are a great opportunity to take all York has to offer. Explore York's Roman, Viking and medieval past, find your new local in one of its many pubs, walk the city walls and dance the night away.

Explore everything the north of England has to offer from your base in York. With easy access to bustling beach towns, and vibrant cities like Leeds and Manchester, we are well connected for weekend adventures and big city action.



**To find out more about where to go and what to see, take a look at our York Guide.**

[yorks.ac.uk/york](https://yorks.ac.uk/york)

## Cost of living in York

Although the cost of living will depend upon your needs and budgeting, York is considerably cheaper compared to major UK cities.

Most shops, cafés and restaurants offer discounts for students. Tourist attractions like York Art Gallery offer a discount card for students to really make the most of their time in York.

If you are worried about funding your studies, there is the option of part time work. Part time work is part of many students' university experience. York is an easy place to find part-time work as a student. Our careers team also work to support students with this and how they can engage with opportunities in the city.





# London

Our London campus is a learning environment where you will develop your skills and further your passions.

We are committed to educating, motivating and inspiring new innovators, entrepreneurs and business leaders.

Whether you're coming to the end of your undergraduate studies or have been out of education for a while, it's always the right time to get a postgraduate degree. Our London based masters courses are designed to help you develop into an independent and successful professional, be that as an entrepreneur or as a future leader in business.

Set in the Export building at East India Dock, our campus is based in the rich and diverse east part of London. Close to Canary Wharf, we are part of a vibrant, dynamic and innovative hub of creative, technology, and start up businesses. The unique cultural exchanges within our community create an empowering environment of collaboration and original thinking.

[www.yorks.ac.uk/london-campus](http://www.yorks.ac.uk/london-campus)



# London courses

We have created a dynamic, contemporary and exciting home for learning in London that will take you to the very heart of current business thinking.

Developed collaboratively with the support of industry experts, our portfolio of courses are fresh, distinctive, cutting-edge and career relevant.

Postgraduate courses available at our London campus	London course fees
Master of Business Administration MBA	£11,800
Computer Science MSc	£11,300
Data Science MSc	£11,300
Digital Marketing MSc	£11,300
Global Healthcare Management MSc	£11,300
International Project Management MSc	£11,300
Management Studies MRes	£11,300
Global Business Management Top-Up BA (Hons)	£11,500
<b>All postgraduate taught courses above have a professional experience year option (+£3,600)</b>	

We know finding the right accommodation is really important and there is a huge variety of options available in London. To explore housing available with trusted providers of student accommodation in London, visit:



[www.yorksj.ac.uk/  
london-campus/  
study-in-london](http://www.yorksj.ac.uk/london-campus/study-in-london)





### Professional Experience

We offer one year professional experience with a variety of our postgraduate courses. It is a great option to gain practical experience, increasing your commercial awareness, industry contacts and career portfolio. You will have the opportunity to take on responsibility within a company related to your studies, either in York — home to high profile national and international businesses — or elsewhere in the UK.

Our London campus is close to the heart of London's Financial District, giving you access to some of the most influential companies shaping the world around us; from the London Stock Exchange to the Bank of England. If you are looking to explore your creative side, East London is dominated by leading creative agencies, while the campus itself is located in the heart of the design district.





### **Venture Creation Lab (VCL)**

The VCL programme is an expert-led experience which allows you to design and develop an enterprising business opportunity. You can opt to enrol in the VCL programme instead of professional experience and compete for funding to develop and launch a company.

The aim is to identify current issues businesses are facing and create new, innovative solutions. It also serves as a leadership development programme, further advancing your skills and knowledge of effective communication, influencing, negotiation, change management, accountability and coaching. So even if you don't have the goal of launching your own company, the VCL programme will still advance your career and help you evidence your abilities to future employers.



### **The Student Consultancy Programme**

The Student Consultancy Programme allows you to work directly with local businesses, charities and community organisations to assist with real-world business issues or problems. You will research issues, devise solutions and be assessed on your work, which may well be taken forward and used by the company.

# Taught postgraduate courses

We offer taught postgraduate courses across a wide range of subjects, so you can either establish a niche in your current discipline or explore something new.

Taught courses will follow a similar format to your undergraduate degree, but with the opportunity to find your own specialism within your subject and explore this through an extended dissertation or project. Part-time options are available for most courses, so you may be able to work alongside continuing your study.

For an up-to-date list of the taught postgraduate courses available, please visit:

[www.yorks.ac.uk/pg-taught](http://www.yorks.ac.uk/pg-taught)



“Studying at YSJ has been an amazing experience with welcoming professors and tutors. Through the University, I was introduced to people and cultures from all around the globe.”

**Pasang**  
**MSc Entrepreneurship and Innovation**

# Research degrees

A research degree is your chance to find your specialism and establish yourself as an expert in your field.

If you have an idea for a new project, have the passion and dedication to explore it in depth, and want to make a positive impact in the world through your research, we want to work with you.

Our small but ambitious research community spans a huge range of specialisms. By joining this growing community, you will be introduced to all kinds of new opportunities.

[www.yorksj.ac.uk/postgraduate/research-degrees](http://www.yorksj.ac.uk/postgraduate/research-degrees)

“The welcoming and multicultural environment at York St John University provides the ideal base for studying in the UK. Every single part of this course has been a complete joy, especially the interactive style.”

**Nahed**  
PhD, York Business School



# Our Schools

We are proud to offer a full suite of postgraduate taught and research degrees based across five academic schools at both our York and London campus.

When you start your studies at York St John University you will become part of your school community.

## School of the Arts

Explore your creative talent and turn your passion into something you love in our School of the Arts. You'll have access to dedicated specialist study spaces, industry-level software and equipment, and our new Creative Centre.




Explore over 70 postgraduate courses:  
[yorks.ac.uk/courses](https://yorks.ac.uk/courses)



## School of Education, Language and Psychology

Join a diverse learning community working to help children, young people and adults achieve their potential.

You will benefit from state-of-the-art facilities, including psychology laboratories, a children's resource library and Linguistics lab.



## Gothic Feelings:

or, Sensibility  
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## School of Science, Technology and Health

Combining academic research, clinical excellence and cutting-edge facilities, the School offers a range of subjects taught by field experts. You will benefit from dedicated specialist laboratories, learning environments to support practical learning and a multi-disciplinary approach that provides comprehensive understanding of health and technology.

## School of Humanities

Centered on exploring creativity and building transferable skills, the School of Humanities offers a range of subjects that challenge students to develop, thrive and find their own creative voice.



## York Business School

Start your career in business with our career-focused courses. York Business School is an exceptional place to study and a trusted partner in supporting local and national business activities.







# Graduation is all about you

Celebrate your achievements with us in the beautiful York Minster, the most iconic building in the city.

Graduation day will be your opportunity to celebrate the successes, achievements and bonds developed during your university journey. Soak up the atmosphere and share the moment with the friends, family and staff who have supported you along the way.

Once your ceremony has finished you can head back to campus for celebrations, and photo opportunities to capture the memories of this special day.



# Your Students' Union

Our students love the sense of community they feel on campus. The Students' Union is at the heart of this community. It's a place where you can embrace all that student life has to offer.

There's so much you can get involved in with the Students' Union. Join a sports team, take up a new hobby, campaign for causes you care about, and have a say in how the University is run.

We pride ourselves on being a supportive community, and our Students' Union plays a big part in this. From Musical Production to Geek and Football to K-pop, there are societies and clubs covering a huge range of interests. If there isn't a society for your interest, sport or hobby, you can always start a new one!



# You and your community

The Students' Union is the collective voice of our students. Every year you can vote for the Students' Union Presidents, Chairs and Officers who will represent you.

These include:

- Students' Union President
- President of Education
- President of Wellbeing and Diversity
- Student Chairs of each of our academic schools
- Disabilities Officer
- International Students Officer
- LGBTQ+ Officer
- Mature Learners Officer
- Women's Officer

These are people you can go to for advice and support. They can also connect you with University services and specialist external services.

The Students' Union building includes a bar and coffee shop, and throughout the year hosts everything from quiz nights to karaoke. The Students' Union is a registered charity and all income raised is reinvested in activities, services and support for you. They're here to provide you with the best possible student experience.

Find out more about the Students' Union at:

[www.ysjsu.com](http://www.ysjsu.com)



# Support for you from us

You can come to our expert teams any time you need advice, guidance, or just to find someone to talk to.

## Academic support

Moving from undergraduate to postgraduate study means taking a leap in your academic work. If you think you may need some support in approaching your course tasks and managing lectures, seminars, writing and reading in English, then our International Programmes team are here to help. They deliver 1 to 1 tutorials on-campus and online, as well as an academic discussion group and open workshops. We also have the Student Success and Engagement team, who support groups with specific needs, such as student careers, mature students and international students.



“

I've had the time of my life here. Living away from home has helped me to become much more independent. The best thing about York St John is that it's a really supportive University.

**Sue | Primary Education**

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# Health and wellbeing

Being healthy, happy and free to yourself are key to being successful at university. The Wellbeing team are psychological professionals who provide free, confidential counselling, welfare advice and mental health support to all students. With regular drop-in sessions, and online and face-to-face bookable sessions, they offer you a chance to discuss your concerns and explore possible solutions together. We provide online resources and access to self-help materials. Our Chaplaincy also offer spiritual support to students from all beliefs and those of no faith.

# Global Campus

There should be no hurdles between your experience of living and studying at York St John University and our Global Campus Support team are committed to providing all the support you need.

The team are here to help with any questions or problems you may have before you arrive, while you study or after you've left the University.

Our Global Campus activities aim to support inclusion, friendships and intercultural understanding amongst all our students. Being part of our Global Campus means that you will enjoy the benefits of a multicultural experience within a small, friendly and student-centred environment.



# Medical centre

York St John has an on campus health centre, which is part of York Medical Group. Doctors' surgeries are held regularly and a practice nurse holds a daily clinic covering a range of services.

For more information, please visit:

[www.yorkstudenthealthcentre.co.uk](http://www.yorkstudenthealthcentre.co.uk)



## Dedicated support

We provide extra support and success programmes for groups including:

- Asylum seeking students
- Black, Asian and minority ethnic students
- Commuting students
- Gypsy, Roma and Traveller students
- Mature students (see page 32)
- Students who are care leavers
- Students who are carers and parents
- Students who are estranged from their families
- Trans and gender diverse students

We can arrange regular meetings to discuss your individual situation and signpost you to relevant services.



## Religious and spiritual support

All faiths and belief systems are recognised and respected at York St John. We're proud to offer multiple spaces around campus which are used for worship, meditation and reflection. Our campus contains:

- Chapel for use by various faith groups
- Muslim prayer room
- Peace garden
- Quiet space

We celebrate a variety of religious festivals on campus. The Chaplaincy team includes the Chaplain, Chaplaincy Assistants and voluntary Faith Advisers who represent most of the major world religions. Together they will support and encourage you during your time at York St John while promoting tolerance and understanding.





## Disability advice

If you have a disability or long term condition, the Disability Advice team is here to help. They can help you to access University services and make the most of student life. They can offer advice if you have previously had adjustments made for you in exams or experienced any barriers to learning. Specialist tutoring and mentoring is available to support students receiving the Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA).

For help finding accessible routes around campus, you can find us on AccessAble. This website gives detailed information about our sites and buildings:

[accessible.co.uk/york-st-john-university](https://accessible.co.uk/york-st-john-university)

# Your return to learning

It's never too late to learn something new, embrace new ideas and reach your full potential,

While plenty of students come to us straight from our undergraduate study, many have spent some years in the world of work, gaining valuable skills and knowledge. We see this diversity of experience as a great asset to our University. Those who choose to study later in their career are making a decisive, bold choice to take on a new challenge and change their lives. We share your ambition and will do everything we can to make it happen.

We are a learning community which celebrates debate and collaboration. Our mature learners add to this conversation by bringing different ideas, perspectives and skills to those just starting their careers. Our students and staff come from all over the world and all walks of life, and this makes York St John University an exciting place to learn, grow and challenge your ideas.

We are proud to be in the top 10 UK universities for giving equal access to students from all backgrounds\*. We encourage those who may never have expected to come to university to try out higher education. Don't worry if you have not studied for a long time or feel your study skills need some improvement — extensive support is available to help you build confidence and feel prepared to take on the new challenge of postgraduate study.







We're proud to be in the

# TOP 10

UK universities for giving equal access to students from all backgrounds.

(Higher Education Policy Institute analysis 2018)

## How we support you

We take various factors into consideration when deciding on the offers we make to applicants. Being a mature student is one of these factors. Our Mature Entry Offer Scheme takes into account professional experience, as well as traditional qualifications.

We also support you through our flexible approach to learning. Part-time options are available on most of our courses, so you can fit your studies around work, family or other commitments.

We offer a tailored induction for mature learners so you can meet other students who are in the same position as you and find out more about the support services available.

You'll also have a dedicated contact to signpost you to any extra support you may need, and there are events throughout the year for mature students.

Our Students' Union has a Mature Learners Officer who can help to make sure that your needs are being met.

We'll be happy to help with any questions you have and can offer bespoke visits to campus. For more information please contact:

[maturestudents@yorks.ac.uk](mailto:maturestudents@yorks.ac.uk)

I'm really pleased to have started studying again after such a long break.

I'm using a different skillset to those you might use for family life or running a business, but it's certainly made my world seem wider. Now I'm back in education, I'm not sure I want to leave.

**Nikki | Creative Writing**



# English language requirements

## Pre-sessional

If you do not currently meet the English language for your chosen degree, our Pre-sessional Programmes can help you achieve the necessary entry requirements to study an undergraduate course. We can only accept UK Visas and Immigration approved SELT IELTS (IELTS for UKVI) exams as evidence of English language ability.

## English Language requirements

As part of the application process, you will be required to show proof of English language proficiency, even if English is your first language. For more information, regarding our English language requirements and the wide range of tests and qualifications we accept, please visit:



[www.yorks.ac.uk/international/  
how-to-apply/english-  
language-requirements](http://www.yorks.ac.uk/international/how-to-apply/english-language-requirements)

## Pre-sessional English

If you require IELTS 6.0 to join your chosen postgraduate programme you will need to do:

- 8 weeks if you have IELTS for UKVI 5.0 overall, with no skill lower than 4.5
- 5 weeks if you have IELTS for UKVI 5.5 overall, with no skill lower than 5.0

If your course requires a higher IELTS, you will need a higher score to enter the pre-sessional programme. Find out what scores are required by enquiring via the email below.

Requirements change if you are doing a longer pre-sessional course. Please enquire directly to us at:

[global@yorks.ac.uk](mailto:global@yorks.ac.uk)

Find out more about our Pre-sessional course on pg 36.



# Academic requirements

With students from over 100 countries, we accept many different qualifications. To find out what your country requirements are visit: [www.yorksj.ac.uk/your-country](http://www.yorksj.ac.uk/your-country)



Please note specific requirements may vary on a course by course basis. Please contact our International Admissions Team for help: [york.intl@yorksj.ac.uk](mailto:york.intl@yorksj.ac.uk)

Please be aware that grade requirements may vary for different courses. If you are unsure of the grade required for entry, please contact our International Admissions Team directly.



# English language pathways

We offer a range of English language programmes to suit your individual needs.

These courses give you the opportunity to develop and practise your language skills and receive feedback, advice and support, interacting in tasks and discussions while learning more about British culture or skills for UK academic life.

## Pre-sessional Course

Our Pre-sessional English language course is suitable for you if you are planning to undertake degree-level study. The course provides the ideal introduction to UK academic studies by equipping you with the language and study skills essential for success.

You will develop your knowledge of academic English, learn how to manage tasks more effectively in your future university studies and find out more about the university and UK academic convention. You will practise listening, speaking, reading and writing skills for academic communication and learn strategies for approaching assignments and using resources.

We offer courses of varying lengths depending on your English language requirements, which will begin prior to the start of your academic course in September or January. Please check the English language requirements page or contact us for further information:

[yorks.ac.uk/international/pathways  
preessional-programme](https://yorks.ac.uk/international/pathways/preessional-programme)



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I feel so welcomed on campus and have had such a great time meeting new people. YSJ has made it easy to adjust to studying abroad and I am thankful I chose to come to YSJ.

**Ashley, USA**  
**Sports and Exercise Therapy**

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# Teacher training programmes

With over 180 years' experience of training teachers, we offer an exciting and well established suite of programmes for language teachers who want to develop their skills and refresh their teaching.

As well as running a variety of English language courses, we also have many years' experience running customised teacher development courses, working with groups to design courses to fit their individual requirements. Some examples of institutions we have worked with are Jining Education Bureau, Catalan Government Education Department, Comunidad de Madrid and Yantai University.

## CELTA

CELTA is an initial qualification for those with little or no experience of teaching English to speakers of other languages. It is awarded by Cambridge Assessment English, part of the University of Cambridge and is accepted throughout the world as the gold standard in teaching English to speakers of other languages.

## Teaching Knowledge Test

We are proud to offer the Teaching Knowledge Test (TKT) from Cambridge Assessment English. TKT is evidence of how you are developing as a teacher and is ideal if you would like to prove your teaching knowledge with a globally recognised certificate.

## Teacher Development Programme

Our bespoke courses for teacher development are created to meet the specific requirements for groups who would like to develop their existing skills and liven up their teaching. You will be taught by our academics, who are also practising teachers, each with a wealth of practical experience gained through teaching and training in many environments all over the world.

## English Language Development for Teachers

We have created this programme specifically for international teachers of English who would like to refresh their English language skills. Practical and participatory in nature, the course places an emphasis on communication. You will participate in a range of engaging activities aimed at both improving your English and increasing your confidence. To find out more about these options, please visit:

[yorksj.ac.uk/international/pathways](https://yorksj.ac.uk/international/pathways)





# Insessional Support and Language Development

Our International Programmes Insessional Support and Language Development (ISLD) team can help you become more familiar with your university study in the UK.

We provide advice and resources to support you in approaching your course tasks and managing lectures, seminars, writing and reading in English.

## How can ISLD help you

- **1 to 1 tutorials**  
You can book an individual tutorial to discuss your language development and study needs.
- **Academic Discussion Group**  
You can join our friendly weekly group, to enjoy discussing academic topics. Practise critical thinking and giving your opinion, with no specialist knowledge or preparation needed.
- **Open Workshops**  
Attend our Open Workshops to learn more about the skills you will need for your university tasks in the UK and ask any questions.

## ISLD resources

Here are the resources available the ISLD team can offer:

- Assignment planning and study skills
- Critical thinking and evaluation
- Grammar and vocabulary
- Listening
- Presentation skills
- Reading
- Referencing and paraphrasing
- Speaking
- Using feedback
- Writing skills





**99%**  
of international  
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satisfied with their  
academic support  
(International Student  
Barometer 2023)

# Fees and funding

## Tuition Fees

Tuition fees vary depending on study level, programme and duration. Details of tuition fees for all our courses can be found on our website.

[www.yorks.ac.uk/international-fees](http://www.yorks.ac.uk/international-fees)

## Funding

We accept a variety of funding options such as the Norwegian state loans, German DAAD funding and government sponsored students from a range of countries. For further information speak to our Finance team at: [finance@yorks.ac.uk](mailto:finance@yorks.ac.uk)

US students are entitled to federal loans. More detailed information is available at:

[www.yorks.ac.uk/international/fundingopportunities/loans-for-us-students](http://www.yorks.ac.uk/international/fundingopportunities/loans-for-us-students)

## Deposits

All international students need to pay a deposit. The amount is 50% of the first year's tuition fees. This amount will be shown on your unconditional offer email. You need to pay the deposit before your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) can be given for your visa application.

Sponsored students may use their confirmation of US federal or Norwegian loans in place of a deposit. These students need to provide the following:

**Sponsored students** must submit a sponsor letter to the university.

**US students** paying through the federal loans system must submit an official notification of the loan to our Admissions team.

**Norwegian students** paying through the Norwegian state loans system must provide the preliminary statement of financial support to the Admissions team.

Pre-sessional course students must pay the 50% deposit as well as 100% of the Pre-sessional fees.



# Paying for your course

A postgraduate degree is a great investment, allowing you to pursue in-depth study of a subject you are passionate about and gain valuable, employable skills.

## Fees

The fees for postgraduate courses differ depending on your subject and whether you choose a taught or research course.

Find out more about course fees by looking at the course pages on our website, or by contacting our Finance team.

[finance@yorks.ac.uk](mailto:finance@yorks.ac.uk)

## Alumni scholarships

If you graduated between 2019 and 2023 and plan to start your postgraduate degree in 2024, you will be eligible for the following fee reductions\*:

- 50% discount in course fees if you achieve a 1st class honours
- 35% discount if you achieve a 2:1 (upper second class honours)
- 20% discount if you achieve a 2:2 (lower second class honours)

If you choose to study with us at a later date, you will receive a 10% reduction in course fees. This cannot be applied on top of the scholarships listed above.

\*These scholarships do not apply to our Physiotherapy (Pre-registration) MSc, Occupational Therapy (Pre-registration) MSc, Paramedic Science (Pre-registration) MSc, Professional Doctorate in Counselling Psychology or any of our PGCE courses. They also do not apply to courses delivered in partnership with other providers.

## The Alternative Guide to Postgraduate Funding Online

The Alternative Guide Online (AGO) is the most popular funding resource in the world for current and prospective postgraduate students studying at UK universities. This can help find sources of funding for your studies. It contains over 100 links to possible sources, as well as general guidance and tools to help you write a grant application. [The Alternative Guide to Postgraduate Funding Online](#) is free to use.

## Other sources of funding

Whatever you are studying, there are likely to be research councils, charities or societies you can apply to for funding. We can support you, if necessary, in finding funding bodies. These grants are competitive, but it is worth finding out if you may be eligible for any of them. Find out more about these sources of income at:

[www.yorks.ac.uk/researchfunding](http://www.yorks.ac.uk/researchfunding)



# Make your money go further

## Working

If you're studying a full degree on a Student visa you may be able to work up to 20 hours per week during term-time. Our careers service, LaunchPad, can help you to find work.

## NUS Totum

You are entitled to an NUS Totum, which you can get from the Students' Union. This offers you many discounts all around York and the UK, as well as online.



## York Residents' Festival

If you're in York at the end of January, look out for the York Residents' Festival, which offers residents and students free entry to many attractions, plus discounts in shops and restaurants.

[www.visitryork.org](http://www.visitryork.org)

## Money advice

York St John University has invested in an online money education tool called Blackbullion. You can prepare for the financial reality of university life by completing the International Student pathway section. Register at: [www.blackbullion.com](http://www.blackbullion.com)  
This online tool is designed so that you can learn at your own pace and develop your skills to help make the best financial decisions in the future.

## Student Funding Advice Team

Get in touch with our dedicated Student Funding Advice Team for further information.

E: [fundingadvice@yorks.ac.uk](mailto:fundingadvice@yorks.ac.uk)

W: [yorks.ac.uk/money](http://yorks.ac.uk/money)



# The path to postgraduate study

## Taught degrees

### 1. Find your course

Postgraduate courses are usually more specialised than undergraduate degrees, so it's worth looking around to find the one which best fits your interests.

Visit our website to find out more about postgraduate taught courses.

[www.yorks.ac.uk/pg-taught](http://www.yorks.ac.uk/pg-taught)

## Research degrees

### 1. Find your specialism

You will need to find a topic which fascinates you enough to study it long-term, and which can be supervised by a member of our academic staff with expertise in the same area. You can find a list of research interests and look for the right supervisor on our website.

[www.yorks.ac.uk/researchsupervision](http://www.yorks.ac.uk/researchsupervision)

### 2. Apply online

Unlike the undergraduate degrees, we accept applications directly through our own website. You will find an application link on each of our course pages. Depending on your course, you may be invited to interview, or we may make a decision on your application alone.

### 3. Accept your place

You will receive your decision from the Admissions team by email. Acceptance emails include a reply slip which you can send back to us by email to confirm your place.

# You'll easily find us

## By rail

Leeds	25 mins
Newcastle	1 hour
Manchester	1 hour 25 mins
London	1 hour 50 mins
Birmingham	1 hour 55 mins
Edinburgh	2 hours 30 mins

## By road

Leeds	40 mins
Newcastle	1 hour 50 mins
Manchester	1 hour 30 mins
London	4 hours 10 mins
Birmingham	2 hours 30 mins
Edinburgh	4 hours



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