

GUIDE FOR **VISITING STUDENTS**







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of York



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EXPLORE YORK

Discover what studying and living in York is really like.

Chat with a student

Talk online with current students who will be happy to speak to you about their experience in York at york.ac.uk/study/chat.

Take an online campus tour

Get to know us better by discovering the highlights of our inspiring campus and city at york.ac.uk/online/tour.

Get the student view

Find out why our students love York and learn about how they're adapting to university and academic life at blogs.york.ac.uk/student-voices.



Well connected

York is one of Britain's best connected cities. It is easy to get to and a great base for exploring the UK. You can be in London in two hours and Edinburgh in just two and a half hours by train.

FIND OUT MORE

Visiting student team

visiting-students@york.ac.uk

CHOOSE YORK

Be inspired by brilliant minds, discover exciting new activities and develop your ambitions in our supportive environment.

85%

for overall satisfaction, sets York above the national average in UK universities.

(2020 National Student Survey)

Get a gold-standard education

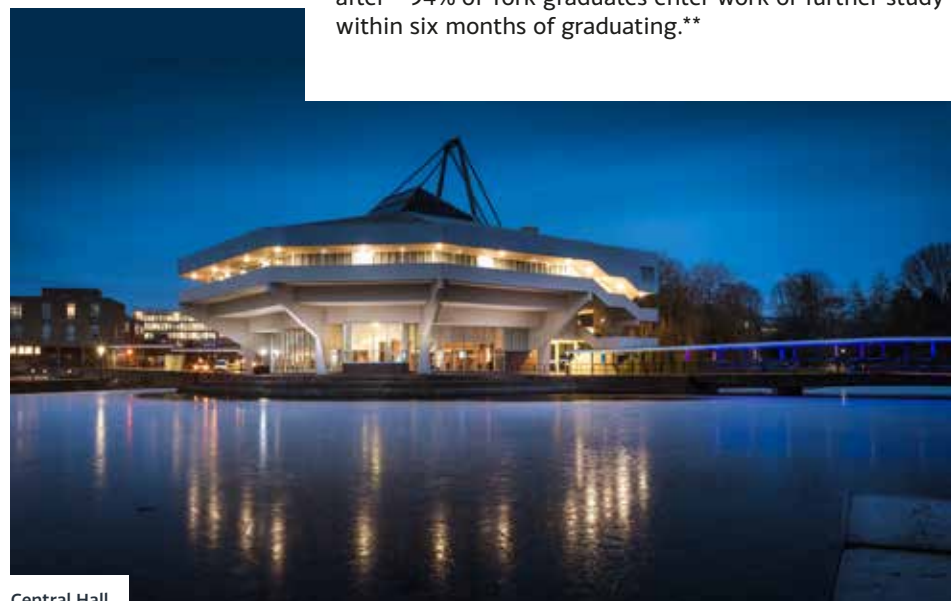
Experience a Russell Group University* with the highest academic standards. We offer consistently outstanding teaching, recognised by our Gold Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) award.

Thrive in a global community

Meet students from over 150 countries on campus and become part of our diverse community. With 25 per cent of our students coming from outside the UK, you'll make friends from all over the world.

Prepare for your future

We will offer a wealth of opportunities to help you prepare for your future career. Our graduates are highly sought after – 94% of York graduates enter work or further study within six months of graduating.**



Central Hall



The University has such a diverse community and is a truly special place to live and study. Any culture, backgrounds and ideas are embraced and encouraged. I have created many unforgettable memories here with the lovely, supportive staff and students. Being an International Student Ambassador throughout my university life has definitely been a highlight for me.

Yuqi, LLB Law (China)

Study in outstanding spaces

Benefit from our £500m investment in new student accommodation and state-of-the-art facilities.

Feel at home

Live and study in our beautiful, open campus and make friends through our college system – it provides an instant social life and a secure, supportive environment.

Enjoy a vibrant social life

Try something new and meet interesting people through a variety of activities on campus. There are over 200 social, cultural, international and religious student-led societies and over 60 sports clubs to choose from.

Explore our city of contrasts

Discover our safe, contemporary city, which is rich in history and regularly named as one of the best places to live in Britain.

* The prestigious Russell Group represents 24 leading UK universities committed to maintaining the highest academic standards in both teaching and research.

**Destination of Leavers from Higher Education Survey 2016/17 (HESA), UK/EU Graduates



York Minster

THE CITY OF YORK

York is a city with lots of historical landmarks. It's brilliant to be honest; I've never seen a city that can combine history, culture and modern life so well... It's really safe as well. People here are friendly, and I'm never afraid of going home alone in the evening.

Maxin, BA Education (China)

Our green campus is within walking distance of the impressive city centre and all of its amenities.

York is a contemporary, student-friendly city, renowned for its rich history and heritage. With a population of 200,000, it's a buzzing city that's small enough to cycle and walk around.

Nightlife: creative hotspots and impressive venues

From bustling pubs to popular clubs, York has a lively nightlife. There is mix of venues showcasing aspiring musicians and established acts. Theatre-goers can enjoy productions at York Theatre Royal or the Grand Opera House, while film fans will love our range of cinemas across the city.

Shopping and eating: high street favourites and cosy cafés

York offers some of the most distinctive and stylish shopping in the UK. Major retail chains and independent stores share York's iconic medieval streets. The York Designer Outlet offers 120 stores and is also a short bus ride from campus. And if you need a bite to eat, the city boasts a thriving street food scene, high quality restaurants and quirky coffee shops.

Green spaces and interactive attractions

The city has a wealth of activities and welcoming spaces for you to enjoy. Have a picnic in the Museum Gardens, stroll around Rowntree Park, with its play parks and café, or enjoy fantastic views of York Minster from Dean's Park.

Idyllic countryside and sweeping coastlines

York's central location is perfect for exploring other UK and European cities. London is only two hours away by train and you can reach Edinburgh in two and a half hours. The beautiful Yorkshire countryside and coastline are also on our doorstep.

Travel independently or as part of a group to make friends and memories. Our student unions often arrange trips to cities, national parks and the coast.



I love living and studying in York because it has a mixture of history and modern vibe through its buildings, events and places. It also feels very safe. I tell my friends that York is so cosy – it's not too big a place to get distracted and not too small a place to feel bored – it's just right.

Dilys, LLM International Corporate and Commercial Law (Ghana)

FIND OUT MORE

York city guide
york.ac.uk/city



I love getting involved with clubs and societies at York. I enjoy the IndoNight event, run by the Indonesian Society, because I get to meet people from my hometown and share my culture with other people. I also like performing with the University of York Korean Cultural Society dance team and going on day trips run by my college and the GSA.

Natasha, MSc Green Chemistry and Sustainable Industrial Technology (Indonesia)



CAMPUS LIFE

Our beautiful parkland campus provides everything you need to make the most of your university experience.

Colleges

These small, distinct communities will become your home from home. Your college will provide you with a network of support, friendship, facilities, and a full calendar of events and activities to help you settle in.

Culture and entertainment

There are plenty of ways to appreciate culture on campus. Take in the theatre with a different show every week during term-time at our student-run Drama Barn. Catch a film at the student cinema. Watch, play or perform with our student societies dedicated to pantomime, opera and much more. Celebrate diversity at a range of events from York Pride to Global Week. Music-lovers can enjoy a rich programme of concerts by international visiting artists and our University ensembles. There are free open lectures and inspirational events to attend both on campus and in the city. For example, the University runs the York Festival of Ideas, which features more than 150

Our commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion:

Being an international, research-led university relies on equality in participation, progression and success for all. We are committed to creating a working, learning, social and living environment that will enable all our staff and students to achieve their potential, while they experience and celebrate diverse cultures, knowledge and identities and are encouraged to make a positive contribution to the city, region and beyond.



Heslington Hall

mostly free events to educate, entertain and inspire.

University of York Students' Union (YUSU)

Run for, with, and by students, YUSU coordinates sport and social societies, a variety of events on campus, provides welfare support and volunteering opportunities and campaigns on issues decided by students.

Graduate Students' Association (GSA)

York is one of the few UK universities to have an independent students' union specifically for postgraduate students.



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As Film and TV Editor at student newspaper Nouse, I've been involved with ten print editions, spanning over a year. I still shriek with excitement every time I see my article in print. I don't think I realised how incredible it is that a university society can resemble a real-life career and workplace. I am now more comfortable in applying for jobs. Being part of Nouse has inspired me to start planning my own publication once I graduate.



Malu, BSc Film and Television Production (Brazil)

Read Malu's blog on joining societies at blogs.york.ac.uk/student-voices/2019/12/19/how-joining-societies

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The GSA provides a social community for postgraduates through a postgraduate welcome week, regular events, trips and free sports sessions. You'll also have access to professional networking events, volunteering opportunities and an independent advice service.

Societies and sport

There are over 200 student-run societies and over 65 sports clubs for you to get involved in. You don't have to be an expert or pro to join – it's all about new experiences, making friends and having fun. York Sport Village and York Sports Centre also provide a choice of excellent sports facilities.

Food and drink

The campus is packed with places to eat and drink and we cater for a diverse range of dietary requirements. There are

also three supermarkets, where you can pick up your groceries and essentials.

Getting around

Everything is within walking or cycling distance, or you can always use the fast and frequent bus service which runs between both parts of the campus and the city centre. York is one of the UK's most cycle-friendly cities, so many of our students choose to travel by bicycle.

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Student life

york.ac.uk/student-life

Student blogs

blogs.york.ac.uk/student-voices

YORK IN PICTURES



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student life
at York

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ACCOMMODATION

All our accommodation is located on or very near campus and is centred around our colleges. Each college has a welcoming, supportive community, so you will soon feel at home.

What are my room options?

Price bands

Prices reflect the age and size of the accommodation, as well as the number of people sharing kitchen and bathroom facilities.

Catered or self-catered

We offer self-catering and catered options. Both include access to a shared kitchen.

En-suite or shared bathroom

Our rooms either have an en-suite bathroom or they have a washbasin in the room with access to a shared bathroom.

Let lengths

Whether you're joining us for a full academic year or just one or two terms, we'll try our best to match your let lengths to your study period as closely as possible.

Additional requirements

We have rooms suitable for students with health or disability requirements. You should mention these requirements in your accommodation application.

Families and couples

If you are bringing your family or partner with you to the UK it may be possible to stay in accommodation on campus. As an international student, you will be given top priority in our allocation policy.

Costs

Single, self-catered rooms cost from £99 to £174 per week, with catered rooms available from £136 to £196 per week (prices are for 2019/20 and may change). Rent is usually paid in three instalments (one per term).

What is included?

- Bedroom, shared kitchen and shared bathroom or en-suite
- Wifi and 100Mbps wired internet access with no download limit in every bedroom
- Shared kitchens are cleaned once a week and shared bathrooms are cleaned on weekdays
- Electricity, heating, water, and contents insurance
- 24-hour campus security presence.

Guaranteed accommodation

For undergraduates we guarantee on-campus accommodation as long as you apply and accept your course offer by the required deadlines. Postgraduates are not guaranteed a room offer but we will try our best to help you find accommodation on or off campus.

Living off campus

There is a wide selection of private sector accommodation within walking distance of the University. Rents vary and usually do not include bills for water, electricity, heating or internet access.

Colleges

You will be a member of one of our nine colleges throughout your time here. Your college will provide you with a network of support and a calendar of events and activities to help you settle in, make friends and explore interests. Find out more at york.ac.uk/college-life.



FIND OUT MORE

Accommodation services

york.ac.uk/vs-accomm
accommodation@york.ac.uk
 +44 (0)1904 322165



When I first came to York, what I loved about the university was how welcoming and open it was, and I still stand by that. There is a tremendous amount of support available at all times as well, whether it is through the university, YUSU, colleges or your department. You are encouraged to step out of your comfort zone and try new things, and that has instilled a greater confidence in me for the future.

Srishti, MSc Global Marketing (India)



SUPPORT AND WELLBEING

Our support network is here if you need it and we offer dedicated services for international students.

International student support

We will help you settle in through a range of orientation events and support including: Manchester Airport collection service, a Welcome Week in the Autumn Term, and immigration advice. You can also get to know other students through the student-run International Students' Association.

College team

Each college has a wellbeing team of staff and students. They'll welcome and support you and help you make the most of college and university life.

Academic supervisor

An academic supervisor will support you through your studies. You will meet regularly and they will advise you on your academic progress and personal development.

Students with children

Our family network will help you meet and socialise with other parents. You will find information on local schools and childcare options, including the York Campus Nursery, on our web pages.

Students with Disability

We're committed to providing the best possible support for students with a disability or Specific Learning Difficulty. Our experienced specialist disability practitioners can offer advice and guidance for students with a range of disabilities.

Study Support

We provide a range of services and resources to help you develop the skills you need for academic success. From one-to-one sessions with our tutors at the Writing and Language Skills Centre, to help understanding maths and statistics at the Maths Skills Centre.

Togetherall

All students have access to free online mental health and wellbeing support with Togetherall. If you struggle to sleep, feel low, stressed or unable to cope, Togetherall can help you get support, take control and feel better.

Open Door Team

Open Door is a team of mental health professionals providing support to students who are experiencing psychological or mental health difficulties. It is a completely free self-referral service available to all students.

Independent advice

Students' Unions

If you need guidance relating to your course or personal matters you can talk to staff in the Students' Union Advice and Support Centre (ASC) and the Graduate Students' Association's Advice Service.



Nightline

Nightline is run by trained student volunteers and provides a confidential listening and information service for students from 8pm to 8am.

Chaplaincy

The Christian chaplains at the University are available to people of all faiths and none. There is also a network of contacts from other world faiths and

dedicated spaces for prayer and reflection on campus.

Health services

The health centre closest to campus, Unity Health, offers GP appointments, a repeat prescription service and walk-in clinics.

FIND OUT MORE

Student support
york.ac.uk/support

PREPARATION AND ARRIVAL

Once you've accepted your place there are a few things you need to know before you arrive.

Before you leave home

Visa information

You can apply for your visa from three months before your course start date. We can also provide support with your application: see york.ac.uk/immigration.

Healthcare

You will need to pay an immigration health surcharge if you require a student visa. This entitles you to receive free health services from the National Health Service (NHS). On arrival at York you can register with a doctor/ general practitioner (GP)

at Unity Health, next to the campus. If you require medical treatment in the UK, a full up-to-date vaccination record (in English, if possible) will help you get the best care possible. There are additional charges for dental treatments available on the NHS.

There is no health surcharge if you come to the UK on a Standard Visitor Visa, but we recommend that you have your own health insurance in place.

Arriving at York

Airports

We recommend that you arrive at Manchester Airport if possible. We offer a free Manchester Airport collection service for Autumn term starters, where you will be welcomed by University staff and students. You can book your place online after completing enrolment. Alternatively, you can get a train from the airport which takes one and a half hours. Other nearby airports are Leeds-Bradford and Newcastle International.

The first week

During the first week of Autumn Term, the University of York Students' Union (YUSU) and colleges organise activities and events to help new undergraduates settle in. The week before Autumn Term starts there is a postgraduate welcome organised by the Graduate Students' Association (GSA). There are also different events specifically for international students.

You'll get to know your new surroundings and meet new people.

If you are joining us at another point in the year, you can check with your Department to see what you can get involved with.

Term structure and dates

Our academic year is split into three terms, with vacations at Christmas, Easter and in the summer.

- Autumn: Sept to Dec
 - Spring: Jan to Mar
 - Summer: Apr to June
- You can come to York for one, two or three terms:
- one term: Sept to Dec or Jan to Mar
 - two terms: Sept to Mar or Jan to June
 - full year: Sept to June

For a full list of term dates visit york.ac.uk/termdates.

Detailed pre-arrival information, including guidance about visa applications, banking, healthcare, airport pick-up and more can be found at york.ac.uk/international-new.

FIND OUT MORE

Arriving in York

york.ac.uk/international-new

STUDENT VIEW MOVING TO THE UK

International student Srish shares her top three things to bring with you when you move to the UK.

Photos: Bring pictures of your family, friends and dog! You can put them up on a pinboard and it makes a standard uni room just a bit more personal and like home.

Favourite food: I made sure that when I moved I brought my favourite snacks with me, because I knew I wouldn't be able to get my hands on them in the UK.

Universal charger: Bring a universal charger for all your electronic devices that you might be bringing from your home country.

Get more student views on preparing for life at York at blogs.york.ac.uk/student-voices/category/international-students.



Srish, 3rd year English student (India)



The Kitchen, Alcuin College

VISITING STUDENT PROGRAMME

We welcome visiting students from across the world. You can join us through university exchange partners, third party providers and country-specific government initiatives, or as an independent applicant.

Taught students

As an undergraduate or postgraduate taught visiting student, York offers you:

- study periods of one, two or three terms
- college membership and access to a wide range of extra curricular activities
- full integration into university life
- an academic supervisor to support you through your studies
- academic credit for modules to the equivalent of 40–60 credits per term
- an academic transcript at the end of your studies.

Research students

We have excellent opportunities for visiting students to come and share our commitment to inspirational and life-changing research.

These options should be discussed on an individual basis so that we can connect you with the right Department. You can contact us at visiting-students@york.ac.uk.



JB Morrell Library



What makes me happiest at York is the people. When I think of a place, I always think of the people. Here we have a wide range of diversity and I became friends with people from different continents. I enjoy having friends from different backgrounds because through them I see a different side of the world, a different viewpoint, a different ideology and a different way of living.

Yuqiao, BA Politics with International Relations (China)



FIND OUT MORE

Information for visiting students
york.ac.uk/visitingstudents



STUDY OPTIONS

At York you will be fully integrated into academic life at our world-class, research-led university.

Subject areas

The interdisciplinary nature of our teaching and research means you can apply to study in one or more departments, subject to acceptance and timetabling. Our departments offer modules (classes) in the following study areas:

Archaeology

- Archaeology and Heritage
- Bioarchaeology
- Historical Archaeology

Biology

- Biochemistry
- Biomedical Sciences
- Biotechnology and Microbiology

- Ecology and Genetics
- Molecular Cell Biology

Chemistry

- Atmosphere and the Environment
- Biological and Medicinal Chemistry
- The Principles of Green Chemistry

Computer Science

- Computer Artificial Intelligence
- Embedded Systems Engineering

Economics and Related Studies

- Econometrics and Finance

Education

Electronic Engineering

- Electronic and Communication Engineering
- Electronic and Computer Engineering
- Electronic Engineering with Business Management
- Electronic Engineering with Nanotechnology
- Music Technology Systems

English and Related Literature

- Global Literatures
- Period Literature

Environment and Geography

- Environmental Geography
- Environmental Science

- Environment, Economics and Ecology
- Human Geography and Environment

History

History of Art

- Curating and Art History

Language and Linguistic Science

Law

Management

- Accounting, and Business Finance

- Actuarial Science
- Marketing
- Business and Management

Mathematics

Music

- Music and Sound Recording

Natural Sciences

Philosophy

Physics

- Astrophysics

Politics

- International Relations

Psychology

- Neuroscience

Social Policy and Social Work

- Criminology
- Social Policy (Crime and Criminal Justice)
- Social Science

Sociology

- Social and Political Science
- Social Psychology

Theatre, Film, Television and Interactive Media

- Interactive Media
- Film and Television Production
- Theatre: Writing, Directing and Performance

Postgraduate students

For postgraduate students we also offer study opportunities in our interdisciplinary research centres:

- Centre for Eighteenth Century Studies
- Centre for Medieval Studies
- Centre for Women's Studies

Pre-sessional English courses

Unconditional offer

If you have an unconditional offer but want to practise your English language skills, you could take our five-week course. You'll learn new study skills and get to know the University before you start your degree.

Conditional offer

We also offer tailored courses for visiting students who need to meet a language condition for entry to a degree-level course. There are three course lengths: 10 weeks, 15 weeks and 20 weeks. The length of the course you need to take depends on your current IELTS scores and the English language requirements for the degree you wish to study.

More information

If you're applying for a pre-sessional English language course and require a Tier 4 visa, you must take a UK government-approved Secure English Language Test. Only IELTS for UKVI (Academic) or Trinity ISE can be accepted for entry to pre-sessional courses.

After you have accepted your offer to study at York, we will confirm which pre-sessional course you should apply to online via You@York.

For further information visit york.ac.uk/presessionals.

FIND OUT MORE

What can I study?

york.ac.uk/vs-courses



Heslington Hall

APPLYING

Before applying, read our guidance and find out about your study options at york.ac.uk/vs-apply.

1 Check our application deadlines

Don't miss out – check our application deadlines.

2 Research our module (class) options

Discover the module options we have on offer at york.ac.uk/vs-courses.

3 Check entry requirements

Find out about our academic and English language requirements at york.ac.uk/vs-apply.

4 Prepare your supporting documents

You must provide the following supporting documents along with your application:

- Academic transcript from your home university
- Name and email address of a referee or a letter of recommendation from your home university
- English language certificate. You will need a recognised English

language certificate if English is not your first language

- Some departments may ask you to submit additional supporting materials with your application.
- Postgraduate research students will also need to supply a research proposal of 250–300 words.



5 Complete your application

Submit an online application and upload your supporting documents.

6 Track your application

Track your application, upload supporting documents and receive information online via You@York.

7 Accept your offer

Accept your place at York using You@York.

8 Apply for your visa

If you require a student visa to study in the UK, you will need a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS). You can only apply for your CAS once you have accepted your place at York.

9 Enrol online

After you have accepted your offer, we will email you about how to set up your University of York IT account and how to complete enrolment.

10 Prepare to join us at York

We'll email you about what you need to do before you get here. Find out more at york.ac.uk/international-new.

If you are applying to a research degree you should visit department web pages and contact potential supervisors to discuss research areas before you apply. This will help to ensure a proper match between you and your prospective supervisor.

FEES AND EXPENSES

Tuition fees

If you apply through one of our exchange partner universities you won't need to pay any tuition fees to the University of York.

If you apply independently you will need to pay tuition fees. Find out more at york.ac.uk/vs-fees.

Living costs

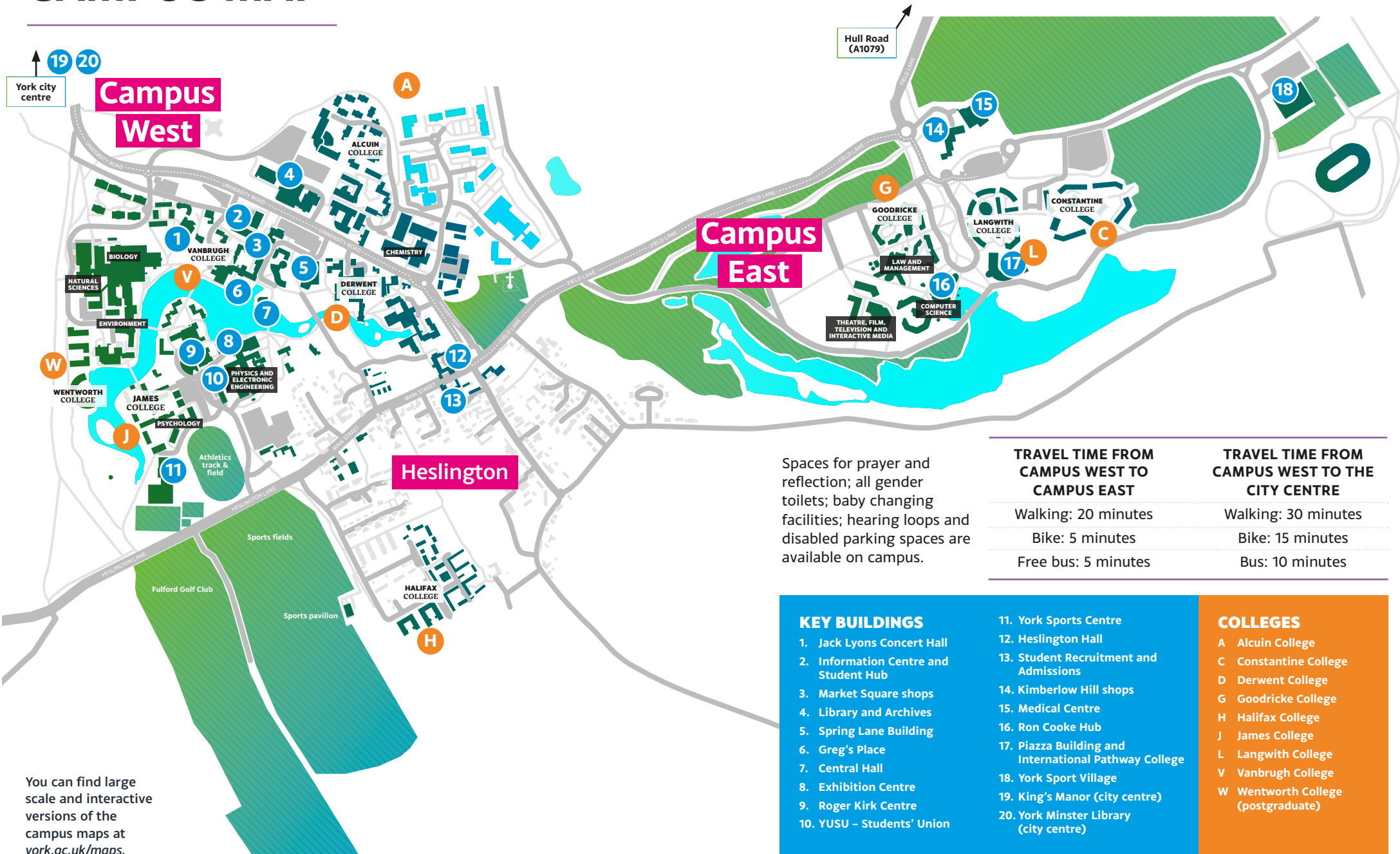
We have living cost guides online to help you plan your budget. See york.ac.uk/living-costs.

FIND OUT MORE

Applying

york.ac.uk/vs-apply

CAMPUS MAP



WHAT NEXT?

TALK TO A STUDENT

york.ac.uk/study/chat

MEET US

york.ac.uk/meet-us-online

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TRAVEL TIMES BY TRAIN

London 2 hours

Manchester 1½ hours

Leeds 20 minutes

Birmingham 2 hours

Edinburgh 2½ hours

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