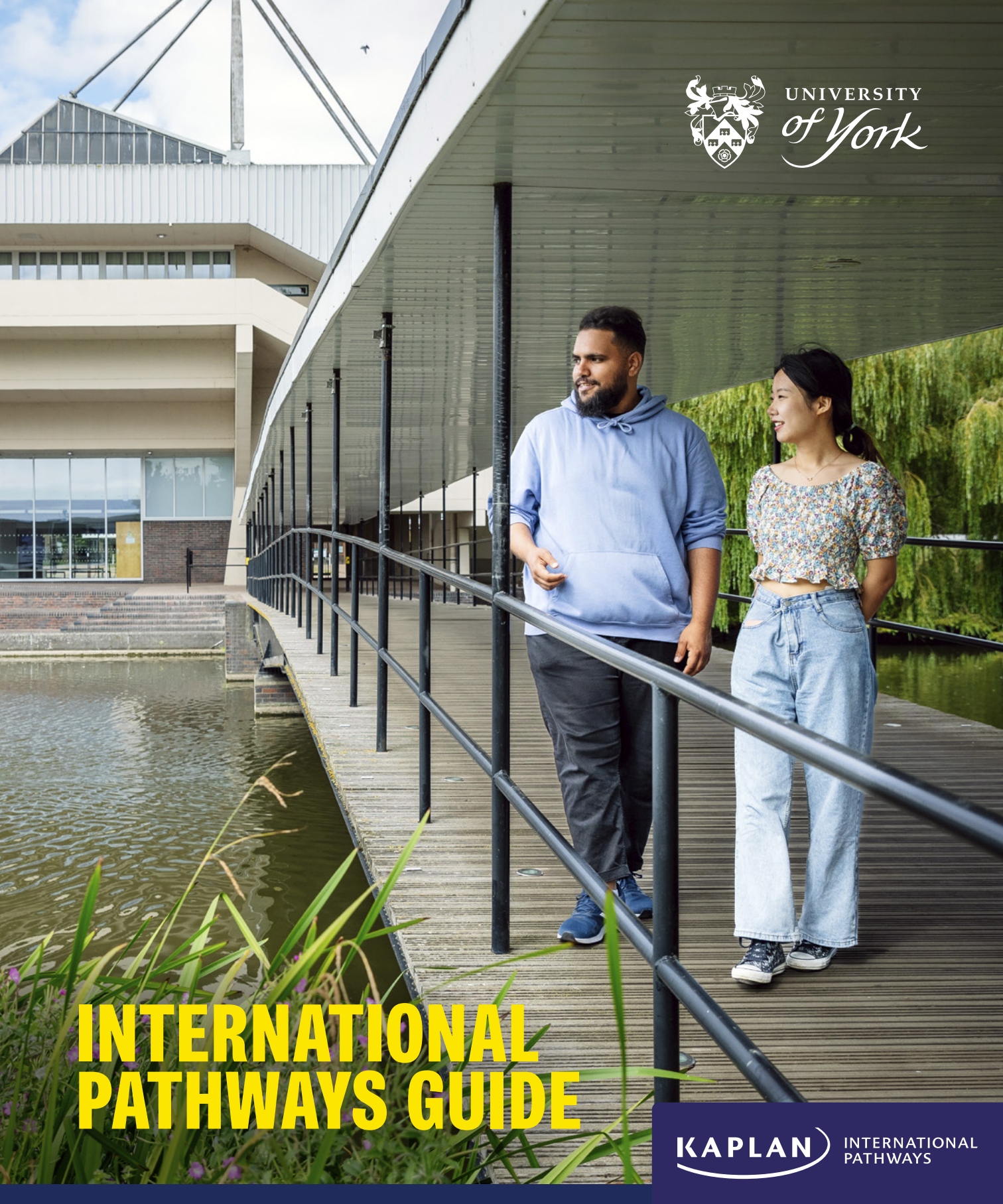

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WELCOME

The University of York is a fantastic Russell Group institution where you can prepare for a successful career. Its world-leading teaching and first-class facilities will help you reach your potential.

You can gain entry to your chosen University of York bachelors or masters degree by studying a degree preparation course on campus at the University of York International Pathway College.



Rachel
from China

Hana
from Bahrain

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WHY CHOOSE THE UNIVERSITY OF YORK?



Top 20
in the UK overall
Complete University Guide 2024

Top 150
in the world
Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2023

Top 25
in the UK for graduate prospects
Complete University Guide 2024

Top 10
in the UK for research quality
Complete University Guide 2024

#1
friendliest city in the UK
Booking.com 2023





A RENOWNED INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

A member of the Russell Group, the University of York is home to a vibrant international community that truly reflects the modern world.

Global outlook

With over 5,500 international students from more than 150 countries across the globe, York has an extremely multicultural university community. This diverse environment means you can find friends from your own country and feel at home while meeting people from different backgrounds.

Launch your career

York's comprehensive career support means you'll have many opportunities to prepare for the world of work. With leadership programmes, careers fairs, internships, enterprise advice, and much more, you can develop valuable skills, make connections, and plan for a career you'll thrive in.

Research intensive

As a member of the prestigious Russell Group, York is a leading research-intensive university. It develops ground-breaking new technologies that save lives and tackle some of the global challenges we face. So, you'll be inspired to dream big, think critically and change the world.



FIND OUT MORE

Learn more about studying a degree at York: ***kpln.org/study-at-york***

EXPLORE YOUR CAMPUS

Spread across 500 acres, the University of York campus is an excellent place to live and study. Read on to learn more about its incredible facilities and what you can expect from life on campus.





CAMPUS TOUR

If you love nature, York is the place for you! The campus is surrounded by over 200 acres of stunning parkland, with beautiful forests and fields just a short walk away. Its large lakes and abundance of wildlife, including a bird sanctuary, make York's campus a truly remarkable natural environment.

University of York campus tours:
kpln.org/46KFTwo

Collegiate system

Just like Oxford and Cambridge, the University of York is a collegiate university. Each of the University's 11 colleges have dedicated accommodation and their own unique character. You'll join a close community of students in your college, and benefit from a dedicated network of support. This allows you to make the most of student life on campus.

Exceptional facilities

York has a campus fit for the future, with new facilities being developed all the time. This includes the Heslington East campus — a vast complex of academic buildings, residences, sports facilities, and the award-winning Piazza building, home to the IPC. There are many social and study spaces, creating the ideal environment for you to learn or relax with friends.

Perfect location

The campus is located right next to the city of York, making it easy for you to take trips into town and explore all it has to offer. No matter where you are on campus, you'll always be a 15-minute bus ride from the heart of the city. With breathtaking countryside at your door and the city nearby, you can enjoy the best of both worlds!



DISCOVER YORK

With modern shops and cafés set against beautiful medieval streets, York offers a special blend of the old and new. It's no surprise that the city attracts over 8 million visitors every year!

Restaurants, cafés and shopping

The city boasts a booming restaurant and street food scene: you can try British classics, comfort food from home, and everything in between! And with over 300 cafés in the city centre, you'll always have somewhere to enjoy good coffee. There are also many designer shops, independent retailers, and international supermarkets to choose from. Everything you might need is right here!

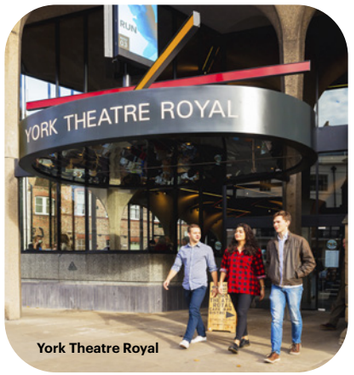
Student Lauretta's favourite places in York:
youtu.be/hpUtrNzYBis

Fascinating history

Walking around York, you'll find amazing history everywhere you look. The city has some of the best-preserved architecture in Europe, including famous Roman walls and the incredible Minster — one of the largest medieval cathedrals in Northern Europe. Another popular student spot is the 'Shambles', a charming cobblestone alley dating back to the 13th century, with independent shops and a market.

Safe and friendly

York attracts millions of visitors every year, and the people are very welcoming. It's the friendliest city in the UK (Booking.com), and the locals are always delighted to have you in their city, so don't be afraid to chat to them! York is consistently ranked as one of the safest cities in the UK, placing 2nd in the country for 2023 (Get Licensed), so you can have peace of mind when going out and enjoying the city's fun nightlife with your friends.



York Theatre Royal



Shambles Market



The Shambles

FIND OUT MORE

Discover York:
youtu.be/_1B3B-W-dDO

DEGREE PREPARATION

If you want to study at the University of York, you may need some support with meeting your degree's entry requirements and adapting to the UK education system. This is where a degree preparation course on campus at the International Pathway College can help.

PREPARE FOR YOUR DEGREE

You can choose from a range of on-campus degree preparation courses at the University of York International Pathway College. You'll receive the help you need to meet the specific entry requirements for your chosen degree.

As a student at the Pathway College, you'll be taught by university lecturers and live in comfortable accommodation close to your classes, allowing you to settle into life in York. When you pass your course at the required level with good attendance, you're guaranteed a place on your chosen bachelors or masters degree at the University of York.

You'll also develop your subject knowledge and study skills, and improve your English — giving you the best possible preparation for university.



"All my teachers at the International Pathway College helped make my studies easier, and many of them had also studied overseas, so they understood what I was going through."

Mohamed from Saudi Arabia
Progressed from a Foundation Certificate to a bachelors degree in Archaeology and Heritage

WHAT CAN I STUDY?

You have a number of degree preparation options, including studying to qualify for entry to a bachelors or masters degree.

At the International Pathway College

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 skill*

At the University of York

Bachelors degree
Year 1

Bachelors degree
Year 2

Bachelors degree
Year 3

At the International Pathway College

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*

At the University of York

Masters degree
1 Year

Graduate
with a University of York degree

* UKVI IELTS alternatives: we can accept alternative tests as proof of English language. Learn more at: ***kaplanpathways.com/uk/ielts***

Other study options

Off-campus degree preparation
Study a degree preparation course at Kaplan International College London, and experience student life in the UK's capital before progressing to a degree on campus at the University of York.

Pre-Sessional English
Degree preparation focused on English language development. These programmes concentrate on academic English and skills, as well as providing an introduction into life at the University of York.

Degree preparation online
Take a degree preparation course online with Kaplan before studying your degree on campus.

FIND OUT MORE

Check your degree options online:
kaplanpathways.com/degree-finder/york

TEACHING AND SUPPORT

At the University of York International Pathway College, you'll be taught by friendly and experienced University staff, and will receive wellbeing support whenever you need it.

First-class teaching

You'll receive cutting-edge teaching from University tutors. They'll always be there to support you during your studies.

Prepare for your future

During your degree preparation course, you won't just be getting ready for your degree. The skills you learn will be valuable to future employers. Your course will involve projects and real-life assessments that provide you with valuable practical skills for the future.

Ongoing personalised support

We'll be here for you from the moment you apply, to when you start your degree at York. Our on-site team provide a range of helpful services, such as:

- Pre-arrival support and airport transfers
- Welcome Week to help you meet new people and familiarise yourself with the campus
- Support with settling into your accommodation and adjusting to a new culture
- Fun day trips and social events
- Setting up a bank account and registering with a doctor

If you're under 18 years old, we can arrange a comprehensive guardianship service from an established company to look after your safety and wellbeing while you're studying with us. All students can also access our insurance policy (EduTravel).

99%

of students agreed that teachers made subjects interesting and explained everything clearly*

*We surveyed 165 students in 2022

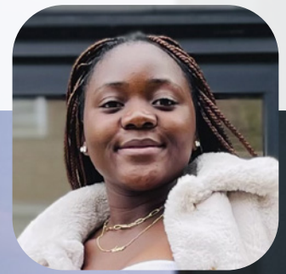


Eddie Cowling
Assessment lead

First-class teaching and assessment

"The University of York International Pathway College offers great support, which has helped me feel more comfortable and adapt really easily. I have been able to form networks and broaden my understanding of other people's cultures."

Debora from Zambia





Dedicated student support



Rachel
from Brazil

STUDENT VOICE

Watch Rachel's experience at the University of York International Pathway College:
youtu.be/LTjCsx68uBE

LIVING IN YORK



Esther
from Nigeria

BOOKING ACCOMMODATION

We are here to help you secure accommodation that suits your particular needs. Our accommodation booking service, Kaplan Living, makes it easy for you to find a room for the duration of your degree preparation course.

Explore accommodation options:
kaplanliving.com/york

ACCOMMODATION IN YORK

It's important to live somewhere safe and comfortable while you're studying in the UK. Our accommodation options give you exactly that — a guaranteed home during your degree preparation course and the first year of your degree.

Cosy and stylish accommodation

During your degree preparation course, you'll live on campus, which has thousands of rooms on its constantly expanding site. Accommodation here is state-of-the-art, boasting all the facilities and transport connections an international student might need. The area was designed with natural beauty and sustainability in mind. You'll be captivated by a lake, trees, wildlife, and wide green spaces!

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-campus attractions

- On-site social spaces
- Restaurants, bars and cafés
- Private study pods
- Large swimming pool
- Supermarkets
- Basketball court
- Multiple 3G football pitches
- Health facilities
- Electric scooters
- Takeaway food establishments
- Velodrome





STUDENT LIFE

Student life at the University of York is an unforgettable experience. You can make friends for a lifetime, embrace a new culture, and grow as a person. Hear from current international students to learn more about what life is like in the UK.



HEAR FROM YORK STUDENTS

Our Student Content Creators have produced a range of great videos showing their experiences at York. They're an ideal way to find out what to expect!

kpln.org/york-student-content-creators



"Studying at the Pathway College showed me what university life would be like. It allowed me to meet new people and make new friends, providing me with a stepping stone to university."

Ryan from Singapore



"York is one of the safest places in the UK, so it is a great option for those who care a lot about studying abroad and safety."

Lik Sang from Hong Kong SAR

NEXT STEPS

Want to apply to study at the University of York? Just follow the steps below and we'll help you every step of the way!

APPLICATION PROCESS

1.

Submit your application form
You'll be guided through the process, including what documents you'll need to send with or after your application.

Apply at
kaplanpathways.com/york-apply

2.

Receive a study offer
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. For conditional offers, you'll need to satisfy any conditions stated in your offer letter.

3.

Accept your offer
You'll do this by completing and returning your offer acceptance form, and by paying your deposit to study or sending your financial guarantee. Once you've accepted your offer, you can book housing through Kaplan Living.

4.

Obtain your Student visa
To study a degree preparation course in the UK, you'll need to obtain a Student visa. We'll advise you on this important process and provide supporting documents that you'll need for your visa application once you've fulfilled any conditions of your offer.

5.

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



FIND OUT MORE

If you'd like to find out more about the University of York, there's lots to discover online! Follow the links below to access 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 Pathway College
kaplanpathways.com/york

Courses
kaplanpathways.com/york-courses

Tuition fees and living costs
kaplanpathways.com/york-fees

Student support
kaplanpathways.com/york-support

Career preparation
kaplanpathways.com/york-career-skills

Student accommodation
kaplanpathways.com/york-accommodation

Studying abroad
Information for parents
kaplanpathways.com/parents

Student visa
www.gov.uk/student-visa

Student insurance
kaplanpathways.com/insurance

College guardians for under-18s
www.collegeguardians.co.uk

Contact us
If you like what you've seen and want to join the University of York community, you can discuss your future at York with a friendly advisor.
kaplanpathways.com/york-contact

Meet us in your country or region
kaplanpathways.com/kaplan-in-my-country

Course information
Use the course information booklet to learn about different degree preparation courses at the University of York International Pathway College, as well as the University of York degrees available to choose from.
kaplanpathways.com/york-course-info



Where is York?



Who's on the cover?

Malik from Saudi Arabia (left) and Yiting from China (right) are on their path to a University of York degree.

Find out more

kaplanpathways.com/university-of-york

Join in online

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Office for Students (OfS):

The University of York is registered with the Office for Students. This means that teaching and support has met the required standards. It also give students the right to work part-time in the UK during term time, and full-time during holiday periods.

Every effort has been made to ensure that the information is accurate at the time of publishing, but some changes (for example to university rankings, accommodation and course options, course delivery, etc.) are likely to occur given the interval between publishing and commencement of the course. It is therefore very important to check the website or contact us for any updates before you apply. Once you have applied, any change which has an impact on the terms and conditions of your offer or a significant part of your programme will be communicated to you.

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