

Undergraduate Summer School
Information booklet
Summer 2023

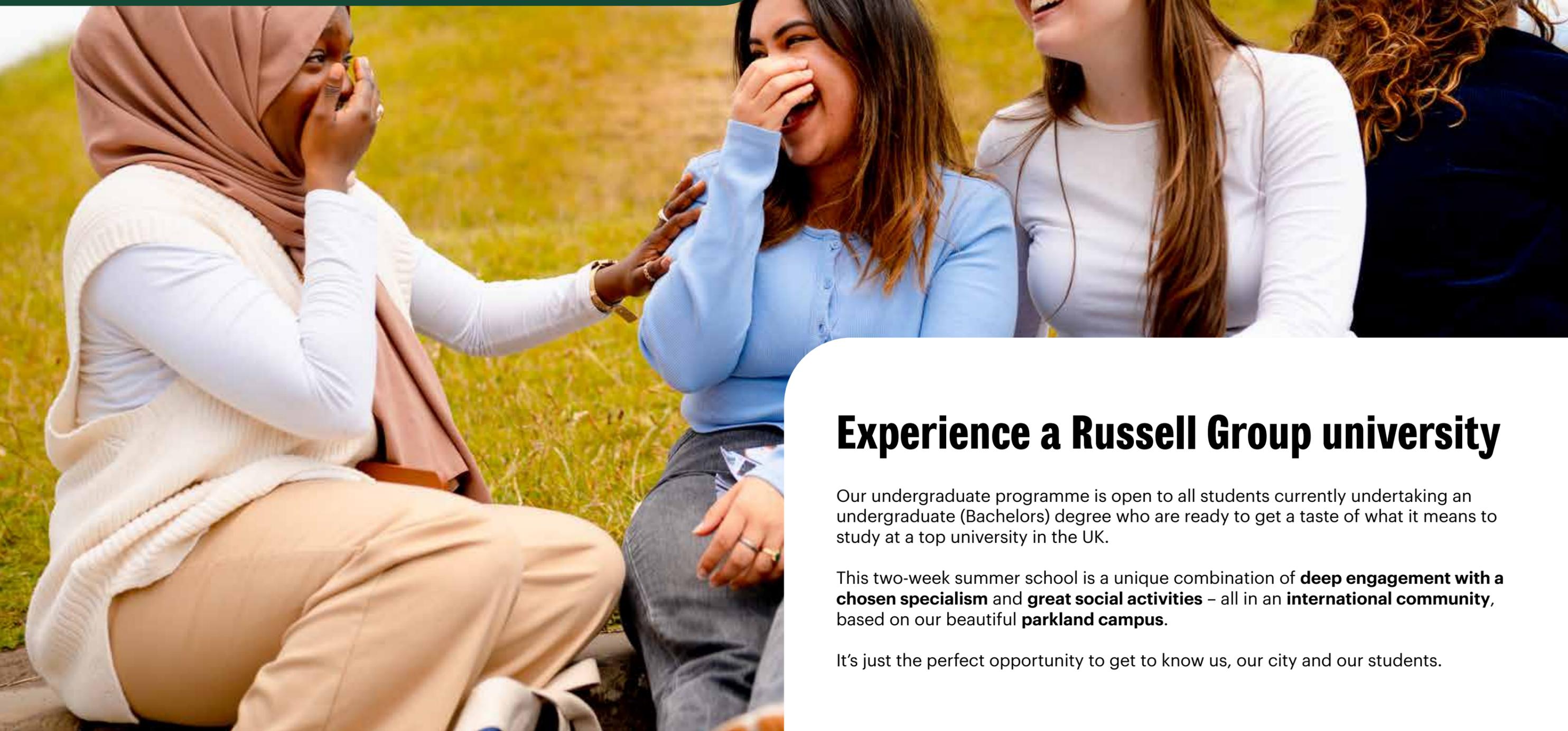


York Global
Summer Schools

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UNDERGRADUATE SUMMER SCHOOL



Experience a Russell Group university

Our undergraduate programme is open to all students currently undertaking an undergraduate (Bachelors) degree who are ready to get a taste of what it means to study at a top university in the UK.

This two-week summer school is a unique combination of **deep engagement with a chosen specialism** and **great social activities** – all in an **international community**, based on our beautiful **parkland campus**.

It's just the perfect opportunity to get to know us, our city and our students.

DISCOVER THE CITY OF YORK



Explore our great, historic city

Halfway between London and Edinburgh, in the **North of England**, York is a **contemporary city** of contrast. Renowned for its **rich history and heritage**, York is full of culture. You can still walk around the city on the **city walls**, and enjoy the spectacular views of York Minster, the **majestic cathedral** which dominates the city.

York is regularly named **one of the best places to live and visit in the UK**, and with a population of 200,000, it's big enough to feel lively but small enough to feel like home. Join us to experience it in person.

EXPERIENCE OUR RUSSELL GROUP UNIVERSITY



The **University of York** is one of the **success stories** in UK higher education.

Since our foundation in 1963, we have powered our way to a **consistently high ranking** in the UK and are one of just six post-war universities to have appeared in the **world top 100**.

University of the Year shortlisted

We're proud to have been shortlisted for two prestigious **University of the Year** awards:

- Times Higher Education Awards 2021
- The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2022

Top 20 in the UK

- **Joint 18th overall** in the Guardian Good University Guide 2022
- **19th overall** in the Complete University Guide 2023 with nine subjects ranked in the top 10
- **19th** in the The Times Good University Guide 2022 with six subjects ranked in the top 10

ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

Subject specific sessions

In the heart of our Undergraduate Summer School sessions are the 16-hour academic options. These are **designed and taught by research and teaching staff** from relevant departments at the University. Sessions comprise a mixture of **lectures, seminars and practicals**, with plenty of groupwork and hands-on experience: a true reflection of **undergraduate-level study**.



Complementary sessions

Complementing the study options are our carefully selected sessions, including a series of keynote lectures, a taster of the **York Strengths employability skills** programme, and a special block on **UK and Europe**. There are also two full-day **field trips** in each two-week module, and plenty of **self-study**, totalling 100 hours of learning.

CREDITS AND ASSESSMENT

Assessment and certificate

If you successfully complete our programme, you will receive a certificate from the University of York.

For each module, you will have to complete two pieces of work:

- A reflective journal
- A group presentation

Each academic option has 100 hours of study (a combination of input sessions and self-study).



ACADEMIC OPTIONS

Ensuring Sustainable Futures

Session 1

Department of Environment and Geography

Summary

At the University of York, we consider sustainability to be a key element of our responsibilities and values. We want our students to understand the sustainability challenges our world faces, but more than that, we want our students to drive changes aimed at ensuring future sustainability.

Climate change, habitat destruction and unsustainable resource use are all major challenges to the future stability of our world. But it's not enough to just learn about the challenges. We must focus on the solutions.

In this module, you will learn about current and future sustainability challenges and the ways in which we are trying to solve them through research, education, policies and innovations. As part of our module, you will engage in a number of discussions and practical sessions.

Aims

The aim of this module is to introduce you to the skills, knowledge and tools needed to develop solutions to the world's most pressing sustainability challenges.

In particular, it will:

- provide you with knowledge of sustainability challenges
- introduce you to a solutions-based strategy of evaluating sustainability challenges
- enable you to confidently discuss and propose solutions to sustainability challenges.

Minimum level of English:
IELTS 5 (upper-intermediate)

Introducing the Human Mind

Session 2

Department of Psychology

Summary

This course aims to introduce you to psychology and the scientific exploration of the human mind and behaviour. We will explore important questions relating to how we interact with the world around us and why we behave the way we do.

We will introduce you to this incredibly diverse, rich and fascinating area through a series of interactive sessions and workshops. Specifically, you will learn how the brain works, how our minds develop, and how we socially engage with others.

Aims

In this module, we aim to enhance your understanding of the human mind through three complementary dimensions of psychology:

- the human brain - the neural systems that underpin who we are
- human development - how we mature and grow as individuals
- human social behaviour - how we interact with others.

Minimum level of English:
IELTS 5 (upper-intermediate)

Books and their Makers

Session 2

Department of English and Related Literature

Summary

How are books made? Who decides what gets read, where and when? And what difference does it make to think about the histories, social lives and business of books as well as about their contents?

In this short course, you will discover the extraordinary world of publishing and book-making, drawing on examples from medieval scribes to contemporary digital publishing. You will have the chance to get hands-on with bookmaking in the University's unique Thin Ice Press, and to learn from contemporary editors, publishers and writers as well as leading academic experts.

Aims

The aim of this module is to develop your knowledge and understanding of the techniques and histories of book production, circulation and reading, and of how the business of books shapes the texts we read, and our ways of reading.

In particular, it helps you:

- develop your knowledge and understanding of how books have been made in the past, and how they are made now
- understand how the physical form of books and the business of publishing shapes the literary landscape and the way we read
- develop your skills in literary analysis, and in written and oral communication, with expert guidance.

Minimum level of English:
IELTS 5 (upper-intermediate)

English Language, Academic and Intercultural Skills

Session 1

Session 2

Session 3

Centre for Global Programmes

Summary

English is a global language, and as such, it serves a variety of purposes for people around the world. For some, it's purely functional, for others, it's a gateway to other cultures.

In this module, you will develop your functional English language skills so that you can be a more effective communicator. You will also explore what intercultural communication is and will become better aware of cultural differences. Finally, you will enhance your academic English language skills.

Aims

The aim of this module is to develop your English language, academic and intercultural communication skills.

In particular, it helps you:

- develop your English language skills through a communicative and functional language based approach
- broaden your cultural horizons and enhance your intercultural competence
- enhance your academic English language skills through an integrated skills and context-based approach with a focus on effective communication.

Minimum level of English:
IELTS 4.5 (intermediate)

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Environment

100%

of our students agree that they learned a lot from the subject specific academic options in 2022.*

*End-of-programme feedback, Pre-university Summer School, 2022

INDEPENDENT MINDS.



I really **enjoyed the activities and appreciated the staff**, who were very nice and would always go out of their way to help.

Daniel
York Global Summer Schools participant 2022



I liked how **we got to travel and see York** and places around it and how I got to **meet people from all around the world**.

Tarmeen
York Global Summer Schools participant 2022

COLLECTIVE POWER.

FREE TIME ACTIVITIES

Day trips

From **great cities to the seaside**, you'll get to discover the North of England on **two fabulous day trips** in two weeks.



Field trips

Once a week, we'll visit places in Yorkshire that are of **cultural** or **scientific** interest: these days combine **learning** and **having fun**.



Activities

From sports to games, quizzes, sightseeing and shopping, you can take part in **exciting free time activities daily**, led by York students.



SESSION 1 TIMETABLE

Wednesday 5 July	Thursday 6 July	Friday 7 July	Saturday 8 July	Sunday 9 July
	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
Arrivals	Subject specialism (academic option)	Self-study	Field trip Medieval cathedrals	Day trip Leeds
		Keynote talk		
	Lunch (Self-catering)	Lunch (Self-catering)		
	UK and Europe York Strengths employability skills	Subject specialism (academic option)		
Welcome dinner	Dinner (self-catering)	Dinner (self-catering)	Dinner (self-catering)	Dinner (self-catering)
Orientation	City Walls	Quiz night	Sports night	Free night

Monday 10 July	Tuesday 11 July	Wednesday 12 July	Thursday 13 July	Friday 14 July	Saturday 15 July	Sunday 16 July
Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
Subject specialism (academic option)	Self-study	Self-study	Subject specialism (academic option)	UK and Europe	Field trip Yorkshire Sculpture Park	Day trip Whitby
	Keynote talk			York Strengths employability skills		
Lunch (Self-catering)	Lunch (Self-catering)		Lunch (Self-catering)	Lunch (Self-catering)		
UK and Europe York Strengths employability skills	Subject specialism (academic option)		Keynote talk	Subject specialism (academic option)		
Dinner (self-catering)	Dinner (self-catering)	Dinner (self-catering)	Dinner (self-catering)	Dinner (self-catering)	Dinner (self-catering)	Dinner (self-catering)
Ghost Walk	Games night	Talents night	Sports night	Quiz night	Games night	Free night

Monday 17 July	Tuesday 18 July	Wednesday 19 July
Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
Subject specialism (academic option)	Self-study	Departures
	Keynote talk	
Lunch (Self-catering)	Lunch (Self-catering)	
UK and Europe York Strengths employability skills	Subject specialism (academic option) and final group presentations	
Dinner (self-catering)	Dinner (self-catering)	
Study night	Farewell night	

Session 1 academic options 5 to 19 July 2023

Ensuring Sustainable Futures
Department of Environment
and Geography

**English Language, Academic
and Intercultural Skills**
Centre for Global Programmes

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SESSION 2 TIMETABLE

Wednesday 19 July	Thursday 20 July	Friday 21 July	Saturday 22 July	Sunday 23 July
	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
Arrivals	Subject specialism (academic option)	Self-study	Field trip Yorkshire Dales National Park	Day trip Manchester
		Keynote talk		
	Lunch (Self-catering)	Lunch (Self-catering)		
	UK and Europe	Subject specialism (academic option)		
York Strengths employability skills				
Welcome dinner	Dinner (self-catering)	Dinner (self-catering)	Dinner (self-catering)	Dinner (self-catering)
Orientation	City Walls	Quiz night	Sports night	Free night

SESSION 3 TIMETABLE

Wednesday 2 August	Thursday 3 August	Friday 4 August	Saturday 5 August	Sunday 6 August
	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
Arrivals	Subject specialism (academic option)	Self-study	Field trip Medieval cathedrals	Day trip Leeds
		Keynote talk		
	Lunch (Self-catering)	Lunch (Self-catering)		
	UK and Europe	Subject specialism (academic option)		
York Strengths employability skills				
Welcome dinner	Dinner (self-catering)	Dinner (self-catering)	Dinner (self-catering)	Dinner (self-catering)
Orientation	City Walls	Quiz night	Sports night	Free night

Monday 24 July	Tuesday 25 July	Wednesday 26 July	Thursday 27 July	Friday 28 July	Saturday 29 July	Sunday 30 July
Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
Subject specialism (academic option)	Self-study	Self-study	Subject specialism (academic option)	UK and Europe	Field trip Drax Power Station and National Railway Museum	Day trip Durham and Beamish, the Living Museum of the North
	Keynote talk			York Strengths employability skills		
Lunch (Self-catering)	Lunch (Self-catering)		Lunch (Self-catering)			
UK and Europe	Subject specialism (academic option)		Keynote talk	Subject specialism (academic option)		
York Strengths employability skills		Self-study				
Dinner (self-catering)	Dinner (self-catering)	Dinner (self-catering)	Dinner (self-catering)	Dinner (self-catering)	Dinner (self-catering)	Dinner (self-catering)
Ghost Walk	Games night	Talents night	Sports night	Quiz night	Games night	Free night

Monday 7 August	Tuesday 8 August	Wednesday 9 August	Thursday 10 August	Friday 11 August	Saturday 12 August	Sunday 13 August
Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
Subject specialism (academic option)	Self-study	Self-study	Subject specialism (academic option)	UK and Europe	Field trip Yorkshire Sculpture Park	Day trip Whitby
	Keynote talk			York Strengths employability skills		
Lunch (Self-catering)	Lunch (Self-catering)		Lunch (Self-catering)			
UK and Europe	Subject specialism (academic option)		Keynote talk	Subject specialism (academic option)		
York Strengths employability skills		Self-study				
Dinner (self-catering)	Dinner (self-catering)	Dinner (self-catering)	Dinner (self-catering)	Dinner (self-catering)	Dinner (self-catering)	Dinner (self-catering)
Ghost Walk	Games night	Talents night	Sports night	Quiz night	Games night	Free night

Monday 31 July	Tuesday 1 August	Wednesday 2 August
Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
Subject specialism (academic option)	Self-study	Departures
	Keynote talk	
Lunch (Self-catering)	Lunch (Self-catering)	
UK and Europe	Subject specialism (academic option) and final group presentations	
York Strengths employability skills		
Dinner (self-catering)	Dinner (self-catering)	
Study night	Farewell night	

Session 2 academic options 19 July to 2 August 2023

Books and their Makers
*Department of English
and Related Literature*

Introducing the Human Mind
Department of Psychology

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Monday 14 August	Tuesday 15 August	Wednesday 16 August
Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
Subject specialism (academic option)	Self-study	Departures
	Keynote talk	
Lunch (Self-catering)	Lunch (Self-catering)	
UK and Europe	Subject specialism (academic option) and final group presentations	
York Strengths employability skills		
Dinner (self-catering)	Dinner (self-catering)	
Study night	Farewell night	

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Session 3 academic options 2 to 16 August 2023

**English Language, Academic
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Eligibility

This programme is open to all students currently undertaking an undergraduate (Bachelors) degree, who are ready to get a taste of what it means to study at a top university in the UK.

Applicants must have had their 18th birthday before starting to study on our programme.

We welcome students from all nationalities and backgrounds; however, as we aim to have an international student body on this programme, we can only accept a limited number of participants from any one country.

Academic requirements

Our Undergraduate Summer School has no formal academic requirements, but we will ask you to provide details of your current studies.

If you are not currently studying on an undergraduate (Bachelors) programme, please contact our team to discuss whether our summer school is the right choice for you.

English requirements

The programme is suitable for both native speakers of English and for students who have been learning English as a second/foreign language.

Although there is no formal language requirement, for most modules, we strongly recommend that applicants have a good upper-intermediate level of English (at least around CEFR B2 or Duolingo 75).

For the English Language, Academic and Intercultural Skills module, we recommend an intermediate level of English (at least around CEFR B1 or IELTS 4.5).

Accommodation and catering

If you decide to book accommodation with us, you will be staying in a single room in one of 11 colleges situated on our wonderful parkland campus. Your fellow students will be staying in the same accommodation block, but you'll be able to have privacy in your own room. Rooms have shared bathrooms (the average room:bathroom ratio is 5:1). Your room will have a sink.

You'll have breakfast in one of the campus outlets but will have to arrange your own lunch and dinner. A fully equipped, shared kitchen will be available in your accommodation block.

Welfare and security

Our city and campus are safe, and the University's Security Services are available if you need assistance 24/7.

[Our Safeguarding and Welfare Procedures are available online.](#)

Insurance

As part of our programme package, we provide free student travel insurance including additional Covid-19 cover. [Full insurance terms and conditions are available on our website.](#)

Programme fees

The tuition fee per two-week session is £1,450. This already includes an exceptional £300 contribution from the University. This fee includes the full teaching and free time provision.

Accommodation is optional; a single room with breakfast and access to a shared kitchen and bathroom costs £550 per two-week session.

Scholarships

We offer five different scholarships:

- York Global Widening Participation Scholarship
- York Refugee and Asylum Seeker Scholarship
- Ukraine Scholarship

The application deadline for scholarships is 3 March 2023.

Assessment and certificate

If you successfully complete our programme, you will receive a certificate from the University of York.

You may be able to receive credits from your home university; however, we cannot guarantee that they will acknowledge your attainment. Please check this with your home institution.

Terms and conditions

When applying to study on this programme, you will have to accept the [Terms and Conditions, as set out on our website.](#)

Application

Places on our programme are limited, and are available on a first-come-first-serve basis. We recommend booking early to avoid disappointment.

[You can find our application form on our website.](#)

Contact

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