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Foundation degrees

Foundation Degrees should not be confused with 'foundation years'. Foundation Degrees are standalone qualifications, whilst 'foundation years' are for students requiring extra experience or skills before being ready to start a full honours degree.

What are the core features of a Foundation Degree?

- A two year full time (or longer part time) degree usually linked to a specific area of work, concentrating on skills and knowledge relevant to the workplace.
- Courses are designed in response to the needs of employers and professional bodies.
- Foundation degrees incorporate assessed work experience and rigorous, broad based academic learning.
- On completion, students have the option of progression onto a full honours degree (through either a specifically designed top-up year or the third year of another existing honours degree).

Where can a Foundation Degree be studied?

- At a university or university college.
- At a specialist college, e.g. Art & Design.
- At a local FE College.
- In the workplace (voluntary or paid).
- At home via distance learning.
- With independent training providers.

Why consider a Foundation Degree?

- Foundation Degrees attract the same financial support as other types of Higher Education course.
- Entry requirements and study options are flexible, with relevant work experience being taken into account.
- Development of skills for work is central to the content of the course.
- It provides a way of gaining a Higher Education qualification whilst working.
- There is the opportunity to 'top-up' to an honours degree on successful completion of the course.

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for employers

What Foundation Degrees can I study in York?

There are a wide range of foundation degrees offered by the universities and colleges in York – a full list is provided below.

You can also access information about Foundation Degrees and how to apply for them on the UCAS website at: **http://fd.ucas.com/CourseSearch/Default.aspx**

Askham Bryan College

- Arboriculture and Urban Forestry
- Agriculture
- Animal Management
- Canine and Feline Training and Behaviour
- Countryside Management
- Enterprise (Land-Based)
- Equine Business Management
- Equine Science and Management
- Horticulture
- Management of Animal Collections with Conservation
- Sport (Coaching and Fitness)
- Sport (Adventure and Outdoor Education)
- Sports Surface Management
- Veterinary Health Studies
- Veterinary Nursing

York College

- Applied Health
- Computer Systems, Design and Solutions
- Leadership and Management
- Media Make-up, Special Effects Make-up and Hair Design
- Sports Therapy
- Young Children's Learning and Development

York St John University

- Christian Theology & Practice
- Christian Theology & Practice in Chaplaincy
- Supporting Learning
- Working with Children and Young People