

Student Handbook

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LETTER FROM THE DEAN

Welcome to York University! My name is John Jewell, and I'm the Vice President for the Student Life Department and your Dean of Students. I've been married to Samantha for twenty-six years, and we have three sons. Jonah is in the Army, Andy is a freshman here at York, and Ben is in the eighth grade. My family has done mission work for over twenty years in Brazil, Africa, and the United States. This is our first time in Nebraska, and we're looking forward to University life and working with college students.

On behalf of an amazing team of leaders in the Student Life Department, I'd like to say how excited we are that you're here! We've been praying for you for months now and are hopeful that you're going to experience your best year ever right here at York University. We understand that your Christ-centered education extends outside of the classroom, and we want to help you get the most out of University life. The Student Life Department is made up of almost thirty people who are all here to help you. Our staff has been working hard to prepare activities, opportunities, and services for you that are highlighted in these pages. The more you get involved, the better your experience will be, so I want to encourage you to jump right in.

I updated the handbook this year to reflect who I am, with the goal to connect the Student Life Department to the student body. You're responsible for all of the information included, so please take some time to read it carefully. York University standards are high, but I'm personally committed to helping you reach them. I'll be posting office hours on my door at Larsen House. Please take a minute to stop in and say hello. In the meantime, let me express my congratulations. Your life is about to be transformed to a new level of glory, and it's going to be awesome!

In Christ,

John Jewell

Dean of Students

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WELCOME

Welcome! Whether you're a returning student or new to our campus, we're happy you're here. We want to do everything we can to make our time together this year as fruitful as possible. Our mission is central to all we do and so important to us that we've included it on every page of this handbook. We hope you'll see how each section points toward that mission, and how that mission points us all towards Jesus Christ. Our highest aspiration for you and for ourselves is that we will all know Him more fully at the end of the year. We sincerely hope you grow closer to God, make lifelong friends, and truly love it here!

Now let's take a look at that mission statement and what it means:

*The mission of York University is to **transform** lives through Christ-centered **education** and to **equip** students for lifelong **service** to God, family, and society.*

Transform: We strive to create opportunities for God to transform all of our lives more into the likeness of Jesus Christ.

Education: We strive to educate you to the very highest written and oral standards that exist, in keeping with Christian values.

Equip: We strive to supply you with all the tools you need to integrate into our rapidly changing professional, social, and technological world.

Service: We strive to instill a desire in you to serve others.

Our school has been around for over 130 years. As you can imagine, we've undergone numerous changes in that time. One of our most significant developments occurred this past year as our seniors and our school graduated together from "college". We proudly welcome you to make history with us as we dive into our first year as "York University".

Please take some time to read through this handbook and to get familiar with the material inside.

Make notes and dog ear the pages. It's yours and it's meant to be useful to you. The resources at the end will come in handy, so carry it with you and use it as a reference. Please, give us feedback along the way. Let us know what you need and how we can help. Don't be shy. We're here to transform your life through a Christ-centered education and to equip you for lifelong service to God, family, and society, and that takes some interaction. See, there's that mission statement! We believe in what we do, and we want you to share in the rich culture that makes us proud to be York University. Welcome to the family!

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WHO WE ARE

This handbook has been prepared for you by the Student Life Office. Whether you're an incoming freshman or a senior about to start your career, the transition from dependence to independence can be stressful and even scary. We get that. Everyone in our office is trained and ready to support you on your educational journey. Your spiritual, emotional, and social well being are our top priorities. **If you live in one of our residence halls, the Residence Assistants (RA) are available to help you solve any problem or find someone who can. If you live off campus, you can call the Student Life Office directly at (402) 363-5753 or email us at studentlife@york.edu.** Please feel free to come to us with any questions or concerns. We're here for you.

OUR TEAM

Mr. John Jewell.....(Vice President for Student Life / Dean of Students / RD 12th St.)

Mr. Stephen Cooper.....(Director of Resident Life / Housing)

Dr. Randy Ervin.....(Director of Counseling Services)

Mrs. Roni Miller.....(Title IX Coordinator)

Mr. Graham Marks.....(AC Gibbs & McCloud / Director of Student Activities)

Ms. Lynnette Gonzalez.....(RD Studebaker/Administrative Coordinator)

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Bryce Winkler.....(AD Gibbs)

Felipe Venegas.....(AD McCloud)

Timberly Carr.....(AD Thomas Hall)

Kailey Hamm.....(AD Studebaker)

Darby Wright.....(RA 12th St.)

Diego Rubio.....(RA 12th St.)

Sal Fernandez.....(RA Gibbs)

Carlos Ortega.....(RA Gibbs)

Andrew Bond.....(RA McCloud)

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Zane Barnett.....(RA McCloud)
Bryson Adams.....(RA McCloud)
Rachel Walton.....(RA Thomas Hall)
Delanie Namuth.....(RA Thomas Hall)
Victoria Eckerberg.....(RA Thomas Hall)
Mason Yarbrough.....(RA Thomas Hall)
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Julie Tremaine.....(RA Studebaker)

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WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER

York is a remarkable town, and this is an outstanding campus. We're small but we have some of the best people and entertainment you'll find anywhere. We don't want you to miss out on anything we have to offer, so here's a list of what the members of our Student Life team recommend for your enjoyment:

ON CAMPUS

CLAYTON MUSEUM OF ANCIENT HISTORY

The museum collects, researches, preserves, exhibits, and interprets objects with a special focus on the ancient world. It features the C. Foster Stanback Collection with displays including artifacts from the Ancient Near East and Rome. It's in the basement of the Mackey Building. Guests of all ages are welcome, and tours are available.

GENESIS (Aug. 20-23)

New student orientation is four days of fun. You'll meet fellow students, engage with faculty and staff, get familiar with the campus, and participate in programs designed to immerse you in the culture of York University. At the end, we kick off the school year with a campus wide block party on Kiplinger Ave.

HOMECOMING (Oct. 21-23)

Alumni and prospective students descend on campus for a weekend of special events. You'll be right in the middle of the action, including Syncfest, athletic events, a choir concert performance, our fall theatre production, a special chapel service, and the crowning of the homecoming king and queen.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Enjoy a much-needed ice cream break with friends in the cafeteria on the day before finals.

SYNCFEST (Oct. 21) Hosted by the admissions team and the student activities board (SAB), Syncfest is an event you won't forget. Groups battle each other for a cash prize in an epic lip-sync competition.

AUTUMNFEST (Oct. 7)

There's no better way to kick off the fall season than a visit to Wessel's Living History Farm for some pumpkin painting and a hay ride. The SAB hosts this event, where flannels and boots tend to be the dress code, and students are guaranteed to enjoy the famous midwestern combo of chili and cinnamon rolls.

SONGFEST (April 6-8)

Each year, York's social clubs and many other students come together to host a musical variety show with choreography, singing, parody, and friendly competition. You won't want to miss out on one of the most exciting events of the year!

ALL-SCHOOL BANQUET (April)

The student body gathers with faculty and staff for a night of reflection, awards, great food, and fellowship as we celebrate the end of the year as a community.

OPEN MIC NIGHT

This is just what it sounds like. If you have a talent to share through the microphone, come on out and show us what you've got at The Spot.

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OFF CAMPUS

YORK FEST (Sept.)

This community-wide celebration highlights some of the many opportunities York provides, including disc golf, sand volleyball, fun run, street fair, parade, skate contest, and live band.

FARMERS MARKET

Local vendors sell a variety of food and goods on Thursdays in the summer at the Kilgore Memorial Library, downtown.

THE AQUATIC CENTER

Cool off at this outdoor pool with water slides. Good for all ages. You'll need a membership to go. It's at 2222 E. 14th St. (402) 362-2613.

SUN THEATRE

Enjoy first-run films on three screens with classic concessions and party rentals at this movie house. It's located at 427 N Lincoln Ave. (402) 362-7469.

CAPTAIN REDBEARD'S

A local family owns this friendly and unique coffee shop that offers traditional and one-of-a-kind hot and cold beverages and snacks. It's located at 604 N. Grant Ave. (402) 745-6073.

SUNSET BOWL

Sunset Bowl is a great place to have fun, and it won't break the bank. It's family owned and has been at 1923 N. Lincoln Ave. since 1965. (402) 362-9923.

RECHARGE LAKE

Originally constructed for an aquifer recharge study, now it offers camping, grills, picnic tables, fishing, wildlife viewing, and hiking. Ideal gathering spot for groups. Under two miles NW of York just off HWY 81.

BEAVER CREEK

This lighted, shaded trail system is on the west side of Blackburn Ave., just south of the Beaver Creek bridge. Other entrances on Nobes Rd., Nebraska Ave., Lincoln Ave., and Kingsley Ave.

SHOPPING DOWNTOWN

The streets of York offer an array of great shops, including antiques and clothing, all within walking distance.

YORK ROLLER SKATING RINK

Skating is a great indoor activity during cold weather. 552 W 8th St, York. (402) 366-305.

COMMUNITY CENTER

There is a weight room, indoor lap pool, basketball court, and racquetball court at 211 E. 7th St. You will need a membership to use them. (402) 363-2630.

CHURCHES

Local churches include East Hill Church of Christ, Life Walk, New Heights Assembly, Faith Lutheran, First United Methodist, First Presbyterian, Saint Joseph Catholic, and York Baptist, among others.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT

There's no better way to get comfortable with your new home than to jump right in and get involved. Here are just some of the ways you can be a part of the action:

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (SGA)

Madison Gookin (Student Government Association President)

SGA offers excellent opportunities for students to be involved in activities and conversations that help to shape York University culture. Students represent various University committees. If you're interested in joining a committee, or if you would like to become more significantly involved in student focus groups and other areas that provide ongoing feedback for improvement, request information from the Student Life Office.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES BOARD (SAB)

Graham Marks (Director of Student Activities)

SAB plays a pivotal role in building student relationships and creating lasting memories on campus. Movies at McGehee, neon dodgeball, trivia tournaments, and intramural sports are just some of the activities we organize. (The full events calendar can be found on PantherNet under the "Campus Life" tab. You must have a York University email and password to login.) If you're interested in joining the advisory group to promote and facilitate weekly activities, please contact the Student Life Office for more information.

YORK CAMPUS MINISTRIES

Sam Garner (Vice President for Spiritual Life)

Our campus minister leads a team of student volunteers to encourage ministry on a student-to-student basis. Our goals are to learn about ministry and to develop a deeper relationship with Christ as we work together to impact students in the dorms, in daily chapel, in classrooms, and on the playing field. Everyone is invited to our devotionals Wednesday nights at 9 p.m in the prayer chapel, or you can contact us if you just need someone to talk to. For more information, email Sam Garner at sgarner@york.edu.

COLLEGIATE FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America)

Stacie Turnbull

We are dedicated to inspiring and developing the next generation of leaders by preparing you for careers in business and business-related fields. We offer a wide range of activities that build personal and professional skills, including unique career development programs, business tours, and workshops. We're the largest collegiate FBLA chapter in Nebraska, and we lead the way in community service, leadership activities, and career readiness building. If you're interested in developing better leadership, communication, and professional skills, contact the Student Life Office for more information.

STEM CLUB (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS)

Bryan Kretz

We explore project-based learning activities in science, technology, engineering, and math that will build competency in STEM workforce skills, tools, and technology. If you plan to work in any of these fields after college, please contact the Student Life Office to join the club.

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FOOD DRIVE

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EXPECTATIONS

Expectations can mean the difference between success and failure, and we want to have excellent rapport with all of our students. But, we don't all come from the same place or even the same decade, so it's critical that we work together to lay a good foundation for the coming year. In an effort to avoid any confusion, we want to be very clear about what we can offer you and what we need from you in return. This section touches on the heart behind our rules, and we trust that if you follow these guidelines we'll never have to venture further into the dos and don'ts that follow.

COMMUNICATION

Some of us are here to teach and some of us to study. Some are here to coach and some to play. Others are here to mentor or to be mentored. Whatever the motivation, all of these pursuits and relationships require good communication and cooperation to be successful. The following are some specific expectations we believe will keep the lines of communication open and all of us working together.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT OF US:

We promise to communicate our expectations clearly and to provide you with all the information you need to have a successful year with us. We have assigned every student with a York email address (student name@york.edu), and we will email you any new information we feel you need, with enough notice to respond when necessary. Nothing will be expected of you that has not been clearly communicated through email or in this handbook, which may be updated as needed.

We promise to cooperate with you. In the event that you need our help or we have a disagreement, we will take time to address the issue and come to a reasonable decision. We promise to support you in your endeavors, as long as we believe you're headed in the right direction. We want you to feel encouraged to pursue your dreams, and we want to help you get there. As a York student, you are on our team. We promise to work with you. We will do our best to help you understand why we do what we do.

WHAT WE EXPECT OF YOU:

We expect you to clearly communicate your needs and concerns to us. We are not mind readers and cannot help you if you don't ask for it. We expect you to notify us immediately with any issue that needs our attention. Please don't wait until it's an emergency. We expect you to provide your current cell phone number any time it changes and to check your texts, emails, and/or mailbox regularly. We expect you to respond to our correspondence in a timely manner.

We expect you to cooperate with us and to abide by our high standards as an institution. In the event that we need your help or we have a disagreement, we expect you to take time to address the issue until we come to a reasonable decision. It's not your responsibility to equip us for our mission, but your enrollment here communicates that you agree with it. You are on our team, so please act like it. We expect you to work with us, never against us. When you don't understand why we do what we do, we expect you to at least give it a chance.

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RESPECT

Everything we expect of each other basically boils down to one word—respect. When we respect God, each other, and everyone’s property things go well. We all know what that looks like when it comes to people and things we can see, but you may not know what it means to respect God, and that’s okay. Sometimes the ways of our world are in stark contrast to the ways of God, and that can be confusing and even frustrating. We hope to be good enough examples for you that you can see clearly what following Jesus Christ looks like, but we’re not perfect and we make mistakes. We hope you will strive to learn more about God for yourself over the course of your college career and that you will allow us to be a part of that journey. It just may surprise you how much love and respect God has for you. His promises to you are unmatched. Ours pale in comparison, but we hope they capture the essence of what we consider respectful, godly interaction with one another.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT OF US:

We promise to respect you, your property, your time, and your values—even when we don’t agree with you. We won’t judge you. We will try to understand you. We will always treat you like a child of God, with individual gifts and talents. We believe you have been created for a specific purpose and that your life is valuable. We won’t discourage your unconventional ideas and behaviors, as long as they’re in keeping with Christian principles. We promise to bring any problems we have with you straight to you. We will not gossip about you or form alliances against you, in person or online. We will do our very best to make sure harm does not come to you, your property, or your reputation in any way. We will pray for you regularly and always do what we believe is in your best interest.

WHAT WE EXPECT OF YOU:

We expect you to respect us, our property, our time, and our values—even when you don’t agree with us. We expect you to treat us like children of God, with individual gifts and talents. We believe that we have been created for a specific purpose and that our lives are valuable. We expect you to bring any problems you have with us straight to us. Don’t gossip about us or form alliances against us, in person or online. We expect you to do your best to make sure harm does not come to us, our property, or our reputation in any way. We expect you to abide by our mission statement and our rules, whether you fully agree with or understand them. We expect you to extend the same level of respect to yourself, your peers, your family, and society.

RULES AND DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

We hope the previous section clearly communicates behavioral principles that we consider to be of the highest Christian standard. Though our core values are in keeping with most Christian schools, each institution has a unique personality and culture that must be taken into account when deciding on specific rules and the consequences for violations.

Your enrollment in York University constitutes an agreement between you and this institution that you will abide by the following rules and submit to the consequences we choose if you violate any of them. Possible sanctions that may result from infractions in any of the following sections include verbal warnings, written warnings, community service, informal probation, formal probation, suspension, and dismissal. The situation will determine the sanction, and a first offense may incur the strictest consequence. If you report yourself for violating a rule, your consequences are more likely to be mitigated. **Please understand that everything in this handbook is ultimately subject to the discretion of the Student Life Office, and the consequences for infractions are no exception.**

These rules and consequences are listed in an effort to communicate clearly and to avoid any confusion, but we maintain the right to do anything that we find to be in the best interest of you, our students. If you break a law, you may be subject to local law enforcement in addition to the consequences handed down by the Student Life Office.

SECTION ONE RULES AND CONSEQUENCES

The following is a list of specific infractions and possible disciplinary responses, which may include informal warnings, written formal warnings, fines, restitution, accountability agreements, and/or other requirements. Section one rules include, but are not limited to:

- 1-01 CONTACT INFORMATION: **You must always provide the University with your current address and phone number.** If we discover your information is not current, you have forty-eight hours from the time we ask to get that to us. You can make changes on PantherNET.
- 1-02 STUDENT ID CARD: **You must have only one university issued student ID card, carry it at all times, and present it upon request while on campus.** In case of loss, theft, or damage, replacement cards are available through the Student Life office for \$15. **You may not loan your card to anyone for any reason.**
- 1-03 RESIDENCE HALLS: Each residence hall has its own policies, including, but not limited to: quiet hour, curfew, visitation, checkout procedures, cleanliness, burning of candles and/or incense, and misuse of residence hall equipment and/or furnishings. **You must abide by the rules of the residence hall where you live and/or visit.**

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- 1-04 **PARKING:** Parking is available for all students, and all vehicles must be registered and display the parking permit when on campus. **You must follow Nebraska state driving regulations. You may not drive or park on the grass or any mulched area, on the sidewalk, in a red zone or fire lane, or in any space that is not designated for student use. You must have a valid handicap sticker to park in a handicap space, and you must not block dumpsters or doorways.** “No overnight parking” means between midnight and 6:00am.
- 1-05 **TRANSPORTS:** **You may not use bicycles, skateboards, roller blades, or hoverboards inside buildings on campus or anywhere on campus for stunts. You must always yield to pedestrians outdoors when using these modes of transportation.**
- 1-06 **DRESS CODE:** It is our intention to create a generally relaxed atmosphere while maintaining a sense of modesty and dignity. While personal styles may greatly vary, **you must at all times wear attire appropriate to your current activity that shows respect for self and for others.** It is at the discretion of the Student Life Office to address any clothing choice they feel is inappropriate. It is not our intention to embarrass anyone, so please do not put us in that awkward position.
- 1-07 **HEALTH AND HYGIENE:** **You must keep yourself healthy and clean to the best of your ability at all times.** This includes bathing regularly, trimming your nails, brushing and flossing your teeth, washing your hands regularly, getting a full night’s sleep, eating healthful foods, getting plenty of exercise, drinking enough water, and generally cleaning up after yourself.
- 1-08 **OBSCENITY/INDECENCY:** **You must not use inappropriate language or gestures. You must not display anything that conflicts with York’s handbook or mission statement, including alcoholic beverage paraphernalia or items associated with the promotion of drugs, including but not limited to, bottles, cans, personal photographs, posters, and t-shirts.**
- 1-09 **TOBACCO / INHALANTS:** **You may not possess or use tobacco, e-cigarettes, vape products, inhalants in any form, or anything else the Student Life Office deems inappropriate on campus or at any university-sponsored event.**
- 1-10 **PORNOGRAPHY:** **You may not have anything to do with materials of a pornographic nature, including images, videos, games, etc.** If you struggle with an addiction of any nature, please call the Student Life Office and ask to speak directly to Mr. Cooper or Dr. Ervin. You are at liberty to say it’s personal, and your call will remain confidential.
- 1-11 **GAMBLING:** **You must not engage in any form of gambling, including a raffle, on campus that involves the exchange of money or anything of value.**

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- 1-12 NON-STUDENT AREAS: **You must not access non-student areas, including but not limited to rooftops.**
- 1-13 DISTURBING THE PEACE: **You must not disrupt any campus event, public assembly, event, or class in any way. You must never intentionally disturb the peace and quiet of any person.** Remember that someone is always studying or sleeping. Keep music and noise at a reasonable level.
- 1-14 DAMAGE TO PROPERTY: **You may not engage or threaten to engage in behavior that could cause damage to University property or to the personal property of others.**
- 1-15 RESPONDING TO A SUMMONS: At times you may be called in by a University official. **You must respond and/or appear to that summons, including for mediation or arbitration.**
- 1-16 REPORTING VIOLATIONS: While we don't expect you to police each other, we are counting on you to help us keep our campus safe. **If you are aware of any action or behavior that may cause harm to any property or person, you must report it to a University official as soon as possible.**

SECTION TWO RULES AND CONSEQUENCES

The following is a list of infractions we consider to be more grievous and possible disciplinary responses, which may include disciplinary probation, restitution, risk-reduction education, loss or reduction of university scholarships, fines, medical or psychological evaluation, drug and/or alcohol testing and/or assessment, accountability agreements, and/or other requirements. As allowed by FERPA, parents, academic advisors, professors, and other appropriate school officials may be informed. Section two rules include, but are not limited to:

- 2-01 REPEAT OFFENSE: If you violated any part of rules 1-01 through 1-16 and you violate any part of the same rule, your offense may be considered more grievous and your consequences may be duplicated, intensified, or both.
- 2-02 COMPUTER USE: You may not violate any part of University policy for computer use. For your convenience, those are listed [online](#).
- 2-03 CHAPEL: We believe spiritual development is the most important part of your education at York. **You must attend Chapel.** Failure to observe requirements concerning Spiritual Life credits may result in disciplinary action.

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- 2-04 DISHONESTY: **You must be honest at all times.** Dishonesty may result in disciplinary action.
- 2-05 SAFETY EQUIPMENT: **You must not tamper with or misuse fire or safety equipment, including but not limited to security cameras, smoke detectors, and fire extinguishers.**
- 2-06 DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES: **You must not possess or use fireworks or chemicals which are of an explosive or corrosive nature.**
- 2-07 UNAUTHORIZED USE / ENTRY: **You must not use any University key, equipment, supply, or resource that you are not authorized to use. You must not enter any University building or facility that you are not authorized to enter, including propping open doors, or blocking, disabling, or otherwise tampering with locks. You may not enter into or exit from one of the residence halls or apartment buildings while concealing your identity.**
- 2-08 MISREPRESENTATION: **You must not forge, alter, or misuse documents, security credentials, forms, records, ID cards, or meal tickets, by providing inaccurate information or attempting to circumvent requirements.**
- 2-09 THEFT: **You must not steal or possess stolen property.** We are not liable for the theft or loss (due to fire, water damage, vandalism, etc.) of personal items housed in campus facilities or taken while located on University property. **You must lock your doors at all times.** You are encouraged to identify personal property, and carry private property insurance. Secure valuables before leaving campus. Reports of lost or stolen property should be initiated with the Student Life Office.
- 2-10 FAILURE TO PAY: **You must meet all financial obligations for professional services and rental agreements.**
- 2-11 SEXUAL MORALITY: York University upholds the teachings and examples of the Bible in all things, including sexual purity. We believe in and promote that the Scriptural standard for sexual expression, in all its forms, is between a man and a woman and reserved for marriage alone.
- 2-12 UNDERAGE DRINKING: **If you are under 21, you must not possess, purchase, or consume alcohol. If we suspect you have been drinking, you must submit to a breathalyzer test.** Failure to submit to a breathalyzer test at the request of a Resident Director or another designee of the Dean of Student Life constitutes an admission of alcohol use. A blood alcohol content (BAC) of 0.08% or higher is considered intoxication. If you struggle with an addiction of any nature, please call the Student Life Office and ask to speak directly to Mr. Cooper or Dr. Ervin.
- 2-13 ALCOHOL: **Even if you are of legal drinking age, you must not possess, consume, or distribute alcohol on school property, and you must not be on school property if you are**

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intoxicated. You must not provide alcohol or the opportunity to consume alcohol to minors. If we suspect you are intoxicated, you must submit to a breathalyzer test. Failure to submit to a breathalyzer test at the request of a Resident Director or another designee of the Dean of Student Life constitutes an admission of intoxication. A blood alcohol content (BAC) of 0.08% or higher is considered intoxication. If you struggle with an addiction of any nature, please call the Student Life Office and ask to speak directly to Mr. Cooper or Dr. Ervin.

- 2-14 **DRUGS: You must not use, possess, distribute, or sell drugs or drug paraphernalia, including but not limited to marijuana and related products, including CBD products that contain THC, controlled prescription drugs (except with a valid prescription), or steroids. If we suspect you have violated this rule, you must submit to a blood and/or urine test (at your expense) for the purpose of determining consumption or use of drugs.** If you refuse, we will consider that an admission of guilt. The Dean of Student Life or designee has the authority to request such testing. Please note that if you are found in possession of any illegal substances, you may be subject to the laws of Nebraska. If you struggle with an addiction of any nature, please call the Student Life Office and ask to speak directly to Mr. Cooper or Dr. Ervin.
- 2-15 **FAILURE TO COMPLY: You must comply with any University official acting in the performance of his or her duties. You must comply with disciplinary decisions, conditions of probation or disciplinary agreements, including terms of mediation/arbitration. You must not retaliate toward any member of the University community, including verbally or physically, in person, written, or online.**
- 2-16 **SOCIAL MEDIA: You must not post, share, or discuss anything on social media or any online platform that mentions York University or shows any images related to York University that is not in keeping with our standards.**
- 2-17 **DEMONSTRATIONS / ASSEMBLIES: To maintain a civil learning environment and to help protect the safety of our campus, students, and employees, and to preserve University property, demonstrations and similar activities are prohibited on campus.**

SECTION THREE RULES AND CONSEQUENCES

The following is a list of infractions we consider to be egregious and possible disciplinary responses, which may include dismissal from the University for at least one academic year or for an indefinite period of time as determined by the Dean of Students. An appeal form will accompany a formal dismissal. As allowed by FERPA, parents, academic advisors, professors, and other appropriate school officials may be informed. Section three rules include, but are not limited to:

3-01 **THIRD TIME OFFENSE:** Breaking any part of the same rule three times will be considered a major offense, regardless of the severity of the initial infraction.

3-02 **DRUGS:** Any repeat offense of 2-13 will be considered a major offense and may result in

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dismissal. You may also be subject to the jurisdiction of local law enforcement. Please note that a drug-related felony conviction may disqualify you from receiving future federal financial aid.

- 3-03 ALCOHOL: Any repeat offense of 2-12 will be considered a major offense and may result in dismissal. If you have also broken a law, you may be subject to the jurisdiction of local law enforcement.
- 3-04 HAZING: Hazing is a Class II misdemeanor in Nebraska. **You must not be involved in Hazing, which is defined as any activity by which a person intentionally or recklessly endangers the physical or mental health or safety of an individual for the purpose of initiation into, admission into, affiliation with, or continued membership with University organizations such as clubs, societies, athletic organizations, etc.**
- 3-05 SEXUAL ASSAULT / RAPE: **You must not engage in any form of non-consensual sexual activity or misconduct, including rape or sexual assault, invasion of sexual privacy, including video or audio recordings that could be interpreted as sexual in nature.** For the safety of everyone on our campus, you may be reported to local law enforcement.
- 3-06 ARSON: **You must not intentionally or recklessly start a fire or cause an explosion, whether it damages personal property or not.**
- 3-07 FALSE ALARM: **You must not intentionally give a false warning of a campus emergency, including the pulling of fire alarms.** A false fire alarm is considered a felony and may be punishable by incarceration and up to a \$1000 fine.
- 3-08 WEAPONS: **You must not possess, carry, use, or discharge any weapon on campus or at any campus-sponsored event, including firearms, knives, and tasers, regardless of permit status.** Air guns, pellet guns, paintball guns, and BB guns are also banned.
- 3-09 BULLYING / DISCRIMINATION: **You must not intentionally or unintentionally cause physical or emotional harm to another person on or off campus, or discriminate according to University policy. This includes but is not limited to unlawful detention of another person, threatening serious harm, harassment, stalking, and retaliation.**

RESOURCES / PHONE NUMBERS

Any job requires resources, and your job as a student is no different. We want you to have everything you need to have a productive year, so here's a list of resources that might benefit you:

IN PERSON

BOOK STORE AND MAIL ROOM

The campus book store and mailroom is located in Childress Hall. If you live on campus you will have a mailbox either in Childress Hall or in your residence hall if you live at Gibbs or Studebaker. You can pick up your free books, buy Panther apparel, or ship things via UPS from this location.

COUNSELING SERVICES

In addition to free virtual mental healthcare, you have access to a licensed mental health counselor for consultation on an array of issues including mental and behavioral problems and/or developmental disabilities. These services are offered by the college for short-term needs. The counselor will assist you in finding resources outside the University when necessary, but you will be responsible for paying for those services. For more information, please contact the Student Life Office at (402) 363-5614.

REGISTRAR

You'll find everything you need to know about your student record including personal data, transfer credits, registration, course information, and more through the Registrar's Office located on the first floor of Middlebrookl.

ONLINE

PANTHERNET

This is our online [campus resource site](#). You can register for courses, monitor your advising schedule, and check your financial aid packages and account payment plans. You'll also find a copy of the Student Handbook, check-out-request forms for students in curfew-mandated buildings, a Microsoft Office download link (free to students), the form to reset or change your York password, and the student formal complaint form. All of these links can be found in the "Quick Links" section on the left-hand side of every page. You can log in with your York email and password 24/7 from any device, on or off campus.

CANVAS

This is our course and testing system. You can find grade and attendance records for all of your courses and communicate with your professors [here](#).

ACADEMIC CATALOG

This resource provides useful and current information regarding the history of our school, admissions requirements, and degree plans and requirements. See [catalog](#).

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COMPUTER AND INTERNET POLICIES

You can find policies and guidelines regarding computer usage on-campus, technical support services offered, and our Copyright Infringement Policy [here](#).

SPIRITUAL LIFE GUIDELINES

In order to transform lives, as the York University mission states, students are required to attend Spiritual Life events. These [guidelines](#) discuss the many opportunities for earning Spiritual Life credits.

FUNDRAISER FORMS

All campus-wide fundraising requests must be approved through the Student Life Office. A fundraising request form can be found [here](#).

THE EDGE ACADEMIC CENTER

The Center supports students of all academic levels as they pursue academic success through programs that address a variety of needs. EDGE services are free to York University students, and appointments can be scheduled online or in person in the upper level of the Academic Resource Center at Levitt. Programs include Research and Writing Center, Academic Mentoring Program, Subject Tutoring, Academic Accommodations, Academic Coaching. View [webpage](#).

WITHDRAWAL FORM

Students deciding to withdraw from the University should initiate this process with the Office of Enrollment, Mr. David Odom at dodom@york.edu. If available, refunds of tuition and fees are listed in the refund policies of the academic catalog.

TELEMEDICINE

York University seated students have FREE access to 24/7 virtual physical and mental [healthcare](#). Students can connect with U.S board-certified, state-licensed doctors and mental health practitioners who can answer questions, diagnose common conditions, and prescribe medications when needed. You are ultimately responsible for your own medical care, medical insurance, and medical bills.

TITLE IX

York University does not discriminate on the basis of sex in its educational programs and activities, including employment and admission. [Title IX](#) defines sexual harassment and requires York University to follow specific procedures when addressing allegations of sexual harassment. Those procedures are outlined on the Title IX web page. The Title IX Coordinator is Mrs. Roni Miller. Contact her at titleix@york.edu or (402) 363-5717.

CAMPUS MAP

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CAMPUS CALENDAR

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NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, gender, religion, or disability. You can read our whole policy [here](#).

PRIVACY POLICY

We're committed to protecting your privacy. You can read our full statement [here](#).

FERPA

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords students certain rights with respect to their education records. You can read more about it [here](#).

COVID

You can read about our COVID policies [here](#).

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PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency	911
Student Life Office	(402) 363-5753
National Suicide Prevention Hotline	1-800-273-TALK (8255)
Suicide and Crisis Lifeline	988
York Police Department	(402) 363-2640
Voices of Hope Hotline (domestic violence/ sexual assault)	(402) 475-7273
Roni Miller (Title IX Coordinator)	(402) 363-5717
Dr. Randy Ervin (Director of Counseling Services)	(316) 644-6223
York General Hospital	(402) 362-6671
Rape Crisis Center	1-800-656-4673
York Fire Department	(402) 363-2610
Road Conditions (Nov. 1- April 1)	511
Campus Security	Office: (402) 363-5721 Cell: (402) 366-2657

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