

Changing Your Plans

Sometimes whilst studying your plans may not go in the direction you thought and you need to make a change with your course, mode of study, re-sit or add an additional year of placement. This factsheet is to make you aware of the financial implications, please see below for more information.

The following information is based on the assumption you don't have any previous study or that you haven't used your gift year with your funding body.

Restarting your course

Generally students receive the length of their course plus one year (gift year); if you are restarting your course whether it is the same or a different course this will mean that you will need to use your gift year. If you have already reapplied for student finance you will need to inform your funding body that it is a repeat year via your Student Finance online account, if you haven't reapplied the question will be asked in the application. If you are also changing your course you will be able to make this change the same way as above.

Resitting the year

Internally

If you are required to re-sit any modules internally there will be a cost to this, please visit [Fees and Appeals](#) to find out how much you will be charged and how to pay this fee. If you are resitting these modules whilst continuing with your studies there is no additional funding available and you will need to pay the fee yourself. However, if you are resitting the full year and you haven't used your gift year nor studied elsewhere, you should be able to use your gift year. During this year you should continue to be eligible for the student finance you have received previously.

Externally

If you are required to re-sit any modules externally there will be a cost to this also, please visit [Fees and Appeals](#) to find out how much you will be charged and how to pay this fee. If you are resitting these modules whilst continuing with your studies there is no additional funding available and you will need to pay the fee yourself. However, if you are not continuing with your studies and are classed as an external student (not current) you will not be eligible for any funding during this time until you re-enrol and are set to current, if you are set to current mid-year you will be able to apply for student finance and they will pro-rata any funding to the period in which you are a current student. Please be aware that if you are an external student you will be liable for Council Tax during this period.

Drop Ins

All of these scenarios can be very specific to an individual and the Student Funding Advice Team is available to advise you.

The team run Drop-ins on the following days and times and you can contact them on fundingadvice@yorks.ac.uk or 01904 876939.

Monday & Friday
Tuesday & Thursday

10am-12pm
2pm-4pm

Change of course but continuing into the next level

If you decide to change your course but continue into the next level your funding should remain the same. When reapplying for student finance you will need to make this change at that point or if you have already reapplied you can change your course via your Student Finance online account.

Adding in a Placement Year

Some courses offer a Placement Year and you may decide to add this into your course after you have started, this will mean that your course will now be extended by a year. Funding for a Placement Year will depend on whether the year is paid or not and where you complete your placement. Please visit [Funding for a Placement Year](#) for the different types of placement and the student finance available.

Changing from full time to part-time or vice versa

Sometimes there is an option to change your mode of study; firstly you would need to speak with your academic area to find out if this is possible. When you change your mode of study this will affect your student finance entitlement and we would strongly advise that you contact your funding body to confirm these financial implications and make sure you understand them before making this decision.

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