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WORLD-LEADING RESEARCH
We are among the best research-intensive universities in the UK according to the Government’s most recent Research Assessment Exercise (RAE 2008). Our staff work in schools or centres where the research is rated as internationally or nationally excellent.
WELCOME FROM THE DEAN

This is an exciting time to be a postgraduate student at the University of Kent. Our programmes are informed by a commitment to research excellence and, as a top 20 UK university, Kent provides a dynamic and challenging academic environment. Whether you choose Canterbury, Medway, Brussels, Paris, Athens or Rome, you will benefit from a friendly atmosphere studying alongside world-class researchers.

A strong intellectual and social community of postgraduate students is fundamental to Kent’s identity as a research-intensive institution. Kent received excellent results in the latest Research Assessment Exercise, which means that you benefit from working alongside world-leading academics (see p10 for details), who will support your study at an advanced level and engage with you in the discovery of new knowledge.

The University has made significant investment in postgraduate education and we provide £8.5 million of financial support to our postgraduate students, both from the UK and from around the world. This includes subject-specific scholarships and Research Council scholarships as well as location-specific, sport and music scholarships. We would strongly encourage you to refer to our website for further details to see if you can benefit from these opportunities at www.kent.ac.uk/pgfunding

The Graduate School supports a number of initiatives enabling students to promote their research interests, such as the annual Postgraduate Research Festival and the Postgraduate Experience Awards. The Graduate School also produces The GradPost, a quarterly newsletter written and edited by our own students. A programme of social events specifically for postgraduate students is organised by the Graduate Student Association.

The Graduate School co-ordinates the University’s Researcher Development Programme for research students, which offers a broad range of development opportunities provided by expert internal and external trainers (see p6 for details).

The Graduate School also offers the Global Skills Award programme to taught Master’s students, which provides a unique opportunity to enhance your understanding of global issues and improve your personal skills (see p6 for details).

People choose to study at postgraduate level for many reasons: to enhance their employment prospects, to achieve a professional qualification, to facilitate a career change or to simply further their interest in a particular subject area. Whatever your motivation for undertaking postgraduate studies, Kent provides you with the opportunities and support you require to achieve your future goals.

I hope that your experience of postgraduate study at Kent is both positive and rewarding. Congratulations on your choice of university and I look forward to welcoming you to Kent in the near future.

Professor Diane Houston
Dean of the Graduate School

To find out what our students say about postgraduate study at Kent, see our online video at www.kent.ac.uk/videoaudio/film
In 1965, the University of Kent welcomed its first arrivals – now known as the ‘first 500’. They were all founding members of Eliot College, at that time the only college on the University’s sole campus, Canterbury.

The first graduation ceremony took place in 1968 in Eliot College and, like its graduates, Kent had its own ambitions for the future. As one of the pioneering universities built in the sixties, it belonged to an era of growth and change. Kent was, then as now, known for its teaching innovation and excellent staff-student relations; its vision for growth took its first bold steps in this early decade to become an inclusive, international and inspiring community.
PRIDE IN OUR PAST/
Five decades later, the University of Kent is a top 20 university. Known as the UK’s European university, we have grown from 500 to 20,000 students from 140 countries, from one college to six, and from a single location to established sites throughout Europe.

From our original Canterbury campus, we have expanded within the UK to include a campus in Medway and a centre in Tonbridge, and into Europe with centres in Brussels, Paris, Athens and Rome. We foster a community in which we value global citizenship, ethical thinking and the development and application of new knowledge.

Kent’s 50th anniversary year, starting in September 2014, will be a time of celebration with events to mark our past achievements, our current contributions, and with you – our ‘class of 2014/15’ – our commitment to a truly inspiring future.
INSPIRING YOUR FUTURE
Kent’s Graduate School supports the strategic development of provision for postgraduate education and research at the University. It provides the foundation for a vibrant intellectual community, supporting postgraduates across all our campuses and European centres.

The Graduate School works alongside the academic schools in order to support and develop the following:
- high-quality postgraduate facilities and resources
- a supportive environment for the intellectual interests of our postgraduate students
- student-led initiatives such as social events, conferences and workshops
- our excellent Researcher Development Programme
- our Global Skills Award Programme for taught Master’s students
- a strong framework of specialist support across the University
- internationally distinctive, exciting and innovative programmes of study that combine academic excellence with an exceptional student experience and appropriate learning resources
- further funding and study opportunities through the cultivation of external links with Research Councils, research institutes and other organisations, both nationally and internationally.

Championing your interests

We have established systems and an academic framework which have the interests of the postgraduate student community at their heart. Each academic school and faculty has one or more Directors of Graduate Studies charged with managing the quality and development of postgraduate studies at these levels.

Kent also has a Graduate School Board at University level which is responsible for overseeing, developing and enhancing postgraduate policies for both taught and research students. The views of our students are critical to the successful development of the postgraduate student experience at Kent. Our Board includes a number of postgraduate student members who are responsible for representing your views to the University. The members include the Graduate Student Association President and postgraduate student representatives from each faculty. These representatives are elected by postgraduate students at Kent.

Academic, social and networking opportunities

The Graduate School promotes opportunities for postgraduate students to meet and socialise. The annual Postgraduate Research Festival provides our students with the opportunity to present their work to a wider audience, network with their peers from across the University and attend academic talks. The Graduate School is especially keen to support student-driven initiatives, such as workshops and conferences, and students have the opportunity to bid for funding to co-ordinate their own events and projects aimed at enhancing the postgraduate experience at Kent through our Postgraduate Experience Awards. Take a look at what's on offer at www.kent.ac.uk/graduateschool

Researcher development

The Graduate School co-ordinates the Researcher Development Programme for postgraduate research students, which includes workshops focused on research, specialist and transferable skills. Transferable skills are generic skills covering areas such as leadership, negotiation, time management and communication. Students with highly developed generic skills, combined with their subject-specific expertise, are in high demand by employers who are looking for candidates who can operate effectively at a senior level.

At Kent, research students are provided with transferable skills training in line with requirements laid down by the Research Councils UK. The training addresses the four areas of the Researcher Development Framework: knowledge and intellectual abilities; personal effectiveness; research governance and organisation; and engagement, influence and impact. The Graduate School offers a number of workshops within each area and all new PhD researchers complete a skills review to self-evaluate their competencies in order to plan their personal development needs across their period of research and beyond.

Global Skills Award Programme

The Graduate School also delivers the Global Skills Award Programme, which is designed to broaden your understanding of global issues and current affairs as well as develop personal skills to enhance your employability. All students registered for a taught Master’s degree are eligible to apply for a place, which is free of charge.

Once accepted on to the programme, you take part in a personal assessment which helps you to reflect on your past experience and future development. A lecture series, chaired by the Dean of the Graduate School, allows you to participate in discussions on issues of global importance, such as the economy, the environment, the media, world politics and developments in science. In addition, a series of skills training workshops offers you the chance to develop your career opportunities and acquire the skills you will need to succeed in the workplace, such as teamwork, networking and leadership.

The programme also provides you with the opportunity to meet and network with other students from a wide variety of backgrounds and disciplines.

The programme is delivered on both the Canterbury and Brussels campuses.

Woolf College

Our commitment to the development and needs of our postgraduate community is demonstrated by the support given to Woolf College. The Graduate School and Woolf College work in close partnership to enhance the quality of the postgraduate experience at Kent. All postgraduate students become members of Woolf College and they are actively encouraged to participate and contribute to the postgraduate community at the University.
Named after Virginia Woolf, Kent's dedicated postgraduate college has a strong community feel and provides an instant support network during your studies. The Master of the College works closely with the Dean of the Graduate School and the Graduate Student Association President to ensure a cohesive approach to the provision of support and activities for postgraduate students.

**The GradPost**
The GradPost is a postgraduate newsletter, written and edited by our own postgraduate students. The GradPost contains articles submitted by students from all our campuses and the content is developed over the course of each academic year. The Graduate School encourages students to write articles and become members of The GradPost editorial team, which is an excellent opportunity to meet new people, explore interests and develop further skills. To see the latest edition, visit [www.kent.ac.uk/gradpost](http://www.kent.ac.uk/gradpost)

**Further information**
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“Being the Graduate Student Association President has allowed me to be part of an association which provides postgraduates with a much greater say within our university. My role enables me to work on issues that not only affect my own experience, but also the experience of all our postgraduate students and this is very rewarding. We also get the opportunity to run some great events throughout the year, such as postgraduate-only events in the student nightclub and day trips to Thorpe Park.”

Claire Powell
Graduate Student Association President
THE GRADUATE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

“My studies at Kent will definitely enhance my employment opportunities. I’ve published a number of research papers in scientific journals and conference proceedings since the start of my PhD research, and the transferable skills I’ve gained, such as research methodology, project management, presentation and scientific writing, will really help me when looking for a job in academia or industry.”

Sally Gao
PhD Electronic Engineering

“The teaching on the course has been excellent – very industry-focused and in line with current events – and I now feel well equipped to deal with the intricacies of the financial world. I have not only gained academic knowledge but have also developed my interpersonal skills in areas such as communication and teamworking. I have also acquired a valuable professional network among my peers on this and other courses.”

Kelvin Chando
MSc Finance, Investment and Risk

“I chose to study at Kent on the strength of my supervisors – and the opportunity of conducting first-hand research on the manuscripts within Canterbury Cathedral. At Kent’s School of History, we keep ourselves busy arranging conferences, panels, even outreach lectures, as well as undertaking research trips and immersing ourselves in various archives. I am immensely grateful for the opportunities to pass on my learning by leading seminars and giving outreach lectures and classes.”

Diane Heath
PhD Medieval and Early Modern Studies
“One of the great things about coming back to academia has been the opportunity to get involved in wider university life. As well as my research, I teach on two undergraduate modules, work towards a PGCHE, and I’m involved in the Faculty of Social Sciences partner schools’ team, working with 11 to 18-year-olds on and off campus. For the last two years, I’ve also been part of the Kent Music Society – this year’s highlight has been singing Haydn’s ‘Creation’ in Canterbury Cathedral, which was absolutely amazing.”

Hannah Perrin
PhD Health Policy

“Every class has been interesting and thought-provoking – I feel I have learned so much. I now look at each issue in a much more country/cultural-specific way, and have become more reflective in the way I treat contentious issues. The lecturers are very professional, organised and knowledgeable. I could not have higher praise for the standard of teaching or the variety of courses at Kent’s Brussels campus.”

Claire Payne
MA International Conflict and Security

“Nowadays, everyone has a first degree. It’s also extremely difficult to break into the media industry without a relevant qualification. Organisations such as the BBC and Sky now expect you to turn up already trained, so you’ve got to be able to demonstrate that you have that training. I think this course will definitely give me a head start because it’s very practical as well as vocational.”

Nick Gutteridge
MA Multimedia Journalism

www.kent.ac.uk
Kent’s excellent performance in the latest Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) confirmed our position as one of the UK’s leading universities. All of our academic schools were found to be engaged in research of international standing.

With programmes of study that are informed by research, our students are able to develop skills and knowledge relevant to contemporary issues. Our research activities and collaborations with outside organisations create knowledge that is highly influential in many areas.

**Internationally renowned staff**

Kent has some of the best academic staff in the country. All of our staff work in schools or centres where the research is internationally or nationally recognised. These include research leaders who are renowned for their innovative thinking in areas such as history, metallurgy and materials, law, French, social policy, statistics and operational research, and English.

**Research Assessment Exercise**

The results of the Government’s most recent RAE saw Kent placed firmly among the UK’s most research-intensive universities. These results reflect sustained investments made by Kent over the last decade in staff, buildings, laboratories and equipment. At the same time, the University has maintained its commitment to ensuring that its students benefit from teaching by top researchers.

Kent’s excellent RAE results are an indicator of the excellence in world-leading research activity across the University. This high level of excellence is underpinned by our ability to attract externally funded research, which now consistently exceeds £12 million per annum.

Many of our academic staff are engaged in collaborative research projects with universities worldwide and a high percentage of Kent’s research is funded by the European Union.

This is all further confirmation of the University’s academic, economic and cultural stature, and the direct, positive implications that our research activities have on the region. Good research delivers a highly skilled workforce, enhances business performance, creates opportunities for new business activities and enterprise, and improves public services.

We work with regional and local agents to synchronise our research agenda with the interests of the region while maintaining our national and international activities.

**Research achievements**

Kent has an excellent record of research success. Recent research achievements, which have impacted on the economy, government policy and the daily lives of those affected, include:

- the development of new chemical conservation techniques to enable safe preservation of the Mary Rose warship on one of the most significant salvage projects to take place in recent times
- revelations from a major Kent-led project prompting Police Scotland to investigate the use of the country’s airports for rendition flights to move prisoners internationally
- the discovery of a new way in which nature makes heme – the component that gives blood its colour and allows red blood cells to carry oxygen around the body
- nationwide adoption of polygraph testing for sex offenders after the discovery that they lead to increased disclosure of offenders
- the discovery of the origin of BSE through animal feed
- investigation of a new technique for children with autism to communicate, socialise and play imaginatively using performance and puppetry
- investigation into the crucial role backpacker tourism can play within countries in the developing world.

**Strong research publishing record**

We have a strong track record of research publishing at Kent, with over 650 academic staff who regularly publish the outcomes of their research. We maintain the Kent Academic Repository, an online database of the publications of our staff. This is a useful resource for both staff and students who are able to see what research is being conducted and enables cross-disciplinary work.

You can access details of these publications by visiting the online Kent Academic Repository at [www.kent.ac.uk/research/publications](http://www.kent.ac.uk/research/publications)

**Research funding**

Following Kent’s excellent performance in the RAE, the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) increased its research funding to the University by 46%. This additional funding has enabled Kent to invest in the further development of state-of-the-art research facilities.
Research funding support
Research Services at Kent supports the University’s research community, by promoting funding opportunities, assisting with the development of an application, negotiating research contracts and administering awards.

Doctoral training
Kent’s research culture and doctoral training environment are enhanced by our engagement with leading research institutions and consortia based in the south east.

Kent is part of the South East Doctoral Training Centre, funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), in partnership with the universities of Reading, Royal Holloway and Surrey. These partner institutions make major contributions to social science research regionally, nationally and internationally, and this collaboration places our social scientists at the centre of inter-institutional research and training activities. Through this scheme, the University is funding doctoral research in economics, the environment and energy, business and management, political science and international studies, psychology, social anthropology, criminology, social policy, social work, sociology and law.

The newly launched Eastern Academic Research Consortium (ARC) is a collaboration between Kent and the Universities of Essex and East Anglia. The ARC stimulates cross-institutional working between the three partners and creates an environment in which collaborative research can flourish. The initial research areas to benefit from this partnership are Environment Science/Synthetic Biology, Digital Humanities and Quantitative Social Sciences. Each institution is funding two five-year postdoctoral Fellowships and there are also six PhD studentships per institution, two in each research area.

Kent has also entered into a consortium to bid to the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) for up to 60 fully funded studentships per year from 2014 under the AHRC’s Block Grants Partnerships 2 Scheme. The Consortium for the Humanities and Arts South-East England (CHASE) comprises: The Courtauld Institute of Art; Goldsmiths College (University of London); The Open University; and the universities of East Anglia, Essex, Kent and Sussex. The Consortium has already been successful in securing awards from the AHRC totalling over £300,000 of funding, to enhance research training for doctoral students in areas such as digital humanities, humanities in human rights and material witness (interrogation of medieval and renaissance works of art).

Further information
www.kent.ac.uk/research
www.kent.ac.uk/pgfunding

Research Centres

Faculty of Humanities
Aesthetics Research Group
Centre for American Studies
Centre for Architecture and Sustainable Environment
Centre for Cognition, Kinesthetics and Performance
Centre for Colonial and Postcolonial Studies
Centre for Creative Writing
Centre for Eighteenth Century Studies
Centre for Gender, Sexuality and Writing
Centre for Heritage
Centre for Language and Linguistic Studies
Centre for Late Antique Archaeology
Centre for Medieval and Early Modern Studies
Centre for Modern European Literature
Centre for Modern Poetry
Centre for Reasoning
Centre for Religion and Contemporary Society
Centre for Research in European Architecture
Centre for the History of Archaeology
Centre for the History of Medicine, Ethics and Medical Humanities
Centre for the History of the Sciences
Centre for the Interdisciplinary Study of Film and the Moving Image
Centre for the Study of War, Propaganda and Society
European Theatre Research Network
Kent Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities

Faculty of Sciences
Centre for Actuarial Science, Risk and Investment
Centre for Astrophysics and Planetary Sciences
Centre for Cognitive Neuroscience and Cognitive Systems
Centre for Cyber Security
Centre for Molecular Processing
Computational Biology Centre
Kent Physics Centre
National Centre for Statistical Ecology

The above is only a selection of the numerous research groups and centres across the University, some cross-disciplinary and others linked to external project groups.

Faculty of Social Sciences
Anglo-Chinese Business and Management Centre
Centre for Agri-Environmental Economics
Centre for Bicultural Diversity
Centre for Cognitive Neuroscience and Cognitive Systems
Centre for Critical International Law
Centre for Employment, Competitiveness and Growth
Centre for European and Comparative Law
Centre for European, Regional and Transport Economies
Centre for Federal Studies
Centre for Health Services Studies
Centre for Logistics and Heuristic Optimisation
Centre for Research and Education in Forensic Psychology
Centre for Research on Social Climate
Centre for Parenting Culture Studies
Centre for Social Anthropology and Computing
Centre for Social Science and Risk
Centre for the Evaluation of Research Performance
Centre for the Study of Group Processes
Centre for the Study of Higher Education
Centre for the Study of Philanthropy, Humanitarianism and Social Justice
Centre for the Study of Social and Political Movements
Centre for Tourism in Islands and Coastal Areas
Centre for Value Chain Research
Conflict Analysis Research Centre
Durrell Institute of Conservation and Ecology
European Centre for the Study of Migration and Social Care
Global Europe Centre
Kent Centre for Law, Gender and Sexuality
Kent Crime and Justice Centre
Kent Osteological Research and Analysis
Personal Social Services Research Unit
Tizard Centre
Urban and Regional Studies Unit
DID YOU KNOW?

As a postgraduate student, you not only have the support of the Graduate School but also access to a careers service, a medical service, wellbeing support and other student support services.
ACADEMIC RESOURCES 
AND SUPPORT SERVICES

At Kent, we have invested in a supportive study environment, which promotes a strong intellectual, interdisciplinary and social community with tailored academic resources and support services to help you achieve your full potential. Our excellent facilities are available to all our postgraduate students – no matter where you are based.

Library and computing

As a student of Kent, you will receive access to the full resources of the University’s library collections at both Canterbury and Medway, in printed or electronic formats. Students in Brussels, Paris, Athens and Rome also have access to additional libraries in these cities.

The library collections contain over a million books, periodicals, pamphlets, audiotapes, videos, DVDs, slides and microforms. Together with extensive collections of material in electronic format, these form essential resources for your studies.

Our libraries provide a mix of study places, quiet study areas, group study areas and a large number of workspaces for word processing, email and access to the internet and wireless service.

The Computing Service provides extensive computing facilities including a high-speed, campus-wide network, which gives you access to a range of resources and the internet.

All students are automatically given access to the network and you have your own email address.

Further information

www.kent.ac.uk/library
www.kent.ac.uk/itservices

Student Learning Advisory Service

The Student Learning Advisory Service (SLAS) is a free and friendly resource for students from all subjects and all levels of study. SLAS provides information, advice and guidance for students interested in strengthening their study skills, or who wish to discuss a specific study problem. This is provided in addition to the subject-based support available within schools.

Further information

www.kent.ac.uk/uelt/learning

Student support and wellbeing

Student Support Team

Our core services include support for students with: specific learning difficulties including dyslexia and dyspraxia; physical or sensory impairments and medical conditions; and Autistic Spectrum Disorders. We also help with applications for funding allowances, such as the Disabled Students’ Allowance. We have a team of tutors who can provide individual and specialist support and

Educational Support Assistants who can help with note-taking and other learning support requirements.

Further information

www.kent.ac.uk/studentsupport

Wellbeing Team

The Wellbeing Team is staffed by both Wellbeing Advisers, who support students with mental health concerns, and counsellors who offer individual counselling sessions. We offer a confidential service and invite you to attend an assessment which gives you the opportunity to explore the support you need to succeed in your studies. In addition to individual support, we also run workshops and courses.

Further information

www.kent.ac.uk/wellbeing

Language support

The University offers Pre-sessional English courses for students who need to improve their English and study skills before joining a postgraduate programme. There are a number of courses of different lengths, depending on your current level of English and the level you need to reach in order to study on your pathway or degree course.

Course details can be found at www.kent.ac.uk/international-pathways/pre-sessional

In addition, the Centre for World Languages (CEWL) offers a range of modules and programmes in English and other world languages and students studying at our European locations can take advantage of the many opportunities for language learning locally.

Further information

www.kent.ac.uk/cewl

Students’ unions

Kent Union and the Greenwich and Kent Students’ Unions Together (the students’ union at Medway) provide a range of social, recreational, pastoral and representative services specifically for postgraduate students. As a member of the students’ union, you can register with Jobshop, which advertises thousands of part-time and vacation vacancies each year. You can also seek advice on issues such as housing, finance and immigration.

Further information

www.kentunion.co.uk
www.gkunions.co.uk

International Development

The International Development team provides help and support for international students from all around the world, both during the application process and throughout their studies. We have links with the University’s various cultural and international societies and we meet many of our prospective, current and former students during visits abroad.

Further information

www.kent.ac.uk/international
Kent has an excellent postgraduate employment record: over 90% of our postgraduate students who graduated in 2012 found a job or further study opportunity within six months. We want you to be in a good position to face the demands of a tough economic environment. During your studies at Kent, you acquire a high level of academic knowledge and develop transferable skills that can be applied to all aspects of employment. We also provide a comprehensive package of skills development training programmes, careers advice, and volunteering and paid work opportunities to help enhance your career prospects.

Benefits of a postgraduate education
Students choose to study at postgraduate level for many reasons: to enhance their employment prospects, to achieve a professional qualification, to facilitate a career change or to simply further their interest in a particular subject area.

Career development
In an ever-competitive job market, a postgraduate qualification can enhance your career and earning prospects, and sets you apart from students who hold an undergraduate degree. A postgraduate degree often leads to employers entrusting you with greater responsibilities at an early stage as they recognise the wider portfolio of skills that you have to offer. In turn, this is likely to lead to greater financial recognition and accelerated career progression.

A global outlook
Over 33% of our academic and research staff are from outside the UK and our students represent 140 nationalities. This diverse academic community combined with our focus on internationalisation helps you to gain a range of perspectives to successfully compete in a global workplace.

Skills development
Employers are looking for highly advanced skills in postgraduate students that will enable them to operate effectively at a senior level and go on to successful careers in business, industry and academia.

At Kent, we help you to gain transferable skills through your academic studies and also through participation in the University’s range of skills development programmes.

The Graduate School co-ordinates the Researcher Development Programme for postgraduate research students, covering a broad selection of topics, including research management, teamworking, problem-solving, communication and leadership skills.

Taught postgraduate students can choose to apply for a place on the Global Skills Award Programme. Delivered by the Graduate School, the programme is specifically designed to consolidate your awareness of current global issues and improve your employment prospects.

In addition to enhancing your subject knowledge and expertise, postgraduate study at Kent enables you to:

- engage with complex issues and questions
- think critically and independently about your field of study
- plan a structured and effective programme of research
- develop learning, research and organisational skills
- develop associated skills – creativity, collaborative teamworking, problem-solving, communication, goal-setting
- communicate your knowledge and insights to peers, academic supervisors and people with lay knowledge.

Assessing your strengths
Having successfully completed your studies at undergraduate level, you may still be unsure how to pursue your future career. A postgraduate qualification provides you with an opportunity to evaluate your strengths at a higher level. This allows you to assess your personal development with a view to selecting the best career path for your talents.

Careers and Employability Service
Your postgraduate course at Kent opens up a wide range of options to you upon graduation. The Careers and Employability Service has produced a booklet, Career Management Skills for Postgraduate Students and Researchers, which covers career options for postgraduates, the transferable skills gained through your studies, finding job opportunities and making successful applications.

The Service has an extensive website, which helps you to analyse your employability skills, make career choices and develop your application and interview skills. It includes a section dedicated to postgraduate students and an online database of graduate vacancies.
Returning to study from a career

In some careers, a relevant postgraduate qualification is a prerequisite. If you are interested in changing to a new career, postgraduate study can also equip you with the knowledge and skills you need to move into a different profession.

A postgraduate course often provides the chance to further a particular interest you explored at undergraduate level or in your workplace. This can open up opportunities for promotion within your present company, if you are already employed, or prepare you for a new career.

Pathway to an academic career

While many research degree graduates choose to pursue careers outside higher education, a PhD is a clear pathway to a career in academia for those with a passion for research in their specialist subject areas. A research degree provides you with the skills and training essential for a successful career as an academic.

Volunteering

Kent Union, in conjunction with the University, also runs a student volunteering scheme that gives you a chance to try something new, explore either outside or professional interests, or simply give service to the local community and University. You can volunteer to do practically anything, from off-campus placements in the charity sector to University placements, such as being a student ambassador, mentor or course representative, contributing to The GradPost, the postgraduate newsletter, or with on-campus clubs or societies.

All volunteers are supported by Kent Union volunteering staff and there is an accredited certificate scheme available. For more information, visit www.kentunion.co.uk/volunteering

Paid work at university

Paid work through temporary or part-time jobs helps to cover your living costs and gives you the opportunity to gain practical experience and work-related skills while you are studying. The University employs around 3,000 students in a range of posts, from mentoring, teaching and research to clerical and administrative jobs in both academic schools and through our professional service offices.

Jobshop

The students’ unions at Kent run Jobshop, a job agency that advertises approximately 3,200 vacancies throughout the local region in areas such as translation, mentoring, website development, retail and charity fundraising. You can register for the service online as soon as you become a student at Kent.

International graduate work in the UK

If you are an international student from outside the EU on a Tier 4 student visa, you are allowed to work part-time in the UK for up to a maximum of 20 hours per week.

When you are coming to the end of your studies, you might be considering the possibility of staying on in the UK to work. For the most up-to-date information on the options available to you, please visit: www.kentunion.co.uk/advice/international/workingintheukafteryourstudies or www.ukcisa.org.uk/international-students/the-next-stage/working-after-your-studies

Graduate destinations

Our postgraduates have gone on to work for major world-leading companies and organisations, such as Renault, Accenture, the Government Statistical Service, Cancer Research UK, Guardian News & Media, the European Commission, Deutsche Bank and Lucasfilm.

“There are numerous events organised for postgraduates for professional development. Students are also encouraged to disseminate their own research findings through attendance at conferences and submitting to academic journals. I would say that having a PhD opens up a lot of job opportunities.”

Michael Rees
Sociology
Kent’s partnerships within Europe provide the foundation for our international approach to research and teaching. Known as ‘the UK’s European university’, Kent has locations in Brussels, Paris, Athens and Rome in addition to our UK campuses, and has over 100 European partners, including the highest ranking institutions of several countries.

Our collaborations can boast links with the École Normale Supérieure, Paris, Philipps-Universität Marburg, Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg, Universiteit Gent, Uppsala University, and the universities of Amsterdam, Bologna, Copenhagen, Helsinki and Vienna. Our strong connections within Europe enhance our international approach to all our academic activities. Canterbury, the location of our main campus, is the closest UK city to the European continent. Proximity to airports, the Channel ports and particularly the Eurostar terminals at Ashford and Ebbsfleet means quick and easy access to Paris, Brussels and Lille, and from there onwards to all major European cities.

Centres in Brussels, Paris, Athens and Rome
These specialist centres, and the programmes we offer, exploit the specific historical, social, political and artistic resources available in these exceptional sites. Kent offers programmes in international studies in Brussels, the political heart of Europe; programmes in the humanities in Paris, the cultural hub of the Western world; heritage management in Athens, the cradle of Western civilisation; and the study of the ancient world in Rome, the centre of classical antiquity.

Teaching in these locations allows students and staff alike to expand their knowledge, and both their social and professional networks, through direct contact and exposure to source materials and expert knowledge; from internships in EU NGOs to easy access to the world-class museums in Paris; and from hands-on experience in archaeological sites in Athens to the first-hand study of the ancient monuments and artefacts of Rome.

All our campuses and centres are open to all of our students and can be used by all postgraduate students to host conferences and academic activities.

European students
We attract a high percentage of our students from outside the UK and many of these come from other European countries. Students from Europe make up roughly 17% of the postgraduate student population and come from 37 different European countries.

European programmes
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European research and projects
Many academics are involved in research projects in collaboration with other European universities, and a high percentage of Kent’s research is funded by the European Union. Kent leads or is involved in a large number of projects funded through the EU Interreg initiative within the European Regional Development Fund, as well as research and development projects within the EU’s Framework Programme.

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Kent has been a key player in the Erasmus student exchange programme and was one of the first universities to receive the E-quality label for its exchange programme. Kent uses the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) throughout all its degrees and was the first UK university to introduce the European Diploma Supplement.

Further information
www.kent.ac.uk/european
www.kent.ac.uk/international

THE UK’S EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY

Our collaborations can boast links with the École Normale Supérieure, Paris, Philipps-Universität Marburg, Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg, Universiteit Gent, Uppsala University, and the universities of Amsterdam, Bologna, Copenhagen, Helsinki and Vienna. Our strong connections within Europe enhance our international approach to all our academic activities. Canterbury, the location of our main campus, is the closest UK city to the European continent. Proximity to airports, the Channel ports and particularly the Eurostar terminals at Ashford and Ebbsfleet means quick and easy access to Paris, Brussels and Lille, and from there onwards to all major European cities.

Centres in Brussels, Paris, Athens and Rome
These specialist centres, and the programmes we offer, exploit the specific historical, social, political and artistic resources available in these exceptional sites. Kent offers programmes in international studies in Brussels, the political heart of Europe; programmes in the humanities in Paris, the cultural hub of the Western world; heritage management in Athens, the cradle of Western civilisation; and the study of the ancient world in Rome, the centre of classical antiquity.

Teaching in these locations allows students and staff alike to expand their knowledge, and both their social and professional networks, through direct contact and exposure to source materials and expert knowledge; from internships in EU NGOs to easy access to the world-class museums in Paris; and from hands-on experience in archaeological sites in Athens to the first-hand study of the ancient monuments and artefacts of Rome.

All our campuses and centres are open to all of our students and can be used by all postgraduate students to host conferences and academic activities.

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TEEME partner universities
- University of Kent (UK)
- Freie Universität Berlin (Germany)
- Universidade do Porto (Portugal)
- Univerzita Karlova v Praze (Czech Republic)

DCGC partner universities
- University of Kent (UK)
- Eötvös Loránd University (Hungary)
- Universität Hamburg (Germany)
- Utrecht University (Netherlands)

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OUR PARTNER UNIVERSITIES
For a list of our international partner universities, see www.kent.ac.uk/int
LOCATIONS

The University of Kent has six exceptional study locations. Our UK campuses, Canterbury and Medway, are in the south-east of England, close to London, with state-of-the-art facilities. Capitalising on our European connections, we have specialist postgraduate centres in Brussels, Paris, Athens and Rome to allow you to study in cities relevant to your subject area, as well as learning and living the European way of life.

CANTERBURY

Canterbury is a beautiful and cosmopolitan city with a rich heritage and vibrant culture. It is home to the world-famous Canterbury Cathedral, which attracts millions of tourists every year and is one of the venues for our graduation ceremonies.

Campus life

Founded in 1965, the Canterbury campus is Kent’s original site and is built on 300 acres of parkland overlooking the city centre. Modern buildings are surrounded by open green spaces, courtyards, gardens and woodland, with stunning views of Canterbury and the Stour Valley.

The campus is self-contained, which means that you are within walking distance of all the excellent facilities on offer: lecture theatres and seminar rooms, academic staff offices, the Graduate School, the Sports Centre and Pavilion, the Gulbenkian Theatre and Cinema, the Colyer-Fergusson Building for music performance, the Templeman Library, the Medical Centre, the Computing Service, the campus shop and bookshop, a pharmacy, an off-licence, bistros, bars, the Students’ Union (including The Venue nightclub), free-access computer areas, bus stops and launderettes. Canterbury city centre is only 25 minutes’ walk from the campus and there is a frequent and direct bus service.

Location

Canterbury is the closest UK city to continental Europe, and offers easy access to three of the most influential cities in Europe: London, Paris and Brussels. High-speed trains run regularly between Canterbury West and London St Pancras and take approximately 56 minutes. We are in close proximity to airports, the Channel ports and the Eurostar Terminals at Ashford and Ebbsfleet, from where you can be in Paris or Brussels in approximately two hours, and Lille in just over an hour.

Accommodation

The majority of new postgraduate students are offered accommodation in Woolf College. The en-suite rooms are arranged in flats with six or eight students per flat and a large shared kitchen.

The College has its own courtyard areas and launderette. Each room has free internet connection and a link to the University’s computer network system, and is rented for 51 weeks to cater for the academic demands of postgraduate study and in line with students’ registration periods. Postgraduate students who, for academic purposes, will be resident in Canterbury for fewer than 51 weeks should contact our Accommodation Office. For more details, see www.kent.ac.uk/accommodation

Social life

Gulbenkian Theatre and Cinema

From student productions to great stand-up, music, inspiring theatre and dance, our on-campus venue provides an exciting and diverse programme. Our cinema shows the best in film – British, foreign language, indie, cult, blockbusters, the big new releases and everyone’s favourite classics – so we have something for all students. For more details, see www.thegulbenkian.co.uk

Music

There is a wide range of music-making at the University, and students of all subjects have the opportunity to take part in the flourishing programme of extra-curricular music activities.

The Colyer-Fergusson Building, located near the Gulbenkian complex, houses the wide range of music-making activity at the University.

If you sing or play an instrument, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved: Kent has its own symphony orchestra, concert band, big band, chorus and chamber choir. Kent also offers music scholarships to talented instrumentalists and singers. For further information, see www.kent.ac.uk/music

Kent Union

Kent Union, the students’ union at Canterbury, is run ‘by the students, for the students’. It provides a wide variety of facilities, services and activities, represents students’ interests, and offers help, support and advice when needed.

Eating out

The campus has many great places to eat, including Dolche Vita in Keynes College, the Gulbenkian cafe, Origins in Darwin College, Mungo’s in Eliot College, Bag It in Rutherford Dining Hall and Woody’s in Park Wood.

Clubs and bars

The Venue is a student nightclub run by Kent Union. It plays host to a range of acts and offers a variety of music genres, club nights and live entertainment, including local, student and mainstream bands.

Some colleges have their own bar: Mungo’s, Origins and the K-Bar. Woody’s is a more traditional sports pub in the heart of Park Wood, while the Gulbenkian has a relaxed cafe-bar in the theatre-cinema complex, with outdoor tables in the summer.

Student activities

The Student Activities Centre provides opportunities for you to participate in a diverse range of activities and groups, led by students and supported by the sabbatical officers and full-time staff members. These include societies, sports clubs, student media and volunteering. A dedicated student media centre is currently being installed above The Venue and will house our radio station, student newspaper and KTV – our own TV station. For more information, see www.kentunion.co.uk

Kent Sport

Kent Sport has recently completed a £4.8 million refurbishment, which offers a new fitness suite, fitness class studios and indoor tennis and netball courts. This complements existing facilities including badminton, basketball and squash courts, outdoor tennis courts, all-weather football pitches, and cricket pitches. We also provide sports courses, leagues and tournaments, fitness assessments and tailored exercise programmes. You can choose from a range of sports societies and teams. Kent offers sports scholarships to students who have demonstrated significant sporting potential. For further information, see kent.ac.uk/sports

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LOCATIONS (CONT)

MEDWAY

Our Medway campus is in a great location, close to the River Medway with part of the campus based at the Chatham Historic Dockyard, less than 20 minutes away from London by high-speed train. It houses award-winning buildings and brand new facilities, and has an exciting social life with a strong sense of community.

Campus life

Medway students enjoy a modern study environment with state-of-the-art facilities. The flagship Medway Building has won several awards for design excellence. The Gillingham Building houses fully equipped teaching rooms and academic schools, and the Rochester Building includes the No 1 Bistro, plus large rooms for seminars and executive meetings. We have also invested in a multimillion-pound refurbishment of key academic facilities at Chatham Historic Dockyard as part of the expansion of the School of Music and Fine Arts.

All our professionally focused programmes are supported by state-of-the-art facilities. For example, Music and Audio students have access to rehearsal rooms, tracking, overdubbing and post-production studios equipped with industry-standard software. Fine Art students have access to a gallery, a darkroom, a kiln room, plaster-casting, metalwork, wood and machine workshops, as well as print and digital facilities. Journalism students benefit from a multimedia newsroom with complete editorial resources including audio and video editing, cameras and autocues, and broadcast studios fully equipped for live and recorded programme-making, and Sport and Exercise Sciences students use the extensive sports facilities at Medway Park (see right).

Location

The Medway towns of Chatham, Gillingham, Rainham, Rochester and Strood stand on the mouth of the River Medway where it flows into the Thames estuary. Kent’s Medway campus is part of Chatham Maritime, where the Historic Dockyard has been redeveloped and refurbished. Nearby is a multiplex cinema, the Dockside retail outlet, wine bars, restaurants and the Strand Leisure Park.

Medway has a rich and fascinating history. Rochester Castle was one of the first large stone keeps built by William the Conqueror after the Norman Conquest, while Rochester Cathedral – where Kent holds its Medway graduation ceremonies – is more than 1,400 years old. Medway also has a distinguished naval history – the first ship built at Chatham’s Dockyard took part in the defeat of the Armada. One of Medway’s most famous inhabitants was Charles Dickens, who lived in Chatham as a child, and in Rochester for 14 years until his death.

The campus is close to central London: trains from Ebbsfleet International take approximately 20 minutes and trains from Chatham take 45 minutes. If you want to explore Paris or Brussels, the Eurostar train from Ebbsfleet International can take you there in about two hours. The town centres of Chatham and Rochester are a short bus ride away.

Accommodation

We can offer all eligible postgraduate students the opportunity to live as part of the student community in purpose-built self-catered, en-suite accommodation at Liberty Quays. Located right by the River Medway, each flat has single en-suite rooms for six to eight students who share a fully equipped kitchen. The accommodation has its own social facilities and launderette, and each room has internet access. For more details, see www.kent.ac.uk/accommodation/medway/apply

Social life

There is a great sense of community on campus and plenty of opportunities to make friends. Most social activities are run by the Medway students’ union, Greenwich and Kent Students’ Unions Together. The range of societies and clubs on offer include an international society, debating society, Medway law society and many cultural and religious societies. The Union also runs a campus student magazine, The Medwire, designed and edited by students. Annual events include the Summer Ball, which is held at a large local venue and features celebrity DJs. For more details, see www.gkunions.co.uk for more details.

Sport

The University has a wide range of sports societies – everything from table tennis to ladies’ football. Being close to the river means that many students also take part in activities such as rowing, canoeing and sailing.

The nearby multimillion-pound sports centre, Medway Park (partly funded by the University), offers special rates to our students. Facilities include a swimming pool, fitness suite and an athletics track, as well as several sports halls. All facilities are built to high standards and the Park was an approved pre-Games training camp for 13 Olympic and eight Paralympic sports for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Also in the Medway area, you can enjoy an ice rink, dry ski slope, karting circuit, golf course with driving range, athletics track and indoor bowls.

FEES AND FUNDING

The University allocates over £6.5 million from its own funds and attracts an additional £2 million to provide a variety of financial support opportunities for postgraduate students. See p.23 for more details.
BRUSSELS

With its interdisciplinary focus and the combination of academics and practitioners, the University of Kent at Brussels offers you a unique and unparalleled opportunity for education and professional advancement in the ‘capital of Europe’. Its programmes and courses cover the spectrum of international studies and you are therefore able to design a course to suit your individual strengths and needs.

Campus life

The opportunities for networking in Brussels are first class and you regularly attend and contribute to the policy discussions and debates across the city. This is complemented by practitioners who either teach on courses in their field of expertise or who are invited to deliver specific lectures on a weekly basis.

Recent speakers have included Lord Hannay of Chiswick (former British Ambassador to the UN), HE Mr Homayoun Tandar (Ambassador of Afghanistan to the EU, Belgium and Luxembourg), Gareth Evans (President Emeritus of the International Crisis Group) and General Sir Mike Jackson (former NATO commander in Kosovo and head of the British Army).

Our career development programme offers you the opportunity to take part in regular coaching sessions and workshops to help you secure internships and jobs. Taught Master’s students can also apply for a place on the Global Skills Award Programme (see p6 for details).

The thriving Alumni Network communicates on many levels to keep alumni in touch with each other, the University, current students and developments in the field of international affairs. Alumni have also agreed to share their experiences in their respective fields and to help where possible with internships and jobs. Taught Master’s students can also apply for a place on the Global Skills Award Programme (see p6 for details).

Although all teaching is in English, you may wish to develop your language skills, which can be essential for building a career in international affairs. There are many private agencies and schools offering language courses as well as students who will offer lessons in exchange for the chance to improve their English. For more formal language classes, students can choose to study at our partner institution, the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), whose campus is next to ours. For more information, visit www.vub.ac.be/khnb

Location

The Brussels campus is a 15-minute drive from the city centre and there are also metro, bus and tram links. It is easy to reach other European cities: destinations such as London, Paris, Amsterdam and Cologne are all around two hours away by high-speed train and Brussels has a major international airport.

Accommodation

Kent does not offer University accommodation in Brussels, but there are many private rental options available and students usually find a place to live shortly after arrival. Studio apartments with all charges included (water, electricity, gas, tenant charges) cost around €550-700 per month. A one-bedroom apartment with all charges included is usually €650-800 per month. Students who arrange flat shares are often able to reduce costs even further. Incoming students are placed on our list-serve, through which they are sent information on housing, orientation, registration and practical tips on preparing for your arrival in Brussels. For details, see www.kent.ac.uk/brussels

Social life

Brussels is a cultural city with many music and film festivals and exhibitions, plus a great number of cafés, bars and restaurants. You can sample the world-class chocolates and take advantage of the excellent shopping – from large gallery shopping centres to colourful local markets.

For 20 years, Kent has held a tradition of hosting an annual formal High Table Dinner to mark the end of the teaching year to which a guest (usually a politician, diplomat or senior member of an international organisation) is invited. This tradition has been continued in Brussels, where a committee of students chooses the venue and plans the event, which is often based around a particular international theme.

Sport

Students have use of the VUB sporting facilities, which include football and rugby pitches, a 25-metre swimming pool, an athletics track, sports halls for squash, tennis, badminton, martial arts, basketball and indoor soccer. There is also a variety of exercise classes on offer and a sports bar. Kent students are able to join Health City, a state-of-the-art fitness facility located in the VUB sports complex, which offers a huge range of aerobic and resistance training equipment.

Further information

www.kent.ac.uk/brussels

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LOCATIONS (CONT)

PARIS

As one of the most culturally and intellectually significant cities in the world, Paris is a unique and exciting place to live and study.

The Kent at Paris programmes and associated activities are designed to increase cultural knowledge, to heighten social and historical awareness and to broaden intellectual and imaginative horizons. Through taught modules and independent research, you are encouraged to fulfill your analytical, creative and communicative potential, and so develop essential transferable skills. All the courses available in Paris are designed so as to best take advantage of the city and its rich cultural infrastructure.

Campus life

The University of Kent at Paris is based at Reid Hall, in the historic heart of Montparnasse, where Picasso and Modigliani had their studios, and near cafés that were frequented by Gertrude Stein and Ernest Hemingway.

Reid Hall is a beautiful and convivial space where you will have many opportunities to meet students and staff not only from Kent but also from other universities established there, including Columbia University, Barnard College and Dartmouth College.

Paris is internationally recognised as a major centre of European culture and the city’s historic status is evident in its exceptional architecture, libraries, museums and art galleries. There are weekly excursions and film screenings which complement and enhance the theoretical aspects of your programme.

Paris is also an international centre of contemporary creativity, attracting musicians, writers, artists and film-makers from all over the world. The resulting contemporary arts scene is energised by a vibrant mix of intercultural styles and influences.

All students are encouraged to participate in a variety of workshops and conferences. The most recent conferences have resulted in major publications on Autobiography, Influences, and Representations of Wounded Bodies in 21st-Century Literature. You also have the opportunity to be involved in the newly launched literary magazine, The Menteur.

Although all teaching is in English, you may wish to develop your language skills, which can be essential for your future career and personal plans. French language classes are available throughout the autumn and spring terms.

Each year, the Faculty of Humanities offers one of the Kent at Paris graduates the opportunity to have a paid internship in Canterbury for three months, working alongside the Administrator supporting the Paris programmes and working with the new students. This is an excellent opportunity to gain valuable skills and experience.

Location

The University of Kent at Paris is easily accessible by metro, tram or bus as it is in the centre of Paris and is 15 minutes away from the Gare du Nord train station. Paris is ideally located to reach other major mainland European cities as well as the UK, Brussels and London are only about two hours away by train and the city is served by two main airports, offering international and domestic connections.

Accommodation

Kent does not have University accommodation in Paris but we are able to offer advice to help you find suitable accommodation. Options may include staying in a hall of residence or with a host family. There are also organisations in Paris to help students find short-term accommodation, as well as private accommodation agencies. For more information, please visit our website. You may also contact the University of Kent at Paris by email: paris@kent.ac.uk

Social life

Students are able to make full use of the city’s extraordinary social and cultural resources, enjoying all the opportunities that come with living and working in Paris.
For students with a passion for literature, art, history, film and music, Paris offers an unrivalled choice of libraries, galleries, museums, cinemas, theatres, clubs and concert halls. Reid Hall is only a few minutes’ walk from the Luxembourg Gardens – an expansive, classically designed park, much frequented by students from the Sorbonne and other Latin-Quarter institutions.

Paris, its region and the whole of France have an excellent transport system, offering you the opportunity for trips to Zola’s house in Médan, Rodin’s house and studios in Meudon, Monet’s house and gardens in Giverny or, further afield, to the châteaux of the Loire, to Lyons, Marseilles or the Picasso museum in Antibes on the Côte d’Azur. Trips to Italy, Spain and other neighbouring countries are easily organised.

Academic and support staff who are with you during your time in Paris will provide advice and guidance on how you can get involved in the life of the city and how such activities can both complement your studies and make your stay in Paris a life-enhancing experience.

Further information
www.kent.ac.uk/paris

ATHENS

Kent offers its Heritage Management MA in Athens, one of the oldest cities in the world and home to many world-famous historical sites and ancient artefacts.

The Master’s degree is a collaboration between the University of Kent and Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB) and teaches the skills required for the management of heritage sites across the world. Teaching is in English and there are a range of scholarships available.

Campus life
Most classes are held either at the archaeological site in Eleusina, or in the well-equipped seminar rooms of the municipality of Eleusina building, courtesy of the Initiative for Heritage Conservancy (IHC). The library holdings and computer facilities of the IHC are all at your disposal, and you also have access to the library of the AUEB in central Athens, as well as the electronic libraries of AUEB and Kent.

Location
The programme is ideally located in the Athenian suburb of Eleusina, the birthplace of Aeschylus and one of the most important archaeological religious sites in the world as the location of the Eleusinian mysteries. The centre of Athens is only 30km away, and as such you have close access to many other major historical sites including the Parthenon, Ancient Corinth, Nemea and Thebes.

Eleusina is a fairly large town with many amenities such as a sports centre, shops, restaurants, cafés, libraries, a museum and a summer cinema, music schools and foreign language schools. It has a good bus connection to Athens and the surrounding area.

Accommodation
A list of suitable accommodation in Eleusina or central Athens is provided to all students. We also offer advice on arranging your own rented accommodation and liaise with landlords on your behalf. Please contact the local administrator for more information at heritage@aueb.gr

Social life
In collaboration with the IHC, there are a number of extracurricular activities available in Eleusina at a discounted fee, including courses for non-Greek speakers in music, painting and dance. Eleusina is also excellent for outdoor pursuits, with local societies for sailing, windsurfing, mountaineering and basketball. There is an annual arts festival, where you can experience Greek music and theatre.

Further information
www.kent.ac.uk/secl
www.heritage.aueb.gr

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Study facilities at the AUR include computer workstations, free wi-fi and full audio-visual equipment in all classrooms. Lecture rooms are housed in a former monastery while the gardens and terraces act as lively social spaces. There is a library located in Evans Hall, a stately two-story building housing over 15,000 volumes, a large collection of DVDs, as well as access to important online databases and the vast network of Rome’s other libraries.

Location
Rome is arguably the most historically and archaeologically significant city in Europe, if not the world. You not only study the ancient sites, such as the Colosseum, the Pantheon and the Roman Forum, but also see the development of the city over time. There is the Rome of mythology, the Rome of the Republic, the Rome of the emperors, but also of later eras: of medieval pilgrimage, of the Renaissance, of the Risorgimento (unification of Italy), of Mussolini and fascism, and of the more recent past. More importantly, it is an exciting and cosmopolitan city today.

Accommodation
Accommodation is arranged with the AUR. Accommodation consists of furnished apartments with shared bedrooms in traditional, well-established neighbourhoods.

Student life
Students have full access to all support facilities, including an English-speaking GP on site, a counsellor, and support from staff in the Student Life Office. There is also a range of student societies, cultural events and sports clubs available to suit almost every interest.

Further information
www.kent.ac.uk/locations/rome
FEES AND FUNDING

Postgraduate study is an investment in your future; you develop expertise in an area that inspires you while gaining skills and knowledge that will improve your career prospects. To help fund your studies, the University of Kent has a generous budget of £8.5 million.

The University allocates over £6.5 million from its own funds and attracts an additional £2 million to provide a variety of financial support opportunities for postgraduate students. There are a number of research student scholarships, through to location-specific funding, sport and music scholarships, and funding specifically for overseas fee-paying students.

The range of support varies, but can run from a tuition fee discount to a full fee waiver with a maintenance grant. Awards from these councils are highly competitive. You must apply via the University and we encourage early application; the University normally has internal deadlines that you must meet in order for applications to be submitted to the Research Councils for their deadlines.

Research Council funding
Kent has a record of attracting funding from the seven UK Research Councils:
• Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC)
• Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)
• Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC)
• Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC)
• Medical Research Council (MRC)
• Natural Environment Research Council (NERC)
• Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC).

In general, Research Council awards provide full tuition fees with a maintenance grant. Awards from these councils are highly competitive. You must apply via the University and we encourage early application; the University normally has internal deadlines that you must meet in order for applications to be submitted to the Research Councils for their deadlines.

Graduate Teaching Assistantships
Most schools offer scholarships in the form of Graduate Teaching Assistantships (GTAs), whereby full-time postgraduate research students receive financial support in return for teaching. The amount of the GTA award varies; however, many GTAs are ‘full’ awards that cover tuition fees at the home/EU rate plus a combined salary and a maintenance stipend, which together equal or better the UK Research Council award. All full-time postgraduate research students are eligible to apply for GTAs.

School scholarships
Many schools at Kent also offer one or two University postgraduate research scholarships, each available for three years. These scholarships vary in amount; for example, they may cover or contribute to tuition fees and/or provide a stipend. All postgraduate research students are eligible to apply for postgraduate research scholarships.

Additional scholarships
Kent offers one of the best scholarship programmes in the country to support many specific activities. For example, our scholarships programme includes:
• University Music Performance Scholarships – up to £5,000 a year
• University arts scholarships – up to £3,000 a year
• The Graduate School Scholarship provides a scholarship of £1,000 towards the first year’s fees for those moving directly from undergraduate to postgraduate study

Loyalty awards
The University of Kent values its graduates and alumni, and is pleased to offer a choice of three special schemes to assist with the cost of postgraduate study:
• The Graduate School Scholarship provides a scholarship of £1,000 towards the first year’s fees for those moving directly from undergraduate to postgraduate study
• The Loyalty Discount offers a 10% reduction on the cost of the first year’s fees

The GTA scholarship is a great opportunity, as it allows me to fully dedicate myself to my studies and to my academic development. Teaching research methods to first-year students has been so stimulating, I hope I will have the opportunity to keep teaching once my PhD is completed.”

Laura Di Bella
PhD Psychology

Further information
Please visit www.kent.ac.uk/pgfunding or see the brochure Funding for Graduate Study.

Tuition fees
UK-based programmes
The basic rate of tuition fee for 2013/14 for home/EU fee-paying students on postgraduate taught programmes is £4,950. Research degrees are charged at the fee set by the Research Councils, which is £3,900 for home/EU students. Standard international student fees are £14,360 for laboratory taught and research programmes and £12,030 for non-laboratory taught and research programmes. The fees quoted are for full-time study and represent the cost of one year of study only.

Programmes based outside the UK
Fees for programmes delivered outside the UK can be found on our website, www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/fees

Fee-paying categories
UK or European Union fee status depends on your nationality and residency. In general, students paying the UK or EU fee should have ‘settled status’ under UK immigration regulations prior to the start of their course, or students holding full European Union nationality should have been resident in the European Economic Area for non-educational purposes for three years prior to the start of their course. The UK/EU category also includes EU students with indefinite leave to remain in the UK.

Payment of tuition fees
You must pay fees in advance at the beginning of each academic year. There are two main ways of paying:
• In full – this qualifies for a 2% discount if cleared funds are received in full by 31 August 2014
• In two instalments – 50% on or before registration, and 50% by 1 December 2014. The instalment plan needs to be set up online at https://epay.kent.ac.uk/epay

Further information
www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student

Living costs
Each student has different circumstances, so to help you estimate your living costs, we provide an online calculator at www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/livingcosts.html
VISITING THE UNIVERSITY

We welcome students who want to visit our campuses. The University runs Open Days and postgraduate information events on the Canterbury and Medway campuses, where representatives from all our programmes are available to discuss your interests. Visits to our European centres can also be made by prior arrangement.

Open Days
Our Open Days are events that take place at our Canterbury and Medway campuses and are suitable for everyone, whatever level of study you are considering. Postgraduate information events take place at our Canterbury and Medway campuses, where you can meet academic and admissions staff, find out more about the courses on offer, discover what it’s like to study at Kent and how to apply for funding. Staff will also be able to provide more details on the facilities available at our European locations.

The next events are:

Canterbury campus
Postgraduate events:
Wednesday 27 November 2013
Saturday 1 February 2014

General Open Days:
Saturday 5 October 2013
Saturday 12 July 2014

Medway campus
General Open Days:
Saturday 12 October 2013
Saturday 21 June 2014

For later dates, visit www.kent.ac.uk/opendays

Individual tours
You are welcome to visit the University independently. We produce a leaflet for a self-guided tour and you may also be able to meet up with an academic member of staff. In addition, we are happy to organise individual tours for prospective students living outside the UK. To request a tour, please go to www.kent.ac.uk/informal – to be sure of availability, requests need to be made at least two weeks in advance.

Canterbury
By air
The nearest major airports to the Canterbury campus are London Heathrow (LHR) and London Gatwick (LGW). Both airports also have excellent transport links to central London and onwards. If taking a taxi directly to the campus, Heathrow is a 90-minute journey, Gatwick airport is a 60-minute journey.

By rail
London St Pancras to Canterbury West: journey time approximately 55 minutes.

By bus
London Victoria to Canterbury bus station: journey time approximately 120 minutes. Canterbury bus station to the University, regular service: journey time approximately 15 minutes.

By road
From London, the north and west: M25, (M20), M2, A2. Canterbury central ring road, A290 Whitstable Road, St Thomas Hill, approximately one mile (1.6km) up the A290, University entrance on right (signposted) near top of hill.

Campus map
www.kent.ac.uk/maps/canterbury

Medway
By air
The nearest major airports to the Medway campus are London Heathrow (LHR) and London Gatwick (LGW), both with excellent transport links to central London and onwards. If taking a taxi directly to the campus, Heathrow is a 90-minute journey, Gatwick airport is a 60-minute journey.

By rail
London Victoria and Charing Cross to Chatham: journey time approximately 45 minutes. St Pancras to Ebbsfleet International, approximately 20 minutes or Gillingham approximately 50 minutes.

By bus
From Chatham Station to Chatham Maritime: journey time approximately 15 minutes.

By road
From London, the north and west: M25, M2. Follow signs for Gillingham, then the Historic Dockyard and Chatham Maritime via the A289 and the Medway Tunnel. From the east: A2, A289, the Gillingham Northern Link Road, follow signs for the Medway Tunnel.

Campus map
www.kent.ac.uk/maps/medway
If you wish to study at our Brussels, Paris, Athens or Rome centres, please contact staff at the location to arrange a visit to view our premises and meet staff and current students.

Brussels

By air
The nearest major airports to the Brussels School of International Studies are Brussels Airport (BRU) and Charleroi Brussels South (CRL), both with excellent transport links to Brussels.

By rail
The Etterbeek railway station is 100 metres from the Brussels campus and provides regular connections with Schuman, Brussels North and Brussels Midi stations.

By tram
Take the 7 or 25 and alight at the Etterbeek stop, from which Kent’s Brussels campus is a five-minute walk.

By metro
Kent’s Brussels campus is a short walk across the VUB Etterbeek campus from the Pétillon Metro station.

Campus map
www.kent.ac.uk/maps/brussels

Paris

By air
The nearest major airports to Reid Hall campus in Paris are Charles de Gaulle (CDG) and Orly (ORY), both with excellent transport links to central Paris.

By rail
The largest railway station in Paris is Gare du Nord, where you may access Reid Hall by metro (see below). The closest railway station to Reid Hall is Port Royal, which is on the RER B line and links directly to Charles de Gaulle airport and Gare du Nord station.

By metro
Reid Hall is close to the Vavin metro station. If you are coming from the Gare du Nord, take the line 4 (purple) in the direction of Mairie de Montrouge. It takes about 30 minutes to get to Reid Hall with no changes.

Campus map
www.kent.ac.uk/maps/paris

Athens

By air
The nearest major airport to Eleusina is Athens International Airport, also known as Eleftherios Venizelos (ATH). To reach Eleusina, you take a combination of Rail or Metro with bus services.

By rail and bus
At the airport, you take the light rail (proastiakos) towards Corinth (Korinthos) or Kiatro and get off at Magoula. From there, you pick up bus 863 outside the Proastiakos Magoula station and alight at the Heroon Polytechniou.

By metro and bus
From the airport, you take Athens Metro line 3 to Egaleo. You then take bus A16 to its terminal stop at Eleusina. There, you board bus 863 to Heroon Polytechniou.

By metro
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Campus map
www.heritage.aueb.gr/260.htm

Rome

By air
The nearest major airport to the campus of the American University of Rome (AUR) is Fiumicino-Leonardo da Vinci International Airport (FCO).

By rail and bus
At the airport, you take the light rail (proastiakos) towards Corinth (Korinthos) or Kiatro and get off at Magoula. From there, you pick up bus 863 outside the Proastiakos Magoula station and alight at the Heroon Polytechniou.

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Data protection: for administrative, academic and health and safety reasons, the University needs to process information about its students. Full registration as a student of the University is subject to your consent to process such information.
OPEN DAYS IN 2013/14

Postgraduate events
Canterbury
Wed 27 November 2013
Sat 1 February 2014

General Open Days
Canterbury
Sat 5 October 2013
Sat 12 July 2014

Medway
Sat 12 October 2013
Sat 21 June 2014

Individual visits can be made to all our locations, including our European centres, by prior arrangement.

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