A GUIDE FOR PARENTS OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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DID YOU KNOW?
Kent is ranked 16th in the UK in The Guardian University Guide 2016.
Choosing a university is a big decision for all new students and their parents. It is an exciting time and students are often thinking about everything from the courses that they might enjoy studying to the social life.

But, as a parent or guardian, you probably have some questions of your own. For instance, which UK universities offer the best education? How does the application process work? Will my son or daughter find it easy to settle in? How much will it cost? What is life like at university? What’s the best way to keep in touch?

We aim to answer many of your questions in this parents’ guide to Kent. We take you through the most important steps, from choosing a course to graduation. If you need some more information, you can contact us by email, call us on the phone, or meet one of the team in person. We are happy to help, please turn to p47 for details.
50TH ANNIVERSARY

The University of Kent is a leading UK university, with a commitment to excellence in teaching and research that has spanned five decades.

Established in 1965, we are now a top 20 university and known as the UK’s European university. We have grown from 500 to 20,000 students, representing 149 nationalities, from one college to six, and from a single location to established sites throughout Europe. We foster a community in which we value global citizenship, ethical thinking, and the development and application of new knowledge.

Our 50th anniversary year celebrated our heritage and our achievements, and laid the foundations for a lasting legacy. Innovative student-led projects, initiatives in our curriculum, research of global significance and exciting campus developments continue to shape the future of the University – an inspiration to our community of students, staff and alumni for years to come.
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INSPIRING YOUR FUTURE
WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY...

Academic excellence
Stephanie Bourgeois from France, BSc in Biochemistry.

“I like the approach to teaching here; academics are happy to answer questions and to interact with students. I find the lectures very motivational, they pique your curiosity and, for me, the exciting bit is going to the library and pursuing the things you are interested in.

“The lecturers at Kent are excellent. You get to know them well and as you move through the programme they are able to guide you towards projects, ideas or career paths that they think you will like.”

Inspirational teaching
Patrice Tanque from Brazil, BSc in Forensic Chemistry.

“Choosing Kent was an easy decision. The forensic programmes are ranked among the best in the UK and have a high graduate employment rate.

“The teachers bring fresh ideas and up-to-date materials from real cases to enrich the lectures. They are keen to help out and always make sure we are getting plenty of support.

“I was very fortunate to be awarded an International Scholarship, which meant I could dedicate myself to my studies.”

Specialist research
Sally Gao from China, PhD in Electronic Engineering.

“I have been very lucky with my supervisor, Professor Yong Yan, who is a world-class expert and the first IEEE Fellow in the UK in instrumentation and measurement.

“Professor Yong Yan has helped me to become a better researcher. I am inspired by his novel ideas and constructive suggestions. Under his supervision, my confidence has grown through such milestones as my first set of experiments, writing my first research paper and attending my first conference.”
A global outlook
Ritesh Randhir from India, MA in Creative Writing.

“It’s a lifetime experience that I’m finding very helpful for my writing skills.

“On campus, there’s such a variety of student nationalities. I’m able to interact with students from different countries, with different historical backgrounds and cultures, so I’m learning new things each day.

“Being here in the UK for one year is a major achievement for me, and I’m proud to be at Kent.”

Superb experience
Dilruwa Rajapakse from Sri Lanka, BA in International Business.

“Kent provides its students with many facilities for their benefit and comfort. The University offers the best accommodation facilities, employability opportunities and extra-curricular activities. For example, as a dancer, the Kent Union societies have always been there to polish my skills.

“All together Kent makes its students vibrant, unique and confident individuals who are able to face the challenges of the world.”

A successful future
George Temple from the United States, MA in English.

“The School of English is made up of a generous and knowledgeable faculty.

“In addition to practical experience working on a literary journal, Splinter, I’ve learnt more about the way poetry and prose are published worldwide. Having this information is invaluable whether I go into publishing or attempt to write full-time, because it’s recession proof – regardless of the economy, skills that relate to the distribution of information will be required in some context.”
1/CHOOSE A UNIVERSITY

1 The teaching
British universities have a strong reputation around the world and most employers will be impressed by a UK degree. So how do you choose from the many universities the UK has to offer?

One way is to look at independent surveys. Here is how Kent fared:
• in the most recent National Student Survey (NSS) we received the third highest score nationally* for overall course satisfaction
• we are ranked 16th in The Guardian University Guide 2016 and 22nd in The Complete University Guide 2016.

Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014
• Kent is ranked 17th* in the UK for research intensity in the Times Higher Education, outperforming 11 of the 24 Russell Group universities. Many of our subjects are ranked in the top 10.

2 The people
Making new friends is what helps any student to feel at home. It is important for a university to be friendly and have a pleasant atmosphere.

Kent’s international students rate us highly for being a friendly, safe and welcoming place. We have a cosmopolitan atmosphere – 27% of our students come from overseas and 149 nationalities are represented. We help them settle in by putting on special events.

We also have a wide range of clubs, student societies (including national societies) and sports facilities so our students find it easy to meet people with similar interests and make new friends. See p22 for details.

3 The place
For international students, location is important. Where is the nearest airport? Are there good international rail links? What is the local area like?

The University of Kent is ideally placed. Our UK campuses are in the south-east of England, less than an hour’s train travel from London and within easy reach of Europe. We enjoy a mild climate and have green countryside and beautiful beaches close by.

We also have locations in Athens, Brussels, Paris and Rome. See p36 for details.

4 The support
For peace of mind, you want to be convinced that the university has good support services and can deal with any problems.

Advisers in Kent’s International Development team have a wealth of experience and can help students to settle in. But that’s not all. Our students also have access
to religious and spiritual support, study support, medical facilities, IT support, careers advice, English language tuition and help to find volunteering or work opportunities. See p22 for details.

5 The accommodation
For many parents, accommodation is a priority: it needs to be clean, safe, comfortable and reasonably priced.

At Kent, we make life easy. International students at our UK campuses can spend their first year in University accommodation. Our rooms are modern and specially designed for student life – see p38 for more details.

Our UK campuses also have excellent catering facilities – with restaurants serving healthy food at reasonable prices and offering options such as halal and vegetarian food.

6 The future
When your son or daughter leaves university, what does the future hold? While they are studying, are they also preparing for success in their chosen career?

At Kent, our students gain the skills they will need for success after graduation. Many of our students gain work experience through voluntary work or a paid work placement, or widen their experience by taking advantage of our numerous overseas study and work options. Going abroad as part of a degree is an amazing experience and a chance for students to develop personally, academically and professionally.

For Kent students, a world of study and work placement opportunities is available – from China, Hong Kong and Thailand, to the USA, Latin America and Europe – and we’ll support them every step of the way.

Students taking a Master’s degree have the chance to take a Global Skills Award, which helps them to gain skills that are useful within a wide range of careers.

Before graduation, our students are able to get careers advice and help in applying for jobs. After leaving Kent, they become part of a successful graduate network with professional links around the world. See p26 for details.

*of publicly funded, multi-faculty universities.
At Kent we offer degrees in a wide range of subjects. We also offer many levels of tuition to suit the needs of all students.

Kent has a reputation for excellent teaching and world-leading research. All of our courses are of a high standard and there is a wide choice of subjects. Within many of our degrees, we also offer extra options such as work experience or the chance to study in another country.

Undergraduate degrees
Students taking their first degree at Kent will be studying for what is called an ‘undergraduate degree’ or ‘Bachelor’s degree’. Kent has a wide variety to choose from. Here are some things to think about when choosing an undergraduate degree.

An interesting subject
It is important for students to pick a subject that they are going to find enjoyable. This can make their studies more interesting, which helps them to be successful students and to get a good degree.

For students who are trying to decide between subjects, it is often possible to combine two subjects in a joint degree, widening their studies.

Career options
When thinking about a future career, it is useful to focus on the skills that the course is likely to offer. These could include communication skills, analytical skills, computing skills, foreign languages, scientific expertise, business or financial knowledge, or an understanding of society and politics.

These skills can provide entry into a range of careers. Also, some degrees such as accounting, computing, law, architecture, actuarial science and many more, give students specialised professional skills.

Study in another country
Many degrees at Kent offer an option to go abroad, either on a work placement or through studying at one of our prestigious partner universities. This is standard within a language degree (French, German, Hispanic Studies or Italian) where the course is taught in the language studied. Even if students have registered for one of our other degrees, a period abroad is often possible. We have partners in many countries including Argentina, China, the Czech Republic, Finland, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, the Netherlands, South Africa, South Korea and the United States.
A year in industry
We have strong links with international employers and many of our degrees offer a year in industry, which can be taken in the UK or another country. Our students have gained experience with global companies such as IBM, Cisco, Microsoft, Intel and British Airways.

Length of study
Undergraduate degrees usually take three years, and may include a term abroad. For students who take our Year Abroad or Year in Industry option, a degree usually takes four years.

It is also possible to study at degree level for one academic year or a shorter period of time (see Junior Year Abroad, p11).

Location
Our undergraduate degrees are based on our campuses at Canterbury or Medway. Both are in the south-east of England and close to London. For details of the facilities on offer, see p33-35.

Entry requirements
Entry requirements vary for different degree subjects. To find out how our entry requirements relate to the education system in your country, see www.kent.ac.uk/internationalstudent

The site also gives details of our English language requirements.

If your son or daughter wants to study for a degree at Kent but does not have the entry qualifications, we offer courses that can help. (See foundation programmes and English language courses, p11).

More information
There are many ways to get more information on our courses, including on our website at: www.kent.ac.uk/courses

See p22 for a selection of the information and advice Kent offers.
Choosing a postgraduate degree

If your son or daughter already has an undergraduate degree and wants to go on to a higher level of study, we have an excellent range of postgraduate degrees.

For a career at a higher level, having a postgraduate degree is often vital. When choosing a course, it’s important to look at three things. What knowledge will be gained? What skills is the course likely to develop? How will these be of benefit to the student’s future career?

Here are some things to bear in mind when choosing a postgraduate degree at Kent.

**Academic reputation**
Our academics are engaged in high-level research as well as teaching, so students study with some of the most influential thinkers in their field. Our teaching is designed to put students in touch with the latest ideas and to help them develop their own interests and essential skills. In the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014, 97% of our research was judged to be of international quality and Kent is ranked 17th* for research intensity in the *Times Higher Education*.

**Taught or research**
There are two types of postgraduate degree – taught and research.

- In a taught degree, students follow a standard path of study. The teaching comes from lectures, group discussions, sessions with a tutor and, for some courses, practical workshops.
- Most research degrees focus on independent study. Every student works on a personal research project under the guidance of a supervisor who is an expert in the field. Students receive training in research methods, attend conferences and perform research using our library and IT resources.

**Length of study**
Students on a taught Master’s degree (MA or MSc) usually study for 12 months. These courses usually start in September.

At Kent, it is possible to gain a PhD in just three years of study. The programme may start in September or at other times of the year.

**Entry requirements**
A good undergraduate degree is needed (or a qualification at a similar level). Many postgraduate degrees build on the knowledge gained within an undergraduate degree. However, it may be possible to take a taught programme in a completely new subject. Please check individual courses for details.

If your son or daughter wants to study a postgraduate degree at Kent but does not have the entry qualifications, we offer courses that can help. For more details, see Pre-Master’s Graduate Diploma and English language courses, right.

**Location**
We offer postgraduate degrees at our locations in Canterbury, Medway, Brussels, Paris, Athens and Rome. For more details on locations, please see p33-37.

*of 122 universities, not including specialist institutions
**Other programmes**

**Foundation programmes**

If your son or daughter's education or experience so far has not given them the qualifications, study skills or the English language ability that they need to take the undergraduate degree of their choice, they may need to take one of our foundation programmes. Students learn about their academic subject, develop study skills and, if necessary, have tuition to develop their English language skills. Passing the foundation programme at a sufficient level means the student is guaranteed a place on their chosen course at Kent.

**Pre-Master's Graduate Diploma (GDip)**

Students who do not have the necessary English language or academic skills for postgraduate study may be able to gain entry via a Pre-Master’s Graduate Diploma. The GDip programmes take one academic year (September to June) and allow students to develop their independent study and research skills through a combination of subject-specific modules within their chosen academic school and English and academic skills modules to improve their English language proficiency. On successful completion, and through meeting the University’s rules of progression, the Graduate Diploma enables students to be considered for a range of taught Master’s programmes. See www.kent.ac.uk/pg for details.

**English language courses**

If your son or daughter does not have the necessary level of English for the degree of their choice, our Pre-sessional Courses in English for Academic Purposes (EAP) can help them to meet the level of proficiency required. All courses are taught by Kent’s expert language tutors. Satisfactory achievement on one of these courses can be used to meet Kent’s English language entry requirements in place of other external language examinations. Please see www.kent.ac.uk/international-pathways/pre-sessional for the range of courses available.

**Junior Year Abroad**

At undergraduate level, students studying at an overseas university can join a course at Kent for a year (or sometimes for a semester) as part of their degree. This is called a Junior Year Abroad. Students choose modules from Stages 1, 2 or 3 of any undergraduate degree, giving them a lot of flexibility in their studies. The academic credits they earn at Kent can be transferred to their degree at home.

Students who would like to take a more focused approach can choose modules from a specific subject (Law, Economics or Politics and International Relations) in order to gain a Diploma from the University. The Diploma can be used as a qualification in its own right or provide them with credits to transfer on to a relevant undergraduate degree at Kent.

For those students who do not have a high standard of English, a JYA English PLUS degree is a good option. This combines English language tuition with academic studies at undergraduate degree level.

There are also opportunities for postgraduate students to join us for a short period of study. Please contact International Development for details.
3/ FIND OUT MORE

There are many ways to find out more about a course. Here are some of the most useful options.

Online
The University of Kent has a website that is designed to help international students with all kinds of queries and also has links to videos and a virtual tour.

We are also present on Twitter, Facebook, flickr and YouTube, which gives students the chance to ask questions and see what our current students think.

Talk to Kent staff
It’s often useful to talk to an adviser. You may have questions that you want to ask about our courses or about life as a student. At Kent, we aim to give families and students all the support they need. Our International Development team has a wealth of experience and you can meet members of the team at fairs and exhibitions around the world. You can also contact the office by email or telephone. See p47 for details.

Visit the UK
If possible, it is useful to visit the University. We have special Open Days and Applicant Days, or you can arrange your own informal visit. For options, see p47.

In your own country
If you want to talk to someone in your own country, we have official representatives in many countries around the world. These advisers can also help you with course enquiries, the application process and with any visa queries. For details, see p47.
**Read all about it!**

All of the publications listed below are available online. Many are also available as printed publications, simply go to our website, request a copy of the publication you want and it will be posted to you.

**All courses**

*Our International Student Guide* is for international students considering any kind of course. You can download a copy from [www.kent.ac.uk/internationalstudent](http://www.kent.ac.uk/internationalstudent) or order a copy by post.

**Undergraduate degrees**

Kent’s *Undergraduate Prospectus* is available online at [www.kent.ac.uk/ug](http://www.kent.ac.uk/ug) or you can order a printed copy by post. You can download more details on a particular degree subject at: [www.kent.ac.uk/ug](http://www.kent.ac.uk/ug)

**Short-term study**

Our leaflet *Junior Year Abroad* (JYA) has details on short-term programmes for undergraduate students who wish to spend a year or a semester at Kent. See [www.kent.ac.uk/courses/short-term](http://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/short-term) or order by post.

**Foundation programmes**

*Foundation Programmes* is a guide to the courses that provide the entry qualifications for an undergraduate degree. To download a copy, go to [www.kent.ac.uk/courses/foundation/prospectus.html](http://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/foundation/prospectus.html) or order by post.

**Kent International Pathways**

This guide gives information on Kent’s International Foundation Programme, Pre-Master's Graduate Diplomas, Pre-sessional/English for Academic Purposes, and JYA English PLUS programmes. To download a copy, go to [www.kent.ac.uk/international-pathways/ifp/pathways-booklet.html](http://www.kent.ac.uk/international-pathways/ifp/pathways-booklet.html)

**Postgraduate degrees**

The *Graduate Prospectus* is for all postgraduate students. It provides information on degrees, facilities and practical information. See [www.kent.ac.uk/pg](http://www.kent.ac.uk/pg) or order by post.

We also produce guides to studying at our European Centres in Brussels, Paris and Rome. To download PDFs of these brochures, see [www.kent.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/leaflets](http://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/leaflets)

For details about our centres, see p36 or visit the relevant website:

- **Athens** [www.kent.ac.uk/athens](http://www.kent.ac.uk/athens)
- **Brussels** [www.kent.ac.uk/brussels](http://www.kent.ac.uk/brussels)
- **Paris** [www.kent.ac.uk/paris](http://www.kent.ac.uk/paris)
- **Rome** [www.kent.ac.uk/rome](http://www.kent.ac.uk/rome)

**Go abroad**

Many of Kent’s students take the opportunity to spend a year or a term abroad at one of our partner universities around the world. Work placements are also available. For details, see [www.kent.ac.uk/goabroad](http://www.kent.ac.uk/goabroad)

**Accommodation at Kent**

See [www.kent.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.kent.ac.uk/accommodation) for information, including videos, on the accommodation available.

**Getting Started**

*Getting Started* provides advice on preparing to study in the UK and what happens during the first few weeks after arrival. See [www.kent.ac.uk/gettingstarted](http://www.kent.ac.uk/gettingstarted)
How do students make an application? When do they need to apply? Here we talk you through the basics of the process.

Undergraduate degrees
In the UK, we have a national application system called UCAS. Students choose up to five university courses in the UK that they are interested in and then apply by completing the form at www.ucas.com/apply

- Students from the European Union should apply by 15 January 2016.
- Students from outside the European Union should aim for 15 January 2016 to be sure of consideration. However, if places are left, Kent may consider applications up to 30 June 2016.

If the application is successful, the student receives an offer from Kent. There are two types of offer. An 'unconditional offer' means that the student has been given a place on the course. A ‘conditional offer’ is based on conditions, such as examination results and the level of English language skills.

Late applications are also possible. A process called ‘Clearing’ takes place in August. During Clearing, Kent lists all of the degrees that still have places left and this can give students another chance to apply.

Foundation degrees
Students can apply directly to Kent for our International Foundation Programme: see www.kent.ac.uk/ifp

Alternatively, students can apply via UCAS. To make a UCAS application students can:
- complete their own application via the UCAS online form at www.ucas.com/apply
- visit one of our overseas representatives (see p47) who can make an application on their behalf.

Applications for subject-specific foundation programmes need to be made through UCAS.

Postgraduate degrees
Students should apply using our online form at www.kent.ac.uk/courses/postgrad/apply

Often the University requires documents such as certificates for academic and English language qualifications, and references. These should be uploaded at the same time as the online application is made.
There is no fixed deadline but applications should be made as early as possible to ensure that places are still available. Students need to leave time to apply for visas (if needed). They also need to have an offer of a place in order to apply for University accommodation by the 31 July deadline.

**Short-term study**

For the Junior Year Abroad, the deadline for applications is 30 June 2016.

For JYA English PLUS, the deadline for applications is 15 February 2016.

To apply, the student needs certificates of academic results to date, IELTS (if applicable), an academic reference, a personal statement, a copy of their passport and the agreement of their home university (to allow the transfer of academic credits). Some home universities prefer to make the application for the student via their own ‘study abroad’ office. If this is not the case, students make their own application via www.kent.ac.uk/courses/short-term

**English language tuition**

Kent offers several Pre-sessional Courses in English for Academic Purposes. For all of these courses, it is recommended that students apply as early as possible. Please see www.kent.ac.uk/international-pathways/pre-sessional for details and to apply online.

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**FIND OUT ABOUT FUNDING**

This is a good time to find out about possible funding. Kent has a generous range of scholarships and bursaries. See p45 for details or go to: www.kent.ac.uk/scholarships
Your son or daughter can apply to live in the University’s own accommodation.

International students who plan to study at Canterbury or Medway are offered a room in University accommodation for their first year of study (providing they meet the application criteria). Students studying a foundation programme are offered University accommodation for both their foundation year and the first year of their degree.

This makes moving to the UK a simple process. When your son or daughter arrives at the beginning of their course, they can move in straightaway.

Students don’t have to share bedrooms – they can all have their own modern room with a study desk and free internet access. Students are responsible for cleaning their own living areas and can do their laundry using the washing machines and dryers available within the University facilities. For full details, see p38.

Undergraduate students at Canterbury have a choice of on-campus accommodation. The main options to consider are below.

- Some rooms have their own en-suite bathroom; others have a shared bathroom.
- Some rooms are in self-contained apartments (or houses) with a shared kitchen for cooking. Others do not have a kitchen but come with a meal allowance and a kitchenette where students can make snacks and hot drinks.
- The length of stay can vary. Will your son or daughter be able to travel home for the winter and spring vacations? If this is not possible, you need to choose accommodation that lasts for the full academic year (39 weeks). If students are here for a short-term study programme, shorter accommodation stays may be possible, subject to availability.

Postgraduate students at Canterbury have on-campus accommodation in modern shared apartments, available for 51 weeks of the year.

At Medway, the University offers accommodation in shared apartments. Each room has its own bathroom and each apartment has a shared fully equipped kitchen.

How to apply

When your son or daughter is offered a place at Kent, full details of accommodation are provided. It is possible to ask for single-sex living quarters, but a request must be made as early as possible.

Undergraduate students should apply for accommodation as soon as they have a conditional or unconditional offer. Postgraduate students can apply for accommodation once they have the offer of a place at Kent. Students can apply for University accommodation online at www.kent.ac.uk/accommodation

Athens, Brussels, Paris and Rome

Students in Athens, Brussels, Paris and Rome live in private rented accommodation. They will receive help in finding somewhere suitable to live. Please see p39 for details.

TAKÉ A LOOK!

If you visit the Canterbury or Medway campus during one of our Open Days or Applicant Days (see p47), you can look at some of the accommodation on campus. You can also take a virtual tour at www.kent.ac.uk/accommodation
What preparations do students need to make before coming to Kent? Here are some general suggestions to help with the process.

Before their arrival at Kent, students receive regular advice on what they need to do to prepare for their trip. The most important aspects of this are listed below.

**Apply for funding**
This is a good time to consider possible funding. We have a generous range of scholarships available for talented students who are doing well in their studies, or in music or sport and dedicated scholarships available to students paying international fees. Many of our academic schools also offer subject-specific awards. See p45 for details.

**Set up a bank account**
Most students will want to set up a UK bank account. For details of the documents a student needs in order to set up an account, please go to your preferred bank’s website.

**Book welcome services**
Students coming to study at Canterbury or Medway can pre-book our Welcome Week events and our coach transfer service (for those arriving at London Heathrow or London Gatwick during Arrivals Weekend).

**Advance payment**
We have an online facility that allows students to pay tuition fees and accommodation in advance and get a 2% discount. For details of the various discount options, see www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/student-finance-guide/discounts.html and for details of payment options see www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/payment/index.html

**Apply for a visa**
Students who are not of European Union nationality may need a student visa to study in the UK. It’s important to make sure there is enough time for the application to be processed. See www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration for more details or speak to one of Kent’s overseas representatives. Our representatives offer up-to-date advice on the courses at Kent, the application process, visa requirements and details about living and studying in the UK. To get contact details for your local overseas representative, see our website: www.kent.ac.uk/internationalstudent

Students applying for a Tier 4 visa and coming to the UK for six months or longer are required to pay a National Health Service immigration health surcharge as part of their visa application fee. For details, see www.kent.ac.uk/internationalstudent/fees-and-funding/health-surcharge.html
Prepare documentation

The University can provide advice on many aspects of preparing the documentation that students need to bring to the UK.

Students who are not of European Union nationality need to bring the following to the UK:
- University of Kent official letter of acceptance
- accommodation agreement
- valid passport with any necessary visas
- health documents, if applicable
- financial guarantee document
- original qualifications certificates for any qualifications on which their place at Kent is based (if the certificates are not in English they must also provide translations)
- a note of their UCAS number, if they applied through UCAS
- if the student is under 18 when they arrive in the UK, we recommend they bring with them a copy of the letter of parental consent they used to obtain their visa
- visa decision letter.

Students who are of European Union nationality need to bring the following with them to the UK:
- University of Kent official letter of acceptance
- health documents, if applicable
- valid passport (no visa is needed)
- student finance notification letter (if possible).

Things to pack

Students need to bring a range of clothing with them, including some warm clothing. Some students also like to bring their own laptop, which gives them the option to study in their room.

Please bear in mind that whatever students need, including household items, can be purchased close to any of our University locations. This reduces the weight of luggage and makes travel easier. Valuable items should be covered by travel insurance.

Planning a budget

At this stage, it’s worth planning a budget – here is a rough guide to what a student at Kent spends per week. (All figures are approximate.)

- Food: £40 to £70 per week. There are many good-value food outlets on campus, selling meals and snacks. Students who have cooking facilities can also buy food at the nearby supermarkets or from the campus shop. Please note that some University accommodation includes a meal allowance to use on campus. See p40 for details.
- Clothes and laundry: £15 to £45 per week.
- Social life: £25 to £65 per week.
- Mobile phones: £5 to £15 per week for UK calls. Students can choose from a range of mobile phone companies in the UK.

The cost of international calls varies according to the country – many students prefer to stay in touch with home using the internet service Skype (see p23).
- Television licence: £2.80 per week. This is needed for students who wish to have their own television set or watch live television on their computer.
- Insurance: about £5 per week. Students who are living in University accommodation are insured for loss of personal possessions up to £5,000
- Books and study materials: £10 to £15 per week.
- Other costs: students should allow £5 to £15 per week for irregular or unplanned costs.
- Local travel: most students spend up to £10 per week on local travel close to the University.
- Travel home for the vacations.

To help you work out a personal budget, we provide an online calculator at www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/livingcosts.html.
The first few weeks at university are all about making new friends, exploring the area and starting on a course of study. Here is what a student can expect.

Kent is a wonderful place to study and arriving at the University is always an exciting experience. We help our new students to meet friends, start their new course and make practical arrangements.

**Welcome Week**

To help students settle into the UK, we hold a special Welcome Week in September so they have the chance to relax and meet other people.

The Welcome Week includes a greeting at the airport. We also hold a dinner for international students and take them on trips to local tourist attractions. There are campus tours, themed evenings and sporting activities for all students. There are also lots of student volunteers and staff on hand to help them.

Students arriving in January are also greeted at the airport. Whichever point in the year your son or daughter joins us, we offer a series of support, induction and social events to help them settle in and make friends.

**Beginning their studies**

Academic schools often host events to prepare students for their course. Reading lists and timetables are given out and there are library tours and introductions to the computing facilities.

Our courses are designed to start at the right pace for students. However, if a student has any problems it is easy to ask for help: our teaching style at Kent is friendly and approachable.

**Practical matters**

Students are guided through all of the practical things that they need to do. If students have any problems, they simply ask a member of staff or one of the student helpers for advice.

**Shopping and banking**

Students may need to set up a UK bank account. This can take up to two weeks, but we don’t advise students to travel with large amounts of cash. Travellers’ cheques (in sterling) are more practical.

All of Kent’s locations have local shopping centres within easy reach, where students can buy household goods on arrival.
Here is a quick guide to life at the University and some good ways to stay in touch.

Once your son or daughter has settled in, what happens next? For most students, life is busy and exciting with many new things to learn and enjoy.

Studying at Kent

Undergraduates have lectures as well as group sessions with a tutor. These can be discussions or practical workshops. Students are marked on a mix of written work, practical work and examinations at the end of the year. The marks that they get in the first year of their degree do not count towards their final results.

Students on a taught postgraduate course have small group discussions, lectures, sessions with a tutor and, for some courses, practical workshops. Students are marked on their written or practical work, and sometimes have an examination. They also have the opportunity to gain a Global Skills Award, which provides an insight into global issues and improves their employment-related skills.

Postgraduate students taking a research degree start work on their project under supervision. Students receive training, attend conferences and do independent research into their subject.

Study support

All students at Kent have a personal tutor who can help them if they have any problems. There is also a Student Learning Advisory Service for extra tuition on everything from research skills to writing essays, preparing for exams and presentation skills.

English tuition

While studying in the UK, students can have up to two hours of free English lessons a week (if English is not their first language), via our Centre for English and World Languages.

Social life

There are plenty of places to make new friends. Each of our campuses offers a range of student societies – there are over 100 societies at our Canterbury campus covering everything from music to current affairs (see www.kentunion.co.uk for details). For details of societies at our Medway campus, see www.gkunions.co.uk Students also have access to excellent sports facilities and can get involved in sports teams.

Meeting students from home

One way we support our international students is by setting up nationality email groups so they can contact other students from their home country. There are also many societies for students from specific countries.

Multicultural university

Kent is a multicultural, multi-faith university with chaplains from the Anglican, Buddhist, Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, Methodist, Pentecostal and Quaker traditions.
Kent’s student societies celebrate a wide range of festivals such as Chinese New Year, Holi, Diwali, Nowruz and Thanksgiving, and the University has established a Multicultural Events Fund to enable Kent students to apply for a financial award of up to £350 to help run their own multicultural event.

Part-time work
Some students boost their funds by taking on part-time work. At Canterbury and Medway, our Jobshops can help them find work on the campus or in the local area.

Career advice
At Kent, we have an award-winning Careers and Employability Service that can provide expert advice on the international job market. Its services are free to all of our students.

Keep in touch!
Most students have mobile phones. These are useful for sending text messages but can be expensive for making international calls, so choose a package carefully. The main providers in the UK are Vodafone, EE, Virgin and O2. However, there are also smaller companies that can offer good deals on calls to a specific country.

Students can also use one of the many public telephones on campus. They can pay for the call using cash, credit card or telephone cards (which they can buy at the campus shop).

All students are given an email account and this is often an excellent way to keep in touch. Another possibility is Skype – a free service for those who have access to the internet. If both computers have speakers, you can talk to each other; if both computers have webcams, you can see each other as well.

THE KENTONE CARD
The KentOne card can be used instead of cash on campus. It can be topped up with money by using an online facility and this gives you a way to easily get funds to your son or daughter. The card allows students to purchase goods from the campus shop or from the restaurants, cafés and bars across campus.
A FAMILY CELEBRATION!

When the hard work is over and your son or daughter has gained their degree, we give you the chance to celebrate in style.

Getting a degree is a great achievement and is cause for celebration. Most of our students get excellent degree results, so they can look to the future with confidence.

All students who take part in the ceremony are given two guest tickets. This gives you the chance to be there to celebrate with your son or daughter.

Impressive setting
Kent is famous for its graduation ceremonies. Few universities can rival the grandeur of our settings: the ceremonies are held in Canterbury Cathedral or Rochester Cathedral (in Medway). During the ceremony, each graduate walks in a procession through the cathedral and receives their degree certificate.

Keeping in touch
Most graduates have happy memories of their time at Kent. They often make friends from around the world and keep in touch with them long after the graduation ceremony.

After the ceremony
After the official ceremony, there are events held on campus so you have the chance to meet your son or daughter’s friends as well as their lecturers. Most families also like to have a professional photograph taken while the student is wearing their traditional academic robe.

Our graduates also keep in touch with other Kent graduates online and through our special reunion events. During 2014, Kent held events in the UK, USA, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, France and Italy. For details, see www.kent.ac.uk/alumni

TAKING A BREAK
Many visitors like to combine the graduation event with a short holiday in the UK. The city of Canterbury attracts millions of visitors every year and London is also close by. For more details on local attractions, see www.visitkent.co.uk
We prepare our students for success by developing the right skills and a confident approach to life.

An education from Kent is a passport into many careers and can make a big difference to your son or daughter’s future.

Our employment record is excellent. Of those who responded to a recent employment survey, over 94% of Kent undergraduate students had found a job or study opportunity within six months of getting their degree. Another survey showed that over 94% of Kent’s postgraduate students found a job or further study opportunity within six months.

Here are some of the ways we help our students to develop the right skills and make good career plans.

Career-focused teaching

All of our teaching helps students to gain useful skills for their future careers. We focus on good communication as well as the ability to think independently, and academic departments can often provide advice on specialist career paths. The University also runs the nationally-recognised Employability Points Scheme, which rewards students for participating in extra-curricular activities such as volunteering or work placements which develop their employability skills.

Postgraduate students taking a Master’s at Kent can gain a Global Skills Award, which improves work-related skills.

We also have an award-winning Careers and Employability Service, which provides expert advice on the international job market.

Professional experience and international placements

Kent encourages students to gain work experience. Many of our degrees offer a paid year in industry or a shorter work placement, which may be in the UK or another country. Students are given support in gaining any required language skills and in finding a work placement.

We have good links with leading international companies such as Sun Microsystems and Cisco. Language students often take work placements as teaching assistants in countries such as Spain, France, Germany, Canada or Latin America.

Students who choose to take advantage of an international study or work placement often describe the time they spent overseas as one of the most exciting and formative periods of their lives. They experience a different culture, make new friends, develop their language skills, grow in self-confidence, gain a new academic perspective, establish international contacts and enhance their employability.
Students can also gain experience within our own award-winning clinics. These include the Kent Law Clinic, the Sports Injury Clinic and Kent IT Consultancy. There are also many volunteer roles offered via Kent Union Volunteering.

Some students are able to take on a part-time job while they are studying: this can help them to develop skills and try out different areas of employment. Jobshop, a service provided by Kent Union, can help students to find local work opportunities.

**Working after graduation**

Students from the European Union are able to work in the UK for an unlimited period of time after graduation. Students from outside the European Union may also be able to work in the UK following graduation depending on their circumstances. For more information, see www.ukcisa.org.uk or email our Student Advice Centre at advice@kent.ac.uk

**An international education**

Employers value the added confidence that comes from spending time abroad and a British qualification from a prestigious university is highly regarded around the world. Employers also value skills in English – the language of international business.

In addition, many of the degrees at Kent offer the chance to study in another country as well as the UK. Graduates with this wide international experience are extremely attractive to employers.

**Kent’s graduate network**

Kent graduates have a strong sense of loyalty to the University and many of them choose to stay in touch by going to our graduate events, which are held around the world. These events provide a professional network, allowing Kent graduates to meet each other and make new business contacts. The shared experience of studying at Kent creates a community and can open doors around the world. For more details, see www.kent.ac.uk/alumni
The University of Kent has UK campuses in Canterbury and Medway, as well as postgraduate centres in Athens, Brussels, Paris and Rome. This section gives you more information about these locations and our first-class facilities and resources.
A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

We have a welcoming atmosphere at Kent. Our students describe the University as a safe and friendly place with a great social scene.

Welcome Week
To help students settle in when they arrive, we hold a special Welcome Week in September (at the beginning of the academic year). This includes a greeting at the airport, a special welcome dinner (giving students the chance to meet other international students) and trips to see local tourist attractions. This week takes place before the start of the term’s lectures and seminars so students have time to relax and make friends.

Our academic schools host events during Welcome Week to prepare students for their studies. There are also campus tours, themed evenings and sporting activities.

Students who are arriving to start their programme in January are greeted at the airport. Whichever point in the year students join us, we offer a series of support, induction and social events to help them settle in and make friends.

Supportive teaching
At Kent, we’re proud of our supportive teaching. Our academics are friendly and approachable, and students get high levels of contact time with their tutors and lecturers. Student feedback has helped us to develop well-designed and intellectually rigorous courses.

All of our students have an academic adviser – someone who can help if they have any problems. There is also a Student Learning Advisory Service that can provide tuition on everything from research skills to writing essays. We also make sure that students get training so that they can make the most of our extensive library and IT resources.

Students can also have up to two hours of free English lessons a week via our Centre for English and World Languages.

Study resources
All students rely on being able to access a range of information. At Kent, we make sure that this process is as easy as possible. Our library is well stocked and the most popular books are on short-term loan, which means you never have to wait too long. Our electronic resources, which are available online wherever you are, include e-journals, e-books, databases, reference resources and newspaper archives.
The campus is fully wireless-enabled, with free and secure Wi-Fi in all buildings, student accommodation and in some outdoor spaces. We also provide public computers so that when on campus, students always have access to the internet, the University’s network and a range of software and public printers. We use technology in our teaching via online resources and podcasts of lectures.

Social facilities
At Kent there are plenty of places to have fun and meet up with friends. Our campuses offer a range of high-quality cafés, bars, restaurants and sports facilities. The Canterbury campus has its own theatre, nightclub, cinema and music venue. There are also many student societies, including national societies. For more details on the social activities at our various locations, see p22-23.

Our UK campuses are located in the south-east of England, which means we have one of the sunniest locations in the country. During the summer, students make the most of this by socialising in the open-air café-bars on campus. Less than an hour’s train travel from London and within easy reach of the coast and continental Europe, our UK campuses are ideally placed for students to explore a range of locations.

Multicultural university
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We also hold a series of events called WorldFest to celebrate international culture.

Meet people from home
To create a supportive student network, Kent has set up email groups and an international student ‘buddy’ scheme, which allows students to contact other people from their home country. But the support doesn’t end there. After graduation, we can help your son or daughter stay in touch with Kent alumni in their own country, providing a life-long network of friends and professional contacts.
KENT AT CANTERBURY

Canterbury is a beautiful city less than an hour from London. Each year students from around the world fall in love with its cosmopolitan charm.

As you’d expect from a city with nearly 30,000 students, there’s a rich social life. In fact, according to a 2013 report from Experian, Canterbury is the UK’s third most vibrant city. The city has museums, art galleries, clubs, bars, restaurants, sports facilities, two cinemas and a theatre.

Campus life

Our Canterbury campus is set in 300 acres of beautiful parkland overlooking the Cathedral. This gives students the best of both worlds: green spaces on campus, yet only a 25-minute walk from the city centre. A frequent bus service runs between campus and the city.

Campus life is ideal for students from overseas as everything is in one place. In their spare time, they can enjoy the campus cinema and theatre, or attend concerts at the Colyer-Fergusson Building. The campus is also home to a range of bars and restaurants, shops and a student nightclub.

Student societies

Kent Union, the students’ union, has over 100 student societies. Many are focused on international culture such as the Afro-Caribbean, Asian, Chinese, German, Hellenic and Japanese societies; others include filmmaking, parkour freerunning and scuba diving. For more details, see www.kentunion.co.uk

Location

A huge bonus for our students is how close Canterbury is to London – the high-speed train service takes less than an hour. To explore Paris or Brussels, students can catch a Eurostar train and be there in about two hours. It’s also easy to cross the Channel by ferry and get to other international locations by flying from one of London’s airports. See p48 for more details.

Support

The campus offers a high level of support. Staff from International Development can help with all kinds of queries. Our student union provides an advice service, with guidance on immigration and visas, and has a Jobshop that can help students find part-time work. The Student Learning Advisory Service provides support in study skills, and our Centre for English and World Languages provides English language tuition. There is an on-site medical centre where students can register with a UK doctor who provides free medical care during their stay. Kent also employs counsellors and nurses.

Sport

In 2013, we completed a £4.8 million redevelopment of our sports facilities, improving our fitness suite and dance studios, and building indoor tennis and netball courts. We also have badminton, basketball and squash courts, and all-weather football pitches. There is a huge range of sports societies and teams, so students can develop their sporting skills, whether for leisure or to compete at an elite level.
KENT AT MEDWAY

Our Medway campus has won several design awards. Occupying grand buildings that were once part of a British naval base, the campus combines a historic setting with high-tech facilities to provide a stunning study environment less than an hour from London.

There’s a recording studio for those studying music, a fully-equipped radio and TV newsroom for our trainee journalists, and studios for our arts students.

Location
Our School of Music and Fine Art is based at The Historic Dockyard, Chatham, next to the River Medway. The Centre for Journalism and the School of Sport and Exercise Sciences are just across the road at the impressive Chatham Maritime site. Our student accommodation, Liberty Quays, is by the River Medway in an attractive modern development.

The campus has easy access to central London: trains from nearby Ebbsfleet International take under 20 minutes and trains from Chatham take around 50 minutes. If you want to explore Paris or Brussels, the Eurostar train from Ebbsfleet International can take you there in about two hours. Airports are easily reached by road or rail – see p48 for details. The historic towns of Chatham and Rochester are a bus-ride away.

Social life
There is a strong sense of community on campus and students find it easy to make friends. There’s a lively campus bar that holds regular theme nights. The societies and clubs on offer include Afro-Caribbean, Christian, Hindu, Islamic, Nigerian, Nepalese, Sikh and Spanish. Annual events include the Summer Ball, which features one of the UK’s celebrity DJs. See www.gkunions.co.uk for details.

There are cafés and restaurants on campus. Nearby is a multi-screen cinema showing the most popular movies. The local town of Chatham provides entertainment such as live music and a comedy club.

Sport
There are lots of sports societies and being close to the river means that many students take part in rowing, canoeing and sailing. The nearby multimillion-pound sports centre, Medway Park (partly funded by the University), offers special rates to University of Kent students. Facilities include a swimming pool, fitness suite and an athletics track, as well as several sports halls. All facilities are built to a high standard – the Park was an approved pre-Games training camp 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 and indoor bowls.

Support
Our students have easy access to support on campus. The Student Learning Advisory Service can help you with study skills. Greenwich and Kent Students’ Union Together (GK Unions) can provide advice on many aspects of life in the UK, including how to register with a local doctor.
EUROPEAN CENTRES

At our four postgraduate centres in Athens, Brussels, Paris and Rome, your studies are underpinned by the specialist facilities and resources of each location.

Athens
Kent’s Heritage Management MA, offered in Athens, teaches the skills required for the management of heritage sites. The degree is a collaboration between Kent and Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB). Teaching is in English and there is a range of scholarships available.

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

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

Social life
There are many activities available in Eleusina at a discounted fee, including courses for non-Greek speakers in music, painting and dance. Eleusina is excellent for outdoor pursuits, and there is also an annual arts festival.

Brussels
Kent is the only UK university with a centre in Brussels. The courses are specialist postgraduate degrees related to the study of international affairs and taught in English.

Location
Our Brussels centre is a 15-minute drive from the city centre and there are good metro, bus and tram links. It’s easy to reach other European cities: London, Paris and Cologne are all around two hours by train, and Brussels has an international airport.

Social life
There is a close-knit community of students from over 60 nations. The University has its own academic facilities and students can use the libraries, entertainment and sports facilities of the nearby Vrije Universiteit Brussel. Brussels is a cultural city and hosts music and film festivals and exhibitions.
Paris

Paris is a leading city for European culture. It offers numerous attractions as well as a wealth of libraries, museums and galleries. In the modernist era, Paris attracted many famous writers and artists from all over the world.

Kent’s Paris programmes offer a unique selection of innovative postgraduate degrees in the humanities. On our split-site programmes, students begin their studies in Canterbury and spend the spring term in Paris, where they study film, art, religion, creative writing, literature, history and architecture, following in the footsteps of eminent intellectuals who took inspiration from these cities. We also offer programmes where you can spend your entire year living and studying in Paris.

Location

Our centre in Paris is located in Montparnasse close to central Paris. This is the area where Picasso and Modigliani once had their studios, and the nearby cafés were frequented by writers such as Ernest Hemingway and Gertrude Stein. Excellent transport links with other major cities mean you can explore Europe with ease.

Social life

Your studies are based at the Columbia Global Center (known as Reid Hall), a charming building with picturesque courtyards and interiors. Shared with New York’s Columbia University, it holds its own cultural events, where you meet a wide range of students. You are also encouraged to experience the city’s cinema, art, literature and drama.

Rome

Rome is arguably the most historically and archaeologically significant city in Europe, if not the world.

We offer you the opportunity to study in Rome for the spring term on the following Master’s degrees: Ancient History; Roman History and Archaeology; Rome: Ancient and Modern; and History of Art. On the ancient history and archaeology programmes, you study sites such as the Colosseum, the Pantheon and the Roman Forum, as well as the development of the city from the Rome of the Republic to the present. History of Art students focus on Medieval, Renaissance and Baroque art.

Location

In Rome, Kent students are based at the campus of the American University of Rome. Situated in the picturesque district of Monteverde, with shops and amenities close by, the campus is within walking distance of Rome’s historic centre.

Study facilities include computer workstations, free Wi-Fi, and full audio-visual equipment. Lecture rooms are in a former monastery where the gardens and terraces act as social spaces. The library, located in Evans Hall, a stately two-storey building, has over 15,000 volumes, a large collection of DVDs, and access to online databases and Rome’s other libraries.

Social life

Students from Kent at the American University of Rome have 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 a range of student societies, cultural events and sports clubs available to suit almost every interest.
Our University accommodation allows students to make an easy transition to living in the UK – they don’t have to worry about finding somewhere to live and all of their basic bills are included in the rent.

Canterbury
Our Canterbury campus houses over 5,200 students. Rooms are in flats, houses or colleges and are offered on a self-catered or part-catered basis. All of the bedrooms are for single occupancy and many are en suite. Rent includes the costs of electricity, gas, water, personal belongings insurance and wired/Wi-Fi internet access.

Our Canterbury campus is in a beautiful location overlooking the city and everything is within walking distance – restaurants, shops, bars, a theatre, cinema, nightclub and sports centre.

International students based at Canterbury are offered a room in University accommodation for their first year of study (providing they meet the application criteria). Those who study for a Foundation Programme are offered University accommodation for both their foundation year and the first year of their degree.

Undergraduate self-catered options
For self-catered accommodation, students share a self-contained house or apartment with other students. Each has its own fully equipped kitchen, so students can cook their own food or eat out on campus. They are let for the entire academic year (39 weeks), so students can stay there during the winter and spring vacations. Apartments have en-suite rooms, houses have a shared bathroom.

Undergraduate part-catered options
Bed and bistro accommodation is available to residents of the main building at Keynes College and Becket Court. The package includes an en-suite bedroom with breakfasts and dinners in our flagship bistro, Dolche Vita, on weekdays and in Rutherford dining hall at weekends.

Bed and breakfast accommodation is offered in Rutherford College. Accommodation costs include breakfast, or an allowance towards an evening meal. There is a variety of other places to eat on campus.

Our bed and flex dining scheme for Eliot College residents includes an allowance of £8.00 per day to spend on food in a choice of eight venues, seven days per week during term time.

If students choose part-catered accommodation, all rooms have access to a kitchenette with a kettle, small fridge and microwave. Please note that the kitchenette is only suitable for the preparation of hot drinks and snacks.

Bed and breakfast and bed and flex accommodation can be occupied for 37 weeks, including the winter and spring vacations (except for the University’s two-week closure period over Christmas/New Year). Please note, catering is provided for term time (31 weeks) only.

Bed and bistro accommodation can be occupied for 31 weeks, not including the winter and spring vacations. This means that
students need to move out for both of these vacations but, for the winter vacation only, they can leave their belongings in their room.

Shorter accommodation stays may be possible (subject to availability) for students on short-term study programmes.

**Postgraduate self-catered options**

Woolf College offers purpose-built accommodation on central campus for postgraduate students. All rooms are for single occupancy and have en-suite facilities. Most rooms are arranged in flats for five to eight people with large shared kitchens. Some studio rooms are also available, with their own kitchen facilities.

Accommodation at Woolf College is available on a fixed 51-week contract (any postgraduates whose programme of study and academic registration is shorter than 51 weeks should contact the Accommodation Office for advice before making an application).

**Private accommodation**

If students prefer to live off-campus, our Accommodation Office can provide information and advice to help them find private accommodation. Most of our undergraduate students rent private accommodation after their first year. Usually they share houses; prices were roughly £90 to £110 a week (excluding bills) in 2015.

**Medway**

Kent students are offered rooms in Liberty Quays, modern, purpose-built student accommodation, just ten minutes' walk from the campus. Each flat has five to eight single en-suite rooms and a shared, fully equipped kitchen. Each room has wired/Wi-Fi internet access. The accommodation has social areas and launderettes and there is a supermarket, Domino's Pizza and Subway food outlets, as well as Cargo, our new bar and bistro.

International students at Medway are offered University accommodation for all years of study (providing they meet the application criteria) and subject to availability. Students on a foundation programme are offered University accommodation for both their foundation year and the first year of their degree.

If students prefer to live off-campus, our Accommodation Office can provide information and advice to help them find suitable private accommodation.

**Athens**

A list of suitable accommodation in Eleusina or central Athens is provided to all students. We also offer advice on arranging their own rented accommodation and liaise with landlords on their behalf. See www.kent.ac.uk/athens for details.

**Brussels**

Kent does not offer University accommodation in Brussels, but there are many private rental options available. 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 around €650-850. Students who arrange flat-shares can often reduce costs further. For details, see www.kent.ac.uk/gettingstarted/brussels.

**Paris**

For those students who are studying in Paris, we offer advice to help them to find suitable accommodation. One option is to stay with a host family. There are also organisations in Paris to help students find accommodation, as well as private accommodation agencies. For advice, please see www.kent.ac.uk/paris.

**Rome**

The American University of Rome can, if students wish, arrange accommodation for them. Accommodation consists of furnished apartments with shared bedrooms (two students per room) in traditional, well-established neighbourhoods. See www.kent.ac.uk/rome for details.

**How to apply**

Details of how to apply for accommodation are sent to students when they are offered a place at Kent. Applications for University accommodation are made online at www.kent.ac.uk/accommodation.
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* A number of rooms are also available for wheelchair users or students with other disabilities.
** Kitchenettes contain a small fridge, microwave and kettle, and are only suitable for preparation of snacks and hot drinks.
*** Turing Houses have one bathroom shared between two rooms.
**** Postgraduate accommodation at Liberty Quays can be extended to 42 or 51-week contracts.

Please note: our student accommodation does not include parking facilities.

NB: Accommodation prices shown are for 2015/16 and are for guidance only.
FEES AND LIVING COSTS

International students from outside the European Union (EU)

The figures quoted on the right are the standard fees for full-time students starting in the year 2015/16. They cover one academic year of study.

Please note that some courses, particularly postgraduate, charge more than the standard fee. For the latest details on fees, see our website, www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/fees

Students from the EU

Qualifying as a student from the EU depends on a person’s nationality and residency.

Please note that undergraduate students from EU countries, who meet the eligibility criteria, have access to a tuition fee loan. This means that the UK Government covers the cost of tuition fees for students in the form of a loan. Students do not have to start repaying this loan until the April after they graduate and only when a certain level of salary is reached. See www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/fees

Other living costs

To help students estimate their living costs we have an online calculator at www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/livingcosts.html

Paying tuition fees

Tuition fees are charged for each year of study and are due at the start of the academic year. Some international students may be required to pay a proportion of their tuition fees before their arrival at Kent. An instalment plan is available but if students pay the full year’s fee before 31 August, they are granted an early payment discount of 2%.

See the Student Finance Guide at www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/student-finance-guide/index.html

Undergraduate students who pay for their entire degree (three or four years of tuition fees) by 31 August have the fees frozen at the start of the course and receive a 5% discount on the total cost. Fees can be paid by a variety of methods including online at: epay.kent.ac.uk/epay

Kent’s loyalty discount schemes

Students receive a 10% discount on the first year’s tuition fees if they have a brother or sister at Kent, are the child of a Kent graduate, or are a Kent graduate returning to take a privately-funded degree. See www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/fees/loyaltydiscount.html

Tuition fees for students from the European Union 2015/16

- **Foundation degrees**: £6,000
- **International Foundation Programme**: £9,000
- **Undergraduate degrees**: £9,000
- **Postgraduate degrees**
  - Standard fees (taught/research degrees): £5,250 / £4,052
  - Pre-Master’s graduate diplomas: £9,000
  - Non-standard fees: see www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/fees
  - Paris/Canterbury and Rome/Canterbury split-site suite of programmes: £7,250

For fees for programmes based in Brussels and Athens, see table opposite.

Fees are correct for 2015/16. Fees will increase year on year by no more than RPI+3% in each academic year of study, except where regulated. Where fees are regulated (such as by the Department of Business Innovation and Skills or Research Council UK), they will be increased by an amount up to the permitted increase.

Fee information is correct at the time of going to press.
## Tuition fees for international students (from outside the European Union) 2015/16

### Junior Year Abroad
- Junior Year Abroad (September to June): £12,050
- JYA English PLUS (full-length/part-length): £13,050 / £9,500
- JYA autumn (fall) semester (three months): £4,820
- JYA spring semester (five months): £7,230

### Pre-sessional English courses
Fees including accommodation are yet to be confirmed, please see www.kent.ac.uk/internationalpathways/pre-sessional/pre-coursedates.html for details.
- 37-week: £8,890
- Eight-week pre-January IFP: £2,460
- 27-week: £7,230
- 17-week: £4,700
- 10-week: £3,150
- Six-week: £1,720
- Six-week (Brussels): £2,760
- Four-week course: £1,150

### Degree programmes
- International Foundation Programme: £12,050 (£8,000 for Hong Kong or Turkey programmes)

#### Undergraduate degrees
- Standard non-laboratory programmes: £12,890
- Lab-based or practical programmes: £15,380
- Year in Industry: £865
- Year studying at a partner university: £1,350

#### Pre-Master’s graduate diplomas
- £12,050

#### Postgraduate degrees
- Standard non-laboratory: £12,890
- Standard lab-based practical courses: £15,380

Some programmes have non-standard fees, these include:
- Actuarial Science PDip: £13,280
- Economics suite of programmes MSc: £13,370
- Management suite of programmes (KBS) MSc: £15,160
- Master of Business Administration MBA: £19,975

### Brussels School of International Studies (postgraduate)
- Taught programmes: €16,500
- Research programmes: €8,660

Please note that the Two Capitals and the extended programmes (two years) are subject to a different fee structure, please contact ukbapplications@kent.ac.uk

### Paris/Canterbury and Rome/Canterbury split-site suite of programmes (postgraduate)
- £12,900

### Athens Heritage Management (postgraduate)
- €7,500

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Fee information is correct at the time of going to press; for the most up-to-date information and for details of other non-standard fees, see www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/fees
The University offers a wide variety of financial support and scholarships. The figures quoted below apply to the 2015/16 academic year.

**Students from outside the European Union (EU)**

The University offers a number of generous scholarships for our international students at undergraduate and postgraduate level. These include our International Scholarships for Undergraduate Students and International Scholarships for Taught Master’s Students, each worth £5,000 per annum (for up to three years of study for undergraduate students) towards the cost of tuition fees and offered to exceptional applicants paying international fees.

We also offer International Pathways Scholarships; one full tuition fee scholarship for a student on a Pre-Master’s graduate diploma programme, and a number of partial tuition fee scholarships for International Foundation Programme students, for one year of study worth £2,500 each.

See www.kent.ac.uk/scholarships for details of these and other scholarships.

**Accepted loans**

The University of Kent participates in the William D Ford Federal Direct Loan Program for students who are US citizens. The University also accepts Canadian student loans. See www.kent.ac.uk/scholarships for details.

**Students from within the EU**

The following scholarships and studentships are open to students from the EU. (Please note: EU status depends on nationality and residency.) There are also scholarships for specific subjects; check academic school websites for details.

**Undergraduate study**

- Tuition fee loan – EU undergraduate students can apply for a UK government loan to cover the cost of tuition fees. Repayments do not start until after graduation and only when a certain level of salary is reached. See www.gov.uk/student-finance for details.

**Postgraduate study**

- UK Research Council funding; tuition fees only
- European jointly supervised PhD (Co-tutelle) scholarships; students must be registered for a jointly supervised award with another university in the EU.
Scholarships open to all students
The following scholarships and studentships are open to students of all nationalities. There are also scholarships for specific subjects, which range from partial to full fee waivers; check academic school websites for details.

Creative and sports scholarships
Students can apply for a scholarship for excellence in the following areas:
- University Music Performance Scholarships – between £1,000 and £2,000 a year
- University and external partner sports scholarships – between £300 and £5,000 a year

Undergraduate study
- The Kent Scholarship for Academic Excellence automatically awards University scholarships of £2,000 per year to all students who achieve the following grades at A level: A*A*A*; A*A*A; AAA; A*A*B; A*AB; A*A*C or equivalent, such as International Baccalaureate 35 points or more, including a minimum of 15 points for Higher Level subjects. For other equivalents, see www.kent.ac.uk/scholarships

Postgraduate study
Many schools at Kent offer a number of University postgraduate research scholarships, including University Research Doctoral Scholarships, available for three years, providing fees at the home/EU rate and a maintenance stipend equivalent to the UK Research Council rate (£14,057 per annum in 2015/16). Partial scholarships also offer generous financial support in recognition of academic excellence.

Other postgraduate scholarships at Kent include:
- University of Kent at Brussels Scholarships
- University of Kent at Paris Scholarships
- University of Kent at Rome Scholarships
- University of Kent at Athens Scholarships
- Alumni Postgraduate Research Scholarship (exclusively for Kent graduates)
- Christine and Ian Bolt Scholarship – up to £10,000 for one year of research in the USA
- European jointly supervised PhD (Co-tutelle) scholarships – 50% reduction in tuition fees at the Home/EU rate for one year
- The Dora Harvey Memorial Research Scholarship
- Santander Scholarship – £5,000 (for one year) towards a full-time taught or research Master’s degree (open to eligible students from Iberian or Latin American countries).

Graduate Teaching Assistantships
Some academic schools offer scholarships in the form of Graduate Teaching Assistantships (GTAs). GTAs offer full-time postgraduate research students a combined salary and maintenance grant. In 2014/15 the gross salary offered was £3,455.04 per annum; the scholarship element of the GTA varies from a few hundred pounds up to a combined salary and maintenance grant equalling the full UK Research Council rate of £14,057 (rate for 2015/16) plus tuition fees at the home/EU rate.

Find out more
Please refer to our web pages for full details of all scholarships: www.kent.ac.uk/scholarships or www.kent.ac.uk/pgfunding or www.kent.ac.uk/ugfunding
FIND OUT MORE

We’re always happy to help. You can contact us by email or telephone, meet Kent members of staff at an education fair in your country, or talk to one of our overseas representatives.

By telephone or email
International Development
(Students from outside the EU)
T: +44 1227 824904
E: international@kent.ac.uk

Recruitment and Admissions
(EU students)
T: +44 1227 827272
E: information@kent.ac.uk
www.kent.ac.uk

In your own country
Fairs and exhibitions
Members of the University including academics, regularly visit fairs and exhibitions overseas. For details of our next visit to your country, see www.kent.ac.uk/internationalstudent

Overseas representatives
Kent has overseas representatives around the world. They can give up-to-date advice on the courses at Kent, the application process, visa requirements and details about living and studying in the UK.

To get contact details for your local overseas representative, see: www.kent.ac.uk/internationalstudent

Visiting the UK
Students can also visit us in the UK; see the campuses and find out everything they need to know. We offer Open Days, Applicant Days, and postgraduate events. Friends and family are all welcome. For details, see www.kent.ac.uk/opendays

Open Days
Our Open Days are big events suitable for everyone and offering information on all our courses. These take place at our Medway and Canterbury campuses with representatives from the various academic schools. This makes it a good way to see what’s on offer. There are also tours, so you are able to get a taste of what the campus environment is like and look at accommodation, sport, library and leisure facilities.

Canterbury campus:
Wednesday 16 September 2015
Saturday 3 October 2015
Saturday 2 July 2016

Medway campus:
Saturday 10 October 2015
Saturday 18 June 2016
For later dates, see www.kent.ac.uk/visit

Applicant Days
Applicant Days are for those who have already applied to Kent (for an undergraduate degree). They give an in-depth guide to studying your subject at Kent. Students hear presentations from academic staff and have the chance to ask lots of questions. They also get a tour of the campus with one of our current students. See www.kent.ac.uk/visit for more information.

Postgraduate events
These events are based at our Canterbury and Medway campuses and offer information on all postgraduate courses. Students can meet academic and admissions staff and have the chance to find out more about the courses on offer, studying at Kent and how to apply for funding.
The next postgraduate event is scheduled for 28 November 2015. For later dates, see www.kent.ac.uk/visit We also hold Facebook chat events for postgraduates during the year.

Informal visits
You are also welcome to make an informal visit to our campuses at any time. The University runs tours of the Canterbury and Medway campuses throughout the year for anyone who is unable to attend an Open Day or Applicant Day. It may also be possible to arrange meetings with academic staff, although we cannot guarantee this. For more details and to book your place, see www.kent.ac.uk/informal

Alternatively, we can provide you with a self-guided tour leaflet, which includes the main points of interest. For more details and to download a self-guided tour, go to www.kent.ac.uk/informal

Travelling to the University of Kent
See below for advice on travelling from overseas. For more details and directions, see www.kent.ac.uk/maps

Canterbury campus
By air: The nearest major airports to the Canterbury campus are London Heathrow (LHR) and London Gatwick (LGW). If taking a taxi directly to the campus, Heathrow is a 120-minute journey, Gatwick airport is a 90-minute journey. Both airports also have excellent transport links to central London and onwards.

From central London by train: trains from London St Pancras to Canterbury West take less than an hour. Trains from London Victoria to Canterbury East take about an hour and a half. The stations in Canterbury are a five-minute taxi ride or bus ride to campus.

By Eurostar: you can take a fast train from Paris or Brussels to Ashford International in about two hours. The station is a 30-minute taxi ride from the campus.

By Channel Tunnel or ferry: the Channel Tunnel allows you to travel from Calais to Folkestone in 35 minutes. Ferries leave from Calais and arrive at Dover and take approximately 90 minutes.

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

From central London by train: London Victoria or London St Pancras trains to Chatham take approximately 50 minutes. From Chatham station it is a 10-minute taxi ride to campus. London St Pancras to Ebbsfleet International takes under 20 minutes, plus a 30-minute taxi ride to campus.

By Eurostar: a fast train from Paris or Brussels to Ebbsfleet takes about two hours. Ebbsfleet is a 30-minute taxi ride from campus.

By Channel Tunnel or ferry: the Channel Tunnel allows you to travel from Calais to Folkestone in 35 minutes. Ferries leave from Calais and arrive at Dover and take approximately 90 minutes.

Athens, Brussels, Paris and Rome
To arrange a visit to the Brussels campus, call +32 2 641 1721 or email bsis@kent.ac.uk

To arrange a visit to our European centres, please see:
Paris
www.kent.ac.uk/paris
Athens
www.kent.ac.uk/athens
Rome
www.kent.ac.uk/rome
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To register for a programme of study, all students must agree to abide by the University rules and regulations (available online at: www.kent.ac.uk/regulations).

**Data protection and consent to process:** for the University to operate efficiently, it needs to process information about you for administrative, academic and health and safety reasons. Any offer this institution makes to you is subject to your consent to process such information and is therefore a requirement before we can register you as a student.
COME AND VISIT US

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www.kent.ac.uk/visit