“My Graduate Diploma is helping me to prepare myself for the course I hope to study next year as well as focusing on specific language used in business, which I need to be familiar with for all modules of the course.”
Almost 25% of our students come from countries outside the UK, which creates a lively and interesting environment and allows you to make friends from the UK and around the world.

Supportive teaching
At Kent, we are proud of our supportive teaching. Our academics are friendly and approachable, and students have high levels of contact time with their tutors and lecturers.

First-class study resources
Our library is well stocked and the most popular books are on short loan, which means you never have to wait too long. Our online resources are excellent too, with a huge range of journals available.

Exciting social facilities
At Kent, there are plenty of places to have fun and meet up with friends. Our campus offers a range of cafes, restaurants and sports facilities. There are a number of student societies that you can get involved in. See www.kentunion.co.uk/societies/ for more details.

Multi-faith and multicultural
Kent is a multi-faith university with chaplains from the Anglican, Buddhist, Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, Methodist, Pentecostal and Quaker traditions. Our student societies celebrate a wide range of festivals including Chinese New Year, Thanksgiving and Diwali.

Excellent location
Established in 1965, the University’s Canterbury campus is situated in the south-east of England, one hour away from London by high-speed train. The historic city of Canterbury is only a 25-minute walk from the campus and offers a wide range of shops, cafes and restaurants as well as historic sites including the world famous Canterbury Cathedral.

“...The extensive and relevant Management English modules equipped me with the skills and tools to develop my research and study proficiency. This course has been a fundamental step for me to identify my weaknesses and has offered me the help and assistance to overcome them, in addition to the opportunities to improve on my existing strengths...”
If you need to develop your language and subject-specific skills before progressing on to postgraduate study, why not apply for a one-year Graduate Diploma?

About the Graduate Diploma
The Graduate Diploma qualification is aimed at international students who may not qualify for direct entry on to a Master’s Degree Programme for a number of reasons. It is important to note that we take a variety of factors into consideration when assessing your application, so the basic requirements outlined below are a guideline only. The typical candidate profile will vary depending on the Graduate Diploma applied for but all applicants will need to indicate that they have a strong commitment to academic study and an appropriate level of English.

You should hold the equivalent of an honours degree from a UK or other approved university in a related subject, or hold an equivalent professional qualification. Prospective candidates for certain Graduate Diplomas must be holders of a primary degree relating to a relevant discipline, eg, Law, Psychology and Biosciences. However, as applications are dealt with on a case-by-case basis, exceptions can be made which take into consideration your individual circumstances, prior qualifications, work experience etc. For the other Graduate Diploma courses, your primary degree does not, by necessity, have to be related to the same discipline.

Entry requirements
To gain entry on to the Graduate Diplomas, you need the following:

- equivalent of an honours degree from a UK or other approved university in a related subject, or an equivalent professional qualification. Consideration will be given to applicants holding equivalent qualifications or work experience.
- English language requirements for the Graduate Diploma in International Management with Management English is IELTS 5.5 (or PTE 48 overall), with a minimum of IELTS 5.5 (or PTE 45) in each section, or equivalent. For all other programmes, the requirement are IELTS 6.0 (or PTE 57 overall), with a minimum of IELTS 6.0 (or PTE 54) in Reading and Writing sections. Please see our website for TOEFL equivalents.

Reasons to choose the Graduate Diploma at Kent
As a student on the Graduate Diploma programmes at Kent, you benefit from:

- courses taught on the Canterbury campus, situated close to London and Europe
- a welcoming and safe international campus environment with on-campus accommodation offered to all new Graduate Diploma students
- access to Kent’s extensive study support, welfare, computing, sports and leisure facilities, and a wide choice of clubs and societies
- a structured programme of personal and academic support, including an Academic Adviser who can advise you on your academic decisions throughout the year
- an active social programme to help you become familiar with the University and the local area, including a special Welcome Week in September with a ‘meet and greet’ at the airport, a welcome dinner, and trips to local attractions
- the opportunity to study languages other than English through the Language Express programme.

Course structure
The Graduate Diploma is a modular course taught over three terms, starting in September. The structure is uniquely designed in order to prepare you for postgraduate study in your chosen field. All students take modules in English for Specific Academic Purposes and then choose a number of modules from their chosen academic specialism. The Graduate Diploma pathways include:

- Biosciences
- Computer Science
- Computing
- Humanities (Classical & Archaeological Studies; Comparative Literature; English Language and Linguistics; French; German; Hispanic Studies; Italian; Philosophy; Religious Studies)
- International Management with Management English
- Law for Postgraduate Study
- Politics and International Relations for Postgraduate Study
- Psychology
- Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research.

Assessment
You are assessed through a combination of assignments, coursework and examinations.

Fees
Fees for the Graduate Diploma programmes in 2013/14 were £11,250. Please see our website for details of the fees for 2014/15.
Students who successfully complete a Graduate Diploma at Kent will be entitled to a 10% discount on their first year’s fees.

Scholarships and funding
For more details on the scholarships available for this programme, please contact premasters@kent.ac.uk or see our website, www.kent.ac.uk/international-pathways/graduate

Graduate Diploma in Biosciences
The School of Biosciences at the University of Kent has established internationally recognised research programmes in areas such as protein science, cell and developmental biology, and biomedicine research. The School aims to inspire students as the next generation of bioscientists in preparation for professional scientific careers.

The Graduate Diploma in Biosciences offers you the opportunity to develop your subject knowledge and intellectual skills within the field of Biosciences while building your language and academic skills with dedicated modules in English for Biosciences.

On successful completion of the Graduate Diploma (and through meeting the University’s rules of progression and English language requirements), you can choose from the following postgraduate degree programmes offered within the School of Biosciences:
- Biotechnology and Bioengineering MSc
- Cancer Biology MSc
- Drug Design MSc
- Reproductive Medicine: Science and Ethics MSc
- Science, Communication and Society MSc.

To find out more about postgraduate degrees within Kent’s School of Biosciences, see www.kent.ac.uk/bio/study/postgraduate/master

Graduate Diploma in Computer Science/Computing
The School of Computing is recognised for its world-leading research in areas such as computer security, communications, programming, education and artificial intelligence (AI), and has been ranked among the top universities for studying Computer Science in the UK.

Two Graduate Diploma programmes are available. The Graduate Diploma in Computer Science is for computing graduates wishing to build on their existing knowledge and skills. If you have not studied Computing before, the Graduate Diploma in Computing may be more suitable.

On successful completion of the Graduate Diploma (and through meeting the University’s rules of progression and English language requirements), you can choose from a number of postgraduate degree programmes offered within the School of Computing. The Graduate Diploma in Computer Science can lead to specialist programmes including:
- Advanced Computer Science MSc
- Advanced Computer Science (Computational Intelligence) MSc
- Advanced Software Development MSc
- Computer Security MSc
- Computing and Entrepreneurship MSc
- Future Computing MSc
- IT Consultancy MSc
- Networks and Security MSc.

The Graduate Diploma in Computing can lead to general or conversion programmes including:
- Computer Science MSc
- Computing and Entrepreneurship MSc
- IT Consultancy MSc.

To find out more about postgraduate degrees within Kent’s School of Computing, see www.cs.kent.ac.uk/teaching/pg/

Graduate Diploma in Humanities
The School of European Culture and Languages (SECL) is one of the largest academic schools at the University of Kent and offers an extensive range of postgraduate programmes in all aspects of European cultural life, including language, literature and film, and also in philosophy, religious studies, classics and archaeology. The Graduate Diploma in Humanities offers you the opportunity to develop your subject knowledge within a specific area within SECL while building your language and academic skills with dedicated modules in English for Humanities.

On successful completion of the Graduate Diploma (and through meeting the University’s rules of progression and English language requirements), you can choose from the following postgraduate degree programmes offered within the SECL in the following disciplines:
- Classical & Archaeological Studies
- Comparative Literature
- English Language and Linguistics
- French
- German
- Hispanic Studies
- Italian
- Philosophy
- Religious Studies.

To find out more about postgraduate degrees within Kent’s School of European Culture and Languages, see www.kent.ac.uk/secl/researchcentres/graduate

Graduate Diploma in International Management with Management English
The Graduate Diploma in International Management with Management English is delivered by Kent Business School (KBS), which is the business and management faculty of the University of Kent. KBS is top-ranking and highly regarded in terms of both teaching and research, and combines a multicultural learning environment with a supportive and flexible approach to teaching.

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The programme offers you the opportunity to develop your subject knowledge within the field of business and management, building your language and academic skills with dedicated modules in Management English.

On successful completion of the Graduate Diploma (and through meeting the University’s rules of progression and English language requirements), you can choose from a number of postgraduate degree programmes offered within the KBS including:

- Financial Markets MSc
- Financial Services in Banking MSc
- Human Resource Management MSc
- International Accounting and Finance MSc
- Management (General) MSc
- Management (International Business) MSc
- Marketing MSc
- Value Chain Management MSc.

To find out more about postgraduate degrees within KBS, see www.kent.ac.uk/kbs/pg-taught

Graduate Diploma in Law for Postgraduate Study

With excellent teaching, a strong research culture, and an award-winning Law Clinic, Kent is the UK’s leading critical law school.

The Graduate Diploma in Law for Postgraduate Study offers you the opportunity to develop your subject knowledge within the field of law while building your language and academic skills with dedicated modules in English for Law.

On successful completion of the Graduate Diploma (and through meeting the University’s rules of progression and English language requirements), you can choose from a number of specialist LLM postgraduate degree programmes offered within Kent Law School including:

- Criminal Justice LLM
- Environmental Law and Policy LLM
- European Law LLM
- International Commercial Law LLM
- International Criminal Justice LLM
- International Economic Law LLM
- International Environmental Law LLM
- International Law with International Relations LLM
- Medical Law and Ethics LLM
- Public International Law LLM.

To find out more about postgraduate degrees within Kent Law School, see www.kent.ac.uk/law/postgraduate

Graduate Diploma in Politics and International Relations

The School of Politics and International Relations is one of the UK’s most exciting and dynamic places to study politics and international relations. It combines high-quality teaching with cutting-edge research in a supportive environment that welcomes students from all over the world to undertake our undergraduate, postgraduate taught and research programmes.

The Graduate Diploma in Politics and International Relations offers you the opportunity to develop your subject knowledge and intellectual skills within the fields of politics and international relations while building your language and academic skills with dedicated modules in English for Politics and International Relations.

On successful completion of the Graduate Diploma (and through meeting the University’s rules of progression and English language requirements), you can choose from the following postgraduate degree programmes offered within the School of Politics and International Relations:

- Comparative Politics MA
- European Governance MA
- Human Rights MA
- International Conflict Analysis MA
- International Relations MA
- International Relations and European Studies MA
- International Relations with International Law MA
- International Security and the Politics of Terror MA
- Methods in Social Research MA
- Peace and Conflict Studies MA
- Political Theory and Practices of Resistance MA
- Security and Terrorism MA.

To find out more about postgraduate degrees within Kent’s School of Politics and International Relations, see www.kent.ac.uk/politics/postgraduates/taught-programmes

Graduate Diploma in Psychology

The School of Psychology at the University of Kent has established itself as a leading centre of research and teaching in theoretical and applied psychology, and has a commitment to excellence in scientific research with a concern for problems of contemporary relevance.

The Graduate Diploma in Psychology offers you the opportunity to develop your subject knowledge within the field of psychology while building your language and academic skills with dedicated modules in English for Psychology.

On successful completion of the Graduate Diploma (and through meeting the University’s rules of progression and English language requirements), you can choose from a number of postgraduate degree programmes offered within Kent’s School of Psychology including:

- Cognitive Psychology/Neuropsychology MSc
- Developmental Psychology MSc
- Group Processes and Intergroup Relations MSc
- Research Methods in Psychology MSc
- Social and Applied Psychology MSc.

To find out more about postgraduate degrees within Kent’s School of Psychology, see www.kent.ac.uk/psychology/pg

Pre-Master’s Graduate Diploma in Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research

The School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research (SSPSSR) is one of the UK’s leading academic schools, providing award-winning teaching and internationally recognised research at both our Canterbury and Medway campuses.

These programmes offer you the opportunity to develop your subject knowledge while building your language and academic skills with dedicated modules in English for Academic Purposes.

On successful completion of the Graduate Diploma (and through meeting the University’s rules of progression and English language requirements), you can choose from a number of postgraduate degree programmes offered within SSPSSR including:

- Advanced Child Protection Research and Practice MA
- Analysis and Intervention in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities MSc
- Applied Behavioural Analysis MSc
- Autism Studies MA
- Civil Society, NGO and Non-Profit Studies MA
- Criminology MA
- Environmental Social Science MSc
- Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities MA
- International Social Policy MA
- Methods of Social Research MA
- Political Sociology MA
- Social and Public Policy MA
- Social Work MA
- Sociology MA.

To find out more about postgraduate degrees within SSPSSR, see www.kent.ac.uk/sspssr/postgraduate/taught
HOW TO APPLY AND FIND OUT MORE

Pre-sessional English
For details on English language preparation courses to allow you to study our Graduate Diplomas, please see our website, www.kent.ac.uk/international-pathways/pre-sessional

Making an application
You can apply for a Graduate Diploma online by visiting www.kent.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/apply

Visit the campus
You are welcome to visit the University of Kent independently. An individual tour with a member of staff gives you the chance to see the campus and ask questions about studying at Kent. You may also be able to meet up with an academic in a particular subject area. To book your tour, go to www.kent.ac.uk/courses/visit/informal

In your country
Representatives of the University regularly visit fairs and exhibitions overseas to meet students interested in joining our Graduate Diploma programmes. For details of our next visit to your country, see www.kent.ac.uk/internationalstudent/overseas-visits.html

Overseas representatives
We have Kent overseas representatives in countries around the world. They can give you up-to-date advice on the courses at Kent, the application process, your visa (if you need to apply for one) and details about living and studying in the UK. To get contact details for your local representative, see www.kent.ac.uk/internationalstudent/representation

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