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STUDIES
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Graduate study
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This programme provides a comprehensive overview of philanthropy in theory and practice, covering historical development, contemporary issues, conceptual challenges and key debates.

Reasons to choose this programme
- It is the UK’s first Master’s degree on Philanthropic Studies. It builds on our in-house expertise and long-standing teaching on civil society, fundraising, philanthropy and volunteering.
- It is delivered by academics trained in relevant disciplines including social policy, business, history, sociology, geography, moral philosophy, anthropology, law and economics.
- It draws significantly on expertise from beyond the University, including teaching contributions from leading philanthropy experts, advisers, consultants, grant-makers, fundraisers and strategic philanthropists.
- It is attractive to those pursuing a career in the philanthropy sector, and is also suitable for donors seeking greater understanding of the meaning and purpose of philanthropy, and professionals seeking an opportunity to reflect on their practice.
- It is based in the School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research (SSPSSR), which was ranked 2nd in the UK for research power in the Research Excellence Framework 2014.

Compulsory modules
- Fundamentals of Philanthropy
  This is a comprehensive overview of the historic development and current state of philanthropy, drawing on current academic theory, knowledge and empirical research.
- Global Philanthropy: Comparative Perspectives
  This explores philanthropy in Western and non-Western societies, to investigate the universality and specificity of philanthropic traditions and practices.
- Understanding Social Research
  This introduces the logic and methods of social research, enabling students to gain rigorous and practical qualitative and quantitative research skills.

Professional accreditation
As part of their studies, students are able to pursue a professional qualification accredited by the UK’s Institute of Fundraising.

Core programme team
- Dr Beth Breeze
  Dr Breeze is Director of the Centre for Philanthropy and the author of the annual ‘Million Pound Donor Report’, and co-author of Richer Lives: Why Rich People Give. She has also written a wide range of research reports on issues related to charitable giving and philanthropy.
- Dr Eddy Hogg
  Dr Hogg’s research interests focus on philanthropy, charitable giving, volunteering and the charitable and community sector; he is currently working on a project about volunteer fundraisers in East Kent.
- Dr Triona Fitton
  Dr Fitton’s research interests include philanthropy, charity professionalisation, gift exchange and charity shops. She is currently working on a book about the history of philanthropic gifts to the University of Kent.

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“The knowledge I gained from studying at Kent was relevant for my professional development, and helped me to raise new funding for my charity.”

Marianela Clayton
Student on the Fundraising and Philanthropy module