SCHOOL OF POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Canterbury
INTRODUCTION

The School of Politics and International Relations at Kent offers a dynamic environment in which to study this fascinating subject at an advanced level. We combine high-quality teaching with cutting-edge research, in a supportive environment that welcomes students from all over the world.

The School has grown significantly in the last few years and now has 30 academic staff. It is a cosmopolitan department, with staff originating from 15 different countries, and well over half of all postgraduate students in the School come from outside the UK.

World-leading research
The size and strength of our academic body generates a vibrant research culture and has led us to achieve international excellence in many areas of the discipline. This is reflected in the numerous books and articles published, and in the existence of four core research centres: the Global Europe Centre, the Conflict Analysis Research Centre, the Centre for Federal Studies and the Centre for Critical Thought.

Dedicated and inspirational teaching
The School has a strong commitment to excellence in teaching. All lectures and seminars are informed by the latest research and scholarship, and are given by full-time academic staff who have internationally recognised expertise in their field. Our innovative teaching practices have received national recognition and we use a diverse range of teaching methods, from large lectures to small group discussions, simulation exercises, and class debates, and make use of technology to foster an active learning environment.

Our programmes equip you with the tools you need to conduct research, solve problems, communicate effectively and transfer skills to the workplace, which means our graduates are always in high demand.

Flexible and innovative programmes
Our postgraduate programmes are extremely flexible and offer an exceptionally broad module choice, reflecting the research interests of our staff. We offer 12 taught Master’s degrees, each of which combines taught modules and a dissertation. The majority of our taught programmes are also offered as Postgraduate Diplomas – a nine-month, coursework-only format. This allows you to choose the format most appropriate for your individual circumstances. In addition, some of our Master’s programmes are offered as International Double Awards, allowing you to spend a second year at one of our partner institutions (see below) and to obtain two Master’s degrees. Alternatively, you can take a two-year programme and study at both Canterbury and Brussels. In addition to taught programmes, we have the expertise to provide research supervision in a wide range of topics.

Global outlook and partnerships
Favoured by our strategic location – in the beautiful historic city of Canterbury and yet within easy reach of London, Brussels and Paris – we pride ourselves on our global outlook. This is reflected in our wide range of international partnerships and the fact that we are the only politics and international relations school in the country with a campus in Brussels. This allows students on some of our programmes to follow part or their entire programme in Brussels. Agreements with partner institutions in France, Germany, Poland and Russia enable us to offer Double Award versions of the MA in European and Global Governance, Peace and Conflict Studies and International Relations, leading to the award of two Master’s degrees.

Funding and teaching opportunities
The postgraduate programmes offered by the School enjoy recognition from the main funding bodies, notably for PhD degrees. International applicants can apply to a variety of funding schemes such as the ‘Entente Cordiale’ Scholarship Scheme, while UK and EU applicants are eligible to apply for Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) funding under the South-East ESRC Doctoral Training Centre (DTC) partnership.
In addition, each year the School offers research students a number of teaching bursaries. Granted on a competitive basis, these bursaries provide significant financial support and also offer the opportunity to acquire teaching experience – a crucial requirement if you are planning an academic career.

**Strong postgraduate community**

There is a strong and supportive postgraduate academic community within the School. Postgraduates are encouraged to participate in the extensive range of activities which take place within the School, including our regular Public Speaker Programme, whereby academics and practitioners are invited to Kent to give public lectures on key topics. Postgraduate research students are also invited to attend a programme of School of Politics and International Relations Research Seminars (SPIRRS), which attract internationally recognised speakers. The School runs a weekly Graduate Research and Training Seminar (GRTS), which is at the centre of our developmental and training work for our research community. In addition to student presentations, the GRTS features regular professional skills and academic research training sessions. Each year, postgraduate students organise a conference which lends itself to the wide range of research interests across the fields of politics and international relations within our School.

In addition to support from the School, you also have the support of the Graduate School, which provides specialist academic and personal advice and guidance throughout your studies, facilitates cross-disciplinary interaction and social networking, and coordinates transferable skills training.

**First-class postgraduate facilities**

We offer excellent postgraduate facilities. The Templeman Library provides extensive collections in politics and international relations, including over 60,000 books and 180 current journal subscriptions. Online resources include e-books, online newspapers, data sources and access to over 1,000 online politics journals. All online resources are available both on and off campus. The Library also provides online (and print where applicable) access to official publications, including those from the EU and the British government. In addition, all postgraduate students have their own designated room, the Vera Cameron Study Room, which has a number of open-access PCs, study spaces and a social space for discussions.

**Brussels School of International Studies**

The University of Kent’s campus in Brussels is home to the Brussels School of International Studies (BSIS), which offers a range of specialist postgraduate programmes covering the spectrum of international affairs, including international relations and international conflict and security. For further information on the degree programmes in politics and international relations available in Brussels, visit www.kent.ac.uk/brussels.
World-leading Research
In the most recent Research Assessment Exercise, Kent’s staff were found to be engaged in research of world-class standing.
**STUDENT PROFILE**

Misha Upadhyaya is studying for a Master’s in International Relations.

**Why did you choose Kent?**
I did my undergraduate degree at Kent so had a lot of connections here. Mainly though, I stayed because the School's research in international relations is very strong and the staff know me well and are aware of my strengths. As a Kent graduate, I also got £1,000 off my fees, which was important to me.

**Why did you decide to undertake postgraduate study?**
I wanted to deepen my knowledge of an area that fascinates me and I like a challenge. Also, I think doing a postgraduate degree shows employers that you are highly motivated and happy to work independently.

**How do postgraduate and undergraduate study differ?**
Studying at Master's level is a step up, it is hard work but you get a great sense of achievement when something goes well. One of the best things about postgraduate study is how engaged everybody is – there is a lot to do, maybe five readings for one seminar, but we all make the effort to prepare so the seminars are lively and interesting. There is a good mix of students on the programme, from different countries and backgrounds, and it is refreshing to hear different views. I have made friends from New York, Germany, all over really – a mini United Nations!

**What is it about international relations that appeals to you?**
I love the theory. We have been looking at why people behave as they do, who controls society and how much choice individuals really have. Studying international relations, you learn to think broadly and analytically; skills which can be applied to many areas, which is key for me because I don't have a specific career in mind.

**Do you have a favourite module?**
Resistance and the Politics of Truth. It is based on the work of the people who have shaped political resistance theory such as Chomsky and Foucault. The lecturer is incredible – a great teacher, passionate and knowledgeable, and very receptive to new ideas. He loves it when we come up with new interpretations of theories and encourages everybody to take part in the discussions.

**Are the facilities good?**
I think they are; the key thing is to make the most of what is available. Woolf College [the postgraduate college on campus] has a committee that works for the benefit of all postgraduate students; the Graduate School runs a transferable skills programme, which helps you to improve your employability, as well as other events; the library has an area just for postgraduates; and the Student Learning Advisory Service offers help with essay writing and other academic skills.

In my School, each student has an Academic Adviser and there is also a Student Support Officer. The School also regularly organises events; recently alumni were invited to the School to speak to us about their careers. It was inspiring to see how successful people have been and the range of roles they were in was very impressive. We had an opportunity to chat to them and I have connected with many of them on LinkedIn and they are happy to help, which is good.

**What do you plan to do next?**
Ideally, I would like to work in an area where my work will have a positive impact on people’s lives. I would love to work in a small to medium charity or perhaps in the Foreign & Commonwealth Office. I think, as a graduate, you have to be flexible and take opportunities when they come up, even if they are not exactly what you are looking for.

My degree has not defined where I will go in the future, rather it has opened up lots of areas of employment to me. I have excellent communication and interpersonal skills and am about to start a module on negotiation and mediation – skills that can be applied in any field.

**What advice would you give to future postgraduate students?**
Come to Kent, you will love the environment; the campus is gorgeous and you are near London, Brussels and Paris. You will find staff here who are really committed and an outstanding school that makes you feel a part of everything.
School of Politics and International Relations

IMPRESSIONS CAREER PROSPECTS

A postgraduate qualification from Kent opens up a wealth of career opportunities by providing an impressive portfolio of skills and specialist knowledge.

As well as providing a first-rate academic experience, we want you to be in a good position to face the demands of a tough economic environment. Employers recognise that a postgraduate qualification demonstrates a wide range of skills. At Kent, we provide a comprehensive package of skills development training programmes, careers advice, and volunteering and paid work opportunities to help enhance your career prospects.

Transferable skills training

All postgraduate students have the benefit of skills training offered by the University, relevant to their particular needs. The School of Politics and International Relations provides a compulsory module on research methods and you can find more detailed information on the taught or research degrees pages.

The University’s Graduate School coordinates the Researcher Development Programme for research students, providing access to a wide range of lectures and workshops on training, personal development planning and career development skills. The Graduate School also delivers the Global Skills Award programme for students following taught programmes of study, which is specifically designed to consolidate your awareness of current global issues and improve your employment prospects.

International opportunities

Many of our postgraduate programmes offer you the chance to study abroad for a term or a year. Those who choose to study abroad often find that this provides a valuable opportunity for personal development and this extra experience can enhance their job prospects.

Exciting career options

Kent has an excellent record for postgraduate employment: over 90% of our postgraduate students who graduated in 2012 found a job or further study opportunity within six months. We constantly monitor how well our programmes meet the demands of today’s increasingly competitive and globalised job market. A Master’s in the area of politics and international relations is a particularly valuable and flexible qualification that can open up exciting careers in many professions such as diplomacy, the civil service, European and international organisations, NGOs, the media and in the commercial sector. Kent postgraduates have a strong track record in this respect, with many now occupying top positions with employers in the public and private sectors.

Careers and Employability Service

Our Careers and Employability Service can help you to plan for your future by providing one-to-one advice at any stage in your postgraduate studies. It also provides online advice on employability skills, career choices and applications, and interview skills.

Further information

For more information on the careers help we provide at Kent, visit our Employability webpage at www.kent.ac.uk/employability
Kit Waterman completed his Master’s degree in International Relations in September 2013; he is now working for a political think tank.

Why did you choose Kent?
There was a broad range of interesting modules to choose from and, having previously studied at the University for my undergraduate degree, I already had personal experience of how engaging and helpful the staff were.

What attracted you to this particular course?
My undergraduate degree was in Politics and International Relations and as my studies progressed, it was the international relations part I found the most interesting. Also, the kind of research work I wanted to do was firmly seated within international relations. The programme itself was attractive and provided a degree of flexibility in regards to modules, allowing you to study modules that weren’t necessarily ‘international relations’ focused. The variety helped me a lot when I was developing my dissertation.

What was your course like? And what about the lecturers/supervisors?
The programme itself was excellent, a great deal of which can be directly attributed to the School’s staff. I always found the lecturers and professors very approachable and more than willing to spare their own time to help out with any queries, academic or professional.

How did your course lay the foundations for your chosen career path?
I undertook postgraduate study with a broad view to what I might like to do after; however, through the programme I realised that continuing on to doctoral study was what I wanted to do. As a postgraduate qualification is usually a prerequisite for PhD study, in that respect, my Master’s is a definite ‘foundation’ for my future plans.

Could you describe your career path since leaving Kent?
At present, I am working as a research assistant for a political think tank in London, dealing primarily in international relations with a focus on the Middle East/North Africa region.

Could you describe a typical day in your current role?
There isn’t really a ‘typical day’, as think tank work often revolves around projects. At the moment, I’m helping to research and organise a conference on the potential business disruptions resulting from geo-political upheaval in the Middle East and North Africa. As may be expected, this mixes rather interesting research work with the necessary administrative tasks required.

What are your future plans?
I currently hold a place on a doctoral programme for October of this year, and am in the process of completing the relevant funding application. So, all being well, I hope to be continuing on with my studies later this year.

Do you have any other happy memories of Kent that you would like to share with us?
I was very privileged to study alongside a large number of people who were passionate about their subjects, as well as a handful of diplomatic service personnel. Having such a variety of personalities was particularly insightful, and provided ample opportunity to meet up with people and chat through ideas and projects; something that is often neglected.

Finally, what advice would you give to graduates thinking of coming to Kent to study at postgraduate level?
The only advice I would offer is to get involved in as much as possible. The University has so many different societies, projects, reading groups, and similar activities to do, yet many people don’t take advantage of these opportunities.

Kent has an excellent record for postgraduate employment: over 90% of our postgraduate students who graduated in 2012 found a job or further study opportunity within six months.
The School has a range of taught programmes on offer, so you can choose the degree that reflects your interests. Below is an explanation of what the different degree programmes offer.

For all of our MA programmes (excluding International Double Award versions), you have the option to study full-time over 12 months, or part-time, typically over two years. Certain programmes are also offered in a two-year, 120 ECTS-credit format, comprising nine taught modules followed by a dissertation, and as a Postgraduate Diploma, which entails the same taught curriculum as the MA, but does not require a dissertation. For the MAs in International Conflict Analysis and International Relations (two-year, 120 ECTS-credit format), you have the option to study for one year at our prestigious Brussels campus. We also offer Double Award versions of the MAs in European and Global Governance, International Relations and Peace and Conflict Studies, which enable you to spend a year at a partner University and obtain two Master’s degrees.

**Comparative Politics PDip, MA**

In today’s increasingly interconnected world, it is essential to have a global perspective on politics. On this MA, you gain an advanced understanding of the key political questions of our age, through the comparison of different political systems across the five continents. You acquire the theoretical and empirical knowledge needed to deal with questions in political behaviour and mass participation; governmental institutions and policymaking; public values, attitudes, and opinion; tolerance and trust; mass media; collective action and social movements; parties and party systems; and modernisation and democratisation. You are also trained in the methodological skills necessary to pursue your own research interests, in particular for your dissertation. The programme draws on Kent’s pool of expertise in comparative politics, brought together in the Comparative Politics Research Group. It offers a solid preparation for a range of professional careers in fields such as research, government, international organisations, and the media or a foundation for further studies at doctoral level.

**Course content**

- Comparative Political Behaviour
- Key Issues in Comparative Politics
- Philosophy and Methodology of Politics and International Relations
- Three optional modules
- Dissertation

The programme is also offered in a 120 ECTS format – comprising two years with one term spent at one of our partner institutions in continental Europe, where you are taught in English (conditions apply).
European and Global Governance PDip, MA

The European Union (EU) profoundly shapes the way politics and democracy work in Europe and is an influential actor on the international stage. The European and Global Governance programme is designed to provide an advanced understanding of the EU to those willing to deepen their knowledge and to prepare for a wide range of careers in European affairs. It draws from modules in politics, international relations, law and sociology, and focuses on the constitutional design, the process of decision-making, public policy, and the role of the EU in the world.

The programme blends academic analysis and practical application, making the study of the EU relevant to the challenges the enlarged EU faces in the 21st century. The School is a prominent centre for studies on Europe and it hosts the Global Europe Centre and the Centre for Federal Studies, a leading international research centre.

Course content

- The European Union in the World
- The Governance of the European Union
- Philosophy and Methodology of Politics and International Relations
- Three optional modules
- Dissertation

The programme is also offered in a 120 ECTS format – comprising two years with one term spent at one of our partner institutions in continental Europe, where you are taught in English (conditions apply).

European and Global Governance MA (International Double Award)

This version of the European Governance programme offers the opportunity to study at two institutions in two different countries and obtain two Master’s degrees. You spend the first year at Kent and the second year at one of our partner institutions in Grenoble or Krakow. Successful completion of the programme leads to the award of the MA in European Governance (IDA) and either the Master Gouvernance Européenne de l’Institut d’Etudes Politiques de Grenoble or the Master in European Studies of the Jagiellonian University of Krakow.

Studying at Grenoble requires advanced knowledge of French – typically at DiplômeApprofondi de Langue Française (DALF) level – while modules in Krakow are taught in English.

Course content

First year

- The European Union in the World
- The Governance of the European Union
- Four optional modules taken at Kent

Second year

- Modules taken at Grenoble or Krakow
- A dissertation or internship
TAUGHT PROGRAMMES (CONT)

International Conflict Analysis PDip, MA
Conflict, in its many forms, has been a permanent feature of human society. Finding ways to pursue it constructively rather than destructively requires a careful analysis of the roots of conflict, and a knowledge of effective ways to channel conflict into legitimate procedures and agreed outcomes.

This MA aims to help you understand conflicts in their context, whether they are environmental, ethnic, political or international disputes, and whether they take violent or non-violent forms.

This programme prepares actors, be they state governments, international organisations or individuals, to better manage conflict peacefully and to prevent it. It examines the major theories and leading practices of conflict and conflict resolution in international affairs, supplementing theory with detailed case studies. Topics include negotiation, mediation, conference diplomacy, third party intervention, restorative justice, peacekeeping, peacemaking and coercive diplomacy.

Course content
- Conflict Resolution in World Politics
- Philosophy and Methodology of Politics and International Relations
- Theories of Conflict and Violence
- Three optional modules
- Dissertation

This programme is also offered as a two-year MA with one year spent in Brussels (worth 120 ECTS).

International Relations PDip, MA
This programme considers contemporary questions in international relations theory and practice. The accent is on critical consideration of traditional approaches to the discipline. In the post-Cold War globalising world, there is an increasingly apparent need for ever-more sophisticated ways of understanding the dramatic changes taking place. This programme addresses that need.

By way of coursework and dissertation, the MA programme provides you with advanced training in the general methods, scope, theories and findings in the field of international relations. It builds on an undergraduate specialisation in the field of international relations or a similar discipline, and gives a systematic preparation for original postgraduate research or for a demanding international career.

It also constitutes a programme of training for those who have graduated in other fields and wish to transfer to international relations.

Course content
- International Relations Theory
- Philosophy and Methodology of Politics and International Relations
- Four optional modules
- Dissertation

This programme is also offered as a two-year MA with one year spent in Brussels (worth 120 ECTS).

International Relations MA (International Double Award)
This version of the International Relations programme provides you with the opportunity to study both at the University of Kent and at the prestigious Higher School of Economics in Moscow, and to obtain two Master’s degrees. You spend the first year in Kent, the second in Moscow. Knowledge of the Russian language is not required, as courses in Moscow are taught in English with the option to take Russian language courses.

Course content
First year
- International Relations Theory
- Philosophy and Methodology of Politics and International Relations
- Four optional modules taken at Kent

Second year
- Modules at the Higher School of Economics, Moscow
- Dissertation

International Relations with International Law PDip, MA
Despite their close relationship, international law and international relations have traditionally been taught as discrete subjects. This programme is based on a recognition of the need to allow...
each discipline to be informed by
the other, and covers the general
methods, scope and theories of
international relations and
international law.

The objective of the programme
is to develop a critical consideration
of traditional approaches to the
discipline of international relations.
In post-Cold War globalisation, there
is an increasingly apparent need
for ever-more sophisticated ways
of understanding the dramatic
changes taking place.

This programme allows you to
consider the role, potential and
limitations of public international
law in international affairs. For some,
this will enable an undergraduate
specialisation to be developed.
For others, it will enable knowledge
of other fields to be applied to
international relations. The
programme’s interdisciplinary
approach is particularly suited to
those involved with, or hoping to
work for, international organisations,
non-governmental organisations,
foreign affairs departments and
international law firms.

Course content
- International Relations Theory
- Philosophy and Methodology
  of Politics and International
  Relations
- Public International Law
- Three optional modules: two
  from Politics and International
  Relations, one from Law
- Dissertation

International Security and
the Politics of Terror PDip, MA
This programme provides you
with a research-active learning
environment, giving you a good
grounding in the study of the
contending approaches and issues
in international security and the
challenges to national security in the
age of terror. It examines how state,
non-state and supra-national actors
behave and interact in managing or
causing threats to international
security and peace. It is the first MA
of its kind to offer two compulsory
modules that explore the emerging
synergy between national and
international security.

Topics such as the use of non-
military tools to combat terrorism,
the infringement of civil liberties,
and the application of contending
approaches to security studies to
current issues (such as non-
proliferation, the changing nature
of intelligence agencies and energy
security) are taught and discussed
in an interactive learning
environment.

Course content
- International Security in a
  Changing World
- Philosophy and Methodology
  of Politics and International
  Relations
- Terrorism and National Security
- Three optional modules
- Dissertation

The programme is also offered in a
120 ECTS format – comprising nine
taught modules plus a dissertation
over 18 months.
Peace and Conflict Studies MA (International Double Award)

This programme provides you with the opportunity to study both at the University of Kent and at the University of Marburg, and to obtain two Master’s degrees. You spend the first year in Canterbury and the second year in Marburg where courses are taught in English.

Course content
First year
- Conflict Resolution in World Politics
- Philosophy and Methodology of Politics and International Relations
- Theories of Conflict and Violence
- Three optional modules

Second year
- Modules at the University of Marburg
- Dissertation

Security and Terrorism PDip, MA

This programme analyses the phenomena of terrorism and political violence as perpetrated by both state and non-state actors, drawing on various disciplines within the social sciences. You explore the theoretical, methodological, and ethical debates relating to the study of state and non-state violence, and consider their implications for various international actors and policymakers. You have input from research-active staff with considerable expertise in fields of international relations, sociology and criminology. You assess the measures taken by states and international organisations to deter terrorism, and the relationships between terrorism and counter-terror measures. You are asked to critique the various theoretical and methodological approaches deployed by social scientists to study these phenomena.

Course content
- Philosophy and Methodology of Politics and International Relations
- Terrorism and Modern Society
- Terrorism and National Security
- Three optional modules
- Dissertation

Politics and International Relations Pre-Master’s (GDip)

On this programme, you develop your independent study and research skills through a combination of subject modules within the School of Politics and International Relations and modules to improve your English Language competence and academic skills offered by Kent International Pathways. On successful completion of the Diploma and through meeting the University’s rules of progression, you can apply to study on one of the School’s Master’s programmes.

Course Content
- Advanced English for Academic Study in Social Sciences
- English for Academic Study in Social Sciences and Humanities
- Engendering Politics: Feminist Contributions to Political Theory
- European Union Politics and Policy
- International Organisation: The UN System
- Key Debates in Comparative Politics
- Rights, Freedoms and Individualism: Contemporary Liberalism in Question
Below is a list of modules currently offered. Please note that some modules may not be available in a particular year. For this reason, minor adjustments to programme structure may, at times, be necessary. For up-to-date information, please refer to our website (www.kent.ac.uk/politics/postgraduates/modules)

Conflict Resolution in World Politics
**Module code:** PO832

The module seeks to develop an awareness that change and conflict are endemic in global society at all levels. It explores the different ways in which actors have sought to resolve that conflict. A vital factor is an examination of the conditions under which change is accepted, and those in which it is resisted, since this has fundamental consequences for the outcome of attempts at conflict resolution. This module instils an appreciation of the relationship of theories of international relations to the processes of conflict resolution. It gives an understanding of the range of possible reactions to attempts at conflict resolution. This provides insights into the bases upon which outcomes of war and peace occur in global society. You relate the conceptual frameworks in international relations to the phenomenon of conflict and conflict resolution. You analyse contemporary phenomena through the lenses of these approaches and their assumptions, and to judge their relative efficacies in both the short and long term. You become aware of the fundamental value choices and political dispositions that frame responses to conflict and the likely outcome of such different responses.

Dissertation
**Module code:** PO998

This is an extended essay that forms a major assessed element of our MA programmes. Your dissertation gives you considerable leeway to follow your own particular interests, with guidance from staff. The topic you propose for your dissertation must be relevant to your MA and approved by the academic staff. Supervision of work on the dissertation is concentrated in the second half of the academic year. Many Master's dissertations achieve a very high standard and several have been published.

Engendering Politics: Feminist Contributions to Political Theory
**Module code:** PO593

In Western countries, feminism has had a considerable impact on the conduct of practical politics. Here, you consider the ways in which feminist thought has influenced political theory by examining a range of feminist approaches to politics. We ask how meaningful it is to speak of feminism in the singular
Europe in the world from a global perspective looking at globalisation, security issues, and transatlantic relations; and Europe’s external identity, analysing debates around the EU as normative power, civilian power, and EU structural foreign policy.

The Governance of the European Union
Module code: PO950

This module offers an advanced understanding of the functioning of the EU as a system of supranational governance. It is divided into two main parts. The first focuses on the key institutions involved in the governance process and analyses the nature and functioning of each of them as well as the interaction among them from a theoretical, empirical and normative perspective. The second part covers the system’s ‘outputs’ in terms of public policy, with particular attention paid to the fields of market regulation, monetary union, justice and home affairs, and enlargement. The module ends with a debate on the effectiveness and the legitimacy of the EU as a system of supranational governance and on how it should be reformed to maximise those aspects.

Human Rights in a World of States
Module code: PO859

Emerging from the ashes of the Second World War and the Holocaust, human rights have become a critical part of
international law and diplomacy. This module provides an overview of issues central to the theory and practice of human rights in international politics. You consider the political, philosophical, historical, economic and legal foundations of international human rights concepts, including ideological and cultural origins, contemporary debates surrounding questions of the universality of human rights, and the sources of rights and rights violations. You look at the impact of the nation-state system, governments and other institutions, domestic and foreign policies, the wide variety of political, civil, economic, social and cultural rights warranting protection. You also investigate the various attempts to redress past abuses through truth commissions and war crimes tribunals. You pay particular attention to the construction of the international human rights regime and the institutionalisation of international human rights norms into domestic practice.

**International Environmental Politics**  
**Module code:** PO946

This module examines the international community’s responses to international environmental problems. You develop an understanding of why and how actors (state and non-state) resolve conflicts and set up international environmental institutions to provide governance, and assess how successful or effective these governance structures are. We consider various theoretical accounts, including accounts of power, interests, knowledge and domestic politics that allow us to understand and explain international environmental outcomes. We also look at aspects of institutional design that address problems such as enforcement and participation as well as aspects of the normative dimension of environmental decision-making at an international level.

**International Organisation: The UN System**  
**Module code:** PO555

This module explores the origins, evolution and role of international organisations in world politics. You develop an understanding of how these institutions have developed, why states choose, refuse and fail to use these institutions as a means to achieve their objectives, and to what extent international organisations can promote international cooperation. The module takes the United Nations system as its central focus, but also considers historical forms of international organisation as well as the processes of global governance.

**International Political Economy: Conflict, Cooperation and Institutions**  
**Module code:** PO920

This module explores issues in international political economy with an emphasis on conflict, cooperation and governance in a number of areas. You are introduced to the basic economic concepts in order to pursue advanced issues in international political economy such as trade relations, monetary relations, investment flows and competition, and trade and conflict. The module discusses attempts to provide international governance in some of those areas and engages with the conceptual debate on how to assess whether institutional solutions have (significant) effects or not.

**International Relations Theory**  
**Module code:** PO824

This module introduces a range of theoretical approaches (or frameworks) to the study of international relations. It starts with the early work within the discipline and the rise to predominance of the realist and neo-realist approaches. At the same time, it questions whether international relations theorists can be so easily placed into such schools or traditions. Having established some of the historical background, this module then concerns itself with the last such debate and the rise of contemporary approaches under the ‘post-positivist’ umbrella. The module looks at the competing claims of constructivism, post-structuralism and critical theory as well as considering the challenges posed by Marxist, feminist and normative approaches.
TAUGHT MODULES (CONT)

**International Security in a Changing World**  
*Module code: PO916*

The purpose of this module is to develop an understanding of the changing nature of international security studies. You explore the various contending approaches to international security from classical strategic thought to the laws of war, and place them within contemporary issues in international security such as post-conflict reconstruction, peacebuilding, non-proliferation, the changing nature of intelligence agencies and energy security.

**Key Issues in Comparative Politics**  
*Module code: PO953*

In this module you develop an advanced understanding of central questions in comparative politics. You examine questions that have been of enduring interest to comparative political scientists including the origins and influence of the state, the causes and consequences of authoritarian and democratic forms of government and variations within these regime types for governmental performance including the operation and function of key political institutions. As you engage with these questions you are also introduced to theoretical, conceptual and methodological questions and debates within comparative politics and will explore the interaction between economic, social, historical, political and institutional factors in explaining similarities and differences in the political development of nations.

**Negotiation and Mediation**  
*Module code: PO848*

The module focuses primarily on the practical as well as on the theoretical aspects of negotiation and mediation, or more broadly third party intervention in conflicts. It gives you an overview of the main problems involved in negotiation and mediation (broadly defined). You also have the opportunity to work individually and in groups on case studies and material related to the resolution of conflicts.

The negotiation section of the course is designed to teach practical negotiating skills, and
is mainly taught using the Harvard Negotiation Project method. This is based on the premise that individuals can and do impact upon the outcome of international negotiations, which should not just be thought of in the abstract as between “governments” or “parties” or “businesses”. As well as discussing useful tools, you have an opportunity in class to make use of these tools in role plays and short written assignments. The emphasis is very much on learning through practical experience. The second section of the module concentrates on third party intervention in international conflicts and, in particular, on mediation and problem-solving techniques. This also gives you experience of working in small groups on a practical issue in the area of third party problem solving by examining one case in depth through a simulation exercise.

Philosophy and Methodology of Politics and International Relations
Module code: PO825

Students of politics “have not been, in general, sufficiently reflective about the nature and scope of their discipline. They just do it rather than talk about it”. (G Stoker)

Given that political scientists study people – individuals, groups, states, nations, cultures – rather than ‘things’, this module assumes that politics students ought to be reflective about their research. It provides an opportunity for reflection by presenting some of the key theoretical and methodological debates in political science. These debates deal with issues such as the nature of justification in social and political enquiry, the distinction between causal explanation and interpretative understanding, the role of ‘language’ in social enquiry, the historical and philosophical meaning of ‘science’, and the importance of ethical and normative questions in social and political science.

Quantitative Methodology for Political Science
Module code: PO8100

This module is designed for graduate students in political science and serves as an introduction to quantitative methods for social science research. Given that the majority of the highest level research in political science is conducted in the language of quantitative methodology, you learn how to use quantitative research methods as a tool to further your research and participation in debates of the social sciences. You are also introduced to the means for conducting rigorous, empirical, and quantitative research in social science fields and learn how this methodology adheres to the scientific accumulation of knowledge about these phenomena. You develop core competencies in quantitative research including: methodological literacy (the ability to read, understand and critically assess quantitative research); statistical abilities (the ability to determine, apply and use the appropriate statistical techniques to inform and/or support an argument as well as understand the limitations of statistical techniques); and research skills (the ability to use and present quantitative methodology to address a research question).

Resistance and Alternatives to Capitalism and Democracy
Module code: PO817

This module is situated at the interface of political theory and political economy. It seeks to explore the complex and multifaceted links between democracy and capitalism in the period from 1848 to the present day. The particular focus is on relations between the state and the market as well as the evolution of different democratic regimes and market economies. Similar emphasis is placed on conceptual issues and empirical evidence (though no statistical or econometric skills are required).

Resistance and the Politics of Truth
Module code: PO942

‘The truth will set you free’ is a maxim that is central to both theories and practices of resistance. It is a claim that has, nonetheless, come under fire from a wide array of critical perspectives not the least of which are those of the post-structuralist and post-foundational political philosophies that emerged
during the second half of the 20th century and that continue to inspire admiration and condemnation in almost equal measure. In this module, post-structuralist refers to a body of work produced primarily in France since the 1960s that challenged our understanding of truth by developing the critique of humanism in ways that emphasised the contingent nature of meaning generating structures. The main representatives of this perspective covered are Michel Foucault and Gilles Deleuze. Post-foundationalism is a body of work that critically questions poststructuralist approaches to contingency while reinvigorating the concept of truth as a political force. The primary representative of this approach is Alain Badiou. Both perspectives have developed event-oriented philosophies – that view the category of the event as ontologically primary – but they have conceived of this in competing ways. A main theme of the module is how to understand the relationship between truth and politics as an event. In other words, what happens in practices of resistance?

Resistance in Theory
Module code: PO937

This module addresses the relationship between theories and practices of resistance from the perspective of theory. As such, it focuses on specific ideas and models that conceptualise and theorise resistance to political authority with a view to examining the following: the philosophical and political bases of resistance; the presuppositions that underpin theories of resistance; the appeal to alternative ideas and arrangements; and the tensions and possible contradictions that characterise such theories. In the first part of the module, the theme of resistance is explored in the history of political ideas, from Plato via patristic, medieval and modern thinkers to contemporary writings such as those of Alain Badiou. In the second part, the theme of resistance is related to different conceptions of the political and rival accounts of alternative arrangements to the prevailing order. As such, this module provides a strong grounding in theories of resistance that prepares you for the second core module on practices of resistance.

Rights, Freedoms and Individualism: Contemporary Liberalism in Question
Module code: PO592

Liberalism’s values, practices and institutions are now admired, emulated, invoked and desired in many parts of the world. In this module, we look at liberalism as a philosophy of politics by studying the work of some of its major contemporary exponents and detractors, including John Rawls, Will Kymlicka, Michael Sandel, Susan Moller Okin, and the post-structuralist criticisms from Michel Foucault.

States, Nations and Democracy
Module code: PO951

You gain an advanced understanding of the connections between statehood, nationality and democracy across time and place. First, you are introduced to and discuss the key concepts of state, nationality and democracy. You then chart the emergence of the modern state, its success in becoming the dominant form of political organisation vis-à-vis rival political formations, and its transformation into a national and democratic form
of political system. You then explore some key aspects of the formation, structuring, restructuring, and termination of states such as the unitary/federal dichotomy, processes of devolution, the challenge of secession, the question of the connections between the economic environment and the number and size of states, and the phenomenon of supra-state regional integration. Finally, you assess the challenges facing the democratic national state in the 21st century and their likely trajectory in the foreseeable future. By so doing, you are able to analyse the past, present and future of the democratic national state and its significance in contemporary politics.

Terrorism and National Security

Module code: PO917

This module develops an understanding of the complex relationships between terrorism, counter-terrorism, human rights and civil liberties, both at home and abroad. It provides you with an analysis of the different approaches to terrorism, including conventional terrorism studies, critical terrorism studies and policy-level approaches. It also comprises work on the competing definitions of, and theoretical approaches to, terrorism, state terrorism and security. The module includes case studies on: the Latin American National Security States; Northern Ireland; Israel-Palestine; responses to 9/11 in the US and UK and the consequences for civil liberties; intelligence in the ‘War on Terror’; terrorism and foreign policy – the case of Spain; and extraordinary rendition. The subjects studied are situated within the broader context of international relations and security theory, and are related to the ethical and legal challenges that terrorism and counter-terrorism pose.

Theories of Conflict and Violence

Module code: PO828

This module examines how conflict research has evolved within the field of political science. It initially investigates competing theories on conflict and violence, reviewing specific case studies and new security concerns. The theoretical reflections focus on different aspects of conflict, from interstate to intra-state. In each instance, various and contested concepts are discussed and analysed through an examination of social and political theory. The second part of the module looks at specific case studies and new security/strategic challenges facing the international community.
RESEARCH DEGREES

The School has a long tradition of high-quality research among its staff and students. The School’s vibrant research culture attracts staff and students from all over the world, who conduct research at the forefront of our discipline. The breadth of expertise within the School enables us to provide research supervision on a very wide range of topics across politics and international relations.

Research students can specialise in one of the following four areas:
- Comparative Politics
- International Conflict Analysis
- International Relations
- Political and Social Thought.

Our research programmes are offered in different formats, but the underlying principle is always the same: as a research student, you work on a topic of your choice under the guidance of a supervisor or supervisory team and produce a thesis which is submitted for assessment.

Master of Arts by Research (MA-R)
This programme, which can be taken on a one-year full-time basis or over two years part-time, is the shortest research degree available. You are expected to research and write a thesis of up to 40,000 words, which demonstrates your ability to conduct an independent study and to understand its relationship to a wider field of study.

Master of Philosophy (MPhil)
The MPhil is a two-year full-time or three-year part-time programme. You are expected to research and write a thesis of up to 56,000 words. A successful MPhil thesis must meet the same criteria as the thesis for the MA by Research and Thesis.

In addition, it must normally provide a more comprehensive and thorough overview of the relevant area of research. As an MPhil student, you are also expected to reach a higher degree of specialisation in your research.

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) remains the flagship programme among our research degrees and is available as either a three-year full-time or five-year part-time programme. You are expected to research and write a thesis of between 80,000 and 100,000 words, which makes an original contribution to the field under investigation and is of a publishable standard.
Choosing a research topic
Each research project is unique, requiring specialised and individual supervision of the student concerned. Because of the importance of expert supervision, we accept applications only where it is clear that appropriate supervision can be provided. For details on how to write a good research proposal, see the relevant pages in our Postgraduate Research Handbook at www.kent.ac.uk/politics/postgraduates/research-programmes/PGR-13-14.pdf

Supervision
Supervisors give guidance on the nature of research and the standard of work expected, and on relevant literature and sources, as well as the mechanics of undertaking research, including fieldwork, and the preparation of the written thesis. You are required to meet your supervisors regularly, to agree upon a schedule of work and to produce high-quality written work for comment. Our Postgraduate Research Handbook explains in more detail how the supervisor-supervisee relationship is structured and what supervisor and supervisee can expect from each other.

Research strengths
Our four University accredited research centres function as the key organisational pillars for research activities within the School. Beneath these centres sit a number of research groups, most notably the Comparative Politics Group, which feed into the research centres and have a more specific subject-related focus. The following research centres bring together several researchers and constitute areas of particular strength within the School.

Conflict Analysis Research Centre
The Conflict Analysis Research Centre (CARC) is a multidisciplinary and multi-site faculty research centre. It is a centre of excellence in the study of conflict, developing original theory and analysis of conflicts. It also draws on the expertise of other schools within the University.

The Centre carries on a long-standing Kent tradition of first-hand academic involvement in current world issues by assisting parties in conflict through consultancy and analysis to identify creative and transformative options to reach workable agreements.

The interests of CARC staff encompass peace and conflict resolution as well as security studies, critical terrorism studies and human rights research.

Global Europe Centre
The Global Europe Centre (GEC) is a thriving interdisciplinary research community made up of academics from across the University, and its learning centres and transnational campuses. Our research focuses on the study of Europe and its role in the world, its member states and the wider neighbourhood, with academic expertise ranging from politics, history, economics and business, law, modern European languages and international relations.

GEC research is policy-relevant and interdisciplinary. The GEC team has a strong track record of engagement with policymakers and informing decision making in London and in Brussels. Research is also widely disseminated through publications, knowledge transfer workshops, conferences and events.

The Centre has a strong commitment to the creation of the next generation of ideas innovators and policymakers. We run high-level consultancy and professional development programmes as well as learning, teaching and knowledge exchange activities, and a Global Europe Student Forum.

Centre for Federal Studies
The focus of the Centre’s activities is not only the established federations, such as the United States, Canada, Australia, Switzerland, Germany and Austria but also the European Union as an emergent federal union, together
with those parts of the world where federal arrangements have the practical possibility to promote peace, justice and stability.

The scope of federal studies is broad and includes those who are interested in comparative federalism, federalism as political theory and philosophy, federalism as conflict management and federalism as constitutional democracy.

The work of the Centre is consonant with world trends that indicate a renaissance of federal ideas, proposals and practices appropriate to the new age of justice as the recognition of difference, diversity and human rights.

Centre for Critical Thought
The Centre for Critical Thought (CCT) aims to consolidate, sustain and develop cutting-edge research on critically oriented theory within the humanities and social sciences. Research within the CCT focuses on the nature and scope of critical thought from an intrinsically interdisciplinary perspective.

This commitment to critique that traverses the humanities and social sciences is reflected in the Centre’s background and activities. Founded on the shared interest in contemporary continental thought of colleagues in the School of Politics and International Relations, Kent Law School and the School of European Culture and Languages (Italian), the CCT provides a platform for seminars, workshops and lectures that explore the frontiers of modern European philosophy, critical legal theory, political and social thought, psychoanalytic theory, theatre studies, film studies, and social anthropology.

Research environment
Our research programmes provide a combination of formal research training and individual supervision within a supportive environment, with regular interaction between staff and students.

Research seminars and conferences
The School runs a weekly Graduate Research Training Seminar, where students are encouraged to present their work and receive feedback from peers and staff. Training is also offered through the Seminar to help prepare research students for careers in academia. Such training includes sessions on publishing academic work, research ethics, effective presentations, undertaking fieldwork and surviving the PhD viva.

As a research student, you enjoy regular meetings with your supervisor and supervisory team, and are also given opportunities to collaborate with other members of staff through the staff research seminar and the activities of the three research groups. You are encouraged to participate in the annual postgraduate research conference, during which various staff members discuss the work of research students, and outside speakers offer plenary lectures.
You are also strongly encouraged to attend the staff research seminar, which is an exciting forum for the exchange of ideas between academics within and beyond the School on their most recent research and publications. The Visiting Speaker Programme provides a further opportunity to engage with cutting-edge research across the discipline. You also benefit from access to the national and international research networks relevant to your research.

**Transferable skills training**

During the first year, all research students receive training in research methods and practice, while also working on their projects under the supervision of a specialist in the relevant research area. All members of staff can supervise theses leading to research degrees.

Research students also benefit from the skills training offered by the University’s Graduate School, such as the Researcher Development Programme – see www.kent.ac.uk/graduateschool for details.

**Postgraduate research facilities and resources**

Postgraduate research students have their own study area and common room. There is a designated room with 12 computer terminals, which is reserved for Politics research students. As a research student, you are also eligible for a conference allowance.

**Further information**

We encourage potential research students to refer to our Postgraduate Research Handbook for detailed information at www.kent.ac.uk/politics/postgraduates/research-programmes/PGR-13-14.pdf.
The School of Politics and International Relations now comprises 30 academic staff. Among them are several scholars who have helped shape the discipline, and younger colleagues whose academic reputation is rapidly rising. For further details of all academic staff, see www.kent.ac.uk/politics/about-us/staff

**Dr Ruth Blakeley**

Reader in International Relations

**Core expertise**

US foreign policy; US-Latin American relations; state terrorism; human rights.

**Main publications**


**Professor Michael Burgess**

Professor of Federal Studies

**Core expertise**

Federal political theory and philosophy; comparative federalism; Canadian constitutional politics; European integration.

**Main publications**


**Professor Feargal Cochrane**

Professor in International Conflict Analysis

**Core expertise**

Conflict studies; Northern Ireland conflict; Irish American diaspora

**Main publications**


**Dr Govinda Clayton**

Lecturer in International Conflict Analysis

**Core expertise**

International conflict and cooperation; mediation; negotiation, intra-state conflict and resolution; mathematical and statistical models, research design and methodology.

**Main publications**


**Dr Philip Cunliffe**

Senior Lecturer in International Conflict

**Core expertise**

IR theory; sovereignty; peacekeeping; liberal interventionism; Marxism and critical theory; political theory; social theory.
Main publications

Dr Paolo Dardanelli
Senior Lecturer in Comparative Politics
Core expertise
Comparative European politics; constitutional politics and decision-making in the EU; comparative federalism and confederalism.

Main publications

Dr Andrea den Boer
Senior Lecturer in International Relations
Core expertise
Human rights and ethics; international political theory; continental political philosophy; feminism.

Main publications

Dr Charles Develennes
Lecturer in Political and Social Thought
Core expertise
History of political thought; political theory; international relations theory.

Main publications

Dr Frank Grundig
Lecturer in International Relations
Core expertise
Power, interests and institutions; regime and rational actor theory; international environmental politics; hegemonic leadership.

Main publications

Dr Toni Haastrup
Lecturer in International Security
Core expertise
Human security discourses; gender and feminist international relations; new institutionalist approaches to change in security institutions; regional security (EU external relations and African peace and security architecture).

Main publications

Dr Sarah Hyde
Senior Lecturer in Politics and International Relations of East Asia
Core expertise
Party politics; electoral systems; participation, democracy; e-voting; Japanese politics.

Main publications

Dr Anne Hammerstad
Lecturer in International Relations
Core expertise
Displacement and security; securitisation theory; the UNHCR; conflict and security in Africa.

Main publications
Professor Elena Korosteleva
Professor of International Politics
Core expertise
European politics; European Union studies; eastern partnership and the new eastern Europe

Main publications

Dr Pak Kuen Lee
Senior Lecturer in Chinese Politics and International Relations
Core expertise
Chinese politics; non-traditional security threats in China (especially energy security and public health security); China’s engagement with global governance.

Main publications

Dr Ersun Kurtulus
Lecturer in Middle Eastern Politics
Core expertise
State sovereignty; Lebanese politics; collapsed states; international relations of the Middle East; counter-terrorism.

Main publications

Professor Donna Lee
Professor of International Political Economy and Diplomacy
Core expertise
Africa in international economic and trade negotiations; small states in the international political economy; diplomatic theory and practice

Main publications

Dr Neophytos Loizides
Senior Lecturer in International Conflict Analysis
Core expertise
Divided societies, South-East Europe; federalism and consociationalism; refugee/settler conflict resolution models; transitional justice.

Main publications
Dr Matthew Loveless  
Senior Lecturer in Comparative Politics  
Core expertise  
Comparative and European politics; political behaviour and attitudes.  

Main publications  

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Dr Luca Mavelli  
Lecturer in Politics and International Relations  
Core expertise  
Religion, secularity and postsecularity in international politics; international relations theory; security and political violence; subjectivity and the body; torture.  

Main Publications  

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Dr Iain MacKenzie  
Senior Lecturer in Politics  
Core expertise  
Critical political theory and philosophy.  

Main publications  

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Dr Seán Molloy  
Reader in International Relations  
Core expertise  
International relations theory; international political theory; international ethics.  

Main publications  

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Dr Edward Morgan-Jones  
Lecturer in Comparative Politics  
Core expertise  
Parliamentary and semi-presidential regimes; Cabinet composition and termination; West and East European politics.  

Main publications  

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Dr Jane O’Mahony  
Senior Lecturer in European Politics  
Core expertise  
European integration; EU policymaking; Europeanisation; Irish politics.  

Main publications  
Dr Adrian Pabst  
Senior Lecturer in Politics  
Core expertise  
The complex links between democracy, capitalism and religion, with a focus on sovereignty; geo-economics and geo-politics; European traditions of federalism and the import of Christian social teaching.  
Main publications  

Dr Stefan Rossbach  
Senior Lecturer in Politics  
Core expertise  
Political theory and methodology; history of political philosophy; religion and politics.  
Main publications  

Professor Richard Sakwa  
Professor of Russian and European Politics  
Core expertise  
Russian government and politics; communism and postcommunism; democratisation.  
Main publications  

Dr Ben Seyd  
Lecturer in British and Comparative Politics  
Core expertise  
Political institutions; electoral systems; public attitudes to the state; British politics.  
Main publications  

Dr Harmonie Toros  
Lecturer in International Conflict Analysis  
Core expertise  
Conflict resolution; conflict transformation; terrorism studies.  
Main publications  

Professor Richard Whitman  
Professor of Politics and International Relations  
Core expertise  
European Union foreign and security policy; EU member states foreign policies; European integration processes.  
Main publications  
The European Union as a Global Conflict Manager (forthcoming); Normative Power Europe: Empirical and Theoretical Perspectives (2011); The European Neighbourhood Policy in Perspective: Context, Implementation and Impact (2010).

Dr Andrew Wroe  
Lecturer in American Politics  
Core expertise  
Direct democracy; trust in politics; immigration; race/ethnicity; American politics and government.  
Main publications  
**General entry requirements**

If you wish to apply to one of our postgraduate degree programmes, you must normally have a first or second class honours degree in a relevant or appropriate subject, or the equivalent from an internationally recognised institution (for more information on requirements for international qualifications, visit www.kent.ac.uk/internationalstudent/country).

**English language**

The University requires all non-native speakers of English to reach a minimum standard of proficiency in written and spoken English before beginning a postgraduate degree. Minimum standards: IELTS – 6.5, including 6.0 in reading and writing and 5.5 in speaking and listening; internet-based TOEFL – 90 including 22 in reading, 21 in writing, 21 in listening and 23 in speaking; Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic) – 62, including 60 in all four subtests.

If you do not reach the required standard, you can apply for one of our pre-sessional courses. For further information, please see www.kent.ac.uk/cewl

Only English language tests taken up to a maximum of two years prior to the date of registration will be accepted for admission to the University. Please note that if your university studies have been completed entirely in English, you may be exempt from providing an English test certificate, but we will need to see evidence of this. Please contact the International Development office for clarification (see www.kent.ac.uk/internationalstudent/contact.html)

**How to apply**

You can apply via the University’s website at www.kent.ac.uk/courses/postgrad/apply. If you do not have access to the web, please contact the Recruitment and Admissions Office for advice.

All applications should include:

- application form
- official transcript: this must be certified as an original copy by the issuing institution and sent to the University of Kent directly from the issuing institution. It must show the class of the degree for UK students, the final GPA for students in the US system or the final examination results for students in other systems
- two letters of reference: references must be originals and they must be in English. They can be submitted online. The references should normally be from teachers who are familiar with your academic achievement and suitability for postgraduate study. In some circumstances, such as mid-career professionals, references from your line manager can also be accepted
- evidence of proficiency in English, as specified left, where applicable. For applicants whose level of English is not at this level, the University offers pre-sessional language courses.
If you are applying for a research degree, you are also required to submit an outline of approximately 1,500 words of the research project you wish to undertake.

All supporting application materials must be sent to the Recruitment and Admissions Office.

You can send this information by fax to: +44 (0)1227 827077, by scanned attachment to: admissionspg@kent.ac.uk or by post to: Recruitment and Admissions Office, The Registry, University of Kent, Canterbury, Kent CT2 7NZ, UK

**Deadlines**

You can apply for our postgraduate programmes at any time. However, if you are applying for a programme that begins in September, we recommend that you submit your application by the end of July.

**Tuition fees**

For the most up-to-date information on tuition fees, please visit www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/fees

**Contacts**

If you have enquiries in relation to a specific programme, please contact:
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**Data protection:** for administrative, academic and health and safety reasons, the University needs to process information about its students. Full registration as a student of the University is subject to your consent to process such information.

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We hold Open Days and postgraduate events throughout the year. For more details, see www.kent.ac.uk/opendays

Student profile photograph: Clare Saunders
European connections
Kent is known as the UK’s European university. Our two main UK campuses, Canterbury and Medway, are located in the south-east of England, close to London, and we also have study locations in Brussels, Paris, Athens and Rome.

We have a diverse, cosmopolitan population with 149 nationalities represented. We also have strong links with universities in Europe. From Kent, you are around two hours away from Paris and Brussels by train.

World-leading research
A great deal of the University of Kent’s research has been ranked as world-leading in terms of originality, significance and rigour, according to the Government’s most recent Research Assessment Exercise (RAE, 2008). Kent staff were found to be engaged in research of international and world-class standing.

Strong academic community
Kent’s postgraduate students are part of a thriving intellectual community. In addition to lectures, seminars and supervision, you benefit from a rich and stimulating research culture. We have also invested in Woolf College, a modern facility on the Canterbury campus dedicated to postgraduates, which combines accommodation with academic and social space.

A global outlook
Kent has a great international reputation, attracting academic staff and students from around the world. Our academic schools are engaged in collaborative research with universities worldwide and we offer a range of opportunities to study abroad and an approach that is truly global.

The Graduate School
As a postgraduate student, you also have the support of the Graduate School, which promotes your academic interests, coordinates the Researcher Development Programme and the Global Skills Award, and facilitates cross-disciplinary interaction and social networking.

Funding
Kent provides a variety of financial support opportunities for postgraduate students. These range from research studentships, location-specific funding, sport and music scholarships, and funding specifically for overseas fee-paying students. For further information, see www.kent.ac.uk/pgfunding

Enhanced career prospects
At Kent, we want you to be in a good position to face the demands of a tough economic environment. During your studies, you acquire a high level of academic knowledge and specialist practical skills. We also help you to develop key transferable skills that are essential within the competitive world of work.

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