MA ANCIENT HISTORY/ROMAN HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY (WITH A TERM IN ROME)

Canterbury and Rome
INTRODUCTION

Focusing on Rome and the cities of the Roman Empire, Kent’s exciting new taught MA programmes in Ancient History, and Roman History and Archaeology allow you to spend your academic year in two great locations: Canterbury and Rome. You study the monuments and artefacts of ancient Rome at first hand, visiting relevant sites and museums, with options to study site conservation and museum presentation as well as the history of the city.

Why choose these programmes?

• Acquire a valuable postgraduate qualification in 12 months, sharing the academic year between two great cities
• Develop your analytical and communication skills while enhancing your CV and your international credentials
• Join vibrant postgraduate communities at the University of Kent in Canterbury and at the American University of Rome
• Work with a team of expert academics
• Experience the culture, history and local communities in Canterbury and Rome
• In Rome, use the research resources and other opportunities offered by major libraries and museums

About the programmes

You choose one of the following programmes of study according to your interests:

• Ancient History with a Term in Rome MA
• Roman History and Archaeology with a Term in Rome MA.

Both MA programmes have a firm focus on research training that will place you in a strong position for further study for a PhD or for careers outside academia that require research skills.

During the first term, all students take Research Skills in Ancient History and one other module.

In the second term, all students take the core module Rome – The Imperial City and choose one other module. The core module revolves around two days of site or museum visits each week, with a lecture to introduce the sites and museums, and a seminar to discuss what you have learnt from the visits.

Over the course of your first term in Canterbury and the second term in Rome, you will discuss with the course director your ideas and plans for your 15,000-word dissertation. The writing of the dissertation takes place in the summer with completion in August.

Assessment is primarily by coursework and the dissertation.

Academic outcomes

These MA programmes with a term in Rome are designed to develop your knowledge of antiquity and, in particular, emphasise the role of on-site observation backed by desk-based learning. As a whole, the programmes enhance your cultural knowledge and personal development. Through the taught modules and independent research for the dissertation, you are encouraged to fulfil your analytical, creative and communicative potential, all of which are key skills valued by employers in the modern job market.
Studying in two countries has been demonstrated to enhance your career prospects. At the end of the year, you will have an internationally recognised qualification and be able to prove to prospective employers that you are an enterprising individual and can rise to the challenge of living and working in an international environment.

Students wishing to follow an academic pathway will have gained the research skills that they require to undertake a PhD.

Two magnificent locations
You spend your first term at our main campus overlooking the Roman and Medieval city of Canterbury, just an hour from London. The second term is based in Rome, at the campus of the American University of Rome, where you study the sites and museums of ancient Rome. All teaching is in English. In the final term, you complete your MA by writing a dissertation on a research topic defined in collaboration with your supervisor.

Impressive career prospects
Kent has an excellent postgraduate employment record: over 90% of our postgraduate students who graduated in 2012 found a job or further study opportunity within six months.

Key facts
- 12-month programmes
- Taught in English
- Based at the University of Kent's main campus in Canterbury, less than an hour from London by train
- The spring term is spent in Rome, studying at the American University of Rome
- Dedicated teaching facilities at both locations
- Ongoing programme of cultural and social events
- Full academic guidance and pastoral support

“I visited Rome for the first time as a student and the experience changed who I was. I created these programmes to share the experience of studying in Rome with a new generation of students.”

Ray Laurence
Professor of Roman History and Archaeology
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Excellent teaching
The University’s Department of Classical & Archaeological Studies, part of the School of European Culture and Languages, contains a group of exceptionally devoted and talented teachers. According to the 2012 National Student Survey, teaching in classics and archaeology at Kent was ranked in the top five in the UK.

Expert staff
Roman Studies is one of the Department’s core areas of research and teaching, with seven members of academic staff having published widely on Roman history and archaeology.

The Department has research projects based on archaeological fieldwork, the study of artefacts, the study of inscriptions and the study of papyri, as well as the study of history and literature.

Roman history
The Department is home to several high-profile Roman historians. Arthur Keaveney is well known for his work on the Roman Republic. Csaba La’da is a papyrologist and has published widely on Roman Egypt. Patricia Baker researches the subject of Roman Medicine. Ray Laurence, Director of Programmes in Rome, is well known for his work on the Roman city, Roman roads, Pompeii and the Roman family. He is currently working on a new book on the city of Rome.

Roman artefacts
A key specialism at Kent is the study of Roman artefacts with both Ellen Swift and Steve Willis pioneering new techniques. The purchase of 3D laser scanning equipment has provided us with a new technology with which to undertake new research. Patricia Baker’s work on medical instruments adds a further dimension.

Late antiquity
The study of late antiquity has been pioneered by Luke Lavan, who is Director of Kent’s Centre for Late Antique Archaeology. He has also excavated at Ostia Antica to reveal a new understanding of that city in late antiquity.

Latin literature
Latin literature is the focus of the work by Karla Pollmann, Dunstan Lowe and Adam Bartley. Anne Alwis brings the addition of Byzantine literature to the Department.

Academic staff
- Dr Anne Alwis
- Dr Patricia Baker
- Dr Adam Bartley
- Dr Efrosyni Boutsikas
- Dr Arthur Keaveney
- Dr Evangelos Kyriakidis
- Dr Csaba La’da
- Dr Sophia Labadi
- Professor Ray Laurence
- Dr Luke Lavan
- Dr Dunstan Lowe
- Professor Karla Pollmann
- Dr Kelli Rudolph
- Dr Ellen Swift
- Dr Steve Willis
STUNNING LOCATIONS: CANTERBURY

Canterbury is a beautiful and cosmopolitan city with a rich heritage and vibrant culture.

It was the Roman town of Durovernum Cantiacorum and became the Christian capital of England in the Middle Ages. The world-famous Cathedral, St Augustine’s Abbey and St Martin’s Church form the core of the UNESCO World Heritage Site, attracting millions of tourists every year. There are also four museums in the city, including the Canterbury Roman Museum, and as the closest UK city to continental Europe, Canterbury offers easy access to three of Europe’s capital cities: London, Paris and Brussels.

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

Resources and facilities
The campus is self-contained, which means you are within walking distance of all the excellent facilities on offer, including: the Templeman Library with its extensive holdings and specialist collections in the areas of ancient history and archaeology; the Graduate School; high-quality IT facilities; designated study spaces; free-access computer areas; Students’ Union; the Sports Centre; the Medical Centre; a theatre and cinema; shops, restaurants, cafés and bars.

Wooll College is a multimillion-pound development on the Canterbury campus exclusively dedicated to postgraduate students. It combines residential accommodation with teaching facilities and social space, with six seminar rooms and a 496-seat lecture theatre.

Canterbury city centre is only 20 minutes’ walk from the campus and on a direct bus route.

Student support
All postgraduates have the opportunity to undertake subject-specific training organised by the Department and the School of European Culture and Languages.

The Graduate School co-ordinates the Researcher Development Programme which includes workshops focused on research, specialist and transferable skills, and also delivers training opportunities specifically designed to consolidate your awareness of current global issues and improve your employment prospects.

Students are able to participate in social and research events organised by individual subjects across the Faculty of Humanities and gain experience by mounting their own independent seminar programme to discuss work in progress. The Graduate School also provides many opportunities for postgraduate students to meet and socialise, and supports student-led initiatives such as social events, conferences and workshops.
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We hold Open Days and postgraduate events throughout the year. For more details, see www.kent.ac.uk/opendays
STUNNING LOCATIONS: ROME

Rome is much more than a site of study – it is arguably the cultural capital of Europe.

Walking in Rome, you not only study the ancient sites, such as the Colosseum, the Pantheon and the Roman Forum, but also see the development of the city over time. There is the Rome of mythology, the Rome of the Republic, the Rome of the Emperors, but also later Romes: of Medieval pilgrimage, of the Risorgimento (unification of Italy), of Mussolini and Fascism, and of the more recent past. More importantly, you experience life in the Rome of today.

Student life
In Rome, we are based at the campus of the American University of Rome, which has a long tradition of pairing intellectual rigour with the unique opportunity to use its location in the Eternal City as its classroom.

Situated in the picturesque district of Monteverde, with a wide range of shops and amenities close by, the campus is within walking distance to Rome’s historic centre and the city’s extensive array of Roman sites, monuments and museums.

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

Rome is home to a large number of other universities and academic institutions, many of which are dedicated to the study of antiquity. Most institutions hold conferences and seminars that are open to all and the library resources of Rome are truly exceptional. The Biblioteca di Archeologia e Storia dell’Arte (The Library of Archaeology and Art History) in Palazzo Venezia holds a specialised collection of books and journals. The Libraries of the American Academy, the Finnish Institute and the Norwegian Institute (all close to the American University of Rome) have specialist collections in the study of antiquity. There is also the library of the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCCROM) in Trastevere, which is dedicated to the preservation of cultural heritage worldwide through training, information, research, co-operation and advocacy programmes. To the north of the historic centre, there is the library of the British School at Rome, which holds specialist collections in Italian archaeology and ancient history.

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

Entry requirements
A first or upper second class honours degree in ancient history, ancient history and archaeology, anthropology, classical and archaeological studies or another relevant subject (or the equivalent).

Making an application
You can apply for a Kent higher degree online via our website at www.kent.ac.uk/courses/postgrad/gradapply.html

If you do not have access to the web, please contact the Recruitment and Admissions Office at the address on the opposite page to request a paper application form.

There is no fixed closing date for applications although we recommend you make your formal application as early as possible and at least three months before your intended start date. Most coursework degrees begin in September each year.

English language requirements
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. 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. Our current minimum English language requirements are as follows: British Council IELTS with a score of 6.5 (including 6.0 in reading and writing); TOEFL internet-based test with a score of 90 (including 22 in reading and 21 in writing); or Pearson Test of English (Academic) with a score of 62 (including 60 in all four subtests).

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

Accommodation
• In Canterbury: University of Kent on-campus accommodation
• In Rome: by arrangement with the American University of Rome in a shared flat with other students

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Terms and conditions: the University reserves the right to make variations to the content and delivery of courses and other services, or to discontinue courses and other services, if such action is reasonably considered to be necessary. If the University discontinues any course, it will endeavour to provide a suitable alternative. To register for a programme of study, all students must agree to abide by the University Regulations (available online at: www.kent.ac.uk/regulations).

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

We have a diverse, cosmopolitan population with 140 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). 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 residential 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, co-ordinates 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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