JUNIOR YEAR ABROAD (JYA) 2015

A guide for international students
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Kent calendar

Welcome Week 21 September – 27 September 2015
Autumn term 28 September – 18 December 2015
Spring term 18 January – 8 April 2016
Summer term 9 May – 17 June 2016
WELCOME TO KENT

The UK is the number one study abroad destination for many students from around the world. Studying at Kent, one of the UK’s top 20 universities, expands your horizons, enhances your studies and gives you the chance to gain insight into another culture.

Consistently within the top 10 of UK universities for student satisfaction (National Student Survey) and one of the world’s top universities under 50 years old (Times Higher Education ‘100 Under 50’), Kent offers a unique experience for your Junior Year Abroad.

Based in beautiful locations in south-east England, we provide an attractive, friendly and safe environment for your studies. Our campuses are less than an hour from London and also within easy reach of continental Europe. Our academic schools produce world-leading research which underpins all of our teaching so you can be sure that you are benefiting from the very latest theories and techniques. In the UK, academic staff usually teach both lectures and seminars, so you have the opportunity to get to know your professors well and to discuss questions with academics who are leaders in their area.

Spending a year or a semester abroad doesn’t have to delay your expected graduation date. With careful planning, you can complete your studies in the same time as you would if you stayed at home for your full degree. And, in a competitive global job market, employers value graduates with study abroad experience who have proved that they can succeed in a different environment. A year or a semester at Kent tells employers that you are independent and will make the most of every opportunity.

If you are planning to go to graduate school, a study abroad experience will prepare you for the more independent nature of postgraduate studies. Your studies at Kent can also provide you with a different perspective on your chosen subject and open up new avenues of academic thought.

Studying abroad is also about developing your self-confidence and having fun. It enables you to gain an understanding of another culture, make lifelong friends from a wide variety of backgrounds and benefit from what is truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

"Kent goes out of its way to make students feel welcome and I was delighted with the entire experience. The academic support was amazing and there was always something going on. It was the experience of a lifetime.”

Heather Kissinger
USA
A LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE

Spending a year or a semester at Kent is a chance to study at the UK’s European university. With great facilities and stunning locations, your time at Kent can provide an experience you’ll remember for the rest of your life.

High academic standards
One of the UK’s top 20 universities (The Guardian University Guide, 2015), we have some of the best teaching staff in the country. In the most recent, 2013, National Student Survey, we received a rating of 90% for overall satisfaction, and our academics have been regularly awarded National Teaching Fellowships.

Kent’s excellent performance in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise (RAE 2008) confirmed our commitment to research: 97% of our staff work in schools undertaking world-leading research, which means that you will be taught by leading experts in your field.

Gain a British qualification
If you study for a full academic year at Kent, you could combine modules to make up a programme of study leading to a diploma. These diplomas are an opportunity to gain two recognised academic qualifications within the normal period of a single degree course. A diploma can also lead on to a BA or BSc honours degree or in some cases if you are suitably qualified, you can take the diploma as a pre-Master’s qualification to help you gain entry on to a postgraduate degree programme at Kent.

Excellent support and facilities
Our excellent facilities are available to all our students. Academic resources include a library with over a million books, periodicals and journals, well-equipped laboratories and studios, and a learning advisory service. Social facilities are equally good, with a range of cafés, bars, restaurants and other meeting places, sport and music, and a theatre, nightclub and cinema on the Canterbury campus. You also have access to a highly effective careers service, a medical service, counselling support and other student support services.

Great location
Our beautiful Canterbury campus is nestled in 300 acres of parkland overlooking Canterbury Cathedral, part of a World Heritage Site. Less than an hour by train from central London, and within easy reach of the coast and continental Europe, the campus is ideally situated and offers you the best of both worlds. Located in Kent in south-east England, millions of tourists visit the region every year. See p9 for more on our location.

A cosmopolitan community
With 149 nationalities represented at the University, Kent Union runs many national or regional societies such as the Japanese Society, the African Society, the Asian Society, and societies covering leisure interests such as anime, music, drama, photography, all kinds of sport, and even a Pirate Society. A multi-faith university, we have chaplains from the Anglican, Buddhist, Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, Methodist, Pentecostal and Quaker traditions, and our student societies celebrate a wide range of festivals including Chinese New Year, Thanksgiving and Diwali.

Campus accommodation
Students have the option of living in campus accommodation, which is no more than a few minutes’ walk from all the central facilities (see p7). This allows you to live in a student apartment, house or college, so you have the opportunity to make new friends from around the world.

All students, no matter where they live, belong to one of the colleges. Each has its own living, social, teaching and study facilities and is made up of students from different disciplines and nationalities. College Masters are part of a network of people, including course advisers, who have a responsibility for student welfare.
For pictures and online videos of our student accommodation, go to www.kent.ac.uk/accommodation
FIRST-CLASS CAMPUS FACILITIES

On our self-contained Canterbury campus, you have access to all the University resources, with everything you need to enjoy student life and help you in your studies.

Campus life is ideal for students from overseas as it provides a self-contained environment with everything in one place. The result is a lively and memorable living experience. In your spare time, you can enjoy the campus cinema and theatre and a range of bars and restaurants. The campus is home to a bank, shops and an award-winning student nightclub. The city centre is only a 25-minute walk away, and there’s a frequent bus service between campus and the city centre.

International Development

International students are an integral part of our student community. You can obtain advice and support from our International Development team throughout your studies. Whatever your query, we are here to help you.

Language tuition

Our Centre for English and World Languages provides support for students for whom English is not their first language. If necessary, these courses can help you to develop your English language and study skills so you meet the level of proficiency required for your chosen course of study.

Student accommodation

Accommodation on campus is either in colleges or in self-catered houses or flats. Colleges offer rooms on a ‘bed and breakfast’ basis or ‘bed and bistro’ basis (with breakfast and dinner). Self-catered houses or flats offer a shared kitchen and have between five and nine bedrooms. Over 50% of our accommodation is en suite.

Students who start their studies in September are given the option of living on campus, providing they make their application by the following deadline:
- September start 31 July

Students who would prefer to live off campus can find some useful information about local private sector accommodation at: www.kent.ac.uk/accommodation/canterbury/off-campus

Catering

The University provides a range of high-quality catering facilities from traditional dining halls to cafés, bistros, bars, shops and snack machines across campus. There is a considerable variety of food available, ranging from snacks to cooked meals, including vegetarian and halal options. National and international cuisine is also available.

Student Learning Advisory Service

The Student Learning Advisory Service (SLAS) offers training and information about writing essays, note taking, time management,
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dealing with exams, writing dissertations and many other skills. You can find information in the form of leaflets, web resources, personal support, groups and workshops.

Computing Service
The Computing Service provides extensive computing facilities. All students have their own email address and access to the internet. There are over 1,000 PCs on campus and wireless connection is available in all social and teaching areas. Within the University’s on-campus accommodation, each student bedroom has a high-speed internet connection.

Templeman Library
The Templeman Library contains over a million books, periodicals, pamphlets, audio tapes, videotapes, slides and microforms. The Library has 1,300 study places with over 300 PCs for students to use. By 2016, our new library extension will add 500 study spaces, a lecture theatre and exhibition space.

The Library website allows you to trace books and periodicals using the catalogue. It also offers access to a range of electronic resources, including online databases, ebooks, journals and newspapers, subject gateways and search engines, and CD-Rom databases.

Personal support services
Kent has a medical centre with doctors, a nursing service (open seven days a week during term time, and for emergencies after midnight) and a pharmacy. Other facilities include a Counselling Service, the Student Support and Wellbeing Service and a day nursery for children up to five years old. The Chaplaincy Team serves all the main Christian denominations and the Buddhist, Muslim and Jewish communities on campus.

Sport
At Kent you have the facilities to get involved in a wide range of sports. We have a modern well-equipped fitness suite (recently upgraded as part of a multi-million pound redevelopment), as well as a dance studio, badminton, tennis and squash courts, all-weather football and basketball pitches, plus a huge range of sports societies.

Student societies
Kent Union has over 100 student societies. Many are focused on international culture, such as the Afro-Caribbean, Asian, Chinese, German, Hellenic and Japanese societies. See www.kentunion.co.uk for more details.

“I chose the University of Kent for its location and size. I spotted a grocery store, a nightclub, several main buildings and lots of greenery all before arriving at check-in. Within minutes, I was making friends, with whom I was able to explore the city the next day. The University continues to offer great opportunities for its students and the city is always bustling and inviting.”

Aly Hess
USA
A STUNNING LOCATION

Canterbury is a beautiful and safe city with a rich heritage and vibrant culture. Home to the world-famous Canterbury Cathedral, the city attracts millions of tourists every year.

Canterbury is a relatively small city with a fun and friendly atmosphere, and medieval buildings nestled alongside modern shopping and entertainment outlets, restaurants and bars. Many of Canterbury’s residents are students as well, so you’ll meet lots of like-minded people.

Close to European cities

A huge bonus for students is that the city is so close to central London – the high-speed train service takes less than an hour. Paris and Brussels are also within easy reach. The Eurostar station at Ashford is a 15-minute train ride from Canterbury and the fast trains to Paris or Brussels take around two hours.

You can also get to continental Europe via ferry or the Channel Tunnel. Both are around a 20-minute train ride from Canterbury. The campus is close to two major airports: Gatwick is 90 minutes by car and Heathrow is two hours away.

The local region

The county of Kent is known as the ‘Garden of England’ with many villages, castles, walking and cycling trails, orchards and vineyards. Canterbury is well situated for access to famous locations such as Leeds Castle, Rochester (with its Dickens connections) and castles at Dover, Walmer and Deal. The county also offers miles of scenic coastline, with the nearest seaside town, Whitstable, offering a variety of water sports.
Our short-term programmes allow international students to spend a year or a semester at Kent.

These programmes offer students from different educational systems the opportunity to study and gain academic credit from a leading British university. Many students also gain a diploma for their studies.

Choice of study programmes

We offer a range of short-term programmes to suit your academic ability, your level of proficiency in English and the amount of time you would like to spend abroad. Our programmes are as follows:

Junior Year Abroad (JYA)

Students spend a full academic year at Kent and can choose their modules from a wide range of subjects. See p12 for details.

JYA diplomas

Students spend a full academic year at Kent. They study modules in their chosen subjects in order to gain a Kent diploma. See p14-21 for details.

JYA English PLUS

If you do not have the skills in English language to take our JYA, this programme offers English language tuition as well as academic studies. Students arrive at Kent in early May and leave either in December or April. See p22 for details.

Fall or spring semester

The semester programmes are similar to the Junior Year Abroad, except that students stay for a shorter period of time. See p13 for details.

Wide range of subjects

Within our short-term programmes, Kent offers modules in a range of academic subjects (see p25). You can take modules across more than one subject or specialise in a particular subject – such as history – and choose modules in that subject area.

All the modules on our short-term programmes are also offered on Kent’s undergraduate degree courses, where Stage 1 is the first year of full-time study, Stage 2 the second year and Stage 3 the third year.

Internationally recognised credits

All Kent’s study programmes divide into a number of modules, with a credit rating of 15, 30 or 45 credits. Your marks and your academic credits can be transferred to your home university – see p28 for details.

“I chose to study at Kent because I know that a lot of students come to study at this University from around the world. Studying abroad has been a great experience for me, meeting people from different cultures and countries.”

Mai Tsuruta
Japan
The JYA programme runs for the full academic year from September to June. It is aimed at native English speakers, or those with an excellent command of the English language.

Applicants need to demonstrate that their level of English is high enough to be able to study at degree level. See our entry requirements on p30 for details.

Choosing modules
The JYA programme allows you to choose from a wide range of modules at Kent. All JYA students take modules worth 120 credits, split over the autumn and spring terms. You can choose modules from Stages 1, 2 or 3 of any undergraduate degree, giving you a lot of flexibility in your studies. If you wish to take modules within a new subject area it is usually advisable to choose from the Stage 1 modules, which are at an introductory level. We also encourage students to select modules that form a coherent programme of study.

Please bear in mind that your choices will need to be approved by the relevant academic school. It is important that you choose your modules carefully, selecting topics that you are interested in and that are suitable for your level of academic knowledge.

Please turn to p26 for more information on choosing individual modules.

Gain a diploma
If you would like to take a more focused approach, you can choose modules from a specific subject that lead to an undergraduate diploma (see p14-p21).

Facts
Location
Canterbury campus.

Attendance
Autumn, spring and summer terms. See p2 for term dates.

Credits
120 credits in total: 60 credits during the autumn term and 60 credits during the spring term.

Modules
More information on modules is available within our online catalogue (see p26 for details). This catalogue can be used to help you choose your modules. When selecting modules, please bear in mind the following:

• Level: Certificate, Intermediate or Higher (offered at Stages 1, 2 or 3)
• Subjects: any undergraduate modules within the humanities, social sciences or sciences, subject to approval by the academic school
• Pre-requisites: these vary according to your chosen module. Please check to ensure that you have covered similar topics within your own studies.

Accommodation
See p7 for details.

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If you are not able to study at Kent for a full academic year, you could come for one semester. The semester programmes are aimed at native English-speaking students, or those with an excellent command of the English language.

The fall semester runs for three months from September to December (the autumn term at Kent). The spring semester runs from January to June (the spring and summer terms at Kent). Applicants need to show that their level of English is high enough to be able to study at degree level. See p30 for details of entry requirements.

Choosing modules
Students can choose modules from Stages 1, 2 or 3 of any undergraduate degree, giving you a lot of flexibility in your studies. If you wish to take a module within a new subject area, it is advisable to choose from the Stage 1 modules, which are at an introductory level. Please bear in mind that your choices will need to be approved by the academic school. It is important that you choose your modules carefully, selecting topics that you are interested in and that are suitable for your level of knowledge.

Examinations are held during the summer term. However, if you are coming to Kent for the fall semester (autumn term) only, and wish to choose a module that includes an examination, it may be possible for Kent to arrange an alternative form of assessment. Those students who are only attending the spring semester (the spring and summer terms at Kent) must sit examinations as there is no alternative form of assessment. Please contact us for details.

• Fall semester students choose modules worth 60 credits from those offered in the autumn term.
• Spring semester students choose modules worth 60 credits from those offered in the spring term and must stay for examinations in the summer term.

Please turn to p26 for information on choosing modules from our online catalogue.

Facts
Location
Canterbury campus.

Attendance
• Fall semester programme – you attend the autumn term
• Spring semester programme – you attend the spring and summer terms.
See p2 for term dates.

Credits
• Fall semester programme – students take 60 credits during the autumn term
• Spring semester programme – students take 60 credits during the spring term.

Modules
Our online catalogue can help you choose modules (see p24). When selecting modules, please bear in mind the following:
• Level: Certificate, Intermediate or Higher (offered at Stages 1, 2 or 3)
• Subjects: any undergraduate modules within the humanities, social sciences or sciences, subject to approval by the academic school
• Pre-requisites: these vary according to your chosen module. Please ensure that you have covered similar topics in your studies.

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If you are taking a Junior Year Abroad (JYA) and studying within the humanities, you have the opportunity to use your module credits to gain a Kent diploma.

The JYA diploma programmes are designed for international students. They last for a full academic year and provide an opportunity to gain another academic qualification in addition to your degree.

On completion of your undergraduate degree course, a diploma could help you gain entry on to a postgraduate course at Kent.

Within the Faculty of Humanities, the following subjects are available to study as diplomas:

- Architecture
- Classical & Archaeological Studies
- Comparative Literature
- Drama
- English and American Literature
- English, American and Postcolonial Literatures
- English Language and Linguistics
- Film
- French
- German
- Hispanic Studies
- History
- History and Archaeological Studies
- History & Philosophy of Art
- Italian (only as a combined-subject diploma)
- Philosophy
- Religious Studies.

Within a diploma, you can take 120 credits from your main subject (chosen from those listed above), or 90 credits from your main subject and 30 credits from other modules offered in the humanities.

The modules chosen must be Intermediate or Higher (Stage 2 or Stage 3). Diploma students in French, German, Italian or Spanish need to take a module in the relevant foreign language.

### Combined-subject diploma

It is also possible to gain a ‘combined-subject diploma’ in two of the academic subject areas listed (for example, a Diploma in Film and French). You choose 60 credits from each of your two chosen subjects. The modules must be Intermediate or Higher (Stage 2 or Stage 3). Diploma students in French, German, Italian or Spanish need to choose a module in the relevant foreign language.

### Choosing modules

It is important that you choose carefully, selecting modules that you are interested in and that are suitable for your level of academic knowledge. Please bear in mind your choices need to be approved by the relevant academic school. All modules listed on the catalogue are subject to availability.

The modules are typical of those offered on the programmes and may change year to year. See p24 for advice on choosing modules from our online catalogue.

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**Location**
Canterbury campus.

**Attendance**
Autumn, spring and summer terms. See p2 for term dates.

**Credits**
120 credits in total: 60 credits during the autumn term and 60 credits during the spring term.

**Modules**
More information on modules is available within our online catalogue (see p26 for details). This catalogue can be used to help you choose your modules. When selecting modules, please bear in mind the following:

- **Subjects**: for a single subject diploma, at least 90 credits must be in your chosen subject. For a combined subject diploma you take 60 credits in each subject.
- **Level**: modules should be chosen from those offered at Stages 2 or 3.
- **Prerequisites**: these vary according to your chosen module. Please check to ensure that you have covered similar topics within your own studies.

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JYA DIPLOMA IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

If you are taking a Junior Year Abroad (JYA) and studying within the social sciences, you have the opportunity to use your module credits to gain a Kent diploma.

The JYA diploma programmes are designed for international students and provide the opportunity to gain another academic qualification in addition to your degree. The programmes last for a full academic year. Once you have completed your undergraduate degree course, a diploma could help you to gain entry on to a postgraduate course at Kent.

Within the Faculty of Social Sciences, the following subjects are available to study as diplomas:
- Accounting & Finance
- Business Administration
- Economic Analysis
- Economics
- European Legal Studies
- Law
- Politics and International Relations
- Psychology
- Social Anthropology
- Social Policy
- Social Sciences.

Within a diploma, you take 120 credits, most of which are drawn from your chosen subject. The modules must be Intermediate or Higher (Stage 2 or Stage 3). Your option choices must be approved by your academic school.

Please bear in mind that the modules listed are subject to availability. The modules are typical of those offered on the programmes and may change year to year. See p24 on choosing modules from the catalogue.

Accounting & Finance
Modules may include:
- Financial Accounting
- Management Accounting
- Principles of Finance
- Strategic Management.

We may allow you to take a different combination of Stage 2 and Stage 3 modules in Accounting & Finance, if this is more appropriate to your interests and previous studies.

Please note: all modules include a formal examination and are only available to students who register for the full academic year. No alternative assessments are available.

Business Administration
Modules may include:
- Accounting for Management Control and Decision Making
- Contemporary Management Challenges
- Corporate and Business Strategy
- Financial Accounting, Reporting and Analysis
- Global Business Environment
- Introduction to Marketing
- Managing Human Resources in Contemporary Organisations
- Managing People
- Marketing Strategy
- Operations Management
- Service Management
- Strategy Analysis and Tools
- Strategic Human Resource Management.

You can choose up to 30 credits from other modules within Kent Business School; however there are some exceptions, so ask the School for advice. You can also choose an applied computing module, a European language module, or a module from elsewhere.

Economic Analysis
Modules may include:
- Macroeconomics
- Microeconomics
- Quantitative Economics
- Environmental Economics, Institutions and Policy
- Policy Analysis
- The Economics of Money and Banking
- The Public Sector.

Please note: all modules (apart from Policy Analysis) include a formal examination and are only available to students who register for the full academic year.

A pass at a sufficiently high level in this diploma may qualify you for admission on to one of the MSc programmes in Economics.

Economics
This programme is for students who have already taken modules in intermediate microeconomics, intermediate macroeconomics and quantitative economics. Your prior experience must be approved by academics within the School.

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Modules may include:
• Development Economics
• Econometrics 1: An Introduction to Modern Econometrics using Stata
• Econometrics 2: Topics in Time Series
• Economic Growth
• Economic Integration in the EU
• Economics of Finance 1
• Economics of Finance 2
• Economics of Gender, Children and the Family
• Economics of the Labour Market
• Games for Economics and Business
• Industrial Economics
• International Finance
• International Trade
• Microeconomics of Development
• Monetary Economics
• Public Economics
• World Economics and Financial History from the 19th Century.

You can choose up to 30 credits from other modules within the Faculty of Social Sciences. Ask your School for advice.

Please note: all modules include a formal examination and are only available to students who register for the full academic year.

Law
A total of 120 credits are required, of which at least 90 must be at Intermediate or Higher level. All 120 credits are normally obtained in Law modules. However, you can take up to 30 credits from another discipline with the approval of the Director of Studies. Some modules have pre-requisites: you may only take these modules if you can show that you have covered the material contained within the pre-requisite module.

You can choose up to 30 credits from Law modules offered at Stages 2 or 3, or non-Law modules with permission from the School.

Diploma in English Law
A minimum of 120 credits are required, of which at least 90 must be at Level I or above. All 120 credits are normally be obtained in Law modules. Please consult the relevant Director of Studies if you wish to take a non-Law module.

European Legal Studies
Modules may include:
• Comparative Law
• European Union Law
• Human Rights and English Law
• Introduction to Obligations
• Foundations of Property
• Public Law 1.

Please note that some Law modules have pre-requisites and you may only take those modules if you can show that you have covered the material contained within the pre-requisite module, with the approval of the Director of Studies.
Politics and International Relations

Modules may include:
• International Organisation: The UN System
• Comparative Politics: Dictatorship and Democracy
• Political Research and Analysis

You then choose 75 credits from the Stage 2 modules within Politics and International Relations.

Psychology

For details on module choices, please consult the School of Psychology.

Social Anthropology

Modules may include:
• Advanced Social Anthropology
• Anthropology and Development
• Anthropology and Language
• The Anthropology of Amazonia
• The Anthropology of Business
• The Anthropology of Gender
• The Anthropology of Health, Illness and Medicine
• Culture and Cognition
• Ethnographies
• The Ethnography of Central Asian Societies
• European Societies
• Evolution of Human Diversity
• Medicinal Plants, Traditional Healing, and Drug Discovery
• Sex, Evolution and Human Nature
• Social Computing
• South East Asian Societies
• Theoretical Perspectives in Social Anthropology
• Theoretical Topics in Social Anthropology.

Social Policy

This diploma is for students in social science subjects or in the area of public policy and social welfare. Modules may include:
• The Care and Protection of Children and Families
• Caring for Vulnerable Adults: Understanding Social Care
• Childhood, Society and Children’s Rights
• Criminal Justice in Modern Britain: Development, Issues and Politics
• Education, Training and Social Policy
• Health and Health Policy
• Mental Health
• Poverty, Inequality and Social Security
• Reproductive Health Policy in Britain
• The Social Politics of Food
• Social Research Methods
• Welfare in Modern Britain.

Social Sciences

You take 120 credits chosen with the advice of the academic school.

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Location
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Attendance
Autumn, spring and summer terms. See p2 for term dates.

Credits
120 credits in total: 60 credits during the autumn term and 60 credits during the spring term.

Modules
More information on your diploma modules is available within our online catalogue (see p26 for details). This catalogue can also be used to help you choose any optional modules. When selecting modules, please bear in mind the following:
• Subject: your diploma programme may ask you to choose modules within a particular subject area
• Level: modules should be chosen from those offered at Stages 2 or 3
• Pre-requisites: vary according to your chosen module. Please check to ensure that you have covered similar topics within your own studies.

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Once you have completed your undergraduate degree course, a diploma could help you to gain entry on to a postgraduate course at Kent.

Within a diploma, you take 120 credits, most of which are drawn from your chosen subject. The modules must be Intermediate or Higher (Stage 2 or Stage 3). Your option choices must be approved by your academic school.

Please bear in mind that the modules listed are subject to availability. The modules are typical of those offered on the programmes and may change year to year. See p24 on choosing modules from the catalogue.

Within the Faculty of Sciences, you can study for a diploma in:
- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Electronic Engineering

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Biochemistry or Biology
You can combine any of the Stage 2 and 3 modules offered by the School of Biosciences into a diploma course, subject to the approval of the academic school and provided there are no timetable clashes.

Chemistry
Modules may include:
- Analytical Chemistry
- Organic Reaction Mechanisms
- Chemical Identification Techniques
- Chemistry Research Project
- Fires and Explosions
- Forensic Archaeology
- Forensic Physical Methods
- Inorganic and Materials Chemistry

- Forensic Science
- Numerical, Statistical and Analytical Skills
- Polymeric and Organic Materials
- Thermodynamics and Kinetics.

Computer Science
Modules may include:
- Algorithms, Correctness and Efficiency
- Cognitive Neural Networks
- Computer Graphics and Animation
- Computer Networks and Communications
- Computer Security and Cryptography
- Computing Law and Professional Responsibility
- Database Systems
- Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery
- Electronic Commerce
- Functional and Concurrent Programming
- Introduction to Intelligent Systems
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• Mobile and Ubiquitous Computing
• Natural Computation
• Operating Systems and Architecture
• Software Engineering
• Theory of Computing
• Web Development

You can choose up to 30 credits from modules offered by the School of Engineering and Digital Arts or by the School of Mathematics, Statistics and Actuarial Science.

Normally, students do a computing project, either individually or in a group, which counts as 30 credits.

Electronice Engineering
Modules may include:
• Communication Systems
• Computer Interfacing
• Digital Communication Systems
• Digital Implementation
• Digital Systems Design
• Electronic and RF Circuit Design
• Electronic Instrumentation and Measurement Systems
• Embedded Computer Systems
• Image Analysis and Applications
• Microcomputer Engineering
• Microwave Circuits and Electromagnetic Waves
• Product Development
• Project
• Signals and Systems.

Forensic Science
Modules may include:
• Analytical Chemistry
• Fires and Explosions
• Forensic Archaeology
• Forensic Expert Witness Skills
• Digital Forensics
• Forensic Physical Methods
• Forensic Science Project
• Inorganic and Materials Chemistry
• Numerical, Statistical and Analytical Skills.

Mathematics, Statistics and Actuarial Science
Single subject diplomas are possible in:
• Mathematics
• Statistics.

You complete 120 credits, with at least 90 credits at Intermediate or Higher level. You are awarded a Diploma in Mathematics or a Diploma in Statistics (if at least 60 of your credits are in statistical subjects). Those modules marked (S) in the list below indicate a statistical subject.
Modules may include:

- Advanced English for Academic Study (Science)
- Analysis
- Analysis of Variance (S)
- Applied Stochastic Modelling and Data Analysis
- Complex Analysis
- Computational Mathematics
- Dissertation/Project
- Elements of Abstract Analysis
- Functions of Several Variables
- Games and Networks (S)
- Groups and Representations
- Groups and Rings
- Heuristics & Optimisation
- Linear Algebra
- Linear Programming and its Applications (S)
- Mathematical Modelling
- Mathematical Techniques and Differential Equations
- Mini-projects
- Nonlinear Systems and Mathematical Biology
- Number Theory
- Numerical Solution of Differential Equations
- Orthogonal Polynomials and Special Functions
- Polynomials in Several Variables
- Practical Multivariate Analysis
- Probability & Inference (S)
- Regression (S)
- Stochastic Processes (S)
- Time Series Modelling and Simulation (S)
- Topics in Modern Applied Mathematics
- Topology.

Facts
Location
Canterbury campus.

Attendance
Autumn, spring and summer terms. See p2 for term dates.

Credits
120 credits in total: 60 credits during the autumn term and 60 credits during the spring term.

Modules
More information on Kent’s diploma modules is available within our online catalogue (see p24 for details). This catalogue can also be used to help you choose any optional modules. When selecting modules, please bear in mind the following:

- Subject: your diploma programme may ask you to choose modules within a particular subject area
- Level: modules should be chosen from those offered at Stages 2 or 3
- Pre-requisites: vary according to your chosen module. Please check to ensure that you have covered similar topics within your own studies.

Accommodation
See p7 for details.

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JYA English PLUS has been designed to meet the needs of students whose first language is not English. It offers a combination of language training, study skills and the opportunity to study academic modules from across the University.

The programme consists of three parts:
1. British and Academic Culture
2. Pre-sessional Studies
3. Kent academic term(s)

‘British and Academic Culture’ is designed to help students to become accustomed to their new study and learning environment. This is followed by a ‘pre-sessional’ course that develops the language and study skills required for UK academic study. In ‘Kent academic terms’, students study a series of academic modules offered by a range of academic schools across the University.

The programme is offered in two different lengths: a full year (from May to April) or part year (eight months from May to December). At the end of the ‘pre-sessional’ course, students are assessed on their language skills. This helps to determine which modules students should follow from September onwards.

Full-year programme
The schedule for the full-year programme is:
• Early May: arrival
• Early May: two weeks of British and Academic Culture
• May to early September: 18 weeks of pre-sessional studies
• Mid-September: general and academic orientation along with other Kent undergraduate students
• Late September to mid-December: first term of academic study
• Mid-December to mid-January: winter break
• Mid-January to early April: second term of academic study
• Early April: programme completed.

From September, students select two modules (worth 30 credits) in English language. Modules may include:
• Developing English Language Skills
• Extending English Language Skills
• Reading and Writing Academic Texts
• Advanced Listening Skills for Academic Study
• Applied Grammar for Academic Study.

Most of our students also choose 90 credits of academic modules from those offered at Stage 1. However, if this level of study is too advanced, we offer foundation modules in history, literature, politics, sociology, philosophy, business management and economics.

Please note: for advanced students the English language modules are optional – you can choose 120 credits from those offered at Stages 1 or 2.

Part-year programme
The schedule for the part-year programme is:
• Early May: arrival
• Early May: two weeks of British and Academic Culture
• May to early September: 18 weeks of pre-sessional studies
• Mid-September: general and academic orientation along with other Kent undergraduate students
• Late September to mid-December: one term of academic study
• Mid-December: programme completed.

From September, students take one of the following modules in English language (worth 15 credits):
• Developing English Language Skills
• Reading and Writing Academic Texts
• Advanced Listening Skills for Academic Study
• Applied Grammar for Academic Study

Most of our students also choose 45 credits of academic modules from those offered at Stage 1. However, if this level of study is too advanced, we offer foundation modules in history, literature, politics, sociology, philosophy, business management and economics.

Please note: for advanced students the English language module is optional – you can choose 60 credits from those offered at Stages 1 or 2.

Choosing modules
At Kent we offer a wide range of academic modules, which makes it easy to find something to fit your interests and level of knowledge.

You will be given advice on choosing your academic modules once you have taken your language assessment in September. However, if you would like to browse through some of the Stage 1 modules on offer, please refer to our online catalogue at www.kent.ac.uk/courses/modulecatalogue (see p24 for details).

Facts
Location
Canterbury campus.

Attendance
Full-year programme: arrival in early May for two weeks of British and Academic Culture, followed by 18 weeks of a pre-sessional course before starting the autumn and spring terms. (See p2 for term dates.)
Part-year programme: arrival in early May for two weeks of British and Academic Culture followed by 18 weeks of a pre-sessional course before starting the autumn term. (See p2 for term dates.)

Credits
Full-year programme: 120 credits in total (60 credits during the autumn term and 60 credits during the spring term).
Part-year programme: 60 credits in total, taken during the autumn term.

Modules
Your academic modules are not confirmed until you have the result of your language assessment in September.

Accommodation
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USING THE MODULE CATALOGUE

The modules taught at Kent can all be found within our online module catalogue. Consulting the catalogue allows you to plan your studies and choose modules that are suitable for your academic experience and interests.

The following steps are a guide to help you use the catalogue to search for the modules that best suit you.

**Step 1: your programme requirements**

Turn to the entry for your chosen programme (from p12 to p23) and read the requirements. Make a note of how many credits you need to choose from each term and whether these should be chosen from Stage 1, Stage 2 or Stage 3 modules.

For diplomas, optional modules may need to be chosen from a restricted list, or from a particular subject area (see right).

**Step 2: searching the module catalogue**

Kent's module catalogue is available online at: www.kent.ac.uk/courses/modulecatalogue

You can search for undergraduate modules in the humanities, social sciences or sciences by clicking on the relevant tab. The modules available are listed under Stages 1, 2 and 3. If you click on the relevant stage, you are provided with a list of module titles.

To access all the information you need about any module, simply click on its title in the list. This gives you the module entry (as shown on p26).

**Step 3: studying for a module**

The module synopsis gives you an overview of what you study within each module. Please read this part carefully to make sure that it covers topics that you are likely to find interesting.

You should also consider whether the module is at the right level.

- Certificate modules are offered at Stage 1. These modules are often a good way to explore a new area of study.

“I really enjoyed my modules and the academic staff always made sure I understood the concepts and methods. I felt comfortable going to them with any questions I had about my assignments. Although I had a lot more independent work to do than at my home university, I found it easy to adjust to the challenge.”

Hannah Cranville
USA
• Intermediate modules are at a higher level than certificate modules and are usually offered at Stages 2 and 3.
• Higher modules are usually offered at Stage 3. They can allow you to specialise in an area of particular interest. For these modules, you are advised to have a good background knowledge of the academic subject.
• Some modules also have pre-requisites. If you choose one of these modules, you will need to show equivalent experience to those listed within the pre-requisite modules.

Examinations are held during the summer term. However, if you are coming to Kent for the fall semester (autumn term) only, and wish to choose a module that includes an examination, it may be possible for Kent to arrange an alternative form of assessment. Those students only attending for the spring semester (spring and summer terms) must sit examinations as there is no alternative form of assessment. Please contact International Development for details.

Step 4: selecting your provisional modules
When you make an online application, you are asked to indicate your preferred modules.

It is important to choose your modules carefully. There is no ‘drop-add’ period at Kent, so it is not possible to switch modules once your studies have begun.

Before completing your online application, please ensure that you have chosen enough credits for your programme. Once you have filled in your first choice of modules, you need to choose alternative modules for each term that you are studying at Kent.

Please bear in mind that all modules are subject to the approval of the academic school and teaching timetables. If there are any difficulties with your choice of modules, the International Development team will help you to choose suitable alternatives.

If you are intending to transfer the academic credits you earn (see p28), please check your module selections with your home university.

Academic subject areas
Within the humanities, social sciences and sciences, Kent offers a wide range of academic subjects, listed below with their relevant subject codes.

**Humanities**
- Architecture (AR)
- Classical & Archaeological Studies (CL)
- Comparative Literature (CP)
- Drama (DR)
- English and American Literature (EN)
- English Language and Linguistics (LL)

**Social Sciences**
- Accounting & Finance (AC)
- Anthropology and Conservation (SE)
- Business (CB)
- Economics (EC)
- Law (LW)

**Sciences**
- Biosciences (BI)
- Computing (CO)
- Engineering and Digital Arts (EL)
- Forensic Science (PS)
- Chemistry (PS)
- Mathematics, Statistics and Actuarial Science (MA)
- Physics (PH)

**Politics and International Relations (PO)**
- Psychology (SP)
- Social Policy (SA)
- Sociology (SO)

**Film (FI)**
- French (FR)
- German (GE)
- Hispanic Studies (LS)
- History (HI)
- History & Philosophy of Art (HA)
- Philosophy (PL)
- Religious Studies (TH)

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USING THE MODULE CATALOGUE
(CONT)

Location
Students should choose modules available in Canterbury. (Modules in Medway may be available, subject to approval.)

Term
Modules run during the autumn term; the spring term; or for the full academic year (across the autumn and spring terms).

Level
Undergraduate modules are offered at three levels: Certificate, Intermediate and Higher.

Module code
This code indicates the academic subject area – see p25 for details.

Synopsis
The synopsis gives you an idea of the topics covered within the module.

Method of assessment
Click on this tab to find out whether the module is assessed by coursework, examination or a mixture of the two.

Pre-requisites
Click on this tab to find out whether the module has pre-requisites. If it does, you need to have covered similar material during your studies at your home university.

Year of study
You should choose modules running in the year 2015/16.
The University issues formal transcripts of the work you complete at Kent. These credits can be used towards your degree, with the approval of your home university.

**American credit system**
Fifteen credits at Kent equals four credit hours under the American credit system and involves roughly the same amount of work.

If you are taking a Junior Year Abroad or a full-year JYA English PLUS programme, you take modules worth 120 credits. This usually equals 32 US credit hours. If you are taking a fall semester, spring semester, or part-year JYA English PLUS programme, you take modules worth 60 credits, which equate to 16 US credit hours under the American credit system.

The transcript of your studies at Kent will show your University of Kent degree marks, as well as their US equivalents (see below).

**European Credit Transfer System**
Kent is part of the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) which guarantees academic recognition of studies throughout universities and colleges across Europe. Modules at Kent have their own credit values and also carry an ECTS credit weighting (see below).

Students taking part in ECTS receive full credit for all academic work successfully carried out at an ECTS partner institution, and you can transfer these credits from one institution to another. The transcript you get from Kent includes ECTS grades.

### Equivalence to American grade system

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At all British universities, degrees are classified as: First Class Honours (1), Upper Second Class Honours (2.1), Lower Second Class Honours (2.2), and Third Class Honours (3).
OUR PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

Kent has exchange agreements with many universities around the world and can make similar arrangements with other reputable universities.

If you come to Kent under an exchange agreement, then you are an ‘exchange student’ and pay tuition fees to your home university. Kent already has special arrangements with several universities including, but not limited to, the following:

Argentina
Universidad de San Andrés

Australia
University of Technology, Sydney

Canada
Trent University, University of Montreal, University of Ottawa, University of Calgary, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University (Toronto), Brock University (Ontario)

Chile
Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez

China (mainland)
Chinese Foreign Affairs University, Renmin University (Beijing), Southwest University of Political Science and Law, Tongji University, United International College, Zhuhai

Colombia
Universidad del Rosario

Hong Kong
Chinese University of Hong Kong, City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Baptist University, University of Hong Kong

Japan
Aoyama Gakuin University, Kansai Gaidai University, Kyoto Sangyo University, Musashi University, Nagoya University of Foreign Studies, Nihon University, Okayama University, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, Waseda University

Korea
Korea University, Dongguk University

Peru
Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú

Uruguay
Universidad ORT

USA
University of California, California State University, Long Beach, Indiana University (Bloomington), Kansas University, Lehigh University, Marquette University, University of Maryland, University of Massachusetts (Amherst), Mount Holyoke College, Michigan State University, New Mexico State University, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Penn State University, Purdue University, San Diego State University, Seattle Pacific University, University of South Carolina, State University of New York at Buffalo, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, University of Vermont, Virginia Tech University, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Other partner universities
Kent is constantly adding to its list of partner universities. For more on our exchange partners, see www.kent.ac.uk/internationalmaps

Non-partner universities
If Kent does not have an exchange agreement with your university, you can apply as a study abroad student and pay fees directly to Kent. See p30 for more details on tuition fees and p31 for details on how to apply.

In order to gain credits for your year abroad, your university needs to approve the details of your year at Kent, including the modules you have chosen. It is your responsibility to liaise with your home institution about the transfer of the academic credits you gain at Kent. Please contact your university’s study abroad office for details.

“The University has everything that a student is looking for – a beautiful campus, quality education and a friendly atmosphere. I took the JYA English PLUS programme and it was ideal for me.”

Shin Akutagawa
Japan
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND FEES

General academic requirements
For entry on to a Junior Year Abroad programme, or a fall/spring Semester programme, we normally require a GPA of 3.0 or above (out of 4.0) or its equivalent. However, each application is considered on an individual basis.

For entry on to a diploma course, you need to have successfully completed (or be expected to complete) studies that are equivalent to the first year of an undergraduate degree at a British university. For students at American universities, for example, the general entrance requirement is usually the successful completion of a sophomore year in approved subjects. Some diploma programmes specify particular requirements.

English language requirements
If you are applying from overseas, you must provide satisfactory evidence of your proficiency in written and spoken English to show that you can take full advantage of the teaching we offer. The minimum requirements are given below.

Junior Year Abroad, fall semester, spring semester, JYA diploma
- IELTS: an overall score of 6.5 with at least 6.0 in Reading and Writing and 5.5 in Listening and Speaking
- PTE: an overall score of 62 with at least 60 in Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking

JYA English PLUS
- IELTS: an overall score of 4.5-6.0 with at least 4.5 in Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking
- PTE: an overall score of 39 with at least 39 in Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking.

Fees and living costs
If Kent has an exchange agreement with your home university (see p29), you can continue to pay your tuition fees to your home university.

If Kent does not have an exchange agreement with your university, you can apply as a study abroad student and pay tuition fees directly to Kent.

The fees below are for the academic year 2014/15.

- Junior Year Abroad (September to June) £11,645
- JYA English PLUS (full-length/part-length) £12,450/£9,025
- JYA autumn (fall) semester (three months) £4,660
- JYA spring semester (five months) £7,000

Each individual student has different circumstances, so to help you estimate your living costs we provide an online calculator at www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/livingcosts.html

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HOW TO APPLY

If your home university has an exchange agreement with the University of Kent (see p29) then please liaise directly with its study abroad office when you apply.

If your university does not currently have an agreement with Kent, we consider direct applications for short-term study. Please bear in mind it is your responsibility to liaise with your home institution about transferring credits for your study at Kent.

Direct applications

If you wish to apply directly, please submit an online application at www.kent.ac.uk/courses/short-term/apply/
As part of your application you will need to include:

1 A copy of your passport
This is mandatory; you will not be able to submit your application without this.

2 A provisional module registration form (not required for JYA English PLUS applicants)
You can download this form from our website at: www.kent.ac.uk/courses/short-term/apply
• Please ensure that you have chosen modules according to the specification of your particular programme (see p14-23 for details).

• On your provisional module form, fill in your preferred modules, and some alternative modules (in case your first choices are not available).
• If you wish to transfer academic credits, please check that your chosen modules will be accepted by your home university.

3 Proof of academic achievements
You need to include full certified transcripts of your academic achievements in English and results to date from your home institution.

4 Academic reference
You need to include a report from a teacher who is familiar with your academic work at your present university or college.

Visa and immigration

The need to obtain entry permission before arriving in the UK is determined by your nationality. Please ensure that you allow enough time to make your visa application. For more details, see www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa

• If you are planning to study in the UK and wish to work (even if that work is unpaid) you need to apply for a Tier 4 (General) Student Visa.
• If you plan to study in the UK for less than six months and do not intend to work then, depending on your nationality, you can enter the UK on a Student Visitor Visa. However, please note that you cannot switch from a Student Visitor Visa to a Tier 4 Visa while in the UK.

More information

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We hold Open Days at our Canterbury campus three times a year. You can also contact us to book an individual tour.

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