

The UK's European university

University of  
**Kent**

# KEY FACTS 2011





# THE UK'S EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY

## Postgraduate at Kent

- World-leading research
- Strong academic community
- Global outlook
- Excellent career prospects

## Undergraduate at Kent

- Academic excellence
- Inspirational teaching
- Superb student experience
- Enhanced career prospects
- Global outlook

## Key achievements

- Kent was ranked 27th in the UK in the 2011 *Guardian University Guide*
- Kent was ranked 24th in the UK for world-leading (4\*) research in the *Research Assessment Exercise 2008*
- Kent was ranked 16th in the UK in the 2008 *Guardian University Guide* for graduate prospects

# THE UK'S EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY

- Kent has long-standing partnerships with over 100 universities in mainland Europe. The only UK university with a centre in Brussels, we also offer postgraduate programmes in humanities at our centre in Paris.
- Under the Erasmus scheme, EU students study at Kent while our students can study or undertake work placements abroad in countries ranging from Spain to the Czech Republic. Work and study abroad possibilities also extend worldwide.
- Kent is a major participant in a range of European programmes including the Framework Programme and the cross-border strand of Interreg within the European Regional Development Fund. Many academic schools and research staff are partners in innovative European projects at the cutting edge of research.

## INTERNATIONAL IMPACT

The University has a strong international impact, based on our external networks, partnerships with leading universities in Europe and around the world, and our staff, students and alumni.

We launched our Internationalisation Strategy in 2007. Since then, we have reinforced our reputation as the UK's European university and further developed a network of international partnerships worldwide.

The University has a long tradition of welcoming international students from around the world. Of our total student body (approx 19,000 students), 23% are from outside of the UK, from 125 different countries, studying at our campuses in Canterbury, Medway, Paris and Brussels.

# RESEARCH

- The RAE 2008 ranked Kent 24th in the UK for its world-leading research.
- Five of our subject areas had 30% of their research rated 4\* – Drama, English, History, Law, Social Policy and Sociology.
- 97% of academic staff work in school or centres where the research is rated as internationally or nationally excellent (RAE 2008).
- Both *The Guardian* and *The Times* newspapers rank Kent 29th, with *The Independent* online rating the University 28th for its overall research activity.

## FURTHER INFORMATION:

[www.kent.ac.uk/research/rae/2008/index.html](http://www.kent.ac.uk/research/rae/2008/index.html)

# ENTERPRISE & INNOVATION

- The University is committed to undertaking enterprise activities which are profitable and in keeping with the University's academic direction. Kent Innovation and Enterprise will continue to initiate, assist and develop profitable collaborations with private and public sector organisations.
- The University is well positioned to make a lasting impact in its relationships with industry and the public sector. Kent Innovation and Enterprise is forging new strategic partnerships with industry and policy makers to create further value from our world-class research.

# LOCATIONS



**Canterbury:** The Canterbury campus is built on 300 acres of park land half-an-hour's walk from Canterbury city centre. Residential, teaching and administrative buildings are surrounded by green open spaces, fields and woods. It is a vibrant, friendly and cosmopolitan campus, with excellent sports and social facilities including a theatre, cinema and nightclub. The Canterbury campus houses over 4,300 students in rooms, flats and houses.



**Medway:** The Medway campus is a multimillion-pound campus, with state-of-the-art buildings and facilities. It offers high-quality teaching, learning and leisure opportunities, and an exceptional level of personal support. It is a vibrant and modern campus in a great riverside location, and only 30 miles from London. In conjunction with Liberty Living, the University offers Medway students accommodation in our state-of-the-art facilities at Liberty Quays.



**Brussels:** The University of Kent at Brussels is a specialist postgraduate school located in a world centre for international affairs.



**Paris:** The University of Kent at Paris has a range of unique and innovative cross-disciplinary postgraduate programmes in the humanities.



**Tonbridge:** The University Centre Tonbridge is a small, friendly environment dedicated to part-time study.

**Accommodation:** We offer accommodation to new full-time undergraduate students starting in September 2011 for the first year of study, provided the following criteria are met:

- students firmly accept either a conditional or unconditional offer from University of Kent by 31 July 2011
- the University receives the student's online application for accommodation by 31 July 2011.

We hope to offer University accommodation to Insurance, Late, Adjustment and Clearing acceptances where possible (subject to availability).



# FACULTIES AND SCHOOLS

**There are three faculties at Kent, comprising 18 academic schools and 3 academic centres.**

## Humanities

Kent School of Architecture  
School of Arts  
School of English  
School of European Culture and Languages  
School of History

## Sciences

School of Biosciences  
School of Computing  
School of Engineering and Digital Arts  
School of Mathematics, Statistics and  
Actuarial Science  
Medway School of Pharmacy  
School of Physical Sciences

## Social Sciences

School of Anthropology and Conservation  
Kent Business School  
School of Economics  
Centre for Journalism  
Kent Law School  
School of Politics and International Relations  
School of Psychology  
School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social  
Research  
Centre for Sports Studies  
Centre for Professional Practice

# STUDENT NUMBERS

<b>Total number of students</b>	<b>19,665</b>
Undergraduate full-time	14,030
Postgraduate full-time	1,860
Undergraduate part-time	2,795
Postgraduate part-time	980
Canterbury campus	15,885
Medway campus	2,525
Female to male ratio	53:47
Percentage of overseas students (outside EU)	12.2%
Number of countries Kent recruits from	125

# STAFF NUMBERS

Academic	684
Managerial and Administrative	424
Research	148
Secretarial & Clerical	533
Technical Support	84
Manual Support	349
Hourly Paid Lecturers	665
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,887</b>





# THE UNIVERSITY'S PLAN 2009-12

The University's Plan for 2009-12 maintains its commitment to quality, whether in teaching and learning, in research or in our wider partnerships. It also aims to balance the pragmatic reality of needing to generate sufficient income to sustain the University's long-term future with an ambition to continue the outstanding success of recent years.

Kent is:

- a leading UK university
- a university with strong international impact
- a university that offers an inspiring student experience which prepares students for the future
- a university that produces innovative world-leading research
- a university that enables and values innovation, enterprise and creativity

**FURTHER INFORMATION:**

[www.kent.ac.uk/about/plan](http://www.kent.ac.uk/about/plan)

# EXECUTIVE GROUP PORTFOLIOS

## **Vice-Chancellor**

Professor Dame Julia Goodfellow

## **Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor**

David Nightingale – learning and teaching, academic faculties, schools and academic administration

## **Deputy Vice-Chancellor Finance and Commercial Services**

Denise Everitt – Finance, Commercial Services, legal services, Internal Audit and Enterprise

## **Deputy Vice-Chancellor Physical Resources**

Professor Keith Mander – Estates, Human Resources, alumni, fundraising and events, arts and music policy

## **Pro-Vice-Chancellor External**

Professor Alex Hughes – international and European activities, communications and marketing, student services and internal communications

## **Pro-Vice-Chancellor Research**

Professor John Baldock – research, Information Services

**FURTHER INFORMATION:**

[www.kent.ac.uk/about](http://www.kent.ac.uk/about)

# UNIVERSITY HISTORY

- 1965 Royal Charter granted  
First 500 students enrol at Kent
- 1965 – 70 Elliot, Rutherford, Keynes and Darwin Colleges opened
- 1968 Graduation of the first intake of students
- 1969 Opening of the Gulbenkian Theatre and Cinema
- 1970 Opening of the Registry and Senate
- 1982 Opening of the Tonbridge Centre
- 1986 Opening of the Research & Development Centre
- 1987 Formal opening of the Computing Laboratory  
Extension by HM The Queen
- 1990 Year-long Silver Jubilee celebrations
- 1999 Brussels campus launched
- 2002 HM The Queen and HRH Duke of Edinburgh inaugurate the  
joint Medway campus during a visit to Chatham Maritime
- 2004 Launch of the Medway School of Pharmacy at Chatham  
Maritime, a joint project for the Universities of Kent and  
Greenwich
- 2005 First students at Medway campus
- 2008 Woolf Postgraduate College opened
- 2009 Postgraduate centre in Paris launched
- 2009 Liberty Quays student accommodation at Medway

**FURTHER INFORMATION:**

[www.kent.ac.uk/about/history/index.html](http://www.kent.ac.uk/about/history/index.html)

## FURTHER INFORMATION:

[www.kent.ac.uk/about/statistics.html](http://www.kent.ac.uk/about/statistics.html)

### **The University Plan**

[www.kent.ac.uk/about/plan/index.html](http://www.kent.ac.uk/about/plan/index.html)

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