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The University of Kent offers specially designed programmes to prepare international students, who do not have English as a first language, for academic study. These courses focus on developing your English language and study skills so that you can meet the level of proficiency required for your chosen course of study at our Medway campus. If you complete one of our Pre-sessional Courses, and achieve a final grade which meets your condition of entry, you will not need to take another IELTS, TOEFL or PTE examination.

Course structure

Kent’s Pre-sessional Courses consist of a series of ‘blocks’ throughout the academic year. These blocks, ranging from 4 to 34 weeks, are designed to take you from your current level of English up to the level required to study your chosen degree course. Which block you take depends on your current level of English and the level required by your future course of study. We currently offer all our blocks on the Canterbury campus and a final 6-week block on the Medway campus. The Medway block is designed to familiarise Medway-based students with the campus where they will be studying. This means that if you require just 6-weeks of study you will be based fully at Medway but if you need a longer block you will complete your Pre-sessional studies on the Canterbury campus.

Entry requirements

Full details of the courses available are detailed on our website: www.kent.ac.uk/p. Representatives from the University of Kent will be happy to discuss which course would work best for you. Please contact Kent International Pathways to discuss your needs.

Application procedure

For Canterbury-based Pre-sessional Courses, running from October to March, you are not required to hold an offer for an academic programme at the University of Kent. For all Pre-sessional Courses which begin from April onwards, including the Medway-based course, you must have been accepted for either an undergraduate or postgraduate course at Kent before applying online. To be accepted for a place on the Medway Pre-sessional Course, you must meet the IELTS, TOEFL or PTE scores at the time of application. Please visit: http://www.kent.ac.uk/international-pathways/apply/Pre-sessapply.html

Course aims

- All our Pre-sessional Courses aim to: introduce you to the UK university learning style
- expand your skills, particularly in academic writing
- develop your ability to read academic texts, listen to lectures and participate in seminars

“I like my class because it is small and provides a friendly environment. I like working in a team and the course encourages us to do so.”

Pre-sessional student
Teaching

Kent International Pathways at the University of Kent administers the courses, providing an intensive, full-time course of study with approximately 20 hours of classes per week. Teaching includes lectures, seminars, workshops, independent research tasks, and group and pair work. The workload is intensive, with regular homework averaging two hours after class each day.

Language and study skills

At a UK university, you are expected to work independently, lead seminars and give presentations. To help you do this, a Pre-sessional course covers:

- Improvement of grammar
- Development of vocabulary
- Academic reading, writing, listening and speaking skills
- Report writing and essay writing

Assessment

You are assessed by means of:

- Coursework, in the form of both written work and oral presentation
- The Kent International Test of English (KITE)

Superb facilities and location

Our vibrant Medway campus is less than an hour from London (St Pancras) by train, with innovative buildings and facilities. Close to the River Medway and partly-based at the Chatham Historic Dockyard, the Medway campus houses award-winning buildings, and has an exciting social life with a strong sense of community.

How to apply

Please apply online and submit electronic copies of the following documents as soon as possible:

- Your language test certificate
- A copy of your photo ID and visa stamp pages of your passport
- If your fees are being paid by a sponsor, the financial guarantee letter from your sponsor.

For more details and an application form, please go to www.kent.ac.uk/international-pathways/pre-sessional

Further information

If you would like more information on Kent’s Pre-sessional Courses, please contact:
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