WELCOME TO KENT
PRE-DEPARTURE BRIEFING
A LITTLE BIT ABOUT YOUR UNIVERSITY

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- Where we are
- Academic Reputation
- Student Population
- Job Prospects
- Student Life
- Accommodation
- Fees and Costs
FANTASTIC UK LOCATIONS

Canterbury - Medway
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Canterbury
- Large, self contained, partially wooded campus
- Walking distance to city centre
- 55 minutes to central London

Medway
- Urban campus on the historic naval dockyards at Chatham
POSTGRADUATE EUROPEAN CENTRES

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Paris
- Architecture, Art, History
- Languages, Literature
- Heart of the Montparnasse district

Brussels
- Politics, International Relations and Law
- Study in the heart of European government and diplomacy

Athens
- Heritage Management

Rome
- Art, History, Archaeology
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Rated in the top 15% of universities in the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise
Award-winning, dedicated teaching informed by world-leading research in Humanities, Sciences and Social Sciences

20 Academic Schools recognised as conducting research of world-class standing
EMPLOYABILITY
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• Kent students consistently within the top 20% of UK graduate starting salaries

• Year in Industry and Study Abroad options available around the world

• 95.2% of students in employment or further education six months after graduating

• Dedicated Careers and Advice Centre and contacts with companies and governments worldwide

• A pioneer university for employment training with the Kent Law Clinic and Kent IT Centre
STUDENT LIFE

Over 19,000 students from 149 countries are waiting to meet you
Vibrant Atmosphere
- 19,850 students overall
- 85% Undergraduate, 15% Postgraduate
- 25% from outside of the UK
- 149 nationalities represented

Active Social Life
- Over 100 student societies
- Dozens of restaurants, bars, cafes

Supportive Environment
- Active Student Union
- Academic Advisors
- Pastoral Support
- International Office
- Free English Language Support
PLANNING AHEAD

Getting Here
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Key Dates

31 Jul
• Accommodation Deadline

20-21 Sept
• Arrivals Weekend

22-26 Sept
• Welcome Week

29 Sept - 19 Dec
• Autumn Term
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What can you do from home?

• Book your accommodation
• Apply for a visa
• Read the Getting Started at Kent website
• Pay your fees
• Register online
• Send us a photo
• Set up your computing account online
• Choose your modules online
Have you applied?

- If you have not yet applied for accommodation, please do so as soon as possible!

http://www.kent.ac.uk/accommodation/

Consider

- Meals or no meals?
- Your own bathroom?
- Female only accommodation?

All of our rooms include

- Internet access
- Contents insurance
Before you travel

- Obtain any X-rays if required
- Get copies of any medical paperwork for any ongoing conditions you might have
- Check whether it will be easier for you to take medications with you or get them in the UK
- Let us know if you have any special needs that we should be aware of

National Health Service (NHS)

- Students studying longer than six months will be able to register with the NHS and are fully covered for hospital and doctors visits during their stay
- Once registered you will have access to our on-campus medical centre
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Finances

Costs
- Tuition Fees
- Accommodation Fees
- Living Costs
- Travel Costs

Things to consider
- Buying clothes
- Eating out / cooking for yourself
- Sports and activities
- Unforeseen expenses

Banks
- Banks on campus or in town
- Lots of options for students
- Setting up an account can take a couple of weeks, bring some currency with you!
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What to bring

Remember

- You can only bring as much baggage as your airline will allow, and you will have to carry it all yourself!
- Don’t bring too much clothing or stationery. It’s hard to know what you’ll need when you arrive and it’s easy to get what you need in the UK.
- Do NOT bring prohibited items to the UK
- Prepare for changeable weather, but it’s not as bad as you may have heard!

Documents

- Bring important documents in your hand luggage, especially your passport, visa documentation, qualifications and insurance documents
- Bring a set of photocopies of these in your luggage and leave a set at home.
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What to expect when you get here
Arrivals Weekend
• Airport pickup service
• You’ll be taken straight to your accommodation
• You’ll need to go to the sports centre to register

Welcome Week
• You’ll have lots of help to tell you what is available to do during the week
• Meet your departments
• Have a tour
• Go to the ‘fresher’s fair’
• Make friends
• Prepare for term
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Living away from home

Culture Shock
• It is to be expected
• It can be hard, but it does get easier!

How to make things easier
• Keep in touch with home
• Make sure you eat well and take care of yourself. Develop a domestic routine.

Get involved
• Find likeminded people, make new friends
• Share your culture and traditions with others and learn about theirs!
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Student Support and Wellbeing

University
- International Development office
- Academic Advisor
- Tutors
- Health Centre
- Chaplaincy

Kent Union
- Student advisors
- Visa advice
- Accommodation problems
Any Questions?

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