

ESSENTIALS/ CANTERBURY CAMPUS 2018

Information for undergraduates



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2018/19 TERM DATES

Arrivals Weekend

15 September 2018 – 16 September 2018

Welcome Week

17 September 2018 – 21 September 2018

Autumn term

24 September 2018 – 14 December 2018

Spring term

14 January 2019 – 5 April 2019

Summer term

6 May 2019 – 14 June 2019

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WELCOME

By choosing to study at the University of Kent, you are making an excellent investment in your future. Our gold award in the Teaching Excellence Framework recognises our consistently outstanding teaching*. With world-class researchers, we are ranked 17th† for research intensity in the most recent Research Excellence Framework. Our students engage with developments at the cutting-edge of research, scholarship and practice. You can be confident that our courses are designed to stretch and challenge you to achieve your full potential.

Known as the 'UK's European university', Kent is outward facing and has an inclusive and diverse community; our students represent 158 nationalities, and 42% of our research and academic staff are from outside the UK. Many of our programmes have a strong international focus and offer study abroad opportunities. We have postgraduate centres in Brussels, Paris, Athens and Rome and long-standing partnerships with over 100 European universities. We believe that this cultural and intellectual diversity benefits not only our students, but wider society as well.

The Canterbury campus provides an excellent location for your studies. You can expect first-class teaching, learning and leisure opportunities on Kent's original site in 300 acres of parkland with stunning views of the cathedral city of Canterbury and the Stour Valley.

This booklet includes essential things for you to do and consider before embarking on your university studies. Below is a checklist to ensure you do everything necessary for a successful start at Kent. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. You will find more information, including contact details, on the Applicants page on our website at www.kent.ac.uk/applicants



Mary Hughes
Academic Registrar

Checklist

- Visit the University (p20)
- Reply to an offer (p2)
- Find out more about your course (p3)
- Apply for accommodation as soon as you receive an offer; applications open from mid-January 2018 (p6)
- Investigate University funding and scholarships (p14)
- Apply for government funding (UK/EU students) (p15)
- Find out about study support (p13)
- Find out about Student Support and Wellbeing (p12)

KentVision

You can track the progress of your application, contact us or book an event via KentVision at <https://evision.kent.ac.uk>

Problems logging in?

If you have not received your login details or have forgotten your user name or password, please click 'Forgotten your user name or password?' on the login page and follow the instructions on the screen.

If you have forgotten your password, you will be sent an email with a temporary password. Please click 'not spam' on your temporary password email to ensure that you receive updates on your application.

*The University of Kent's Statement of Findings can be found at www.kent.ac.uk/tef-statement

†of 122 universities, not including specialist institutions.

IF YOU ARE HOLDING AN OFFER

You will be asked to reply to UCAS when all the institutions to which you have applied have made their decisions. Please ensure that you reply by the deadline UCAS gives you. What happens next depends on whether you are holding a conditional or unconditional offer.

You can view the conditions of your offer, if any, via KentVision at <https://evision.kent.ac.uk>

Conditional offers

If Kent is your **firm** (CF) choice and you satisfy all the conditions of your offer, we will confirm your acceptance via UCAS and email you with enrolment information in August 2018.

If Kent is your **insurance** (CI) choice and you satisfy all the conditions of your offer, we will confirm your acceptance via UCAS and email you with enrolment information in August 2018 if you are placed at Kent – that is, if your application to your firm choice is unsuccessful.

Unconditional offers

If Kent is your **firm** (UF) choice, we will confirm your acceptance via UCAS and email you with enrolment information in August 2018.

If Kent is your **insurance** (UI) choice, we will confirm your acceptance via UCAS and email you with enrolment information in August 2018 if you are placed at Kent – that is, if your application to your firm choice is unsuccessful.

FAQs

Do I have to tell you my exam results?

The University receives results electronically from Edexcel, OCR, AQA, SQA and WJEC examining boards for AS and A levels. If you are taking other qualifications, or your A/AS levels are with any other examining board, please ensure that you provide full copies of your results to the University as soon as they are available. You can upload these via KentVision.

In addition, if you have to complete any GCSE qualifications as a condition of your offer, please make sure that the results are provided to the University as soon as possible.

If you are an International Baccalaureate student, please supply confirmation to the International Baccalaureate organisation that your results can be released to UCAS.

We cannot guarantee to honour any offer of a place or accommodation if we have not received your results by 31 August 2018. Please let us know if you do not expect your results until after that date.

Do I need a visa to study in the UK?

Depending on your nationality and personal circumstances, you may need a student visa to study in the UK. Find out if you need a visa by completing UK Visas & Immigration's (UKVI) online checking tool at www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration The latest date for issuance of Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) documents for Tier 4 students starting in September 2018 is 7 September 2018.

What are the English language requirements for studying at Kent?

You need to produce evidence of your proficiency in English to satisfy the University's general entry requirements. Any requirements will be specified in your offer. If you require a student visa to study in the UK, you should check the Visas and Immigration (UKVI) website at www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration to ensure that your English language qualification meets the Tier 4 visa requirements for entry purposes. See www.kent.ac.uk/ems/eng-lang-reqs for more information.

What if I change my exams?

Conditional offers usually take into consideration all the examinations you have taken and those you have indicated you will take in the future (unless otherwise stated in your offer). If you change the exams you are taking in any respect, it is very important, in your own interest, that you inform us as soon as possible in writing. This includes changes to any aspect of the examination details in your application, such as changes of date, examining board or centre number. If you think there might be an error in your offer, please contact us immediately.

What happens if I don't meet my offer conditions?

In this event, we will automatically reassess your application and notify UCAS of our decision. We may still be able to accept you on the original course, or we may be able to offer you an alternative course.

What if my exams were affected by adverse conditions?

The University normally takes account of special circumstances that may have an adverse effect on your examination performance (for example, illness or family difficulties), provided you inform us either before or at the time you take your exams. If you wait until after your results, we will need to know why you did not tell us sooner. Independent evidence is essential, for example, from a doctor, teacher or social services. In the case of illness

STUDENT VIEW

'All the lecturers are so passionate about their subjects and communicate their knowledge and enthusiasm very well. Staff also integrate their research into their teaching, and link modules with contemporary issues so you're always aware of the immediacy of subjects. The contact hours are great, and lecturers are happy to spend time discussing your assignments.'

Chloe Rowlands
Human Ecology

or health problems, we require dates when you were affected and the dates of each of your exams, with supporting medical certificates if appropriate.

You need to tell us if you have applied for any form of compensation, such as extra time, from the examining authority. If you keep us informed, we try to make a fair decision in the light of the evidence you provide, but we cannot guarantee that we will be able to accept you.

When should I apply for accommodation?

You can apply for accommodation at www.kent.ac.uk/accommodation between mid-January 2018 and 31 July 2018, once you receive a conditional or unconditional offer via UCAS. You do not have to wait until you reply to your offers, as we will cancel your accommodation application if you subsequently decline the offer. Accommodation applications received after 31 July 2018 will be considered subject to availability of rooms.

How do I enrol?

We ask you to enrol online before you arrive. Following confirmation of your unconditional acceptance, in late August 2018 we send you an email with your Kent ID number. You should then visit our Getting Started at Kent website (www.kent.ac.uk/gettingstarted), which gives you all the information you need as a new student, including how to complete the online enrolment process.

What if I have a place at Kent for deferred entry in 2019?

Subject to your satisfying the conditions of your offer by 31 August 2018, your deferred entry place will be confirmed via UCAS and you will be sent enrolment information in August 2019. You should apply for accommodation at www.kent.ac.uk/accommodation between mid-January 2019 and 31 July 2019.

Further information

www.kent.ac.uk/applicants

HONOURS DEGREE PROGRAMMES

Kent has three faculties, which support 19 academic schools and four academic centres. The University offers approximately 400 degrees at undergraduate level.

Stages of study

Kent honours degrees divide into stages, as follows:

	Full-time	Part-time
Stage 1	First year	Generally two years (but can be up to a total of four years)
Stage 2	Second year	Two further years
Stage 3	Third year	Two further years

Some full-time degrees take four years or longer, for instance, those including study abroad or a work placement.

Academic credit

Honours degree programmes at Kent offer academic credits on a nationally agreed scale. A full-time, three-year honours degree comprises 360 credits, normally 120 credits at increasingly higher levels at each of Stages 1, 2 and 3. A study abroad or year in industry programme typically comprises 480 credits. At the University of Kent, 120 credits are equivalent to 60 European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) credits.

Stage 1

Stage 1 consists of modules amounting to 120 credits in total. At Stage 1, you have to take a number of modules in your chosen subject, but there is normally the flexibility of taking up to 25% of your modules in other subject areas. This gives you the opportunity to learn a specific skill (such as a language or computing), to explore and develop business ideas on one of our enterprise modules, or to sample a subject that is new to you.

Stages 2 and 3

The second and final full-time years of a three-year degree programme consist of 240 credits in total, 120 in each year. Again, you can normally take up to 25% of the programme in other subject areas, but at these stages there are more compulsory modules, especially if you are aiming for professional recognition by a national body (see right).

The class of your final degree is based on the marks you receive for Stages 2 and 3.

Subject leaflets, which you can order or download from our website (www.kent.ac.uk/courses/undergraduate/leaflets), give more details of the sorts of module you can study during your degree.

Changing your degree subject

It is normally possible to change the degree subject you are studying in your first year. However, you need to make sure that you satisfactorily complete any Stage 1 modules that are prerequisites for the programme you want to change to. Some courses are more popular than others and, while we do our best to help you, we cannot guarantee a transfer into any particular subject.

Your qualifications on admission may also be taken into account when considering transfer requests.

Professional recognition

The following University of Kent degree subjects are recognised by the appropriate professional bodies: Accounting & Finance; Business & Management with a Year in Industry; Actuarial Science; Architecture; Astronomy, Space Science and Astrophysics; Biochemistry; Biology; Biomedical Science; Business Information Technology; Computing; Computer Science; Computer Systems Engineering; Electronic and Communications Engineering; Forensic Science; Journalism; Law; Mathematics and Statistics; Pharmacy; Physics; Psychology; Social Work; Sport and Exercise for Health; Sport and Exercise Science; and Sports Therapy and Rehabilitation. Most of these degrees give exemption from some or all of the entrance examinations you need to pass in order to be admitted to the relevant professional institution in the UK.

If you want to practise one of these professions outside the UK, you must check the requirements of the professional bodies in the relevant country.

Foundation year

If your education so far has not prepared you for entry to the first year of an honours degree programme, you may be able to do a foundation year. We offer subject-specific degree programmes with an integrated foundation year providing entry to some degrees in the Faculty of Sciences. We also offer general foundation year programmes for international students, which provide entry to some degrees in the Faculty of Humanities, the Faculty of Social Sciences and the Faculty of Sciences. The general foundation year programmes for international students provide academic education and English language skills (if necessary).

If you pass the foundation year at the level specified by the relevant academic school, it guarantees progression to the first year of your originally designated degree course.

All of our foundation courses run full-time on the Canterbury campus.

Further information

See our Undergraduate Prospectus or www.kent.ac.uk/ug



YOUR STUDY EXPERIENCE

With high rankings from major independent surveys, the University has a reputation as one of the leading institutions in the UK. As a student at Kent, you are encouraged to become an independent thinker and to develop your own ideas, whatever your subject. You will develop a global perspective, opening up a range of opportunities for future work and study.

Excellent courses

Kent has some of the best courses in the country. Our programmes challenge you and give you the ability to succeed at the highest level. In the 2016 National Student Survey, we received the fourth highest score nationally* for student satisfaction and were ranked first in London and the south-east. For individual course details, see www.kent.ac.uk/ug

World-leading research

You are taught by academics who are experts in their fields. Kent's excellent performance in the most recent Research Excellence Framework confirmed our position as one of the UK's leading research universities: 97% of our research was judged to be of international quality, of which 73% was world-leading or internationally excellent.

Stimulating teaching

The teaching environment at Kent is designed to be stimulating as well as challenging, and the quality of our teaching is reflected in the gold rating we received in the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF)[†]. You will be inspired by lectures from world-class academics, and further develop and discuss your own ideas within your seminar groups. Or, if you are taking a science-based or practical course, you develop your skills and experiment in our laboratories or studio spaces.

We offer a range of assessment methods – from continual assessment to traditional examinations. Some courses may assess practical work, course presentations or your contributions to seminars.

You can also benefit from Study Plus, a range of short-term, non-credit-bearing courses. These can improve your employability skills and expand your academic and cultural knowledge.

Professional experience

At Kent, you are encouraged to gain professional experience. Many of our degree programmes offer a paid year in industry or a shorter work placement, which may be in the UK or overseas. Many students also find employment through the University in the local community during their studies.

Supportive environment

We offer excellent support to help you to achieve your very best in your studies. Our academic lecturers and tutors are friendly and helpful, and provide regular feedback and advice. We have a Student Learning Advisory Service to help with essay writing, revision strategies and exam techniques. It also offers workshops in IT, library and study skills.

*of publicly funded, multi-faculty universities



Well resourced

All students rely on being able to access a range of information. At Kent, we make sure that this process is as easy as possible. We provide full IT services to assist your studies, and training and support to help you make the most of the facilities on offer. The campus is fully wireless-enabled, with free and secure Wi-Fi in all buildings, student accommodation and in most outdoor spaces. To help you study online, we provide student PCs and Wi-Fi-enabled study hubs across the Canterbury campus.

Our library contains over a million books, e-books and journals, as well as excellent online resources, plus extensive study space and computers. Specialist subject librarians are on hand to help you get the most from your studies.

Career focused

All of our teaching helps you to gain useful skills for your future career, as well as a sound academic knowledge. We focus on good communication skills and the ability to think independently. This makes Kent students popular with employers. More than 96% of Kent students who graduated in 2016 were in work or further study within six months.

A global perspective

Globalisation has an impact on many areas of activity, from business, law and politics to cultural activities. Our courses at Kent are designed to offer a global view, and 42% of our academic staff come from overseas. This helps you to gain an international perspective that will be useful in your future career.

Study in another country

Kent offers you the chance to study in another country as well as in the UK. We have a wide range of degrees where you can spend up to a year at one of our partner universities.

We have partnerships with some of the most prestigious universities in the world, including the Sorbonne in Paris and over 100 other universities throughout Europe, Waseda University in Japan, the University of Hong Kong and the University of California.

STUDENT VIEW

'Study is very important to me. I get good feedback on my work; the lecturers make a lot of comments on essays and thoroughly discuss them to show you how to improve them. The library is very well stocked and everything is easy to find. I often go there to study and you can always find a space, although it does get busy.'

'For the social side of things, the gym is very well equipped and there are lots of classes. There's also a scheme called Let's Play that lets you try out different activities. I like the Venue too – you always have a good time when you go there.'

Maria-Valentina Bruns
European Studies

[†]The University of Kent's Statement of Findings can be found at www.kent.ac.uk/tef-statement



ACCOMMODATION

Most students live on campus during their first year, in self-catered or part-catered accommodation. You are expected to arrange a flat or house share off campus in your second and final years.

On-campus accommodation

Self-catered accommodation is available on central campus in Keynes Flats, Turing College, Tyler Court B and C, and Darwin College. Further self-catered accommodation is available at Park Wood, the student village, a short walk away from central campus.

Part-catered accommodation is also available on central campus. Eliot College and Rutherford College offer a 'bed and flex' dining scheme, which includes an allowance of £8 per day to spend on food in a choice of ten venues, seven days a week during term time. Keynes College and Becket Court offer a 'bed and bistro' package, which includes breakfast and evening meal seven days a week during term time.

There are various types of accommodation on campus to suit different requirements and budgets. The quick reference guide below outlines the facilities in each location.

How to apply for accommodation

Once you have received formal confirmation of a conditional or unconditional offer from the University, complete our online application form at www.kent.ac.uk/accommodation

Accommodation applications open from mid-January 2018. We advise you to apply as early as possible, whether you are accepting Kent as your first or insurance choice, or even if you have not yet replied to UCAS (we will simply cancel your application if you subsequently decline our offer). The deadline for applications is 31 July 2018. We consider late applications, subject to availability.

If you have any questions concerning your online accommodation application, please contact the Accommodation Office:
T: +44 (0)1227 766660
E: accomm@kent.ac.uk

Eligibility for accommodation

We offer accommodation to new full-time undergraduate students starting in September 2018 for the first year of study, provided the following criteria are met:

- you firmly accept (ie as your first choice) either a conditional or unconditional offer from this University by 31 July 2018
- the University receives your online application for accommodation by 31 July 2018.

We hope to be able to offer University accommodation to insurance, late, Clearing and Adjustment acceptances where possible (subject to availability), so you should still apply as directed.

Allocation of accommodation

We allocate accommodation to new students once all conditions have been met and your unconditional place at the University has been confirmed. We will send you an offer of a room by email in late August or early September 2018. You can view your offer and must then accept it via our website at www.kent.ac.uk/accommodation

Accommodation quick reference guide

	No of rooms	Undergraduate	Occupancy	Laundry facilities	En suite	Food package included during term time only (ie 31 weeks)	Kitchen facilities	Internet connection wired/Wi-Fi, with some security restrictions	Cost (£) Fees quoted are for 2017/18 for the entire occupancy period unless otherwise stated and include all gas, electricity and water charges, personal belongings insurance and internet access.
Canterbury									
Self-catered									
Darwin College	310	UG	39 weeks	✓	×	×	Kitchen	✓	£4,475 to £5,168
Park Wood Houses	1,415	UG	39 weeks	✓	×	×	Kitchen	✓	£4,401 to £4,999
Park Wood Flats*	520	UG	39 weeks	✓	✓	×	Kitchen	✓	£6,539 (£3,307 per person for a twin room)
Keynes Flats	445	UG	39 weeks	✓	✓	×	Kitchen	✓	£6,539 to £6,976
Turing Flats*	519	UG	39 weeks	✓	✓	×	Kitchen	✓	£6,539 to £6,976
Turing Houses	282	UG	39 weeks	✓	×**	×	Kitchen	✓	£5,503
Tyler Court B/C*	339	UG	39 weeks	✓	✓	×	Kitchen	✓	£6,539
Bed and bistro									
Becket Court	103	UG	31 weeks	✓	✓	✓	Kitchenette***	✓	£6,448 to £7,207
Keynes College	162	UG	31 weeks	✓	✓	✓	Kitchenette***	✓	£6,448
Bed and flex									
Eliot College	221	UG	37 weeks	✓	×	✓	Kitchenette***	✓	£4,803 to £5,375
Rutherford College*	149	UG	37 weeks	✓	×	✓	Kitchenette***	✓	£4,803 to £5,375

* A number of rooms are also available for wheelchair users or students with other disabilities.

** Turing Houses have one bathroom shared between two rooms.

*** Kitchenettes contain a small fridge, microwave and kettle, and are only suitable for preparation of snacks and hot drinks.

Please note: our student accommodation does not include parking facilities.



Clearing and Adjustment applicants

Clearing and Adjustment applicants are asked to indicate accommodation requirements on the Clearing Application Form and will be offered accommodation in early September 2018, subject to remaining availability.

Deferred entry applicants

If you are accepted for deferred entry in September 2019, you should apply for accommodation at www.kent.ac.uk/accommodation between mid-January 2019 and 31 July 2019.

Catering

There is a variety of places to eat and drink on campus, including the following:

- Dining Hall, Rutherford College
- Bag It sandwich bar – in Rutherford Dining Hall
- Mungo's bistro, Eliot College
- Origins bistro, Darwin College
- Dolche Vita, Keynes College
- Hut 8, Turing College
- K-Bar, Keynes College
- Create café, Marlowe Building foyer
- Gulbenkian café
- Library Café
- Sports Café
- Sibson Café.

You can also buy food at pop-up stalls and the campus shop in the Plaza, at snack and drinks vending machines across campus, or from one of the main supermarkets in Canterbury. The new Student Hub at Park Wood, due to open in mid-2018, includes a bar and shop.

Flex catering package

When you receive your offer of accommodation from the University, you are also able to visit our online store at www.kent.ac.uk/accommodation and sign up to one of our Flex catering packages, which could save you up to 40% on your annual meal costs.

If you are in part-catered accommodation, we advise you to check the terms of your accommodation package before signing up for a Flex catering package, as some food may already be included.

KentOne card

When you arrive at Kent, you are given a student ID/cashless card: your KentOne card. As well as being your photo ID card, library card and providing access to your on-campus accommodation, it can be used to buy food and drink in Kent Hospitality outlets, where it entitles you to a 5% discount. You can also use it in the Gulbenkian café bar and at Kent Union shops on the Canterbury campus.

Insurance

Student rent for University accommodation includes insurance for loss of personal possessions from your room of up to £7,000 for claims arising from fire, flood or theft, including losses by walk-in theft. You can arrange additional cover online via the insurer's website for accidental damage or all risks on high-value items eg smartphones and laptops.

Accredited off-campus accommodation

Home Stamp is the official university service that helps students to find high-quality off-campus accommodation in Canterbury. The landlords and letting agents that Home Stamp works with have agreed to follow a code of conduct to ensure the fair, efficient management of their properties, and to confirm that they are of a high standard and meet all legal obligations. Students are advised to rent property only from accredited members of this scheme. For further details, visit www.homestampkent.co.uk

New students

If you are a new student and we are unable to offer you University campus accommodation, we strongly advise you to arrange a short stay in a guest house or hotel before term begins. This will enable you to personally view the various types of off-campus accommodation available through Home Stamp and make the choice that most closely matches your budget and other requirements. It is not advisable to agree to rent any private accommodation unseen over the telephone. We regret that the University cannot book off-campus accommodation on behalf of students. Details of local guest houses and hotels are available from the Canterbury Tourist Information Centre: www.canterbury.co.uk/accommodation

Second-year and final-year students

Second-year and final-year students are expected to join with friends to rent houses or flats off campus. Canterbury is a small city with a warm and student-friendly atmosphere, and is only a 25-minute walk from the campus. For guidance, the 2017/18 rental levels for a single room in a shared self-catering house off campus ranged from £85 to £100 a week, excluding utility bills. Most private landlords require students to enter into housing agreements that cover 52 weeks.

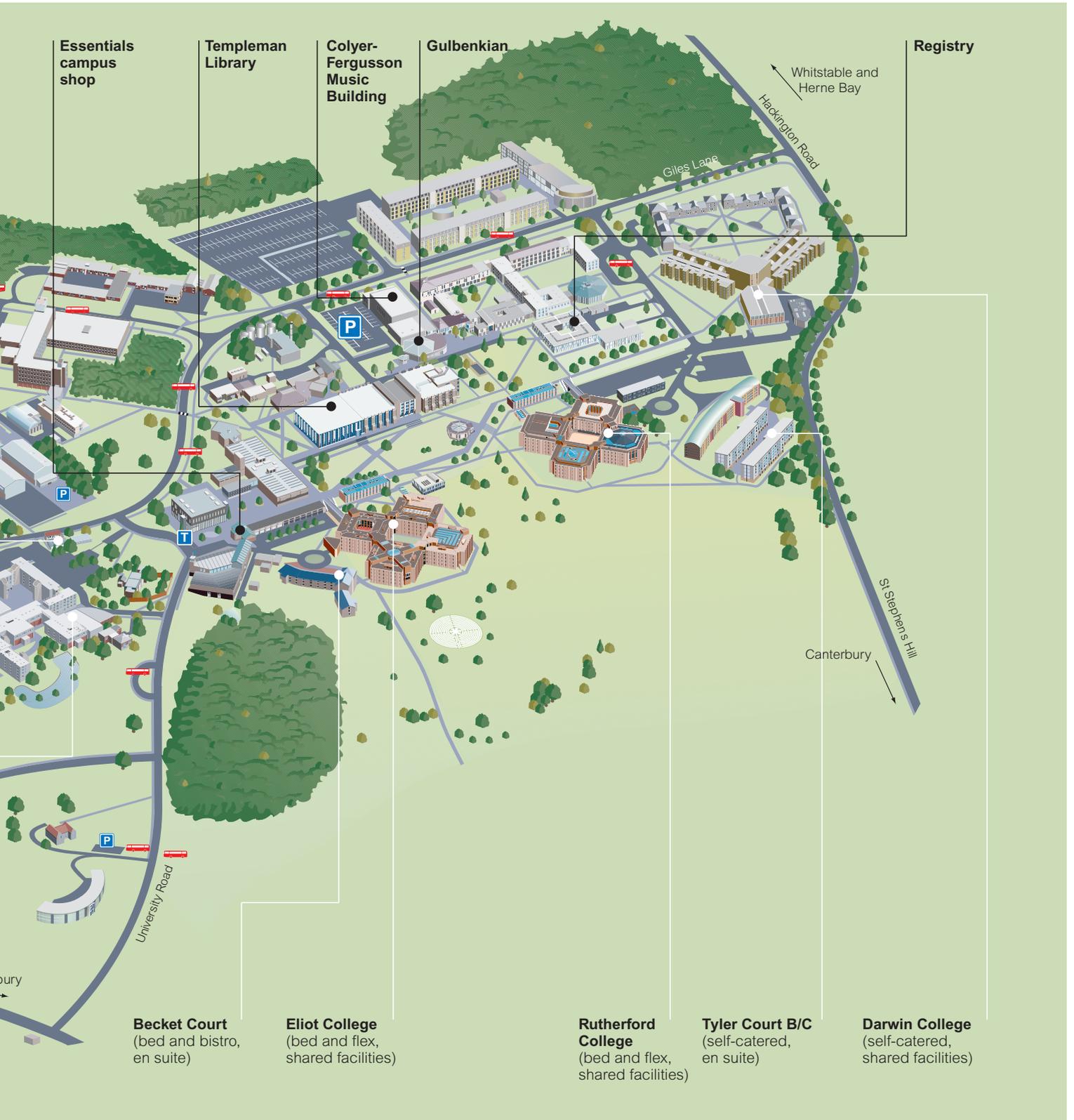
Kent Union and the Accommodation Office have produced an off-campus housing guide available via the accommodation web page. There is also a message board and Facebook pages where you can exchange information with fellow students.

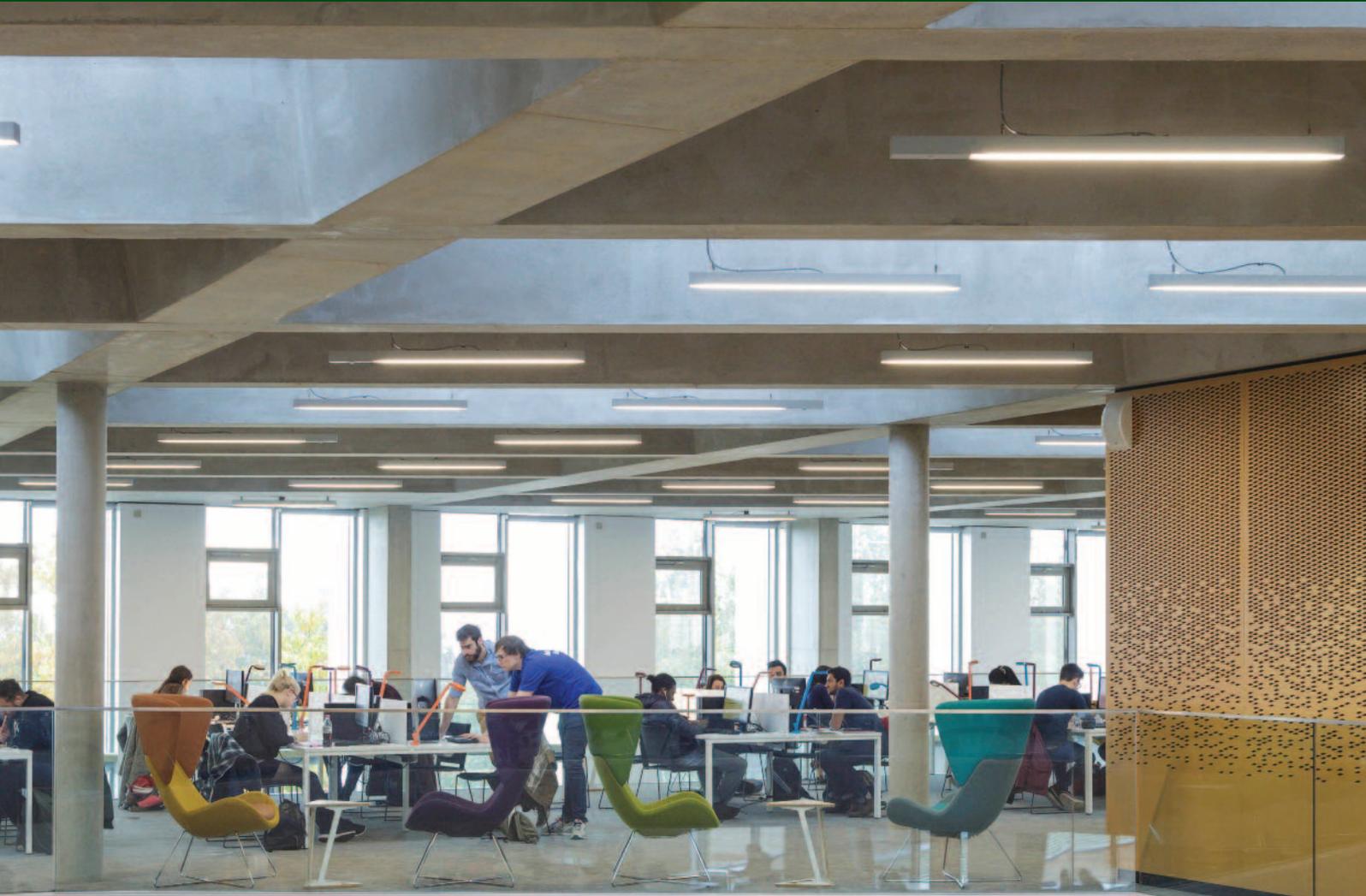
Transport and travel

It is easy to get around Canterbury using sustainable modes of travel. University of Kent students can purchase a substantially discounted bus pass or tickets from Stagecoach bus company. We work with CyclingAge to provide an affordable cycle hire scheme for students. Parking on the Canterbury campus is limited; if you live on campus or within the exclusion zone, you are not entitled to register for parking. Find out more about all of our travel discounts and how we are trying to be greener at www.kent.ac.uk/transport

ON-CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION MAP







EXCELLENT INFORMATION RESOURCES



The library and IT resources available are an important aspect of your degree, since these enable and enhance your learning. We provide our students with an impressive library and excellent IT facilities.

Templeman Library

Newly modernised and extended, the Templeman Library is stocked with over a million books, e-books, journals and online resources. It offers over 1,300 study spaces for silent, individual or group study, with nearly 500 computers and laptops. The library is open for long hours, seven days a week. During key study periods, it is open 24 hours a day.

The library is home to many specialist collections, including the British Cartoon Archive and the British Stand-up Comedy Archive; use the Special Collections and Archives Reading Room to view these. In the Gallery, you can explore a range of works produced by students and staff, as well as external exhibitions.

Study bedroom network connections

All student bedrooms on campus have free wired and Wi-Fi internet access and provide connections for you to link to the internet, email and the Kent network. If you intend to watch live television programmes or BBC iPlayer on your PC, or bring a television with you, you need to have a television licence.

Fact file

Kent has more than 1,000 computers on campus, all with Microsoft Office and free high-speed web access. Other facilities include:

- study hubs, providing a relaxed space for working alone and in groups
- self-service printing (for a small fee)
- overhead projectors, slide printers and scanners
- IT helpdesks, in person by phone or online
- training in IT skills.

Support to get you started

We provide training workshops and extensive online guidance to help you make the most of the information resources available to you. Visit www.kent.ac.uk/is/hello to explore the range of support available, including help for students with disabilities.

Further information

T: +44 (0)1227 824999
E: helpdesk@kent.ac.uk

STUDENT VIEW

'The facilities on campus – both academic and social – are excellent. The library is fantastic: as well as printed publications, there are e-books that you can download and subscriptions to online journals. There are also study hubs all around campus.'

Sarah Blackburn
Biology with a Sandwich Year

SUPPORT SERVICES

Kent offers a comprehensive range of support services at the Canterbury campus. The services listed here are only some of those provided, many of which are available to you before you arrive at the University. You can access these when you enrol with us online. For more details and information, follow the links to the relevant pages on our website at www.kent.ac.uk

Student Support and Wellbeing

Students with mobility difficulties, specific learning difficulties (eg dyslexia), medical and sensory impairments or mental health issues can receive guidance and personal support from Student Support and Wellbeing.

Depending on your specific needs, the Student Support team may be able to assist with the following:

- helping you to find out if you have dyslexia
- talking to your lecturers about any particular help you may need in lectures and seminars
- discussing any special arrangements you need for examinations

- contacting other departments about any specific adjustments you may require via inclusive learning plans (ILPs)
- applying for funding to pay for specialist equipment, helpers (eg specific learning difficulty tutors, mentors, note-takers) and assistive technology.

The Student Wellbeing Service is an integral part of student support and wellbeing and is free of charge to University students. It provides counselling and support for all students experiencing distress arising from psychological, emotional or mental health issues. In addition, the Student Wellbeing team delivers a range of group events and activities throughout the year.

Students who require additional support should contact us and complete a registration form.

Further information

Student Support team

T: +44 (0)1227 823158

E: accessibility@kent.ac.uk

www.kent.ac.uk/studentsupport

Student Wellbeing team

T: +44 (0)1227 823206

E: wellbeing@kent.ac.uk

www.kent.ac.uk/wellbeing

University Medical Centre

The Medical Centre is a specialist doctor's surgery on the Canterbury campus, providing care tailored to meet the health needs of students at the University. We strongly advise you to register with a doctor's surgery close to your term-time accommodation. By registering under the NHS system, you qualify for treatment here and in many reciprocating countries abroad. Students should also register with a local NHS dentist.

Further information

T: +44 (0)1227 469333

www.umkent.co.uk

College Master

All students become a member of a College on registration and retain their College affiliation throughout their studies. The College Master is there to offer advice, help and support for all Kent students and is your first port of call when you need assistance of any kind. You can arrange an appointment at any time during the academic year and all matters are dealt with in the strictest of confidence. The College Master also upholds the University's regulations and code of conduct.

Further information

www.kent.ac.uk/studentservices/masters



Student Advice Centre

Kent Union's Student Advice Centre offers free, confidential and impartial advice on a range of matters, including academic issues, finance, housing, safety and welfare, issues affecting care leavers, the needs of international students (eg visas) and much more. The Advice Centre offers full appointments, as well as drop-in sessions for less complicated issues. Additionally, there is a dedicated email address and advice line telephone number available for students who are not on campus and require advice remotely. If our advisers can't answer your questions, they will refer you to someone who can.

Further information

www.kentunion.co.uk/advice

Student Learning Advisory Service

The Student Learning Advisory Service (SLAS) is a free and friendly resource for students from all subjects and all levels of study. SLAS provides information, advice and guidance for students interested in strengthening their study skills, or who wish to discuss a specific study problem. This is provided in addition to the subject-based support available within our academic schools.

Further information

T: +44 (0)1227 824016
www.kent.ac.uk/learning

Language support

The Centre for English and World Languages provides free support for all registered students who are non-native speakers of English.

In-session English Skills modules take place over two terms and comprise: essay writing; grammar; seminar discussion and presentation skills; listening comprehension and note-taking; and pronunciation. Individual writing tutorials are available by appointment. Students can also choose one credit-bearing English language module in the autumn and spring terms.

There is also a range of pre-session courses specially designed to prepare international students for study at Kent.

Further information

T: +44 (0)1227 824401
www.kent.ac.uk/cewl
www.kent.ac.uk/international-pathways

Careers and Employability Service

The University is committed to enhancing the employability of all our students, in order to enable you to compete and flourish in a competitive, fast-moving economy. Your programme will help you to develop a wide range of employability skills;

STUDENT VIEW

'Everyone has an academic adviser, then there are mentor schemes, student support officers, help with internships and employability; if ever you hit a problem you'll immediately find help. Office hours seem very good, so staff are always accessible.'

Key Binder

Politics and International Relations with a Year in Continental Europe

our award-winning Careers and Employability Service also offers advice and support to help you make career decisions, gain experience and develop your skills further.

Further information

www.kent.ac.uk/student/employability
www.kent.ac.uk/ces



FUNDING

At Kent, we believe that all students who have the academic potential to benefit from our courses should be able to come to the University. Our financial support scheme is one of the most generous in the UK.

In 2015/16 (the last year for which audited figures are available), we allocated almost £19m in student support, including £7.5m in bursaries, scholarships, grants and awards for our undergraduate students. Many of our awards are in addition to government loans or other support you may receive.

Figures quoted below are for the 2018/19 academic year, unless otherwise stated.

University funding

Kent's financial support package

Students resident in England

We have a £4,500 financial support package* for eligible students across three (or four where appropriate) years of study, who start at Kent in 2018:

- Year 1: £1,500 (cash payment)
- Year 2: £1,500 (cash payment)
- Year 3: £1,500 (cash payment).

The Kent financial support package does not have to be repaid. Part-time students may be eligible for a pro rata financial support package. Please read our full eligibility criteria for further details at www.kent.ac.uk/fees

Who is eligible?

Full-time undergraduate students who ordinarily live in England with an annual household income of £42,875** or less who satisfy a range of other socio-economic criteria and begin their studies in September 2018.

Further information

www.kent.ac.uk/fees

Scholarships

The Kent Scholarship for Academic Excellence

All full-time students

At Kent, we recognise, encourage and reward excellence. We know you will have worked exceptionally hard to achieve the qualifications needed to secure your place at university and we have established the Kent Scholarship for Academic Excellence to reward your efforts.



The scholarship is worth £2,000 for each year of study and will be renewed on an annual basis, subject to good academic progress. There is no application process; the scholarship is awarded automatically to applicants who achieve the A level grades (or specified equivalents) outlined in the University's criteria for eligibility. If you are eligible, your scholarship will be confirmed via your applicant portal in September 2018. For more details, please see www.kent.ac.uk/ugfunding

Music Performance Scholarships

Music and culture bring benefits to both individual students and to the wider University community. In recognition of this, Kent awards Music Performance Scholarships to talented instrumentalists and singers (usually worth between £1,000 and £2,000 per year), together with £500 of instrumental/vocal tuition with experienced teachers. New students from all degree programmes are welcome to apply for this scholarship, which is not means-tested.

The scholarship encourages excellence in music performance and rewards a recipient's involvement in the extra-curricular musical life of the University.

Further information and application procedure

www.kent.ac.uk/music/scholarships.html

Sports scholarships

Students who perform at a minimum standard of county level or equivalent can apply for a sports scholarship.

- General sports scholarships – between £300 and £2,000 a year (scholarships of up to £5,000 are available in exceptional circumstances)
- Boxing – up to £2,000 a year
- Cricket – up to £2,500 a year
- Hockey – up to £2,000 a year
- Rugby – up to £2,000 a year

Further information and application procedure

www.kent.ac.uk/sports/scholarships

Full-time students from outside the EU

There are international scholarships of £5,000 a year (for up to three years of study) towards the cost of tuition fees. For further information and the application procedure, please visit www.kent.ac.uk/scholarships

Further information

In addition to the scholarships outlined here, there are a number of other specific awards – you can explore these at www.kent.ac.uk/scholarships

*subject to approval by the Office for Fair Access (OFFA).

**subject to confirmation for 2018/19.



Loyalty scheme

All full-time students

Kent offers a 10% discount on the first year's tuition fees if you have a brother or sister registered at the University, if you are the child of an alumnus, or you have graduated from Kent and are returning to take a privately funded full-time degree. Spouses/civil partners who register for degree programmes at the same time, or where study overlaps, and at least one tuition fee is privately funded, are entitled to one discount of 10% of the first year's tuition fees, payable to either spouse/civil partner or shared equally between them. Privately funded in these instances includes funding from the Student Loans Company and Personal Career Development Loans.

Further information and application procedure

www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/fees/loyaltydiscount.html

UK government funding

The UK government offers financial support to eligible UK students in the form of loans to cover tuition fees and contribute towards living costs. Both the tuition fee loan and the living cost loan are repayable. Regulated fees for 2018/19 (such as those regulated by the Department for Education or Research Councils UK) have not yet been confirmed by the government, but the University of Kent intends to set fees at the maximum level permitted for new and returning students.

In 2017/18, the financial support available from the UK government for eligible students was as follows:

- tuition fee loan – £9,250 (or total cost of tuition fee)
- living cost loan of up to £8,430 (if you live away from home) or up to £7,097 (if you live at home).

The precise amount of funding you receive varies depending on your or your household's circumstances, so you should contact Student Finance at www.gov.uk/student-finance to get an exact calculation of the amount to which you are entitled.

There may be additional funding for UK students with special circumstances, eg lone parents, students with dependent children or students with disabilities.

Part-time students

If you are studying part-time, you will be able to apply for a tuition fee loan. You won't have to pay for your course up front, as long as it is your first degree and you are studying at least 25% of a full-time course. You will not generally be eligible for a living cost loan.

How to apply for UK government funding

Apply via Student Finance. An online calculator will help you to work out how much funding you can get and you can see the bursaries available at your preferred university or college.

EU students

The UK government has confirmed that EU students will remain eligible for financial support in the academic year 2018/19. This means EU students will pay the same fees as UK students and may be eligible for tuition fee loans. EU status depends on nationality and residency.

For up-to-date information about UK government funding for EU students, please check the Student Finance website.

Students from outside the EU

Students from outside the EU may have access to sources of funding from their own governments.

Further information

For more information, including the most up-to-date information on tuition fees for 2018/19, see www.gov.uk/student-finance

LIVING COSTS

To estimate what your living costs might be, use our student support calculator at www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/calculators

FAQs



We pride ourselves on being a caring university. Kent offers a huge range of services and facilities to support our students. Here are some of our frequently asked questions.

Is there any financial support on offer?

The University offers a generous financial package for eligible students, as well as a number of scholarships. For more information, see p14 or go to www.kent.ac.uk/ugfunding

I'm an EU student, am I eligible for a UK tuition fee loan?

Currently, UK legislation allows for EU students to have access to the same funding sources as UK students. The government confirmed on 21 April 2017 that EU students will continue to remain eligible for undergraduate, Master's, postgraduate and advanced learner financial support in the academic year 2018 to 2019, meaning EU students will pay the same fees as home students and may be eligible for tuition fee loans.

Where can I get general advice on student life?

Kent Union, the students' union, provides advice and support on issues that could affect you while you are a student. This includes the all-important finance questions: grants, loans and how to manage your money. Our advisers can also help with housing queries, problems with your course and a range of other matters. See www.kentunion.co.uk for more details. Homestampkent.co.uk can help you find housemates and approved student accommodation.

Where do I go for medical care?

The Medical Centre is a GP practice located on the Canterbury campus (with a pharmacy next door). As well as this facility, the University Nursing Service provides nursing care, a minor casualty service and advice to students. For more details, see www.umckent.co.uk

What about personal issues?

The Student Support team assists students with mobility difficulties, specific learning difficulties, such as dyslexia, medical and sensory impairments and mental health issues. We encourage all students who have additional support needs to contact us before starting at the University.

Kent's Student Wellbeing team offers support to students who have concerns arising from emotional, psychological or mental health issues. The team includes counsellors who offer individual counselling sessions and wellbeing advisers who support students with mental health concerns.

Is there any spiritual guidance for students at Kent?

The Chaplaincy team at Kent is multi-faith: there are three chaplains (Anglican, Catholic and Pentecostal) and several other members who serve the main Christian denominations and the Buddhist, Islamic

and Jewish faith communities on campus. There is a chapel in Eliot College, and a mosque on the campus. See www.kent.ac.uk/chaplaincy for further information.

Can you help me find a part-time job?

The Jobshop service, run by Kent Union, is an employment agency to help you to find suitable part-time or temporary work while you study. Its agency-style service offers local employers a database of student staff. It also holds workshops throughout the year for students on how to make a job application and interview skills. Vacancies are displayed in the Jobshop centre (located on the Plaza, next door to Essentials) and on its website. See www.kentunion.co.uk/jobs for more details.

Do you offer guidance on careers?

Our award-winning Careers and Employability Service can give you guidance on how to choose a future career, how to apply for jobs, how to write a good CV and how to perform well in interviews and aptitude tests. It also provides information on internships, year-in-industry placements and graduate jobs. There is a comprehensive website, including information on graduate destinations, at www.kent.ac.uk/ces

And what about personal safety?

Kent is one of the safest places to study but we do recognise that some students may feel vulnerable, particularly at night. We have specially trained security officers who patrol the campus 24/7, comprehensive CCTV coverage and a 24-hour reception in each college. The colleges are accessed by a key-card at night and each study bedroom has a security peephole fitted. There is also an on-campus security service, which means you can be accompanied, on foot, by a security guard at any time of the day or night.

SafeZone is a free app designed to help give round-the-clock safety reassurance to staff and students. You can use the University's SafeZone service to summon security or safety assistance via your mobile phone. For more information, see www.kent.ac.uk/safezone

A TOP UK UNIVERSITY

Kent is a leading university and is ranked 22nd in the UK in *The Guardian University Guide 2018*.

TIME OUT

Most students quickly make new friends and get involved in the social scene. With its thriving arts provision, wide choice of student societies and many places to socialise, Kent offers a vibrant and cosmopolitan student experience.

Welcome Week

Kent Union organises a lively Welcome Week programme, which includes all kinds of events to help you settle in, meet people and have some fun.

Clubs and bars

The Venue is an on-campus student nightclub run by Kent Union. It plays host to a range of acts and offers a variety of music genres, club nights and live entertainment, including local, student and mainstream bands.

Some colleges have their own bar: Mungo's is in Eliot, Origins in Darwin and K-Bar in Keynes. The Gulbenkian has a relaxed café-bar in the theatre-cinema complex, with outdoor tables in the summer.

Eating out

The huge range of places to eat on campus means there is something for everyone. Our award-winning catering team offers choices to suit both home and international tastes – for example, Dolche Vita is popular for its fusion of dishes from around the world. Origins is another favourite, best known for its Mexican food; Mungo's is famous for its burgers. Sibson Café provides a selection of fresh, healthy food, while the Gulbenkian Café has a lively atmosphere and great coffee. The Library Café provides an opportunity to take a break and relax away from your studies.

Other options are Rutherford Dining Hall, a traditional cafeteria-style outlet; Bag It – a bespoke sandwich service also in Rutherford College (with online ordering, meaning you can order from wherever you are); and a variety of pop-up food stalls in the Plaza, ideal for when you need to eat on the go. Hut 8 in Turing College offers a selection of chicken dishes and pizzas to eat in or take away; it is a great space, used by lots of student societies.

Student Media Centre

Situated above The Venue, our Student Media Centre houses our radio station, newspaper and TV station – all of which have won national awards. With state-of-the-art radio studios, editing suites and a TV studio, you have the opportunity to develop your skills in an industry-standard space and join our fantastic team of student volunteers.

Gulbenkian

The Gulbenkian is the University's arts centre, housing a theatre, cinema and café stage for live music. The exciting and diverse programme showcases theatre and dance from leading UK and international companies, plus great stand-up, live music, spoken word and University of Kent student productions. The cinema shows the best in film; British, foreign language, indie, cult, blockbusters, the big new releases and favourite classics. For more details, see www.thegulbenkian.co.uk

Whatever you study... make music

Students can take part in a wide range of extra-curricular music-making. The award-winning Colyer-Fergusson Building is the venue for concerts and rehearsals, and there are also opportunities to perform in the spectacular surroundings of Canterbury Cathedral. If you sing or play an instrument, you can join the Chorus, Chamber Choir, Symphony Orchestra, Concert and Big Bands, or the many other bands and ensembles that are formed each year. There are also musical events and activities organised by the various student music societies on the Canterbury and Medway campuses. For further details, please see www.kent.ac.uk/music, www.kentunion.co.uk/activities/societies and www.gkunions.co.uk/activities/societies

Talented instrumentalists and vocalists can apply for a music scholarship, whatever they are studying. For more information, see www.kent.ac.uk/music/scholarships.html

Societies

At Kent, you have the chance to take up acting, photography, sailing, skiing, or even become a radio DJ... and that's just a small selection. There are over 150 societies on offer; the Freshers' Fair in Welcome Week is a great opportunity to find out more about them, or visit www.kentunion.co.uk

Volunteering

You can volunteer to do practically anything. It gives you the chance to get some work experience, have fun doing it, and get a Kent Student Certificate for Volunteering (KSCV) for your efforts. You can also take part in Raise and Give (RAG) fundraising, which is a chance for students to do completely off-the-wall things while raising money for charity. For more information about the KSCV award, see www.kentunion.co.uk/volunteering

STUDENT VIEW

'I only have good things to say about the teaching at Kent. The academics have plenty of time for the students. They give you a lot of support and respond to emails quickly. The people on the admin team are amazing too.'

'I have friends who went to other universities, and when they came to visit me at Kent, they were quite surprised because they didn't have the same social facilities as we do. The bars and cafés on campus are good and there's the Gulbenkian, so you can go to the theatre or cinema. The library is brilliant too.'

'I spent a year studying abroad and it was one of the best experiences of my life. I can't understand why more people don't do it. I took Spanish as a wild module in my first year, continued it in the second year, and that meant I could take a year abroad in Spain as part of my degree. I went to a university in Andalucia and the Erasmus scheme paid my tuition fees and gave me a small grant too, which went quite a long way in southern Spain.'

Josh Gardner
Religious Studies with an Approved Year Abroad

DID YOU KNOW?

A free shuttle bus runs between the Canterbury and Medway campuses during term time, so you can also sample everything on the Medway campus – just a short walk from The Historic Dockyard Chatham.



SPORTS



Sport and recreation is a major part of life at Kent and is a great way to meet new people. Kent Sport operates a 'sport for all' policy to encourage everyone to keep fit and healthy while having fun.

Sports facilities

Kent Sport has extensive sport and fitness facilities, providing members with the opportunity to experience sport either for leisure and recreation or to an elite competitive level using state-of-the-art equipment.

Members enjoy:

- an outstanding fitness suite, featuring three distinct areas for general fitness, rehabilitation and high-performance training. It includes cardiovascular equipment and a range of free weights and lifting platforms. It is air-conditioned and has integrated television screens
- three multi-purpose sports halls for many activities, ranging from badminton to volleyball
- fitness and dance class studios that can be split into two for smaller, more intimate classes with enhanced lighting and sound. Classes can be booked online
- squash courts
- an indoor and outdoor tennis and netball centre – three indoor courts and three outdoor courts
- two floodlit 3G football pitches

- a floodlit astro-turf multi-use pitch
- grass pitches for sports, including rugby, football and lacrosse
- two-bay outdoor cricket nets
- a cycle hub for bike hire and maintenance
- Sports Pavilion with changing rooms, fully licensed café bar and social space
- café areas for refreshments and snacks, with vending machines and Wi-Fi access.

Kent Sport also offers a wide variety of fitness consultations, dance classes, sports courses, workshops and fun tournaments throughout the academic year. Sports Development run a comprehensive inter-college and intramural programme.

Kent Sport Physiotherapy Clinic, based in the fitness suite wellness area, provides a seamless pathway from acute injury to full fitness.

STUDENT VIEW

'In my first year I did Aikido, I've done pole fitness and I've picked up mixed martial arts. I've started rowing now, too! I've also taken a few classes – yoga and Zumba. In the gym, the staff show you how to use the equipment and get the most out of it.'

Naomi Gilad
Comparative Literature

SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS

Kent offers a number of scholarships of up to £2,000 a year; additional funding may be available in exceptional circumstances. For more information, see www.kent.ac.uk/sports

Membership

Our easy-to-access on-campus sports facilities are among the best in the university sector. Student membership can be purchased online before you arrive, or you can visit the Sports Centre once you are here. Full membership includes access to all sports and fitness facilities, seven-day advance booking, entry to all fitness and dance classes from Body Pump to Zumba, bike hire from the Cycle Hub, equipment hire, and access to facilities for Team Kent club training and matches (joining Team Kent clubs incurs additional joining fees paid directly to Kent Union). Please visit our website for up-to-date prices and payment options.

Further information

www.kent.ac.uk/sports

Sports clubs

Team Kent, part of Kent Union (the students' union), runs over 50 student sports clubs, ranging from American football to kick-boxing, cricket, skiing, fencing and snowboarding. Teams include football, rugby, netball, cricket, athletics, rowing and basketball. Sports clubs welcome experienced athletes and beginners.

Further information

www.kentunion.co.uk

VISIT THE UNIVERSITY

Come along for a visit and see what it is like to be a student at Kent. Discover for yourself what we can offer you: academic excellence, inspirational teaching and a superb student experience.

Open Days

Kent runs Open Days during the summer and autumn for prospective and current applicants.

Open Days provide you with an opportunity to explore the campus, meet academic staff, support staff and current students, find out about your course and attend informative presentations.

Further information

For further information and details of how to book your place, see www.kent.ac.uk/opendays

Applicant Days

If you are holding an offer of a place to study at Kent (or we invite you to attend an interview), you will usually have the opportunity to attend an Applicant Day during the autumn or spring term. You will spend time with your academic school finding out more about your prospective course and meeting staff and current students.

You can view the available dates and book your place via KentVision. We also hold separate Selection Days for some courses.

Further information

For further information and Applicant Day FAQs, see www.kent.ac.uk/applicantdays

Informal visits

You are welcome to make an informal visit. The University runs tours of the Canterbury campus throughout the year for anyone who is unable to attend an Open Day or Applicant Day. For more details and to book your place, see www.kent.ac.uk/informal

Self-guided tours

If you can't attend one of our events, a self-guided tour is an excellent way to explore the campus. You can pick up a tour guide from visitors' reception in the Registry building, Monday to Friday, between 9am and 5pm. Alternatively you can download a copy at www.kent.ac.uk/informal

You can also explore the campus in person or from the comfort of your home with our self-guided audio tour. The audio tour gives you a real flavour of the campus and you will hear from people who help to make Kent such an inspiring place to study – our



staff and students. Go to www.kent.ac.uk/courses/visit/informal/audio-tour.html to get started.

Travel information

For maps and travel information, please go to www.kent.ac.uk/directions and follow the links for the Canterbury campus.

Parking

Parking charges apply except in designated areas on Open Days and Applicant Days.

Contact us

If you have any further queries, please contact us via KentVision: <https://evision.kent.ac.uk>
T: +44 (0)1227 768896
www.kent.ac.uk/visit

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For the University to operate efficiently, it needs to process information about you for administrative, academic and health and safety reasons. Any offer we make to you is subject to your consent to process such information and is a requirement in order for you to be registered as a student. All students must agree to abide by the University rules and regulations at: www.kent.ac.uk/regulations

STUDENT VIEW

'When I visited Kent, I thought the campus was beautiful; I loved the amazing view of Canterbury Cathedral and all the green space – and the accommodation looked good. The staff were very enthusiastic and the School and the University had high rankings.

'I am really enjoying my course. I like the fact that one day I am learning about a remote tribe in the Trobriand Islands and the next studying human evolution. I have definitely fallen in love with anthropology.

'The University library is great and we have access to a lot of online articles and journals. The social facilities at Kent, the gym, the Gulbenkian cinema, the bars and restaurants, all make it easy to meet people. There is always something going on, which is great. Canterbury is a picturesque city and also very student friendly. The shopping is good and it's a nice place to walk around. I am very excited about graduating in the Cathedral.'

Lorit Dror
Anthropology



