

ESSENTIALS/ MEDWAY 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 University of Kent at Medway is one of the most exciting developments in higher education in the UK. You can expect first-class teaching, learning and leisure opportunities, plus an exceptional level of personal support. The Medway campus comprises two sites: Pembroke and The Historic Dockyard Chatham. The University of Kent has teaching and social facilities at both sites.

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 (p13)
- 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 (p8)
- Investigate University funding and scholarships (p9)
- Apply for government funding (UK/EU students) (p9)
- Find out about study support (p7)
- Find out about Student Support and Wellbeing (p7)

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** choice (CI) 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 and Vocational A levels (VCEs) 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 your 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 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 offer you an alternative course.

What if my exams were affected by adverse conditions?

The University normally takes into account 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 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 based on the evidence you provide, but we cannot guarantee that we will be able to accept you.

What if I have to complete an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check?

All applicants offered a place to study Social Work must complete an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check as part of the requirements for this programme of study at the University. You will be sent further information in late August.

When should I apply for accommodation?

You can apply for University 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 transfer, 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 institutions 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 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 have the chance to develop your own ideas, whatever your subject. You will develop a global perspective and open 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 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.

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. We provide free internet connection in Liberty Quays accommodation and from student PCs. There are open access areas across the Medway

STUDENT VIEW

'The Medway campus is built on an old naval site, so you have the sense of history and culture but also modern buildings. The library is huge; there is always somewhere to study even when it is busy and there is Wi-Fi pretty much everywhere.'

'Kent is a very accommodating university and once you show that you want to be involved in extra activities, the staff support you to do that. Our modules focus on areas that our lecturers are researching so they are current, which is very important with computing because it evolves so quickly. Our lecturers are some of the best in the field and their passion for their subject motivates you to work hard and get involved.'

Alexi Bitsios
Computing



*of all publicly funded, multi-faculty universities

campus, so that you always have access to the internet, the University network and a range of software and public printers.

Our library contains an impressive collection of online resources, books and journals, as well as extensive study space and computers. Subject specialist librarians are on hand to help you get the most from your studies.

The University has invested substantially in the Centre for Music and Audio Technology at The Historic Dockyard Chatham. Facilities include a range of industry-standard studios, recording and post-production facilities. The Fire Station has a new spatial audio studio, a Foley studio for film sound effects and audio dubbing, and ensemble rehearsal spaces. The Drilling Shed is home to our flagship recording studio.

The Historic Dockyard Chatham is also home to the Medway arm of Kent Business School (KBS). The Sail and Colour Loft, originally built in 1723, has been adapted to create a 21st-century teaching and learning environment to house our dynamic and successful business school.

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 are from overseas; this helps you to gain an international perspective that may be useful in your future career.

Study in another country

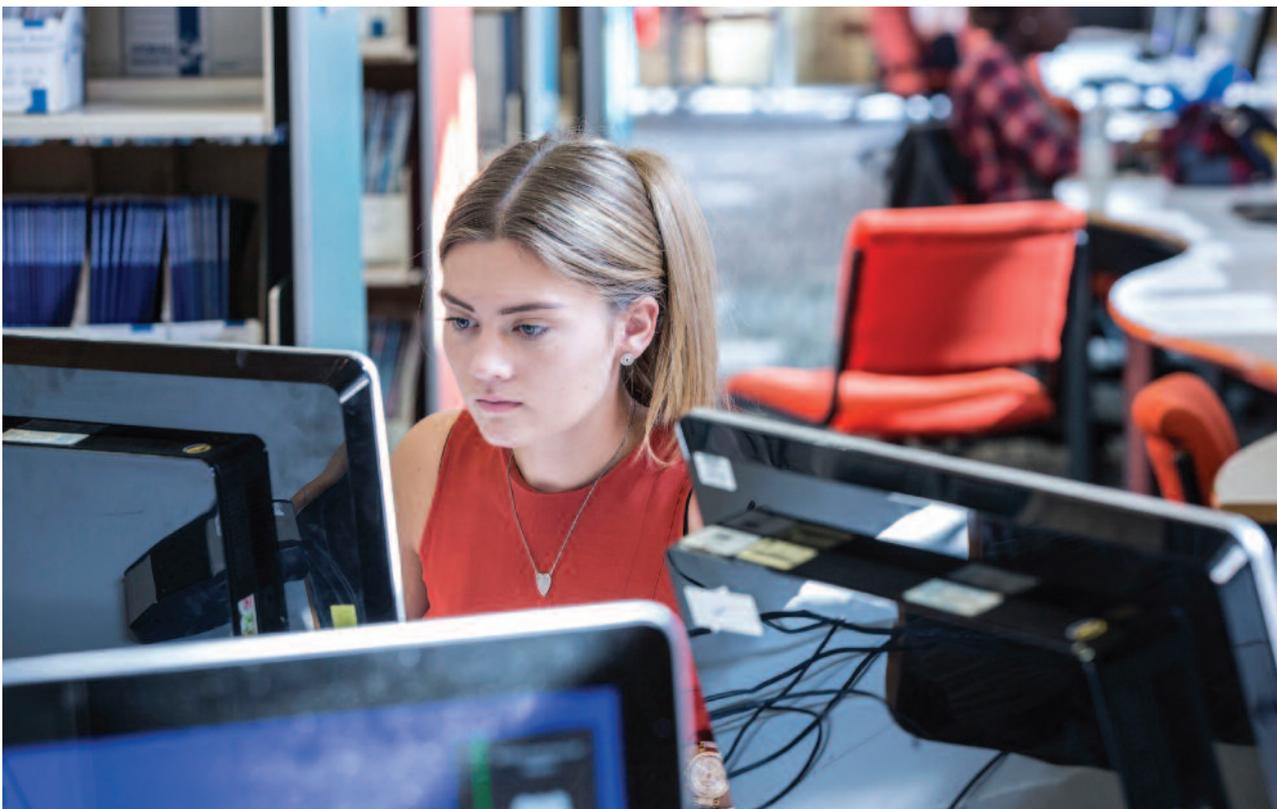
Kent offers you the chance to study in another country as well as in the UK. We have a wide range of degrees where you can spend up to a year at one of our partner universities. We have partnerships with some of the most prestigious universities in the world, including the Sorbonne in Paris and over 100 other universities throughout Europe, Waseda University in Japan, the University of Hong Kong and the University of California.

STUDENT VIEW

'The facilities for the course are great. The sports labs are really well equipped – we do lots of practical work there, and there are clinics and gyms with amazing specialist equipment. I also love that there are so many opportunities on this course – for instance if you want to help in the local community.'

Olyvia Geohagen
Sport and Exercise for Health

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



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.

Located at the heart of the Medway campus, the Drill Hall Library provides a state-of-the-art library and IT facilities in a historic setting. It has a team of knowledgeable, friendly and dedicated staff who are happy to assist you. The library is open early until late, and is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week at certain times of year (eg exam periods). The collection contains around 130,000 items, including books, journals and a wide range of electronic resources to support your studies.

The library website (www.campus.medway.ac.uk) provides details of:

- study resources
- IT services
- subject guides
- subject librarians
- journals
- e-resources
- study skills
- catalogue search
- support for students with disabilities
- opening hours and other useful information.

Fact file

- Seating for over 600 students
- Over 400 PCs and 70 laptops
- Free Wi-Fi
- 24/7 opening hours at certain times of year
- Self-service printing (small fee)
- Poster printing service (small fee)
- Study zones for group, quiet or silent working
- Bookable and free-to-use group study rooms with digital presentation facilities
- Area for exclusive use by research students
- Café and refreshment area and outside seating
- Welcome desk offering support and advice

Library skills

Library skills training sessions run every term in the Drill Hall Library training rooms. Most sessions are run by your subject librarian and are subject specific, assisting you in researching for your course work or dissertation. Other sessions are more general, such as learning how to use the library catalogue and manage your library account.

STUDENT VIEW

'The library is great and there are lots of e-books and e-journals available; everything is set up to make study easy and convenient. There is also plenty of support on offer and the Student Learning Advisory Service helps with general study skills.'

Davina McMahon
Social Work

Further information

T: +44(0)1634 883878
E: dhl-librarians@gre.ac.uk
www.campus.medway.ac.uk
www.kent.ac.uk/is/hello/

Follow us on social media to get the latest updates:

Twitter: @drillhalllib
Facebook: @drillhall.library
Instagram: @drillhalllibrary

SUPPORT SERVICES

Kent offers a comprehensive range of support services at the Medway campus. The services listed here are only some of those we offer, 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)1634 888474

E: medwaystudentservices@kent.ac.uk

www.kent.ac.uk/studentsupport

Student Wellbeing team

T: +44 (0)1634 202984

E: medwaywellbeing@kent.ac.uk

www.kent.ac.uk/studentwellbeing

Medical care

You should register with a local GP to receive treatment under the NHS system in the UK and in many reciprocating countries abroad. You should also register with a local NHS dentist.

The Sunlight Centre surgery is a specialist GP practice that provides medical care tailored to meet the health needs of Medway students. It also operates a clinic in the Medway Building one afternoon per week, run by a nurse practitioner.

Further information

Student Services

T: +44 (0)1634 888474

E: medwaystudentservices@kent.ac.uk

www.kent.ac.uk/studentsupport/medical-centre.html

College Master

The College Master for Medway 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 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

The students' union at Medway, GK Unions, provides an Advice Centre offering 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, 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.gkunions.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)1634 888884

E: learningmedway@kent.ac.uk

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, 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; 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

EMPLOYABILITY

More than 96% of Kent students who graduated in 2016 were in work or further study within six months.

ACCOMMODATION

Most new students live at Liberty Quays, part of the dynamic waterside village called Victory Pier. Set along the banks of the River Medway next to Gillingham Marina, it's just a ten-minute walk from the Medway campus.

The accommodation is self-catered and arranged in flats, housing five to eight students who share a fully equipped kitchen. All bedrooms have en-suite facilities, which include a shower, washbasin and toilet, and each room is networked. The accommodation has its own social facilities, common rooms and a launderette. Liberty Quays also has its own Tesco Express and fast food outlets; Cargo, our bar and bistro, provides the perfect social space to meet with friends. As well as a great lunch and dinner menu, the bistro offers entertainment, including live music and student events.

Accommodation prices

In 2017/18 the price for a single en-suite room was £5,655 for 39 weeks. This includes utility charges, internet connectivity and personal contents insurance. Prices for 2018/19 will be published on our website www.kent.ac.uk/accommodation when they become available.

How to apply for accommodation

Once you've 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 firm 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.

Further information

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

Conditions of eligibility for accommodation

We offer accommodation for 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 expect to offer accommodation to insurance, late, Clearing and Adjustment applicants where possible (subject to availability), so you should still apply as directed.

Allocation of accommodation

Liberty Quays will send you an offer of a room in late August or early September 2018, once all conditions have been met and an unconditional place has been confirmed. Liberty Quays is a partnership between the University and Liberty Living, which is a private provider of student accommodation. You will be entering into a contract directly with Liberty Living and will therefore be bound by their payment terms and conditions. Further details are available at www.libertyliving.co.uk

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.

Second-year and third-year students

We aim to offer accommodation at Liberty Quays to our second- and third-year students wherever possible, although we cannot guarantee that rooms will be available.

Further information

For more detailed information, go to www.kent.ac.uk/accommodation

Catering

There is a variety of places to eat and drink, both on and off campus, to suit all budgets and most dietary requirements:

- Archibald Hay Mess café in the Drill Hall Library
- Cargo at Liberty Quays
- The Deep End in the Student Hub
- Domino's Pizza at Liberty Quays
- Galvanising Shop Café
- No1 Bistro in the Rochester Building
- Subway at Liberty Quays
- Touchdown Café in Rowan Williams Court on campus
- Venue Café, Pilkington Building
- a variety of restaurants at the Dockside retail outlet, five minutes from campus.

You can also buy food from vending machines on campus, Tesco Express at Liberty Quays and Asda supermarket, opposite the campus at Chatham Waters.

KentOne card

When you first arrive at Kent, you are given a student ID/cashless card: your KentOne card. As well as being your photo ID card and library card, it can also be used to buy food and drink in the No1 Bistro, Galvanising Shop Café and Cargo, where it entitles you to a 5% discount.

Off-campus accommodation

If you prefer non-University accommodation, please refer to Kent Union and Home Stamp.

Further information

www.kentunion.co.uk/welfare/homestamp

Transport and travel

It is easy to get around Medway using sustainable modes of travel. University of Kent students can purchase a substantially discounted bus pass or tickets from Arriva bus company. Liberty Living also offers a cycle hire scheme for students living at Liberty Quays. Parking on the Medway campus is very limited; if you live at Liberty Quays or within the exclusion zone you are not entitled to register for parking.

Further information

Learn more about all of our travel discounts and how we are trying to be greener at www.kent.ac.uk/transport

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, and we have established one of the most generous financial support schemes 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.

All the figures quoted below are for the academic year 2018/19, 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 years of study (or four where appropriate), 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.

Who is eligible?

Full-time undergraduate students who ordinarily live in England, with an annual household income of £42,875[†] or less, and who satisfy a range of other socio-economic criteria and begin their studies in September 2018. For more information, visit 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 Music Performance Scholarships, which are not means-tested. For more details, please go to 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

For more details, please go to 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, 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

Loyalty scheme

All full-time students

Kent offers a 10% discount on the first year's tuition fees if you have a sibling already registered at the University, if you are the child of an alumnus, or if you have graduated from Kent and are returning to take a privately funded full-time degree at the University. Spouses/civil partners who register for degrees 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

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 eligible 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.

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 also 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 and how to apply for funding, see www.gov.uk/student-finance

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

[†]subject to confirmation for 2018/19.

FAQs



We pride ourselves on being a caring university. Kent offers a 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 numerous scholarships. For more information, see p9 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?

GK Unions 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 keep yourself afloat;

housing queries; advice if you have problems with your course; and other issues. For more details, see www.gkunions.co.uk or email info@gkunions.co.uk

Where do I go for medical care?

You are advised to register with a local GP practice when you arrive at the University. For more details, go to www.kent.ac.uk/studentssupport/medical-centre.html

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. See p7 for contact details.

Kent's Student Wellbeing team offers support to students who have concerns arising from emotional, psychological or mental health issues. Our team includes counsellors who can offer individual counselling sessions and Wellbeing Advisers who support students with mental health concerns. See p7 for contact details.

Is there any spiritual guidance for students at Kent?

The University of Kent provides a multi-faith Chaplaincy offering advice and community contacts relating to the spiritual and faith needs of students. The Medway campus chaplain is able to advise about the use of prayer facilities. To find out more, go to www.kent.ac.uk/chaplaincy, or visit www.gkunions.co.uk/activities/societies to explore the range of Medway-based faith societies.

Can you help me find a part-time job?

The Jobshop service, run by the students' union, is available 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 on the Jobshop website (www.gkunions.co.uk/jobs), or you can speak to a member of the Jobshop team located in the Student Hub. For more details, see www.gkunions.co.uk

Do you offer guidance on careers?

The University's 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. For more details, email medwaycareers@kent.ac.uk

The Careers and Employability Service is based within Student Services on the ground floor of the Gillingham Building. 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 in which 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 hours a day. There is also a Police Community Support Officer who regularly patrols the campus and all areas are covered by CCTV. The accommodation at Liberty Quays features comprehensive CCTV coverage, 24-hour security and electronic entry systems.

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

TIME OUT

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

Students' union

The Medway campus is shared by the University of Kent, the University of Greenwich and Canterbury Christ Church University. Greenwich and Kent Unions Together (GK Unions) is a partnership between the University of Greenwich Students' Union and the students' union at Kent: Kent Union. As a Kent student, you'll become a member of both GK Unions and Kent Union.

GK Unions is based at the Student Hub. Located in a listed building and cleverly converted from a former bowling alley and swimming pool, the Student Hub provides a café/bar – The Deep End – and an entertainment and social activity space.

A lively Welcome Week programme is organised by GK Unions, and includes all kinds of events to help you settle in, meet people and have some fun.

Clubs and bars

The Deep End is a popular destination for students to meet, relax and socialise; it hosts live music, quizzes, film screenings, sports and DJ sets.

Cargo, our bar and bistro next to Liberty Quays, is the perfect place to hear some of the best live music acts the area has to offer. The soft lounge and booth seating also provide a friendly and relaxed setting to watch one of the eight LCD TV screens showing music and sporting events.

The Medway towns themselves have numerous pubs and clubs, often offering student discounts. There are plenty of live music venues, and dedicated clubbers can easily find places to party.

Eating out

There are several places to eat out on the Medway campus, offering good food at student-friendly prices. The Venue, in the Pilkington Building, is a spacious café-restaurant that serves everything from freshly made salads to delicious meals and sandwiches; No 1 Bistro in the Rochester Building offers tempting choices for breakfast and lunch. The Deep End provides a great range of hot and

cold food; at the Historic Dockyard, the Galvanising Shop Café serves tasty grilled sandwiches. Cargo offers bistro-style lunch and dinner menus, allowing you to enjoy fresh and tasty food throughout the day.

Other venues include Touchdown, a modern sandwich/coffee bar in Rowan Williams Court; the Archibald Hay Mess café in the Drill Hall Library; and Pembroke Café, a traditional canteen, in the Pembroke Building.

The Dockside, a shopping centre adjacent to The Historic Dockyard Chatham, is within walking distance of campus and is home to 50 stores including major chains and independent restaurants.

Theatres and cinemas

The campus is five minutes' walk from a multiplex cinema. There are two local theatres in Chatham, the Central Theatre and the Brook Theatre, both of which host drama, music and comedy events. There is also a local arts centre, Nucleus Arts, in Chatham, which has its own gallery and café. And, of course, there is easy access to all the arts and nightlife in London.

Whatever you study... make music

Students can take part in a wide range of extra-curricular music-making. Venues for live music performance at Medway include The Deep End, The Galvanising Shop at The Historic Dockyard Chatham, and Cargo, adjacent to Liberty Quays. You have the opportunity to get involved in many types of music-making: in previous years these have included choirs, a Big Band and a Samba Band. There are also musical events and activities organised by the various student societies on both the Medway and Canterbury campuses. For further details, please see www.kent.ac.uk/music, www.gkunions.co.uk/activities/societies and www.kentunion.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

Festivals and events

Medway prides itself on its many festivals. You can celebrate Chinese New Year, experience a taste of Japan during the Will Adams Festival, or get your dancing shoes on for the summer concert season at Rochester Castle – there is something for everyone. For more details, see www.visitmedway.org/events

STUDENT VIEW

'Group work gives you the chance to get to know the other students really well. In the seminars, everyone values what you say, even if they don't completely agree.'

'The social facilities are good too. The Student Hub brings in DJs and has good music. It's a nice open space.'

Barbara Blackwell
Criminal Justice and Criminology

Societies and groups

GK Unions offers a number of societies, including the Medway Business Society, Medway Amateur Dramatic Society, Music Society, Raise and Give (RaG), Afro-Caribbean Society and Christian, Hindu and Islamic societies. In September, the Freshers' Fair provides an opportunity to discover more about student societies. You can find out how to get involved in a favourite sport or other activity, or sign up to try something completely new. Visit www.gkunions.co.uk for more information.

Volunteering

Volunteering is a great way to learn new skills, build your confidence, meet new people, make a difference and improve your career prospects. There are hundreds of volunteering opportunities in the Medway area, involving a huge range of activities. The Kent Student Certificate for Volunteering (KSCV) allows you to get an award for your work. For more details, see gkunions.co.uk/volunteering

DID YOU KNOW?

A free shuttle bus runs between the Medway and Canterbury campuses during term time, so you can also sample everything Canterbury has to offer.

SPORTS



Sport is a great way to get involved in university life and meet new people. The Medway campus has an on-site sports centre with a cardio room, a weights room and courts for basketball, five-a-side football and netball. It offers annual membership at a very low cost.

Sports facilities

As well as the facilities on campus, you are also close to a number of off-campus sports facilities, including Medway Park, an £11 million multi-sport centre of excellence. Medway Park was used as a pre-Games training camp for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and elite athletes continue to benefit from its first-class facilities, including sports therapy and rehabilitation clinics run by Kent staff and students. You can get an annual discounted rate to use the swimming pools, sports halls, gym, squash courts, health suite and spa.

Also in the Medway area, you can enjoy an outdoor swimming pool, ice rink, dry ski slope, kart circuit, athletics track, indoor bowls, sailing and canoeing.

All of the sports facilities at the Canterbury campus are available to you and easily accessible using the free campus shuttle bus.

Further information

www.kent.ac.uk/locations/medway
www.medwaypark.org.uk

Sports clubs

Sports clubs on campus welcome experienced athletes and beginners: teams include football, rugby, netball, cricket, athletics, rowing and basketball. GK Unions sports teams are made up of students on the Medway campus from the Universities of Kent and Greenwich.

Further information

To find out more about sports clubs and societies, visit www.gkunions.co.uk

SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS

Kent offers a number of scholarships of up to £2,000 a year; funding of up to £5,000 may be available in exceptional circumstances. For more information, see www.kent.ac.uk/sports/scholarships

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 meet academic staff, support staff and current students, find out about your course and attend informative presentations. We also offer tours to view our campus facilities, Liberty Quays accommodation and Medway Park. 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 one of our Applicant Days 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.

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

Informal visits

You are welcome to make an informal visit at any time. The University runs tours of the Medway 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

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 reception in the Medway Building, Monday to Friday, between 9am and 5pm. Alternatively you can download a copy at www.kent.ac.uk/informal

Travel information

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

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

