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MEDWAY CAMPUS 2019

Information for undergraduates
I'm delighted you have applied to study at the University of Kent. Choosing us will be an excellent investment in your future: we provide first-class teaching, award-winning student support and state-of-the-art facilities at our campus set on fascinating historic sites beside the River Medway.

Our courses are designed to stretch and challenge you to achieve your full potential. We are proud to have been awarded gold in the UK Government’s Teaching Excellence Framework, in recognition of our outstanding teaching*. Based on the most recent Research Excellence Framework, Kent was ranked in the top 20 for research intensity by the Times Higher Education, outperforming 11 of the 24 Russell Group universities. Our research feeds into our teaching, so you can be confident that you are learning about the latest developments in your subject area.

The University of Kent is known as the ‘UK’s European university’ and we have an inclusive and diverse community. Our students represent 157 nationalities, and 40% of our research and academic staff are from outside the UK. Many of our programmes have a strong international focus and offer exciting opportunities to study or work abroad.

In this booklet, you can find out more about life at Kent, and the checklist below provides a guide to some key steps to take as you prepare for university. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact us. You will find more information, including contact details, on our website at www.kent.ac.uk/applicants

Mary Hughes
Academic Registrar

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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
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.

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 2019.

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 2019 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 2019.

If Kent is your insurance (UI) choice, we will confirm your acceptance via UCAS and email you with enrolment information in August 2019 if you are placed at Kent – that is, if your application to your firm choice is unsuccessful.

FAQs

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 AS and A 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 2019. 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 and 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 2019 is 6 September 2019.

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/undergraduate/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 exam 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 accommodation (see p8) between mid-January 2019 and 31 July 2019, once you have received a conditional or unconditional offer from Kent via UCAS. You do not need to wait until you have replied to your offer, as we will cancel your accommodation application if you decide to decline us. Accommodation applications received after 31 July 2019 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 2019 we will provide you with your Kent ID details. 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 enrolment process.

What if I have a place at Kent for deferred entry in 2020?

Subject to your satisfying the conditions of your offer by 31 August 2019, your deferred entry place will be confirmed via UCAS and you will be sent enrolment information in August 2020. You should apply for accommodation between mid-January 2020 and 31 July 2020 (see p8).

Further information

www.kent.ac.uk/applicants
HONOURS DEGREE PROGRAMMES

Kent has three faculties – Humanities, Sciences and Social Sciences – which support 18 academic schools and six academic centres.

Stages of study
Kent honours degrees divide into stages, as follows:

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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 programme with a year abroad or year in industry 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. The class of your final degree is based on the marks you receive for Stages 2 and 3.

Search for your course at www.kent.ac.uk/ug to find out about the range of modules available.

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 (2019 entry)
The following University of Kent degree subjects offered at our Medway campus are recognised by the appropriate professional bodies: Business & Management with a Year in Industry; Business Information Technology; Computing; Journalism; Pharmacy; 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 go to www.kent.ac.uk/ug
YOUR STUDY EXPERIENCE

We provide an excellent education, delivered by world-class researchers. 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, opening up a range of opportunities for future work and study.

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 award 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.

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.

Supportive environment
We offer excellent support to help you to achieve your very best in your studies; in 2017 we gained the Times Higher Education award for Outstanding Support for Students. 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 from student PCs and in Liberty Quays accommodation. There are open access areas across the Medway 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 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.

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

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

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.

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.

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. Over 95% of Kent students who graduated in 2017 and responded to the Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education (DHLE) survey 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 40% of our academic staff are from outside the UK; this helps you to gain an international perspective that may be useful in your future career.

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
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 you with an impressive library and excellent IT facilities.

Located at the heart of the Pembroke site, the Drill Hall Library provides 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 has extended opening hours during 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
- Extended 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
- Help desk offering support and advice

Support to get you started
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 amazing! I feel like an overgrown child in a sweet shop when I start looking for reading material. The online access is invaluable, as it means I can access resources 24 hours a day. The staff have been incredibly helpful over all sorts of issues, from finding a stapler to finding obscure journals.’

Willis Atherley-Bourne
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

At Kent we are committed to helping you to gain the maximum benefit from your studies, and our innovative approach was recognised in 2017 with the Times Higher Education award for Outstanding Support for Students.

We offer a comprehensive range of support services, many of which you can access before you arrive at the University.

Student Support and Wellbeing

Students with mobility difficulties, specific learning difficulties (e.g. 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 (e.g. 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 doctor to receive treatment under the National Health Service (NHS) system in the UK and in many reciprocating countries abroad. You should also register with a local NHS dentist. The Sunlight Centre doctor's surgery provides medical care tailored to meet the health needs of Medway students. It also operates a weekly clinic in the Medway Building on the Pembroke site, 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 support
All undergraduates at the University of Kent are assigned to one of the University’s seven colleges for the duration of their course. As a student at Medway, you become a member of Medway College. The College Master is there to offer advice, help and support 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/student/colleges

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 offers 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

English language support
The Centre for English and World Languages provides free support for all registered students who are non-native speakers of English. English Language and Academic Skills (ELAS) workshops take place over two terms and comprise: essay writing; grammar; seminar discussion and presentation skills; listening comprehension and note-taking; reading for academic study; pronunciation; and good academic practice and referencing. Individual writing and speaking 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-sessional courses specially designed to prepare international students for study at Kent.

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

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

Careers and Employability Service
The University is committed to enhancing the employability of all our students, to enable you to 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/oes

Over 95% of Kent students who graduated in 2017 and completed the DLHE survey 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 short walk from the Pembroke site and The Historic Dockyard Chatham.

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 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 2018/19 the price for a single en-suite room was £5,830.51 for 39 weeks. This includes utility charges, internet connectivity and personal contents insurance. Prices for 2019/20 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 of Kent, complete our application form at www.kent.ac.uk/accommodation

Accommodation applications open from mid-January 2019. 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 2019. We consider late applications, subject to availability.

If you are applying to Medway School of Pharmacy, you also need to apply online. For more information, see www.kent.ac.uk/accommodation

Further information
If you have any questions concerning your accommodation application, please contact the Accommodation Office:
T: +44 (0)1227 766680
E: accomm@kent.ac.uk

Conditions of eligibility for accommodation
We offer accommodation for full-time undergraduate students starting in September 2019 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 2019
• the University receives your online application for accommodation by 31 July 2019.

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 2019, 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 2019, subject to remaining availability.

Deferred entry applicants
If you are accepted for deferred entry in September 2020, you should apply for accommodation at www.kent.ac.uk/accommodation between mid-January 2020 and 31 July 2020.

Second-year and third-year students
We aim to offer accommodation at Liberty Quays to our second-year 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 (Pembroke)
• CARGO (Liberty Quays)
• The Deep End in the Student Hub (Pembroke)
• Domino’s Pizza (Liberty Quays)
• Galvanising Shop Café (The Historic Dockyard Chatham)
• No1 in the Rochester Building (Pembroke)
• Subway (Liberty Quays)
• Venue Café in the Pilkington Building (Pembroke)
• 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 Pembroke site 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 No1, the Galvanising Shop Café and Cargo, where it entitles you to a 5% discount.

TV licensing
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. Find out more at www.tvlicensing.co.uk/studentinfo

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
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 2016/17 (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 2019/20, unless otherwise stated.

University funding
Kent Financial Support Package
Students resident in England
We have a £4,500 financial support package*, provided across three years of study (or four years where appropriate), for eligible students who start at Kent in 2019:

- 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 2019. For more information, visit www.kent.ac.uk/fees

Scholarships
The Kent Scholarship for Academic Excellence
All full-time students
At Kent, we are keen to recognise the hard work needed to secure your university place and to encourage you to achieve your full potential. To reward your efforts, we have established the Kent Scholarship for Academic Excellence. The scholarship is worth £2,000 for each year of study and is 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 KentVision in September 2019. 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 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

Sports scholarships of £1,000 a year are also available for alumni.

For more details, please go to www.kent.ac.uk/sports/scholarships

Full-time students from outside the UK and EU
There are international scholarships of £8,000 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

Other awards
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. See 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 maintenance loan (to help with living costs) are repayable.

The Department for Education has confirmed that for 2019/20 the maximum tuition fee loan for eligible students will be £9,250. Other details of the financial support available for eligible students had not been confirmed at the time of publication. The University of Kent intends to set fees at the maximum level permitted for new and returning students.

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.

For more information, including the most up-to-date funding information, see www.gov.uk/student-finance

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 may also be eligible for a maintenance loan to help with your living costs.

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 any bursaries that are available.

EU students
The UK Government has confirmed that EU students beginning their studies in the UK in 2019/20 will be eligible for financial support for the duration of their course. 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 UK and EU
Students from outside the UK and EU may have access to sources of funding from their own governments.

* subject to approval by the Office for Students.
** subject to confirmation for 2019/20.
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?**

The UK Government has confirmed that EU students beginning their studies in the UK in 2019/20 will be eligible for financial support for the duration of their course. This means that, as an EU student, you will pay the same tuition fees as UK students and may be eligible for a tuition fee loan. 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.

**Where do I go for 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

**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 the Medway Faith Space facility.

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 at 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 app to summon security or safety assistance via your mobile phone. For more information, see www.kent.ac.uk/safezone
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.

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

Students’ union
The Pembroke site 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 have the opportunity to 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.

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, offering good food at student-friendly prices. On the Pembroke site, the Venue Café, in the Pilkington Building, is a spacious café-restaurant serving a wide range of dishes; No1 in the Rochester Building offers tempting choices for breakfast and lunch; the Archibald Hay Mess café in the Drill Hall Library provides snacks to help you through your studies; and The Deep End provides a great range of hot and cold food. At The Historic Dockyard, the Galvanising Shop Café is a great stop for breakfast and lunch. CARGO, at Liberty Quays, offers bistro-style lunch and dinner menus, allowing you to enjoy fresh and tasty food throughout the day.

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 theatres in Chatham, the Central Theatre and the Brook Theatre, both hosting 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 at Kent can take part in a wide range of extra-curricular music-making, with opportunities to participate at both Medway and Canterbury.

The Medway campus has a number of exciting venues for live music performance including the Royal Dockyard Church, The Galvanising Shop, The Deep End and CARGO. You have the opportunity to get involved in many types of music-making as well as the musical events and activities organised by the various student music societies on both campuses (for further details of these, see www.gkunions.co.uk).

Dockside Live! offers an opportunity to perform as part of a regular lunchtime programme alongside local professional bands and singer-songwriters. You can also join the University Chorus, Symphony Orchestra, concert and big bands which rehearse in the award-winning Colyer-Fergusson Music Building on the Canterbury campus. Students at an advanced vocal or instrumental level can apply for a music scholarship. For more information, see www.kent.ac.uk/mus

Discover Medway
GK Unions can help you to find a whole range of local facilities and attractions, from leisure centres to theatres, as well as restaurants offering discounts for NUS cardholders. Visit the GK Unions team in the Student Hub, or use our interactive map to #DiscoverMedway at www.gkunions.co.uk

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 Welcome 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 gain an award for your work. For more details, see www.gkunions.co.uk/volunteering

Work opportunities
There are plenty of opportunities for you to earn money while you are studying, and through working you develop useful skills that help you to make you more employable when you graduate. Jobshop, run by Kent Union, advertises all kinds of part-time and temporary work, both on the campus and beyond. See www.kentunion.co.uk/jobs for more details.

The Student Ambassador Scheme offers a range of rewarding and challenging paid work opportunities. Our outreach work with local schools, colleges and community groups is designed to raise awareness of higher education and the benefits it offers. You might spend time on placement in a local school, or help to run a programme of activities on campus. Recruitment activities might involve showing prospective students around the campus and helping to make events friendly, welcoming experiences for our visitors. To find out more, see www.kent.ac.uk/ambassadors

STUDENT VIEW
“Living in student accommodation (Liberty Quays) in first year was by far the best year because I met so many different people. There are always social events happening. It was nice that there were casual types of event at the Deep End, from dance nights to the SuperBowl showing.”

Honey Hoda
Business & Management with a Year in Industry (graduate, 2017)

TIME OUT

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.
Sport is a great way to get involved in university life and meet new people. The Pembroke site has a 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 that runs during term time.

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

Sports clubs
Sports clubs on campus welcome students of all abilities, and 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
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. We also hold separate Selection Days for some courses.

Booking information
You can view the available dates and book your place via KentVision. For further information, see www.kent.ac.uk/applicantdays

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.

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

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 Applicant Day or Open Day. For more details and to book your place, see www.kent.ac.uk/informal

Self-guided tour
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 9:00 and 17:00. Alternatively you can download a copy at www.kent.ac.uk/informal

Virtual tour
You can explore our facilities without leaving home. View our accommodation, teaching spaces, cafés and bars at www.kent.ac.uk/virtualtours

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
Visitors are directed to park in designated areas on Applicant Days or Open Days. Parking is restricted at both of the Medway campus sites at all other times. We encourage the use of public transport where possible.

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

STUDENT VIEW
‘When I came for the Open Day, I really liked the Medway campus. The intimacy is nice and Medway students get the best of both worlds as we have access to the Canterbury campus and all the facilities there via the free shuttle bus.’
Helen Bedi
Business & Management with a Year in Industry