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GRADUATE STUDY AT KENT 2015

Information for students



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WORLD-LEADING RESEARCH

We are among the best research-intensive universities in the UK according to the Government's Research Assessment Exercise (RAE 2008). Our staff work in schools or centres where the research is rated as internationally or nationally excellent.

WELCOME FROM THE DEAN



This is an exciting time to be a postgraduate student at the University of Kent. Our programmes are informed by a commitment to research excellence and, as a top 20 UK university, Kent provides a dynamic and challenging academic environment. Whether you choose Canterbury, Medway, Brussels, Paris, Athens or Rome, you will benefit from a friendly atmosphere studying alongside world-class researchers.

A strong intellectual and social community of postgraduate students is fundamental to Kent's identity as a research-intensive institution. You will work alongside world-leading academics (see p10 for details), who will support your studies at an advanced level and engage with you in the discovery of new knowledge.

The University has made significant investment in postgraduate education and we provide over £8.5 million of financial support to our postgraduate students, both from the UK and around the world. This includes subject-specific scholarships and Research Council scholarships, as well as location-specific, sport and music scholarships. We would strongly encourage you to refer to our website for further details to see if you can benefit from these opportunities at www.kent.ac.uk/pgfunding

The Graduate School supports a number of initiatives, enabling students to promote their research interests, such as the annual Postgraduate Research Festival and the Postgraduate Experience Awards. The Graduate School also produces *The GradPost*, a quarterly newsletter written and edited by our own students. A programme of social events specifically for postgraduate students is organised by the Graduate Student Association.

The Graduate School co-ordinates the University's Researcher Development Programme for research students, which offers a broad range of development opportunities provided by expert internal and external trainers (see p6 for details).

The Graduate School also offers the Global Skills Award Programme to taught Master's students, which provides a unique opportunity to enhance your understanding of global issues and improve your personal skills (see p6 for details).

People choose to study at postgraduate level for many reasons: to enhance their employment prospects, to achieve a professional qualification, to facilitate a career change or to simply further their interest in a particular subject area. Whatever your motivation for undertaking postgraduate studies, Kent provides you with the opportunities and support you require to achieve your future goals.

I hope that your experience of postgraduate study at Kent is both positive and rewarding. Congratulations on your choice of university and I look forward to welcoming you to Kent in the near future.

Professor Diane Houston
Dean of the Graduate School

KENT ONLINE

To find out what our students say about postgraduate study at Kent, see our online video at www.kent.ac.uk/videoaudio/film



50TH ANNIVERSARY

In 1965, the University of Kent welcomed its first arrivals – now known as the 'first 500'. They were all founding members of Eliot College, at that time the only college on the University's sole campus, Canterbury.

The first graduation ceremony took place in 1968 in Eliot College and, like its graduates, Kent had its own ambitions for the future. As one of the pioneering universities built in the sixties, it belonged to an era of growth and change. Kent was, then as now, known for its teaching innovation and excellent staff-student relations; its vision for growth took its first bold steps in this early decade to become an inclusive, international and inspiring community.



PRIDE IN OUR PAST/





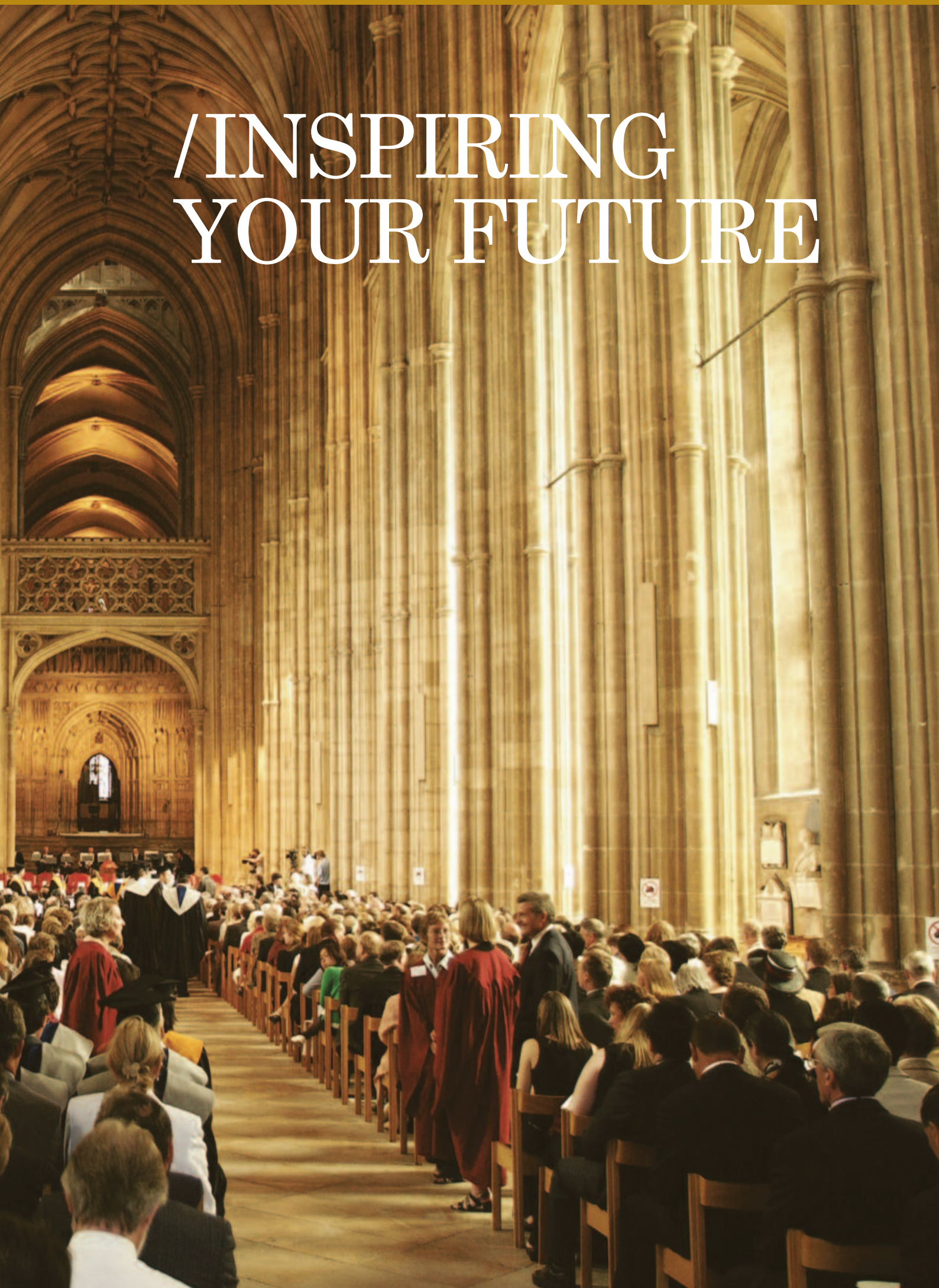
50TH ANNIVERSARY

Five decades later, the University of Kent is a top 20 university. Known as the UK's European university, we have grown from 500 to 20,000 students, representing 149 nationalities, from one college to six, and from a single location to established sites throughout Europe.

From our original Canterbury campus, we have expanded within the UK to include a campus in Medway and a centre in Tonbridge, and into Europe with centres in Brussels, Paris, Athens and Rome. We foster a community in which we value global citizenship, ethical thinking, and the development and application of new knowledge.

Our 50th anniversary year celebrated our heritage and our achievements, and laid the foundations for a lasting legacy. Innovative student-led projects, initiatives in our curriculum, research of global significance and exciting campus developments continue to shape the future of the University – an inspiration to our community of students, staff and alumni for years to come.





/INSPIRING YOUR FUTURE

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Kent's Graduate School supports the strategic development of provision for postgraduate education and research at the University. It provides the foundation for a vibrant intellectual community, supporting postgraduates across all our campuses and European centres.

The Graduate School works in partnership with the academic schools in order to support and develop the following:

- high-quality postgraduate facilities and resources
- a supportive environment for the intellectual interests of our postgraduate students
- student-led initiatives such as social events, conferences and workshops
- our excellent Researcher Development Programme
- our unique Global Skills Award Programme for taught Master's students
- a strong framework of specialist support across the University
- internationally distinctive, exciting and innovative programmes of study that combine academic excellence with an exceptional student experience and appropriate learning resources
- further funding and study opportunities through the cultivation of external links with Research Councils, research institutes and other organisations, both nationally and internationally.

Championing your interests

We have established systems and an academic framework which have the interests of the postgraduate student community at their heart. Each academic school has one Director of Graduate Studies charged with managing the quality and development of postgraduate studies at these levels.

The University has a Graduate School Board, which is responsible for overseeing, developing and enhancing postgraduate policies for both taught and research students. The views of our students are critical to the successful development of the postgraduate student experience at Kent. Our Board includes a number of postgraduate student members who are responsible for representing your views to the University. The members include the Graduate Student Association President and postgraduate student representatives from each faculty. These representatives are elected by postgraduate students at Kent.

Academic, social and networking opportunities

The Graduate School promotes opportunities for postgraduate students to meet and socialise. The annual Postgraduate Research Festival provides our students with the chance to present their work to a wider audience, network with their peers from across the University and attend academic talks. The Graduate School is especially keen to support student-driven initiatives, such as workshops and conferences, and students are able to bid for funding to co-ordinate their own events and projects aimed at enhancing the postgraduate experience at Kent through our Postgraduate Experience Awards. Take a look at what's on offer at www.kent.ac.uk/graduateschool

Researcher development

The Graduate School co-ordinates the Researcher Development Programme for postgraduate research students, which includes workshops focused on research, specialist and transferable skills. Transferable skills are generic skills covering areas such as leadership, negotiation, time management and communication. Students with highly developed generic skills, combined with their subject-specific expertise, are in high demand by employers who are looking for candidates who can operate effectively at a senior level.

At Kent, research students are provided with transferable skills training, in line with requirements laid down by the Research Councils UK. The training addresses the four areas of the Researcher Development Framework: knowledge and intellectual abilities; personal effectiveness; research governance and organisation; and engagement, influence and impact. The Graduate School offers a number of workshops within each area and all new PhD researchers complete a skills review to self-evaluate their competencies in order to plan their personal development needs across their period of research and beyond.

Global Skills Award Programme

The Graduate School also delivers the Global Skills Award Programme, which is designed to broaden your understanding of global issues and current affairs as well as develop personal skills to enhance your employability. All students registered for a taught Master's degree are eligible to apply for a place, which is free of charge.

Once accepted on to the programme, you take part in a personal assessment, which helps you to reflect on your past experience and future development. A lecture series, chaired by the Dean of the Graduate School, allows you to participate in discussions on issues of global importance, such as the economy, the environment, the media, world politics and developments in science. In addition, a series of skills training workshops offers you the chance to develop your career opportunities and acquire the skills you will need to succeed in the workplace, such as teamworking, networking and leadership.

The programme also provides you with the opportunity to meet and network with other students from a wide variety of backgrounds and disciplines. It is delivered on both the Canterbury campus and our Brussels centre.

Woolf College

Our commitment to the development and needs of our postgraduate community is demonstrated by the support given to Woolf College. The Graduate School and Woolf College work in close partnership to enhance the quality of the postgraduate experience at Kent. All postgraduate students become members of Woolf College and they are actively encouraged to participate and contribute to the postgraduate community at the University.

A TOP 20 UK UNIVERSITY

Kent is a leading university and is ranked among the top 20 in the UK in *The Guardian University Guide 2015*.

WOOLF COLLEGE

Named after the writer Virginia Woolf, Kent's dedicated postgraduate college has a strong community feel and provides an instant support network during your studies. The Master of the College works closely with the Dean of the Graduate School and the Graduate Student Association President to ensure a cohesive approach to the provision of support and activities for postgraduate students.

Graduate community

Kent's postgraduate students benefit from a vibrant and diverse graduate community. Our campuses at Canterbury and Medway provide a stimulating environment in which to learn and conduct research. In addition, our four European locations (Brussels, Paris, Athens and Rome) are postgraduate-only centres, where study and research are underpinned by the specialist facilities and resources available at each site. The subject range studied by our postgraduate students makes for interesting interdisciplinary networking opportunities, such as conferences, workshops and social events organised by the Graduate School and the students' union.

Students' union

Kent Union, the students' union, is integral to the University of Kent and, in recognition of the growth of the postgraduate community, is expanding to ensure that it meets the needs of its postgraduate members. Since working with the Dean of the Graduate School, the number of postgraduate course representatives has doubled, a new Graduate Student Association has been established and, as part of our welcome and induction activities, a programme of events is now organised specifically for postgraduate students.

Kent Graduate Student Association

The Students' Union aims to engage more postgraduate students in its democratic processes and increase postgraduate involvement in elections. The creation of the Kent Graduate Student Association (KGSA) is an exciting development and is just one forum through which postgraduate students have a voice. The KGSA represents postgraduate students across all campuses at the University. The Association focuses on student issues covering welfare and education (both taught and research), and it provides extracurricular opportunities for postgraduate students to meet and socialise on a regular basis. The KGSA meets every three weeks and postgraduate students are invited to attend these meetings. Elections for Kent Graduate Student Association officers are held in the autumn term. Serving as an elected officer is a rewarding opportunity, allowing you to represent the views of your fellow postgraduates, meet new people and play an active role in improving the postgraduate experience at Kent.

The GradPost

The GradPost is a postgraduate newsletter, written and edited by our own postgraduate students. *The GradPost* contains articles submitted by students from all our campuses and centres, and the content is developed over the course of each academic year. The Graduate School encourages students to write articles and become members of *The GradPost* editorial team, which is an excellent opportunity to meet new people, explore interests and develop further skills. To see the latest edition, visit www.kent.ac.uk/gradpost

Further information

For more information, visit www.kent.ac.uk/graduateschool



"As the KGSA President, I've been able to play an active role in the postgraduate community at Kent. From arranging Welcome Week events and helping students move in, to organising a trip to Edinburgh and campaigning on postgraduate issues, there is a lot to do for the community. It's a very rewarding role, which has helped me gain many different skills."

Vid Calovski
Kent Graduate Student Association President

THE GRADUATE STUDENT EXPERIENCE



"My studies at Kent will definitely enhance my employment opportunities. I've published a number of research papers in scientific journals and conference proceedings since the start of my PhD research, and the transferable skills I've gained, such as research methodology, project management, presentation and scientific writing, will really help me when looking for a job in academia or industry."

Sally Gao
PhD Electronic Engineering



"The teaching on the course has been excellent – very industry-focused and in line with current events – and I now feel well equipped to deal with the intricacies of the financial world. I have not only gained academic knowledge but have also developed my interpersonal skills in areas such as communication and teamworking. I have also acquired a valuable professional network among my peers on this and other courses."

Kelvin Chando
MSc Finance, Investment and Risk



"We are a close-knit group, like a big family really. I think the creative element of the course binds us together; we bounce ideas off each other and share knowledge and new discoveries. There is also a great atmosphere in the studios and, as a postgraduate, you have 24-hour access. The staff are always available to help if you need them."

Laura Noble
MArch Architecture



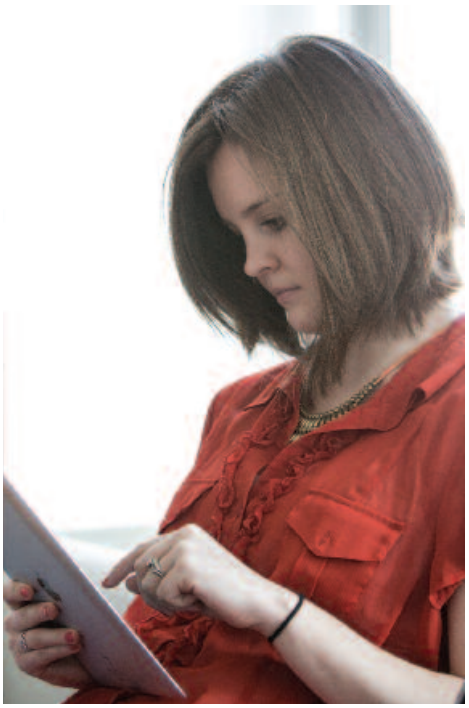
"I'm enrolled on the Graduate School's Global Skills Award Programme, which offers a wide range of lectures and workshops aimed at enhancing your employability. Some of the workshops are quite practical, covering CV writing and interview skills, while other sessions focus on personal development such as networking, leadership and confidence. I think the skills I am developing now can be usefully applied to my future PhD studies, as well as in my career beyond university."

Kirandeep Purewal
MSc Group Processes and Intergroup Relations



"There is a real sense of community in the School of Sport and Exercise Sciences and you do feel that you are being taken care of. The staff are supportive and all the research students work together in the same office, which is great as there are so many commonalities in our work. It's exciting to be contributing to the research output of a fast-growing school."

Benjamin Pageaux
PhD Sport and Exercise Science



"Everyone comes from a different walk of life. You have people from Asia, Europe, North America, South America, Africa, so it's such a great conglomeration. We all learn from each other – it's really helpful in seminars when we have a large group of people from different backgrounds, and they bring their ideas to the classroom. It helps you to widen your perspective of the world."

Bailey Bollinger Douqué
LLM International Law with International Relations (Brussels)

RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

Kent's excellent research performance confirms our position as one of the UK's leading universities. All of our academic schools are engaged in research of international standing.

With programmes of study that are informed by research, our students are able to develop skills and knowledge relevant to contemporary issues. Our research activities and collaborations with outside organisations create knowledge that is highly influential in many areas.

Internationally renowned staff

Kent has some of the best academic staff in the country. All of our staff work in schools or centres where the research is internationally or nationally recognised; these include research leaders who are renowned for their innovative thinking.

Research standing

Kent is placed firmly among the UK's most research-intensive universities. Our standing is an indicator of the world-leading research activity that takes place across the institution and is underpinned by our ability to attract external funding, which now consistently exceeds £12 million per annum. This also reflects our sustained investment in staff, buildings, laboratories and equipment.

Our academic staff are engaged in collaborative research projects with universities worldwide, and a high percentage of Kent's research is funded by the European Union. This confirms the University's academic, economic and cultural stature, and the direct positive implications our research activities have on the region. Good research delivers a highly skilled workforce, improves business performance, creates opportunities for new business activities and enterprise, and improves public services.

We work with regional and local agents to synchronise our research agenda with interests of the region, while maintaining our national and international activities.

Research achievements

Kent has an excellent record of research success. Recent research achievements, which have impacted on the economy, government policy and the daily lives of those affected, include:

- revelations of the complexity of the interior of an asteroid, helping to explain what happens when collisions occur and how planets form in the solar system
- investigation of a new technique for children with autism to communicate, socialise and play imaginatively using performance and puppetry
- establishing that a belief in anti-vaccine conspiracy theories may have significant and detrimental consequences for children's health
- revelations from a major Kent-led project prompting Police Scotland to investigate the use of the country's airports for rendition flights to move prisoners internationally
- investigation into religious diversity of the United Nations, identiying the need for increased non-Christian representation in world peace-making
- identification of a new way of controlling a fungal disease that can have a devastating impact on the UK's valuable cherry and plum crops
- revealing that half of all adults with learning disabilities and autism surveyed in new research led by Kent's Tizard Centre said they had suffered some form of disability hate-related incident when they were out in the community
- investigation into the crucial role backpacker tourism can play within countries in the developing world.

In addition, Kent has been awarded a Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education twice in the last six years. The prizes are awarded for exceptional contributions by institutions in the higher and further education sectors.

Strong research publishing record

We have a strong track record of research publishing at Kent, with over 650 academic staff who regularly publish the outcomes of their research. We maintain the Kent Academic Repository, an online database of the publications of our staff. This is a useful resource for both staff and students who are able to see what research is being conducted and enables cross-disciplinary work.

You can access details of these publications by visiting the online Kent Academic Repository at www.kent.ac.uk/research/publications

Research funding support

Research Services at Kent supports the University's research community, by promoting funding opportunities, assisting with the development of an application, negotiating research contracts and administering awards.

Doctoral training

Kent is part of the newly launched Eastern Academic Research Consortium (Eastern ARC), a collaboration between Kent and the universities of Essex and East Anglia. The Eastern ARC stimulates cross-institutional working and creates an environment in which collaborative doctoral research can flourish. By acting collaboratively, the consortium responds creatively and effectively to key drivers that are changing the landscape of research and research training in UK higher education.

Kent is also part of the South East Doctoral Training Centre (SEDTC), funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), in partnership with the universities of Reading, Royal Holloway and Surrey. These partner institutions make major contributions to social science research regionally, nationally and internationally, and this collaboration places our social scientists at the centre of inter-institutional research and training activities. The Centre funds doctoral research in economics, the environment and energy, business and management, political science and international studies, psychology, social anthropology, criminology, social policy, social work, sociology and law.



Kent is a partner within the Consortium for the Humanities and the Arts South-East England (CHASE), a collaboration with the Courtauld Institute of Art, Goldsmiths University of London, the Open University and the universities of East Anglia, Essex and Sussex, which was awarded £17 million from the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) under its Doctoral Training Partnerships Scheme. As one of only 11 new AHRC Doctoral Training Partnerships in the UK, this collaboration represents an exciting new era for arts and humanities doctoral research at Kent, and it will provide funding for over 375 PhD students across the Consortium over the five year period of the award.

Kent is also part of the Environment East Doctoral Training Partnership (EnvEast DTP), a collaboration between the universities of Kent, East Anglia, Essex and nine other core partners. The partnership draws together relevant expertise from a complementary set of research organisations to train scientists capable of making outstanding contributions to their discipline and able to apply their knowledge to the challenges facing the UK economy, the quality of life for its citizens and the state of the global environment. EnvEast has received funding from the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) to support 60 PhD students over five years.

Further information

www.kent.ac.uk/research
www.kent.ac.uk/pgfunding

Research Centres

Faculty of Humanities

Aesthetics Research Centre
Centre for American Studies
Centre for Architecture and Sustainable Environment
Centre for Art History and Visual Cultures
Centre for Cognition, Kinesthetics and Performance
Centre for Colonial and Postcolonial Studies
Centre for Creative Writing
Centre for Gender, Sexuality and Writing
Centre for Heritage
Centre for Language and Linguistic Studies
Centre for Late Antique Archaeology
Centre for Medieval and Early Modern Studies
Centre for Modern European Literature
Centre for Modern Poetry
Centre for Reasoning
Centre for Religion and Contemporary Society
Centre for Research in European Architecture
Centre for Studies in the Long Eighteenth Century
Centre for the History of Colonialisms
Centre for the History of Medicine, Ethics and Medical Humanities
Centre for the History of the Sciences
Centre for the Interdisciplinary Study of Film and the Moving Image
Centre for the Study of War, Propaganda and Society
Centre for Victorian Literature and Culture
European Theatre Research Network
Kent Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities
Music and Audio Arts Research Group
Sound-Image-Space Research Centre

Faculty of Sciences

Centre for Actuarial Science, Risk and Investment
Centre for Astrophysics and Planetary Sciences
Centre for Cognitive Neuroscience and Cognitive Systems
Centre for Molecular Processing
Interdisciplinary Research Centre for Cyber Security
Kent Centre for Finance
Kent Physics Centre
National Centre for Statistical Ecology

Faculty of Social Sciences

Anglo-Chinese Business and Management Centre
Centre for Biocultural Diversity
Centre for Child Protection
Centre for Cognitive Neuroscience and Cognitive Systems
Centre for Critical International Law
Centre for Employment, Competitiveness and Growth
Centre for European Agri-Environmental Studies
Centre for European and Comparative Law
Centre for European, Regional and Transport Economics
Centre for Federal Studies
Centre for Health Services Studies
Centre for Logistics and Heuristic Optimisation
Centre for Parenting Culture Studies
Centre for Philanthropy
Centre for Quantitative Finance
Centre for Religion and Contemporary Society
Centre for Research on Social Climate
Centre for Social and Political Movements
Centre for Social Anthropology and Computing
Centre for Social Science and Risk
Centre for the Evaluation of Research Performance
Centre for the Study of Group Processes
Centre for the Study of Higher Education
Centre for Tourism in Islands and Coastal Areas
Centre for Value Chain Research
Centre of Research and Education in Forensic Psychology
Conflict Analysis Research Centre
Durrell Institute of Conservation and Ecology
European Institute of Social Services
Global Europe Centre
Kent Centre for Critical Thought
Kent Centre for Law, Gender and Sexuality
Kent Osteological Research and Analysis
Personal Social Services Research Unit
Q-Step Centre
Tizard Centre

The above is only a selection of the numerous research groups and centres across the University, some cross-disciplinary and others linked to external project groups.



ACADEMIC RESOURCES AND SUPPORT SERVICES

At Kent, we have invested in a supportive study environment, which promotes a strong intellectual, interdisciplinary and social community with tailored academic resources and support services to help you achieve your full potential. Our excellent facilities are available to all our postgraduate students – no matter where you are based.

Library services

As a student at Kent, you receive access to the full resources of the University's library collections in printed and electronic formats. Furthermore, students in Brussels, Paris, Athens and Rome also have access to additional libraries in these cities.

The library collections offer an extensive range of electronic resources including e-journals, e-books, databases, reference resources and newspaper archives. Integrated search and study tools, including the library catalogue, reading lists and virtual learning environment, help you discover and access the best resources for your studies.

The libraries are well-equipped with hundreds of study spaces and PCs, wireless access, and printing and photocopying facilities. There are silent and quiet study zones, cafés for relaxed study as well as laptop and tablet computer loan schemes.

Further information

www.kent.ac.uk/library

IT services and facilities

We provide full IT services to assist your studies, and training and support to help you make the most of the facilities on offer.

To help you work and study online, we provide:

- a large number of PCs on campus, including specialist subject software
- wireless access to the web and Kent network
- your Kent IT account, your personal email account, and many of the IT systems you use for your studies.

It is also possible to dial in and access files and resources on the Kent network from off-campus.

Students can also participate in free training sessions in IT, study and research skills.

Further information

www.kent.ac.uk/itservices

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 schools.

Further information

www.kent.ac.uk/learning

Student support and wellbeing

Student Support Team

Our core services include support for students with: specific learning difficulties including dyslexia and dyspraxia; physical or sensory impairments and medical conditions; and Autistic Spectrum Disorders. We also help with applications for funding allowances, such as the Disabled Students' Allowance. We have a team of tutors who can provide individual and specialist support and Educational Support Assistants who can help with note-taking and other learning support requirements.

Further information

www.kent.ac.uk/wellbeing

Wellbeing Team

The Wellbeing Team is staffed by both Wellbeing Advisers, who support students with mental health concerns, and counsellors, who offer individual counselling sessions. We offer a confidential service and invite you to attend an assessment, which gives you the opportunity to explore the support you need to succeed in your studies. In addition to individual support, we also run workshops and courses.

Further information

www.kent.ac.uk/wellbeing

Language support

The University offers Pre-sessional English courses for students who need to improve their English and study skills before joining a postgraduate programme. There are a number of courses of different lengths, depending on your current level of English and the level you need to reach in order to study on your pathway or degree course.

Course details can be found at www.kent.ac.uk/international-pathways/pre-sessional

In addition, the Centre for World Languages (CEWL) offers a range of modules and programmes in English and other world languages, and students studying at our European locations can take advantage of the many opportunities for language learning locally.

Further information

www.kent.ac.uk/cewl

Students' unions

Kent Union and the Greenwich and Kent Students' Unions Together (the students' union at Medway) provide a range of social, recreational, pastoral and representative services specifically for postgraduate students. As a member of the students' union, you can register with Jobshop, which advertises thousands of part-time and vacation vacancies each year. You can also seek advice on issues such as housing, finance and immigration.

Further information

www.kentunion.co.uk
www.gkunions.co.uk

International Development

The International Development team provides help and support for international students from all around the world, both during the application process and throughout their studies. We have links with the University's various cultural and international societies, and we meet many of our prospective, current and former students during visits abroad.

Further information

www.kent.ac.uk/internationalstudent

DID YOU KNOW?

As a postgraduate student, you not only have the support of the Graduate School but also access to a careers service, a medical service, wellbeing support and other student support services.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY



Kent has an excellent postgraduate employment record: over 94% of our postgraduate students who graduated in 2013 found a job or further study opportunity within six months. We want you to be in a good position to face the demands of a tough economic environment. During your studies at Kent, you acquire a high level of academic knowledge and develop transferable skills that can be applied to all aspects of employment. We also provide a comprehensive package of skills development training programmes, careers advice, and volunteering and paid work opportunities to help enhance your career prospects.

Benefits of a postgraduate education

Students choose to study at postgraduate level for many reasons: to enhance their employment prospects, to achieve a professional qualification, to facilitate a career change or to simply further their interest in a particular subject area.

Career development

In the ever-competitive global job market, a postgraduate qualification can enhance your career and earning prospects, and sets you apart from students who hold an undergraduate degree. A postgraduate degree often leads to employers entrusting you with greater responsibilities at an early stage as they recognise the wider portfolio of skills that you have to offer. In turn, this is likely to lead to greater financial recognition and accelerated career progression.

Returning to study from a career

In some careers, a relevant postgraduate qualification is a prerequisite. If you are interested in changing to a new career, postgraduate study can also equip you with the knowledge and skills you need to move into a different profession.

A postgraduate course often provides the chance to further a particular interest you explored at undergraduate level or in your workplace. This can open up opportunities for promotion within your present company, if you are already employed, or prepare you for a new career.

Pathway to an academic career

While many research degree graduates choose to pursue careers outside higher education, a PhD is a clear pathway to a career in academia for those with a passion for research in their specialist subject area. A research degree provides you with the skills and training essential for a successful career as an academic.

Assessing your strengths

Having successfully completed your studies at undergraduate level, you may still be unsure how to pursue your future career. A postgraduate qualification provides you with an opportunity to evaluate your strengths at a higher level. This allows you to assess your personal development with a view to selecting the best career path for your talents.

A global outlook

Around 41% of academic and research staff at the University are from outside the UK and our students represent 149 nationalities. This diverse academic community combined with our focus on internationalisation helps you to gain a range of perspectives to successfully compete in a global workplace.

Skills development

Employers are looking for highly advanced skills in postgraduate students that will enable them to operate effectively at a senior level.

At Kent, we help you to develop these skills through your academic studies and also through participation in the University's range of skills development programmes.

The Graduate School co-ordinates the Researcher Development Programme for postgraduate research students, covering a broad selection of topics, including research management, teamworking, problem-solving, communication and leadership skills.

Taught postgraduate students can apply for a place on the Global Skills Award Programme. Delivered by the Graduate School, the programme is specifically designed to consolidate your awareness of current global issues and improve your employment prospects.

In addition to enhancing your subject knowledge and expertise, postgraduate study at Kent enables you to:

- engage with complex issues and questions
- think critically and independently about your field of study
- plan a structured and effective programme of research
- develop learning, research and organisational skills
- develop associated skills – creativity, collaborative teamworking, problem-solving, communication and goal-setting
- communicate your knowledge and insights to peers, academic supervisors and people with lay knowledge.

Careers and Employability Service

Your postgraduate course at Kent opens up a wide range of options to you upon graduation. The University's Careers and Employability Service has produced a booklet, *Career Planning Guide for Postgraduate Students and Researchers*, which covers career options for postgraduates, the transferable skills gained through your studies, finding job opportunities and making successful applications.

The Service has an extensive website, which helps you to analyse your employability skills, make career choices and develop your application and interview skills. It includes a section dedicated to postgraduate students and an online database of graduate vacancies.

Personal careers guidance is available at any stage of your studies for advice and information on your options after you graduate.

Employability Points Scheme

On the Employability Points Scheme awards points for engaging in extracurricular activities. The points lead to rewards, ranging from vouchers and corporate activities to work experience, placements, training and internships. All rewards are carefully selected for their ability to encourage students to reflect on their experience and continue their personal development. So, not only do students enhance their skills through the activities, but the rewards themselves improve and increase their long-term employability opportunities.

Volunteering

Kent Union, in conjunction with the University, also runs a student volunteering scheme that provides you with the opportunity to try something new, explore either outside or professional interests, or simply give service to the local community and University. You can volunteer to do practically anything, from off-campus placements in the charity sector to University placements, such as being a student ambassador, mentor or course representative, contributing to *The GradPost*, the postgraduate newsletter, or with on-campus clubs or societies.

All volunteers are supported by Kent Union volunteering staff and there is an accredited certificate scheme available. For more information, visit www.kentunion.co.uk/volunteering

Paid work at university

Paid work through temporary or part-time jobs helps to cover your living costs and gives you the opportunity to gain practical experience and work-related skills while you are studying. The University employs around 3,000 students in a range of posts, from mentoring, teaching and research to clerical and administrative jobs in both academic schools and through our professional service offices.

Jobshop

The students' unions at Kent run Jobshop, a job agency that advertises approximately 3,200 vacancies throughout the local region in areas such as translation, mentoring, website development, retail and charity fundraising. You can register for the service online as soon as you become a student at Kent.



Student enterprise

Building on our students' growing enterprise culture and activities, we can help you develop enterprise skills and business ideas. Based on Kent's Canterbury campus, The Bulb is the student innovation space in the Canterbury Innovation Centre, running talks and workshops with visiting speakers from the world of industry.

Graduate destinations

Our postgraduates have gone on to work for major world-leading companies and organisations, such as Renault, Accenture, the Government Statistical Service, Cancer Research UK, Guardian News & Media, the European Commission, Deutsche Bank and Lucasfilm.

International study placements

Kent's international links provide a range of opportunities for postgraduate students to undertake part of their studies or research abroad. International mobility within postgraduate programmes offers an experience that can enhance academic, personal and professional development. For details of the options available, see www.kent.ac.uk/goabroad

International graduate work in the UK

If you are an international student from outside the EU on a Tier 4 student visa, you are allowed to work part-time in the UK for up to a maximum of 20 hours per week.

When you come to the end of your studies, you might consider the possibility of staying on in the UK to work. For the most up-to-date information on the options available to you, please visit:
www.kentunion.co.uk/advice/international/workingintheukafteryourstudies
or
www.ukcisa.org.uk/international-students/the-next-stage/working-after-your-studies

Further information

Careers and Employability

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

Jobshop and volunteering

www.kentunion.co.uk
www.gkunions.co.uk

THE UK'S EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY

Kent's partnerships within Europe provide the foundation for our international approach to research and teaching. Known as 'the UK's European university', Kent has locations in Brussels, Paris, Athens and Rome in addition to our UK campuses, and has over 100 European partners, including the highest ranking institutions of several countries.

Our collaborations can boast links with the École Normale Supérieure, Paris, Philipps-Universität Marburg, Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg, Universiteit Gent, Uppsala University, and the universities of Amsterdam, Bologna, Copenhagen, Helsinki and Vienna. Our strong connections within Europe enhance our international approach to all our academic activities. With 149 nationalities represented in our student body and 41% of our research and teaching staff from outside the UK, we celebrate intellectual and cultural diversity with a commitment to educate our students to be the global citizens of tomorrow.

Canterbury, the location of our main campus, is the closest UK city to the European continent. Proximity to airports, the Channel ports and particularly the Eurostar terminals at Ashford and Ebbsfleet means quick and easy access to Paris, Brussels and Lille, and from there onwards to all major European cities.

Centres in Brussels, Paris, Athens and Rome

These specialist centres, and the programmes we offer, exploit the specific historical, social, political and artistic resources available in these exceptional sites. Kent offers programmes in international studies in Brussels, the political heart of Europe; programmes in the humanities in Paris, the cultural hub of the Western world; heritage management in Athens, the cradle of Western civilisation; and the study of the ancient world in Rome, the centre of classical antiquity.

Teaching in these locations allows students and staff alike to expand their knowledge, and both their social and professional networks, through direct contact and exposure to source materials and expert knowledge; from internships in EU NGOs to easy access to the world-class museums in Paris; and from hands-on experience in archaeological sites in Athens to the first-hand study of the artwork and ancient monuments and artefacts of Rome.

All our campuses and centres are open to all of our students and can be used by all postgraduate students to host conferences and academic activities.

European students

We attract a high percentage of our students from outside the UK and many of these come from other European countries. Students from Europe make up roughly 17% of the postgraduate student population and come from 37 different European countries.

European programmes

Kent has a wide and growing range of programmes with a particular European focus in areas such as European culture and languages, drama, politics, law, economics, business and migration. Some of our postgraduate programmes offer dual UK and European qualifications (International Double Degrees and jointly supervised PhD/cotutelle awards).

Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctoral programmes

Kent also co-ordinates two highly prestigious Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctoral programmes: the Doctorate in Text and Event in Early Modern Europe (TEEME), and the Doctorate in Cultural and Global Criminology (DCGC). Both programmes combine the expertise and strengths of four universities with established reputations in the respective fields.

TEEME partner universities

- University of Kent (UK)
- Freie Universität Berlin (Germany)
- Universidade do Porto (Portugal)
- Univerzita Karlova v Praze (Czech Republic)

DCGC partner universities

- University of Kent (UK)
- Eötvös Loránd University (Hungary)
- Universität Hamburg (Germany)
- Utrecht University (Netherlands)

European research and projects

Many academics are involved in research projects in collaboration with other European universities, and a high percentage of Kent's research is funded by the European Union. Kent leads or is involved in a large number of projects funded through the EU Interreg initiative within the European Regional Development Fund, as well as research and development projects within the EU's Framework Programme.

European exchanges and credit systems

Kent has been a key player in the Erasmus student exchange programme and was one of the first universities to receive the E-quality label for its exchange programme. Kent uses the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) throughout all its degrees and was the first UK university to introduce the European Diploma Supplement.

Further information

www.kent.ac.uk/european
www.kent.ac.uk/international



OUR PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

For a list of our international partner universities, see www.kent.ac.uk/internationalmaps

LOCATIONS

The University of Kent has six exceptional study locations. Our UK campuses, Canterbury and Medway, are in the south-east of England, close to London, with state-of-the-art facilities. Capitalising on our European connections, we have specialist postgraduate centres in Brussels, Paris, Athens and Rome to allow you to study in cities relevant to your subject area, as well as learning and living the European way of life.

CANTERBURY

Canterbury is a beautiful and cosmopolitan city with a rich heritage and vibrant culture. It is home to the world-famous Canterbury Cathedral, which attracts millions of tourists every year and is one of the venues for our graduation ceremonies.

Campus life

Founded in 1965, the Canterbury campus is Kent's original site and is built on 300 acres of parkland overlooking the city centre. Modern buildings are surrounded by open green spaces, courtyards, gardens and woodland, with stunning views of Canterbury and the Stour Valley.

The campus is self-contained, which means that you are within walking distance of all the excellent facilities on offer: lecture theatres and seminar rooms, academic staff offices, the Graduate School, the Sports Centre and Pavilion, the Gulbenkian Theatre and Cinema, the Colyer-Fergusson Building for music performance, the Templeman Library, the Medical Centre, IT Services, the campus shop and bookshop, a pharmacy, an off-licence, bistros, bars, the students' union (including The Venue nightclub and the new Student Media Centre), free-access computer areas, bus stops and launderettes. Canterbury city centre is only 25 minutes' walk from the campus and there is a frequent and direct bus service.

Location

Canterbury is the closest UK city to continental Europe, and offers easy access to three of the most influential cities in Europe: London, Paris and Brussels. High-speed trains run regularly between Canterbury West and London St Pancras and take approximately 56 minutes. We are in close proximity to airports, the Channel ports and the Eurostar Terminals at Ashford and Ebbsfleet, from where you can be in Paris or Brussels in approximately two hours, and Lille in just over an hour.

Accommodation

The majority of new postgraduate students are offered accommodation in Woolf College. The en-suite rooms are arranged in flats with six or eight students per flat and a large shared kitchen.



The College has its own courtyard areas and launderette. Each room has free internet connection and a link to the University's computer network system, and is rented for 51 weeks to cater for the academic demands of postgraduate study and in line with students' registration periods. Postgraduate students who, for academic purposes, will be resident in Canterbury for fewer than 51 weeks should contact our Accommodation Office. For more details, see www.kent.ac.uk/accommodation

Social life

Gulbenkian arts centre

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

Music

Students on both the Canterbury and Medway campuses can take part in a wide range of extra-curricular music making. The University shuttle bus links the two campuses and allows you to easily access activities on both sites.

At Canterbury, the award-winning Colyer-Fergusson Building is the venue for concerts and rehearsals, and there are also opportunities each year to perform in the spectacular surroundings of Canterbury Cathedral. If you sing or play an instrument, you can join the Chorus, Symphony Orchestra, Concert and Big Bands, Chamber choir and the many other bands and ensembles that are formed each year. There are also musical events and activities organised by the various student music societies. Students at an advanced vocal or instrumental level can apply for music performance scholarships. For further information, see www.kent.ac.uk/music

Kent Union

Kent Union, the students' union at Canterbury, is run 'by the students, for the students'. It provides a wide variety of facilities, services and activities, represents students' interests, and offers help, support and advice when needed.

Eating out

The campus has many great places to eat, including Dolche Vita in Keynes College, the Gulbenkian café, Origins in Darwin College, Mungo's in Eliot College, Bag It in Rutherford Dining Hall and Woodys in Park Wood.

Clubs and bars

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

Some colleges have their own bar: Mungo's, Origins and the K-Bar. Woodys is a more traditional sports pub in the heart of Park Wood, while the Gulbenkian has a relaxed café-bar in the theatre-cinema complex, with outdoor tables in the summer.

Student activities

The Student Activities Centre provides opportunities for you to participate in a diverse range of activities and groups, led by students and supported by the sabbatical officers and full-time staff members. These include societies, sports clubs, student media and volunteering. A dedicated Student Media Centre, located above The Venue, opened in April 2014 and houses our radio station, student newspaper and KTV – our own TV station. For more information, see www.kentunion.co.uk

Kent Sport

Since a £4.8 million refurbishment in 2013, Kent Sport members enjoy first-class facilities, including a new fitness suite with the Kent Physiotherapy Clinic, fitness class studios and indoor tennis and netball courts. This complements existing facilities including badminton, basketball and squash courts, outdoor tennis courts, all-weather football pitches

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and cricket pitches. We provide sports courses, leagues and tournaments, fitness assessments and tailored exercise programmes. You can also join a range of sports societies and teams. Kent offers sports scholarships to students who have demonstrated significant sporting potential. For further information, see www.kent.ac.uk/sports

MEDWAY

Our Medway campus is in a great location, close to the River Medway with part of the campus based at the Historic Dockyard, Chatham, within easy reach of London by high-speed train. It houses award-winning buildings and brand new facilities, and has an exciting social life with a strong sense of community.

Campus life

Medway students enjoy a modern study environment with state-of-the-art facilities. The flagship Medway Building has won several awards for design excellence. The Gillingham Building houses fully equipped teaching rooms and academic schools, and the Rochester Building includes the No 1 Bistro, plus large rooms for seminars and executive meetings. We have also invested in a multimillion-pound refurbishment of key academic facilities at the Historic Dockyard as part of the expansion of the School of Music and Fine Art.

All our professionally focused programmes are supported by state-of-the-art facilities. For example, Music and Audio students have access to rehearsal rooms, tracking, overdubbing and post-production studios equipped with industry-standard software. Fine Art students have access to a gallery, a darkroom, a kiln room, plaster-casting, metalwork, wood and machine workshops, as well as print and digital facilities. Journalism students benefit from a multimedia newsroom with complete editorial resources, including audio and video editing, cameras and autocues, and broadcast studios fully equipped for live and recorded programme-making. Sport and Exercise Sciences students use the extensive sports facilities at Medway Park.

Location

The Medway towns of Chatham, Gillingham, Rainham, Rochester and Strood stand on the mouth of the River Medway where it flows into the Thames estuary. Kent's Medway campus is part of Chatham Maritime, where the Historic Dockyard has been redeveloped and refurbished. Nearby is a multiplex cinema, the Dockside retail outlet, wine bars, restaurants and the Strand Leisure Park.

Medway has a rich and fascinating history. Rochester Castle was one of the first large stone keeps built by William the Conqueror after the Norman Conquest, while Rochester Cathedral – where Kent holds its Medway graduation ceremonies – was founded over 1,400 years ago.



Medway also has a distinguished naval history – the first ship built at Chatham's Dockyard took part in the defeat of the Armada. One of Medway's most famous inhabitants was Charles Dickens, who lived in Chatham as a child, and in Rochester for 14 years until his death.

The campus is close to central London: trains from Ebbsfleet International take approximately 20 minutes and trains from Chatham take under an hour. If you want to explore Paris or Brussels, the Eurostar train from Ebbsfleet International can take you there in about two hours. The town centres of Chatham and Rochester are a short bus ride away.

Accommodation

We can offer all eligible postgraduate students the opportunity to live as part of the student community in purpose-built self-catered, en-suite accommodation at Liberty Quays. Located right by the River Medway, each flat has single en-suite rooms for six to eight students who share a fully equipped kitchen. The accommodation has its own social facilities and launderette, and each room has internet access. For more details, see www.kent.ac.uk/accommodation/medway/apply

Social life

There is a great sense of community on campus and plenty of opportunities to make friends. Most social activities are run by the Medway students' union, Greenwich and Kent Students' Unions Together. The range of societies and clubs on offer include an international society, debating society, Medway law society and many cultural and religious societies. The Union also runs a campus student magazine, *The Medwire*, designed and edited by students. Annual events include the Summer Ball, which is held at a large local venue and features celebrity DJs. See www.gkunions.co.uk for more details.

There are several cafés and restaurants on campus, as well as Coopers, a lively and vibrant bar that serves food and shows live sport. Nearby is a multi-screen cinema showing the most popular movies. The local town of Chatham provides entertainment such as live music and a comedy club.

Music

Students on both the Canterbury and Medway campuses can take part in a wide range of extra-curricular music making. The University shuttle bus links the two campuses and allows you to easily access activities on both sites.

The Medway campus at the Historic Dockyard is the venue for many types of music-making, including choirs, Big Band, Samba Band, and band nights at Coopers. You also have the opportunity to get involved in musical events and activities organised by the various student music societies on both campuses. Students at an advanced vocal or instrumental level can apply for music performance scholarships. For further information, see www.kent.ac.uk/music

Sport

The University has a wide range of sports societies – everything from table tennis to women's football. Being close to the river means that many students also take part in activities such as rowing, canoeing and sailing.

The nearby multimillion-pound sports centre, Medway Park (partly funded by the University), offers special rates to our students. Facilities include a swimming pool, fitness suite and an athletics track, as well as several sports halls. All facilities are built to high standards and the Park was an approved pre-Games training camp for 13 Olympic and eight Paralympic sports for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Also in the Medway area, you can enjoy an ice rink, dry ski slope, karting circuit, golf course with driving range, athletics track and indoor bowls.

BRUSSELS

With its interdisciplinary focus and the combination of academics and practitioners, the University of Kent at Brussels offers you a unique and unparalleled opportunity for education and professional advancement in the 'capital of Europe'. Its programmes and courses cover the spectrum of international studies and you are therefore able to design a course to suit your individual strengths and needs.

Student life

The opportunities for networking in Brussels are first class and you regularly attend and contribute to the policy discussions and debates across the city. This is complemented by practitioners who either teach on courses in their field of expertise or who are invited to deliver specific lectures on a weekly basis.

Recent speakers have included Lord Hannay of Chiswick (former UK Ambassador to the UN), Gareth Evans (President Emeritus of the International Crisis Group) and General Sir Mike Jackson (former Head of the British Army).

Our career development programme offers you the opportunity to take part in regular coaching sessions and workshops to help you secure internships and jobs. Taught Master's students can also apply for a place on the Global Skills Award Programme (see p6 for details).

The thriving Alumni Network communicates on many levels to keep alumni in touch with each other, the University, current students and developments in the field of international affairs. Alumni have also agreed to share their experiences in their respective fields and to help where possible with internships and employment.

All students are encouraged to participate in a variety of student fora. Current topics include International Justice, Migration Studies, Strategic Affairs and the Environmental Forum. You also have the opportunity to submit articles to *The BSIS Journal of International Studies*.

Each year, students take leadership roles in organising the annual conference, which regularly attracts participants from various countries including Russia, Austria, the UK, the Netherlands, Italy and Belgium.

Although all teaching is in English, you may wish to develop your language skills, which can be essential for building a career in international affairs. There are many private agencies and schools offering language courses, as well as students who offer lessons in exchange for the chance to improve their English. For more formal language classes, students can choose to study at our partner institution, the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), whose campus is next to ours. For more information, visit www.vub.ac.be/khnb

Location

The Brussels centre is a 15-minute drive from the city centre and there are also metro, bus and tram links. It is easy to reach other European cities: destinations such as London, Paris, Amsterdam and Cologne are all around two hours away by high-speed train and Brussels has a major international airport.

Accommodation

Kent does not offer University accommodation in Brussels, but there are many private rental options available and students usually find a place to live shortly after arrival. Studio apartments with all charges included (water, electricity, gas, tenant charges) cost around €550-700 per month. A one-bedroom apartment with all charges included is usually €650-800 per month. Students who arrange flat shares are often able to reduce costs even further. Incoming students are placed on our list-serve, through which they are sent information on housing, orientation, registration and practical tips on preparing for their arrival in Brussels. For details, see www.kent.ac.uk/brussels

Social life

Brussels is a cultural city with many music and film festivals and exhibitions, plus a great number of cafés, bars and restaurants. You can sample the world-class chocolates and take advantage of the excellent shopping – from large gallery shopping centres to colourful local markets.

For 20 years, Kent has held a tradition of hosting an annual formal High Table Dinner to mark the end of the teaching year to which a guest (usually a politician, diplomat or senior member of an international organisation) is invited. This tradition has been continued in Brussels, where a committee of students chooses the venue and plans the event, which is often based around a particular international theme.

Sport

Students have use of the VUB sporting facilities, which include football and rugby pitches, a 25-metre swimming pool, an athletics track, sports halls for squash, tennis, badminton, martial arts, basketball and indoor soccer. There is also a variety of exercise classes on offer and a sports bar. Kent students are able to join Health City, a state-of-the-art fitness facility located in the VUB sports complex, which offers a huge range of aerobic and resistance training equipment.

Further information

www.kent.ac.uk/brussels



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PARIS

As one of the most culturally and intellectually significant cities in the world, Paris is a unique and exciting place to live and study.

The Kent at Paris programmes and associated activities are designed to increase cultural knowledge, to heighten social and historical awareness and to broaden intellectual and imaginative horizons. Through taught modules and independent research, you are encouraged to fulfill your analytical, creative and communicative potential, and so develop essential transferable skills. All the courses available in Paris are designed so as to best take advantage of the city and its rich cultural infrastructure.

Although all teaching is in English, you may wish to develop your language skills, which can be essential for your future career and personal plans. Free French language classes are available throughout the autumn and spring terms.

Student life

The University of Kent at Paris is based at the Columbia Global Center (known as Reid Hall), in the historic heart of Montparnasse, where Picasso and Modigliani had their studios, and near cafés that were frequented by Gertrude Stein and Ernest Hemingway.

Reid Hall is a beautiful and convivial space where you have many opportunities to meet students and staff not only from Kent but also from other universities established there, including Columbia University, Barnard College and Dartmouth College.

Paris is internationally recognised as a major centre of European culture and the city's historic status is evident in its exceptional architecture, libraries, museums and art galleries. There are weekly excursions and film screenings, which complement and enhance the theoretical aspects of your programme.

Paris is also an international centre of contemporary creativity, attracting musicians, writers, artists and film-makers from all over the world. The resulting contemporary arts scene is energised by a vibrant mix of intercultural styles and influences.

All students are encouraged to participate in a variety of workshops, conferences and open lectures. The University of Kent, in collaboration with the British University, also organises an annual lecture hosted by the British Ambassador. In addition, we have visiting authors who come to be interviewed, hold masterclasses and meet with the students throughout the term. You also have the opportunity to be involved in the newly launched literary magazine, *The Menteur* (http://thementeur.com).

Location

The University of Kent at Paris is easily accessible by metro, tram or bus, as it is in the centre of Paris, and is 15 minutes away from the Gare du Nord train station. Paris is ideally located to reach other major mainland European cities as well as the UK. Brussels and London are only about two hours away by train and the city is served by two main airports, offering international and domestic connections.

Accommodation

Kent does not have University accommodation in Paris but we are able to offer advice to help you find suitable accommodation. Options may include staying in a hall of residence or with a host, but most of our students opt to rent flats, or rooms in shared flats. There are also organisations in Paris to help students find short-term accommodation, as well as private accommodation agencies. For more information, please visit our website. You may also contact the University of Kent at Paris by email: paris@kent.ac.uk

Social life

Students are able to make full use of the city's extraordinary social and cultural resources, enjoying all the opportunities that come with living and working in Paris.

For students with a passion for literature, art, history, film and music, Paris offers an unrivalled choice of libraries, galleries, museums, cinemas, theatres, clubs and concert halls. Reid Hall is only a few minutes' walk from the Luxembourg Gardens – an expansive, classically designed park, much frequented by students from the Sorbonne and other Latin-Quarter institutions.

Paris, its region and the whole of France have an excellent transport system, offering you the opportunity for trips to Zola's house in Médan, Rodin's house and studios in Meudon, Monet's house and gardens in Giverny or, further afield, to the châteaux of the Loire, to Lyons, Marseilles or the Picasso museum in Antibes on the Côte d'Azur. Trips to Italy, Spain and other neighbouring countries are easily organised.

Academic and support staff who are with you during your time in Paris will provide advice and guidance on how you can get involved in the life of the city and how such activities can both complement your studies and make your stay in Paris a life-enhancing experience.

Further information

www.kent.ac.uk/paris

ATHENS

Kent offers its Heritage Management MA in Athens, one of the oldest cities in the world and home to many world-famous historical sites and ancient artefacts.

The Master's degree is a collaboration between the University of Kent and Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB), and teaches the skills required for the management of heritage sites across the world. Teaching is in English and there is a range of scholarships available.

Student life

Classes take place in the well-equipped seminar rooms of the municipality of Eleusina building, courtesy of the Initiative for Heritage Conservancy (IHC), or occasionally onsite at Eleusis and other locations. The library holdings and computer facilities of the IHC are all at your disposal, and you also have access to the library of the AUEB in central Athens, as well as the electronic libraries of AUEB and Kent.

Location

The programme is ideally located in the Athenian suburb of Eleusina, the birthplace of Aeschylus and one of the most important archaeological religious sites in the world as the location of the Eleusinian mysteries. The centre of Athens is only 30km away, and as such you have close access to many other major historical sites including the Parthenon, Ancient Corinth, Nemea and Thebes.

Eleusis is a fairly large town with many amenities such as a sports centre, shops, restaurants, cafés, libraries, a museum, a summer cinema, music schools and foreign language schools. It has a good bus connection to the bustling city of Athens, with an incredible array of restaurants, museums and culture, and an exciting nightlife.

Accommodation

A list of suitable accommodation in Eleusina or central Athens is provided to all students. We also offer advice on arranging your own rented accommodation and liaise with landlords on your behalf. Please contact the local administrator for more information at heritage@aueb.gr

Social life

In collaboration with the IHC, there are a number of extracurricular activities available in Eleusina at a discounted fee, including courses for non-Greek speakers in music, painting and dance, and we also run a heritage photography club. Eleusina is also excellent for outdoor pursuits, with local societies for sailing, windsurfing, mountaineering and basketball. There is an annual arts festival, where you can experience Greek music and theatre.

Further information

www.kent.ac.uk/athens
www.heritage.aueb.gr



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ROME

Known as the Eternal City, Rome is Italy's capital and largest city, combining a long history with a rich cultural heritage.

The programmes offered in Rome enable you to study in this magnificent city for a term. You study the monuments and artefacts of ancient Rome at first hand, visiting relevant sites, museums and art galleries, and discover the history of the city.

Student life

In Rome, Kent students are based at the campus of the American University of Rome (AUR), which has a long tradition of pairing intellectual rigour with the unique opportunity to use its location in the Eternal City as its classroom.

Situated in the picturesque district of Monteverde, with a wide range of shops and amenities close by, the campus is within walking distance of Rome's historic centre and the city's extensive array of Roman sites, monuments, museums and galleries.

Study facilities at the AUR include computer workstations, free wi-fi and full audio-visual equipment in all classrooms. Lecture rooms are housed in a former monastery while the gardens and terraces act as lively social spaces. There is a library located in Evans Hall, a stately two-storey building housing over 15,000 volumes, a large collection of DVDs, as well as access to important online databases and the vast network of Rome's other libraries.

Students have full access to all support facilities, including an English-speaking GP on site, a counsellor and support from staff in the Student Life Office.

Location

Rome is arguably the most historically and archaeologically significant city in Europe, if not the world. You not only study the ancient sites, such as the Colosseum, the Pantheon and the Roman Forum, but also see the development of the city over time. There is the Rome of mythology, the Rome of the Republic, the Rome of the emperors, but also of later eras: of medieval pilgrimage, of the Renaissance, of the Risorgimento (unification of Italy), of Mussolini and fascism, and of the more recent past. More importantly, it is an exciting and cosmopolitan city today.

Accommodation

Accommodation is arranged with the AUR, and consists of furnished apartments with shared bedrooms in traditional, well-established neighbourhoods.

Social life

There is a range of student societies, cultural events and sports clubs available to suit almost every interest.

Further information

www.kent.ac.uk/rome

COME AND VISIT US

We run Open Days and postgraduate events throughout the year. For more details, see p24 or go to www.kent.ac.uk/opendays

FEES AND FUNDING

Postgraduate study is a significant investment in your future, one that will reap a lifetime of benefits both personally and professionally. At Kent, we are aware that this investment can be costly and so we have devised a range of packages from alumni discounts to scholarships and work appointments to ensure you have the necessary financial support.

We have funds in excess of £8.5 million to support our postgraduate community, from the UK Research Council awards to philanthropic gifts.

We have full awards to support doctoral research candidates, tuition fee awards for those pursuing taught Master's awards, loyalty discounts for our alumni, location-specific awards, scholarships for overseas students as well as awards that recognise excellence in sport and music.

We provided awards to almost 600 students in the 2013/14 academic year and expect to provide additional awards for 2015. You are encouraged to look through our website for funds suitable for you and your circumstances. Below we provide a brief synopsis of our most prestigious awards.

Research Council funding

Kent has a record of attracting funding from the seven UK Research Councils:

- Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC)
- Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)
- Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC)
- Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC)
- Medical Research Council (MRC)
- Natural Environment Research Council (NERC)
- Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC).

In general, Research Council awards provide full tuition fees with a maintenance grant. Awards from these councils are highly competitive. You must apply via the University and we encourage early application; the University normally has internal deadlines that you must meet in order for applications to be submitted to the Research Councils for their deadlines.

Graduate Teaching Assistantships

The University and many of our academic schools offer scholarships under the Graduate Teaching Assistantships (GTAs) scheme, whereby postgraduate research students receive financial support in return for teaching. The amount of the GTA award varies; however many GTAs are 'full' awards that cover tuition fees at the home/EU rate plus a combined salary and a maintenance stipend, which together equal or better the UK Research Council award. All postgraduate research applicants are eligible to apply for GTAs, subject to visa and residence requirements.

50th Anniversary Research Scholarships

In celebration of the University's 50th anniversary in 2015, Kent has established an additional 100 doctoral scholarships to be awarded annually. These scholarships will be offered in the form of GTAs (see below, left). Successful candidates will demonstrate academic excellence and outstanding research potential.

School scholarships

Many schools at Kent also offer one or two University postgraduate research scholarships, each available for three years. These scholarships vary in amount; for example, they may cover or contribute to tuition fees and/or provide a stipend. All postgraduate research students are eligible to apply for postgraduate research scholarships.

Additional scholarships

Kent offers one of the best scholarship programmes in the country to support many specific activities. For example, our scholarships programme includes:

- International Scholarships for Taught Master's Students – £5,000 for one year of study
- University Music Performance Scholarships – up to £5,000 a year
- University sports scholarships – between £300 and £5,000 a year
- Christine and Ian Bolt Scholarships to undertake a period of sustained research in the USA – up to £10,000
- Medway Community Scholarships – £1,000.

In addition to these, we have numerous other awards to support specific programmes and objectives, provided by generous philanthropic gifts. These are too numerous to list but are updated regularly at www.kent.ac.uk/scholarships/postgraduate

Loyalty awards

The University of Kent values its alumni and their dependents, and is pleased to offer a choice of three special schemes to assist with the cost of postgraduate study:

- The Graduate School Scholarship provides a scholarship of up to £1,000 towards the first year's fees for those moving directly from undergraduate to postgraduate study
- The Loyalty Discount offers a 10% reduction on the cost of the first year's fees to alumni and family members
- The Alumni Postgraduate Research Scholarship covers tuition fees at the home/EU rate and provides a maintenance grant at the same rate as the UK Research Councils. It is offered for one year in the first instance, renewable for a maximum of three years.

Tuition fees

UK-based programmes

The basic rate of tuition fee for 2014/15 for home/EU fee-paying students on postgraduate taught programmes is £5,100. Research degrees are charged at the fee set by the Research Councils, which is £3,996 for home/EU students. Standard international student fees are £14,860 for laboratory taught and research programmes and £12,450 for non-laboratory taught and research programmes. The fees quoted are for full-time study and represent the cost of one year of study only. Fees are correct for 2014/15; fees for 2015/16 may be subject to an increase.

Programmes based outside the UK

Please note that programmes delivered outside the UK are subject to different fee structures. Programmes in Athens and Brussels are charged in euros rather than sterling. Details of the fees can be found on our website, www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/fees

Fee-paying categories

UK or European Union fee status depends on your nationality and residency. In general, students paying the UK or EU fee should have 'settled status' under UK immigration regulations prior to the start of their course, or students holding full European Union nationality should have been resident in the European Economic Area for non-educational purposes for three years prior to the start of their course. The UK/EU category also includes EU students with indefinite leave to remain in the UK.

Payment of tuition fees

You must pay fees in advance at the beginning of each academic year. There are two main ways of paying:

- in full – this qualifies for a 2% discount if cleared funds are received in full by 31 August 2015
- in two instalments – 50% on or before registration, and 50% by 1 December 2015. The instalment plan needs to be set up online at https://epay.kent.ac.uk/epay

Further information

www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student

Living costs

Each student has different circumstances, so to help you estimate your living costs, we provide an online calculator at www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/livingcosts.html

Further information

Please visit www.kent.ac.uk/pgfunding or see the brochure *Funding for Graduate Study*.

VISITING THE UNIVERSITY

We welcome students who want to visit our campuses. The University runs Open Days and postgraduate information events on the Canterbury and Medway campuses, where representatives from all our programmes are available to discuss your interests. Visits to our European centres can also be made by prior arrangement.

Open Days

Our Open Days are events that take place at our Canterbury and Medway campuses and are suitable for everyone, whatever level of study you are considering. Postgraduate information events take place at our Canterbury and Medway campuses, where you can meet academic and admissions staff, find out more about the courses on offer, discover what it's like to study at Kent and how to apply for funding. Staff will also be able to provide more details on the facilities available at our European locations.

The next events are:

Canterbury campus

Postgraduate events:
Saturday 29 November 2014

General Open Days:
Wednesday 17 September 2014
Saturday 4 October 2014
Saturday 4 July 2015

Medway campus

General Open Days:
Saturday 11 October 2014
Saturday 20 June 2015

For later dates, visit www.kent.ac.uk/opendays

Individual tours

You are welcome to visit the University independently. We produce a leaflet for a self-guided tour and you may also be able to meet up with an academic member of staff. In addition, we are happy to organise individual tours for prospective students living outside the UK. To request a tour, please go to www.kent.ac.uk/informal – to be sure of availability, requests need to be made at least two weeks in advance.

Canterbury

By air

The nearest major airports to the Canterbury campus are London Heathrow (LHR) and London Gatwick (LGW). Both airports also have excellent transport links to central London and onwards. If taking a taxi directly to the campus, Heathrow is a 120-minute journey, Gatwick airport is a 90-minute journey.

By rail

London St Pancras to Canterbury West: journey time approximately 55 minutes.

By bus

London Victoria to Canterbury bus station: journey time approximately 120 minutes. Canterbury bus station to the University, regular service: journey time approximately 15 minutes.

By road

From London, the north and west: M25, (M20), M2, A2. Canterbury central ring road, A290 Whitstable Road, St Thomas Hill, approximately one mile (1.6km) up the A290, University entrance on right (signposted) near top of hill.

Campus map

www.kent.ac.uk/maps/canterbury

Medway

By air

The nearest major airports to the Medway campus are London Heathrow (LHR) and London Gatwick (LGW), both with excellent transport links to central London and onwards. If taking a taxi directly to the campus, Heathrow is a 90-minute journey, Gatwick airport is a 60-minute journey.

By rail

London Victoria to Chatham: journey time approximately 50 minutes. St Pancras to Ebbsfleet International, approximately 20 minutes or to Chatham approximately 45 minutes.

By bus

From Chatham Station to Chatham Maritime: journey time approximately 15 minutes.

By road

From London, the north and west: M25, M2. Follow signs for Gillingham, then the Historic Dockyard and Chatham Maritime via the A289 and the Medway Tunnel. From the east: A2, A289, the Gillingham Northern Link Road, follow signs for the Medway Tunnel.

Campus map

www.kent.ac.uk/maps/medway



If you wish to study at our Brussels, Paris, Athens or Rome centres, please contact staff at the location to arrange a visit to view our premises and meet staff and current students.

Brussels

By air

The nearest major airports to the Brussels School of International Studies are Brussels Airport (BRU) and Charleroi Brussels South (CRL), both with excellent transport links to Brussels.

By rail

The Etterbeek railway station is 100 metres from the Brussels campus and provides regular connections with Schuman, Brussels North and Brussels Midi stations.

By tram

Take the 7 or 25 and alight at the Etterbeek stop, from which Kent's Brussels campus is a five-minute walk.

By metro

Kent's Brussels campus is a short walk across the VUB Etterbeek campus from the Pétillon Metro station.

Campus map

www.kent.ac.uk/maps/brussels

Paris

By air

The nearest major airports to Reid Hall campus in Paris are Charles de Gaulle (CDG) and Orly (ORY), both with excellent transport links to central Paris.

By rail

The largest railway station in Paris is Gare du Nord, where you may access Reid Hall by metro. The closest railway station to Reid Hall is Port Royal, which is on the RER B line and links directly to Charles de Gaulle airport and Gare du Nord station.

By metro

Reid Hall is close to the Vavin metro station. If you are coming from the Gare du Nord, take the line 4 (purple) in the direction of Mairie de Montrouge. It takes about 30 minutes to get to Reid Hall with no changes.

Campus map

www.kent.ac.uk/maps/paris

Athens

By air

The nearest major airport to Eleusina is Athens International Airport, also known as Eleftherios Venizelos (ATH). To reach Eleusina, you take a combination of Rail or Metro with bus services.

By rail and bus

At the airport, you take the light rail (proastiakos) towards Corinth (Korinthos) or Kiato and get off at Magoula. From there, you pick up bus 863 outside the Proastiakos Magoula station and alight at the Heroon Polytechniou.

By metro and bus

From the airport, you take Athens Metro line 3 to Egaleo. You then take bus A16 to its terminal stop at Eleusina. There, you board bus 863 to Heroon Polytechniou.

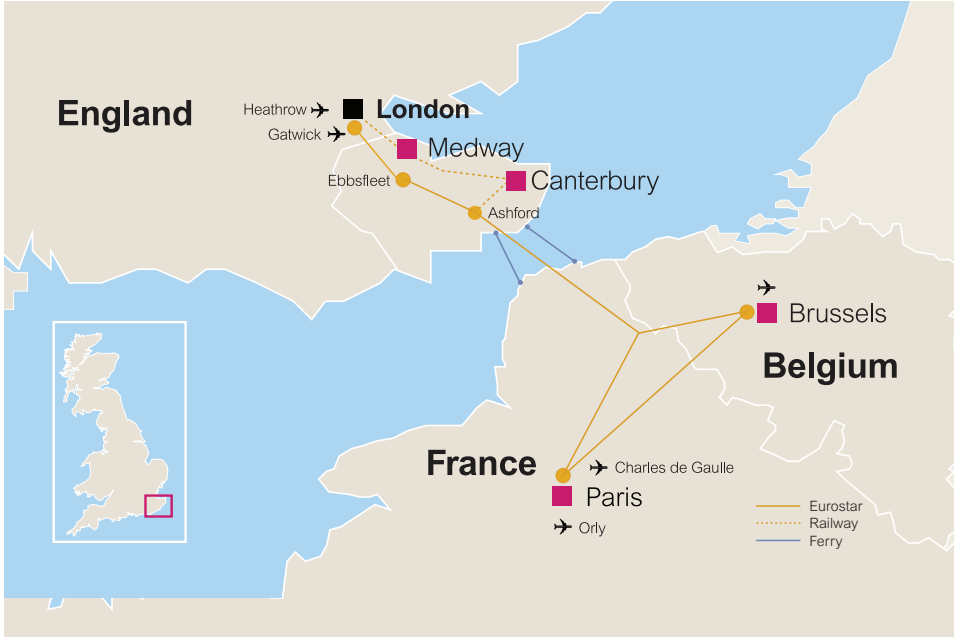
Campus map

www.heritage.aueb.gr/260.htm

Rome

By air

The nearest major airport to the campus of the American University of Rome (AUR) is Fiumicino-Leonardo da Vinci International Airport (FCO).



Terms and conditions: the University reserves the right to make variations to the content and delivery of courses and other services, or to discontinue courses and other services, if such action is reasonably considered to be necessary. If the University discontinues any course, it will endeavour to provide a suitable alternative. To register for a programme of study, all students must agree to abide by the University Regulations (available online at: www.kent.ac.uk/regulations).

Data protection: for administrative, academic and health and safety reasons, the University needs to process information about its students. Full registration as a student of the University is subject to your consent to process such information.

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