GRADUATE
STUDY AT
KENT 2019

Information for students
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 we provide a dynamic and challenging academic environment. Whether you choose to study in Canterbury, Medway, Tonbridge, Brussels, Paris, Athens or Rome, you benefit from a supportive and friendly atmosphere working alongside world-class researchers.

The University of Kent is known as the UK’s European university and we are reinforcing our commitment to remain a European university that is outward facing and international. We are especially proud of our diverse student body and our European and international staff. We believe that not only does the University benefit from intellectual and cultural diversity, but that this is also beneficial to the wider society.

A strong intellectual and social community of postgraduate students is fundamental to Kent’s identity as a research institution. Kent received excellent results in the most recent Research Excellence Framework (REF): we were judged to have world-leading research in all subjects submitted. This means you benefit from working alongside internationally renowned academics, 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 £11 million of financial support to our postgraduate students, both from the UK and around the world. This includes subject-specific and Research Council awards, as well as location-specific sport and music scholarships. We would strongly encourage you to refer to our website for further details at www.kent.ac.uk/pgfunding

Our commitment to providing excellent support and a wide range of opportunities for our postgraduate students was acknowledged by us being ranked 3rd in the postgraduate category of the 2018 Whatuni Student Choice Awards.

The Graduate School supports a number of initiatives, enabling students to promote their research interests, such as the annual Postgraduate Festival, the Postgraduate Research Café 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 Kent Graduate Student Association (KDSA).

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 p4 for details).

We also offer 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 employability skills and future prospects (see p4 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, 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. I look forward to welcoming you to Kent in the near future.

Professor Paul Allain
Dean of the Graduate School

To find out what our students think, see our online video interviews at www.youtube.com/universityofkent
Graduate Study at Kent

97% of research at Kent was found to be of international quality in the most recent Research Excellence Framework (an independent national survey of UK universities).

GOLD in the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF). The University of Kent’s Statement of Findings can be found at www.kent.ac.uk/tef-statement

92% of Kent postgraduate students who graduated in 2017 and responded to a national survey were in work or further study within six months (DLHE).

TOP 10% The Times Higher Education (THE), ranks Kent in the top 10% of the world’s universities for international outlook.

40% of our academic staff are from overseas and we have students representing 157 nationalities.

WINNER Kent won the Outstanding Support for Students award at the 2017 Times Higher Education (THE) Awards.

*Based on the evidence available, the TEF Panel judged that University of Kent delivers consistently outstanding teaching, learning and outcomes for its students. It is of the highest quality found in the UK.
The University was ranked 3rd in the Postgraduate category of the 2018 Whatuni Student Choice Awards.
THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Kent’s Graduate School supports the strategic development of 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 academic schools and centres in order to support and develop the following:

- 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.
- 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.

Championing your interests

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

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 Kent 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 most recent Higher Education Review by the UK’s Quality Assurance Agency recognised Kent’s vibrant and interdisciplinary academic community, created by the range of formal and informal opportunities provided for postgraduate research students.

The Graduate School promotes many opportunities for postgraduate students to meet and socialise. The annual Postgraduate 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 final of Kent’s Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) competition also takes place at the Festival. The Postgraduate Research Café has been created to provide an opportunity for students to showcase their research in an informal setting.

The Graduate School is especially keen to support student-driven initiatives, such as workshops and conferences. Our Postgraduate Experience Awards allow students to bid for funding to co-ordinate their own events and projects, which enhances their skills base and the overall postgraduate experience at Kent. Take a look at what’s on offer at www.kent.ac.uk/graduateschool

The GradPost

The GradPost is Kent’s postgraduate newsletter, written and edited by our 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

Researcher development

The Graduate School co-ordinates the Researcher Development Programme for 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 during 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 teamwork, 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 at our Brussels centre.

Advanced training

Kent offers a wide range of advanced training workshops, delivered by world-class researchers drawn from a range of disciplines. These workshops are not discipline-specific, but instead explore topics that are of interest to researchers in the social, natural and medicinal sciences, as well as the arts and humanities.

PG Minds

The Graduate School is developing a series of wellbeing sessions, PG Minds, which will offer non-academic activities allowing postgraduates to focus on their mental wellbeing.
Kent’s postgraduate students benefit from a diverse graduate community. Our campuses at Canterbury and Medway, and our part-time centre in Tonbridge, 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.

The Graduate School
The Graduate School is located on the top floor of the University’s Cornwallis East building and consists of a dedicated training room, as well as staff offices and its own reception area.

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 Kent Graduate Student Association President to ensure a cohesive approach to the provision of support and activities for postgraduate students.

All postgraduate students become members of Woolf College and are encouraged to participate and contribute to the postgraduate community at the University.

Students’ union
Kent Union, your 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. Medway students can also join Greenwich and Kent Students’ Unions Together (GK Unions).

We have a large number of postgraduate course representatives and the well-established Kent Graduate Student Association, and, as part of our welcome and induction activities, we organise a programme of events specifically for postgraduate students. For more information on these events, please follow Kent Union on Facebook (www.facebook.com/unionkent).

Kent Graduate Student Association
Kent Union engages postgraduate students in its democratic processes and aims to increase postgraduate involvement in elections. 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 locations at the University. The Association focuses on student issues covering welfare and education (both taught and research), and it provides extra-curricular 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 KGSA 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.

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

“Being President of the KGSA has provided me with a fantastic opportunity to enhance the postgraduate student experience; from assisting you to move in during Welcome Week to campaigning on issues that matter to you, and hosting international celebrations throughout the year. Alongside a committee of other students, we volunteer to make sure you get the most out of your time here at Kent. We are always looking for new committee members to join us, so please get in touch if you would like to get involved!”

Rowena Bicknell
Kent Graduate Student Association (KGSA) President
“The aspect of my studies that I’ve enjoyed the most has been the people on my course. My fellow students are fantastic and I have learned so much from them. We are an incredibly diverse, multicultural group, coming from many different backgrounds. It’s been a pleasure to get to know everyone and work together. The communication between us is great and it feels like we are all one team.”

Marian Chaney
MSc Human Resource Management

“I’m hoping to follow an academic career in the future, so I’m trying to gain as many skills as I can during my PhD. The Centre for Medieval and Early Modern Studies has been very encouraging in helping me to gain the right experience, whether it’s networking at events, presenting at conferences, writing journal articles or teaching. All these things will not only make me more attractive to potential employers, they will also help me to become a better researcher.”

Stuart Morrison
PhD Medieval and Early Modern Studies

“I’m enjoying the fact that I’m gaining so much knowledge, in particular from my supervisor, who is so passionate about her subject. As a PhD student, I also have the opportunity to attend training courses to expand my grasp of the subject area, and the Graduate School offers a lot of support and organises a wide range of events and workshops.”

Reeya Oogarah
PhD Chemistry
“The chance to study ancient Rome from within its walls was a major attraction. I knew the books and short visits could only give me a fleeting glimpse of the city, but being able to walk the streets for several months would offer me a deeper understanding and a new perspective on the topography of Rome. For me, no other programme could compare, either in terms of opportunity or in the calibre of its teaching talent.”

Catherine Hoggarth
MA Ancient History
(Rome)

“We are a diverse bunch – about 50% of us are international students. This gives you a different perspective on what you are studying. Every day begins with a conference; you start the day as if you are a journalist. It makes for some lively discussions.”

Kishan Koria
MA Multimedia Journalism

“Everyone comes from a different walk of life. You have people from Asia, Europe, North America, South America, Africa, 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 performance in the most recent Research Excellence Framework (REF) confirms our position as a leading UK research university. All of our academic schools engage in research of international standing.

Kent has some of the best academic staff in the country, including research leaders who are renowned for their innovative thinking. With programmes of study that are informed by research, our students are able to develop skills and knowledge sought by employers and relevant to contemporary issues. Our research activities and collaborations with outside organisations create knowledge that is highly influential and makes a significant impact on societal and scientific issues.

Research standing
Kent is placed firmly among the UK’s most research-intensive universities. Following the most recent Research Excellence Framework, Kent was ranked in the top 20 for research output and research intensity in the Times Higher Education, outperforming 11 of the 24 Russell Group universities. Of the research submitted to the REF, 97% was judged to be of international quality.

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 £13 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 and industry worldwide. This confirms the University’s academic, economic and cultural stature, and the direct positive implications of our research activities. Good research delivers a highly skilled workforce, improves business performance, creates opportunities for new business activities and enterprise, and improves public services. We maintain our national and international activities while working with regional and local agents to synchronise our research agenda with the interests and needs of the region.

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

- a study to show that injured athletes can benefit from using mindfulness as part of the sport rehabilitation process to improve their pain tolerance and awareness
- research which shows that workers in female-dominated workplaces have worse access to flexible working arrangements than those in gender-neutral and even male-dominated workplaces
- the work of academics from the School of Anthropology and Conservation, on both new Homo Naledi suggesting that a second species of human was alive at the same time as Homo Sapiens; and on new fossils in Morocco that add 100,000 years to human evolutionary history
- economic analysis that found the polarisation of the labour market in Western economies that led to decline of manufacturing jobs started in the 1950s, far earlier than originally thought.

In addition, Kent has been awarded a Queen’s Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education twice in the last 12 years. The prizes are awarded for exceptional contributions by institutions in the higher and further education sectors.

Strong research publishing record
Our 650 academic staff regularly publish their research output. 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.

Details of these publications can be accessed by visiting the online Kent Academic Repository at www.kent.ac.uk/research/publications

Research support
Research Services at Kent supports the University’s research community, by promoting funding opportunities, assisting with the development of applications, negotiating research contracts and administering awards.
Doctoral training

South East Network for Social Sciences (SeNSS)
The University is a member of SeNSS, a ten-member multi-institutional consortium which has been awarded funding from the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) to offer PhD studentships across a range of social science disciplines. The collaboration unites an academic community of over 100 social science units and provides significant expertise in both quantitative and qualitative research methods. Other members of the consortium are the Universities of Essex, East Anglia, Reading, Roehampton, Royal Holloway, Surrey, Sussex, Goldsmiths University of London and City University of London.

Consortium for the Humanities and the Arts South-East England (CHASE)
We are also a partner within CHASE, an AHRC funded collaboration with the Courtauld Institute of Art, Goldsmiths University of London, the Universities of East Anglia, Essex and Sussex, SOAS and Birkbeck College, University of London. This collaboration represents an exciting era for arts and humanities doctoral research at Kent and provides PhD funding across the Consortium.

NERC (Natural Environment Research Council)
Kent has been successful in being awarded NERC PhD scholarships through its membership of EnvEast (Environment East Doctoral Training Partnership) a collaboration with the Universities of East Anglia and Essex and other core partners.

Eastern Academic Research Consortium (Eastern ARC)
The Universities of Kent, East Anglia and Essex have joined forces to form the Eastern ARC research consortium, a research and training collaboration which focuses on three broad inter-disciplinary areas: digital humanities, synthetic biology and quantitative social science. Postgraduate researchers at Kent can apply for funding to run events and projects in these areas and benefit from academic expertise and training opportunities across the consortium.

Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC)
Kent receives an EPSRC Doctoral Training grant which provides PhD studentships in engineering and the physical sciences.

University of Kent Global Challenges Doctoral Centre (GCDC)
Kent has established a Global Challenges Doctoral Centre (GCDC) dedicated to doctoral research addressing the challenges of economic development and wellbeing faced by developing countries on the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Development Assistance Committee (DAC) list. The GCDC offers eight PhD scholarships annually and provides a virtual and physical ‘location’ to discuss and undertake research which identifies solutions to global challenges.

ITN European Joint Doctorate: Migration and Modernity – Historical and Cultural Challenges (MOVES)
Kent has received EU funding for the MOVES ITN Joint Doctorate with the Universities of Montpellier, Karlova (Prague), Porto and the Free University Berlin which will provide PhD scholarships over four years.

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

For a sense of the teaching style at Kent, take a look at our ‘Think Kent’ lectures. Similar in style to ‘TED Talks’, these ten to 15-minute videos feature leading Kent academics talking about their research and the international impact of their work.

Whether you want to discover the truth of the 1914 Christmas Truce, learn more about the Rosetta comet mission, uncover the extent of the CIA’s rendition flight programme, or hear more about new cancer treatments, see www.youtube.com/UniversityofKent
Research centres and groups

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 Film and Media Research
Centre for Gender, Sexuality and Writing
Centre for Heritage
Centre for Language and Linguistics
Centre for Late Antique Archaeology
Centre for Medieval and Early Modern Studies
Centre for Modern European Literature
Centre for Modern Poetry
Centre for Practical Normativity
Centre for Reasoning
Centre for Research in European Architecture
Centre for the History of the Sciences
Centre for the Political Economies of International Commerce
Centre for the Study of War, Propaganda and Society
Centre for Victorian Literature and Culture
European Theatre Research Network
Popular and Comic Performance Research Centre
Sound-Image-Space Research Centre

Faculty of Sciences
Applied Optics Group
Cancer and Age-related Diseases Group
Cellular Architecture and Dynamics Group
Centre for Actuarial Science, Risk and Investment
Centre for Astrophysics and Planetary Science
Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies of Reproduction
Chemistry and Drug Delivery Group
Clinical and Professional Practice (Pharmacy) Group
Communications Research Group
Computational Intelligence Group
Computing Education Group
Cyber Security Group
Data Science Research Group
Endurance Research Group
Forensic Imaging Group
Functional Materials Group
Industrial Biotechnology Centre
Instrumentation, Control and Embedded Systems Group
Intelligent Interactions Group
Interdisciplinary Research Centre in Cyber Security
Kent Fungal Group
Mathematics Group
Mechanics and Dynamics of Cells and Proteins Group (MaDCaP)
Programming Languages and Systems Group
Resistance Pathogenicity and Infectious Diseases Group (RaPiD)
Sports Therapy, Physical Activity and Health Research Group
Statistics Group

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 Critical Thought
Centre for Employment, Competitiveness and Growth
Centre for Ethnographic Research
Centre for European Agri-Environmental Studies
Centre for European and Comparative Law
Centre for Federal Studies
Centre for Health Services Studies
Centre for Integrated Care Research
Centre for Logistics and Heuristic Optimisation
Centre for Parenting Culture Studies
Centre for Philanthropy
Centre for Quantitative Finance
Centre for the Study of Group Processes
Centre for the Study of Higher Education
Centre for the Study of Social and Political Movements
Centre for Research and Education in Forensic Psychology
Cho: A Law and History Research Group
Commercial Law Discussion Group
Comparative Politics Group
Conflict Analysis Research Centre
Durrell Institute of Conservation and Ecology
Environmental Law Group
Equity and Trusts Research Network
Gender Labour Law Research Network
Global Europe Centre
Kent Centre for Law, Gender and Sexuality
Kent Interdisciplinary Centre for Spatial Studies
Living Primates Research Group
Macroeconomics, Growth and History Centre
Microeconomics Research Group
Obligations Discussion Group
Personal Social Services Research Unit
Q-Step Centre
Research in Juridification and Political Theology
Skeletal Biology Research Centre
Social Critiques of Law Group
Tizard Centre

The above is only a selection of the numerous research groups and centres across the University; some are cross-disciplinary while others are linked to external project groups. For further information about research centres and groups, visit www.kent.ac.uk/department/academic
At Kent, we have a supportive study environment, which promotes a strong intellectual, interdisciplinary and social community. Our academic resources and support services are here to help you achieve your full potential. Our facilities are available to all our postgraduate students, no matter where you are based.

Library services
In addition to our rich and relevant library collections, which include specialist archives, you have access to a vast range of digital resources. Our helpful staff support you through all the stages of your coursework and research.

To help you find and access academic material online, you use search and study tools including LibrarySearch, Reading Lists and Moodle (our Virtual Learning Environment). They are a gateway to our extensive range of e-journals, e-books, reference works, theses, newspapers and much more. Specialist librarians will help you discover the best-quality resources.

Our libraries offer hundreds of study spaces in silent zones, PCs, Wi-Fi, printing and photocopying. There are also social study places and cafes for when you want to take a break.

Students in Canterbury, Medway and Tonbridge can make use of other local resources, including the Canterbury Cathedral Library and Archives, and are also within easy reach of premier research collections in London. Students in Brussels, Paris, Athens and Rome also have access to additional libraries in these cities.

Further information
www.kent.ac.uk/library

IT services and facilities
To help you work and study online or on campus, your Kent IT account provides access to:
• student PCs on campus, which have specialist subject software and printers
• Wi-Fi across campus
• a Kent email account for life
• IT, study and research skills training – improve your skills online, drop in to support sessions or book onto free workshops or training courses.

When working off campus, you can access networked facilities remotely, including your files and folders on the Kent network.

Further information
www.kent.ac.uk/itservices

Student Learning Advisory Service
The Student Learning Advisory Service (SLAS) is a free 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 autism spectrum conditions. 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.

Student 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/studentsupport

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.

In addition, our Centre for English and World Languages (CEWL) offers a range of modules and programmes in English and other world languages. The English Language and Academic Skills (ELAS) programme provides free English language support for all students who are non-native speakers of English. If you are studying at any of our European locations, you can take advantage of the many opportunities for language learning locally.

Further information
www.kent.ac.uk/international-pathways/pre-sessional
www.kent.ac.uk/cewl

Students’ unions
Kent Union is your students’ union and all Kent students, wherever they are studying, can join. Students at Medway are also members of Greenwich and Kent Students’ Unions Together (GK Unions), a partnership between the University of Greenwich’s student union and Kent Union, which supports you during your time at the Medway campus.

Kent Union and GK Unions provide a range of social, recreational, pastoral and representative services specifically for postgraduate students.

As a member of the students’ union, you can access activities, clubs, volunteering opportunities and 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 via the Kent Union and GK Unions advice centres.

Further information
www.kentunion.co.uk
www.gkunions.co.uk

International Recruitment
The International Recruitment 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

Students with families
If you intend to bring your family with you, we have links to useful information including finding accommodation, childcare, schools and the International Families Network. See www.kent.ac.uk/graduateschool/students-with-families.html
Kent has an excellent postgraduate employment record: of our postgraduate students who graduated in 2017, over 92% of those who responded to a national survey, found a job or further study opportunity within six months (DLHE). We equip you with essential skills to give you a competitive advantage when it comes to finding a job. 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 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 set you apart from students who hold an undergraduate degree. A postgraduate degree may lead 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 may bring 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.

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. 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 and further develop your strengths. This allows you to assess your personal development with a view to selecting the best career path for your talents.

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 and Media, the European Commission, Deutsche Bank and Lucasfilm.

A global outlook
We are proud of the diversity in our community; 40% of academic and research staff at the University are from outside the UK and our students represent 157 nationalities. This 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 range 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.
Employability Points Scheme

Our Employability Points Scheme recognises engagement in extra-curricular 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

The University recognises that employers are looking for more than just a good degree; they are seeking evidence of key employability skills, such as leadership, teamwork, reliability and initiative. All of these skills and more can be gained through volunteering.

Both Kent Union and Gk Unions run the Kent Student Certificate for Volunteering (KSCV), a formal recognition scheme for volunteers, which is endorsed by the University. When you undertake any form of volunteering while at Kent you can work towards various levels of the award. The KSCV helps to build a skills record, which is designed to encourage you to think about the skills you have developed as a result of volunteering and can be used to support CVs and job applications.

Volunteering on campus can involve running societies or sports clubs, or supporting your peers academically through course representation and mentoring. Off campus, you can get involved in supporting the numerous local charities, schools or voluntary organisations.

All volunteers are supported by Kent Union and GK Unions volunteering staff.

Student Ambassador Scheme

The Student Ambassador Scheme recruits Kent students to represent the University on-campus events as well as in local schools, colleges and the community. Student ambassadors act as role models to learners and provide a unique perspective in order to engage and inspire.

Through work and training opportunities, the Scheme helps its student ambassadors to develop skills in preparation for future employment, builds confidence and encourages personal development, while greatly enhancing the student experience.

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 and the students’ unions employ around 2,000 students each year 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

Kent Union runs Jobshop, an employment agency that advertises hundreds of vacancies throughout the local region in areas such as translation, mentoring, website development, retail and charity fundraising. This service is available to students studying at both Canterbury and Medway, and you can register online as soon as you become a student at Kent.

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 a non-EEA full-time student and sponsored on a Tier 4 visa, you are usually permitted to work part-time, paid and unpaid, during term-time for not more than 20 hours per week. It is important that, as a full-time student, you ensure you are fully aware of your conditions of stay, with regard to work in the UK. Advice and guidance is available from Kent Union and UKCISA at: www.kentunion.co.uk/welfare/advice www.ukcisa.org.uk/About-UKCISA/Contact-us

Alternatively, information can be found on the Student Immigration Compliance website (see below).

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/welfare/advice/international-visa or www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/Working/Working-after-studies

Further information

Careers and employability

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

Student immigration

www.kent.ac.uk/studentimmigration

Jobshop and volunteering

www.kentunion.co.uk
www.gkunions.co.uk
www.kent.ac.uk/ambassadors
The UK’s European University

As the UK’s European university, we are proud to be outward facing and international. We are an inclusive and diverse institution and recognise that we, and the wider society, benefit greatly from this diversity. Our partnerships within Europe provide the foundation for our international approach to research and teaching. We have locations in Brussels, Paris, Athens and Rome in addition to our UK campuses, and have over 200 European partners, including the highest ranking institutions in several 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).

European Research and Projects
Many of our academics are involved in research projects in collaboration with other European universities. 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 and Horizon 2020.

European Exchanges and Credit Systems
Kent is 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/global

Our Collaborations can boast links with, among others, the universities of Vienna, Leuven, Ghent, Sciences Po Paris, Paris 1 Sorbonne, LMU Munich, Heidelberg, FU Berlin, Bologna, Rome Sapienza, Amsterdam, Copenhagen, Helsinki, Oslo, Lund, Barcelona, Autonomous University Madrid, Geneva, Lausanne, and Charles University Prague. Our strong connections within Europe enhance our international approach to all our academic activities.

Where the World Meets Europe
With 157 nationalities represented in our student body and 40% 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, utilise 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 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.

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 students come from other European countries. International students make up over 25% of our overall student population with over 10% of these coming from within Europe and representing 37 different European countries.
The University of Kent has exceptional study locations across Europe. Our UK campuses, Canterbury and Medway, are in the south-east of England, close to London, with state-of-the-art facilities; we also have a study centre in Tonbridge. 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. You also have access to the study facilities and resources on all of our campuses and centres, no matter where you are based.

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 forms part of a World Heritage Site 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 Templeni Library, IT Services, Park Wood Student Hub, a bookshop, a medical centre and pharmacy, bistros, bars, the students’ union, The Venue nightclub, the Student Media Centre, free-access computer areas, bus stops and laundrettes. Canterbury city centre is only 25 minutes’ walk from the campus and there is a frequent and direct bus service.

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

Location

From its origins, and the establishment of the Church in Canterbury in 597, the city has long been a seat of learning and a location for the exchange and dissemination of knowledge.

Canterbury was the starting point for the Via Francigena, the major pilgrimage route to Rome in the Middle Ages. This route passed through England, France, Switzerland and Italy via abbeys and monasteries – the centres of learning in medieval times. Through this route, the information superhighway of its time, knowledge was exchanged, and ideas and culture were communicated to the known world.

Canterbury itself was a pilgrimage site and the destination of the well-known Pilgrims’ Way, which linked Canterbury to London via Rochester.

As the closest UK city to continental Europe, Canterbury 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

Postgraduate students are offered on-campus housing in Woolf College or Darwin Houses. Darwin Houses have shared bathroom facilities while Woolf College has en-suite facilities. There are up to eight bedrooms per flat in Woolf College, with shared kitchens. Woolf also has its own reception area and an on-site laundrette. All rooms have free internet access by Wi-Fi or wired options.

Rooms at Woolf College are offered for 51 weeks only. Students on shorter academic programmes are offered accommodation in Darwin Houses.

Alternatively, students may prefer to live off campus in Canterbury in privately rented accommodation. For more information on all accommodation, see www.kent.ac.uk/accommodation

Social life

Gulbenkian

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

Music

Students can use the free shuttle bus that runs between campuses to take part in a wide range of extra-curricular music-making at both Canterbury and Medway.

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 which are formed each year. There are also musical events and activities organised by the various student music societies, and students at an advanced vocal or instrumental level can apply for a music scholarship. For details, see www.kent.ac.uk/music
Kent Union
Kent Union provides a wide variety of facilities, services and activities, represents students’ interests, and offers help, support and advice when needed. Facilities include the Student Advice Centre, Jobshop, Oaks Nursery, Student Media Centre, SU Shop, The Venue nightclub and the Library Café. The Union also runs a wide range of sports clubs and societies, and co-ordinates a volunteering scheme (see p13).

A new student hub opened in Park Wood in September 2018. Park Wood Student Hub houses two activity spaces, IT/study hub, student lettings agency, a convenience store and Woody’s café/bar with social study space.

Eating out
The campus has many great places to eat, including Dolce Vita in Keynes College, the Gulbenkian Café, Origins in Darwin College, Mungo’s in Eliot College, Bag It in Rutherford Dining Hall, Hut 8 in Turing College, Create café in the Marlowe Building and Sibson Café. For more details, see www.kent.ac.uk/catering

Clubs and bars
The Venue is an on-campus student nightclub run by Kent Union. It plays host to a range of acts and offers a variety of music genres, club nights and live entertainment, including local, student and mainstream bands. Some colleges have their own bar: Mungo’s, Origins and K-Bar; 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 your students’ union and elected officers. These include societies, sports clubs, student media and volunteering. A state-of-the-art student media centre, located above The Venue nightclub, houses our radio station, student newspaper and KTV – Kent’s own TV station. For more information, see www.kentunion.co.uk

Kent Sport
Kent Sport members enjoy cutting-edge facilities including a first-rate fitness suite with the Kent Sport Physiotherapy Clinic, fitness-class studios, indoor and outdoor tennis and netball courts, along with badminton, basketball and squash courts, all-weather football pitches and cricket pitches, and free bike hire from the Cycle Hub for Gold and Silver members. We provide sports courses, leagues, 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 (see p22). For further information, see www.kent.ac.uk/sports

MEDWAY
Medway comprises two sites, Pembroke and The Historic Dockyard Chatham. The University of Kent has teaching and social facilities at both sites which are within easy reach of London by high-speed train. Housing award-winning buildings and brand new facilities, the campus has a strong sense of community and offers a great social life for students.

Campus life
Medway students enjoy a modern study environment with exceptional 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 a bistro, No1, plus large rooms for seminars and executive meetings. The Student Hub situated in the old swimming pool has social and entertainment spaces as well as a bar, The Deep End.

We have also invested in a multimillion-pound refurbishment of key academic facilities at The Historic Dockyard Chatham which, most recently, became home to Kent Business School at Medway. Originally built in 1723, the Sail and Colour Loft was restored in 2015 and now houses seminar rooms, a computer suite, student social spaces and other facilities for Kent Business School students. The Royal Dockyard Church was refurbished as a lecture theatre and the Galvanising Shop is our main reception point at The Historic Dockyard Chatham, with a café, bar and performance space.

All our professionally focused programmes are supported by modern facilities. Music students have access to professional rehearsal rooms, tracking, overdubbing and post-production studios equipped with industry-standard software. Journalism students benefit from a multimedia newsroom complete with editorial resources, including audio and video editing, cameras and autocues, and broadcast studies fully equipped for live and recorded programme-making. Sport and Exercise Sciences students use the extensive specialist teaching facilities at Medway Park (see p18).

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

Location
The Medway towns of Chatham, Gillingham, Rainham, Rochester and Strood stand at the mouth of the River Medway where it flows into the Thames Estuary. The 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 The Historic Dockyard Chatham 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 17 minutes and trains from Chatham take 45 minutes. If you want to explore Paris or Brussels,
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Students at an advanced vocal or instrumental level can apply for a music scholarship. For more 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. You can see an interactive map of all the sport facilities in the local area at www.gkunions.co.uk

TONBRIDGE

The University of Kent’s study centre has its own facilities just five minutes’ walk from the railway station at Tonbridge. The centre provides flexible, high-quality teaching in a friendly and supportive environment to students of all ages and from a variety of backgrounds. It offers short courses for interest, including a selection of postgraduate-level taster courses. The centre also focuses on supporting the continuing professional development needs of the business community in the region. In addition to the library and e-resources on-site, our Tonbridge students have access to the resources on Kent’s campuses at Canterbury and Medway.

ATHENS

Kent offers its MA in Heritage Management 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 Elefsina 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. You also have the opportunity to contribute to the online blog about our heritage work: https://inhentity.wordpress.com
Location
The programme is ideally located in the Athenian suburb of Elefsina, the birthplace of Aeschylus and, as the location of the Eleusinian mysteries, one of the most important archaeological religious sites in the world. 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.

Elefsina 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 its incredible array of restaurants, museums and culture, and exciting nightlife.

Accommodation
A list of suitable accommodation in Elefsina or central Athens is provided to all students. We also offer advice on arranging your own rented accommodation and can 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 extra-curricular activities available in Elefsina at a discounted fee, including courses for non-Greek speakers in music, painting and dance, and we also run a heritage photography club. Elefsina is also excellent for outdoor pursuits, with local societies for sailing, 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

BRUSSELS

With its interdisciplinary focus and the combination of academics and practitioners, the University’s Brussels School of International Studies (BSIS) offers you a unique and unparalleled opportunity for education and professional advancement in the ‘capital of Europe’. Its programmes and short 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 British Ambassador to the UN), His Excellency Mr Homayoun Tandar (Ambassador of Afghanistan to the EU, Belgium and Luxembourg), Gareth Evans (President Emeritus of the International Crisis Group), Sir David Warren (former British Ambassador to Japan) and General Sir Mike Jackson (former NATO commander in Kosovo and 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 p4 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 forums. Current topics include international justice, migration studies, strategic affairs and the environment. You also have the opportunity to submit articles to the Journal of International Studies.

Each year, students take leadership roles in organising the annual conference, which regularly attracts participants from many 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

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
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 €350-750 per month. A one-bedroom apartment with all charges included is usually €700-900 per month. Students who arrange flat shares are often able to reduce costs even further to approximately €350-500 per month, including utilities. Incoming students are placed on our Listserve, through which they are sent information on housing, orientation, registration and practical tips on preparing for and arriving in Brussels. For details, see www.kent.ac.uk/gettingstarted/brussels

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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.

Due to the high number of young professionals located in the city, Brussels has a wealth of clubs and activities aimed at expats. There are hundreds of sporting, cultural and linguistic groups to join and there are many communities with an active social calendar, which gives you the opportunity to meet people outside the University environment. With ample parks and forests, Brussels is ideal for those who enjoy running, cycling and keeping fit.

For 20 years, the University has 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.

Student life

The Paris School of Arts and Culture 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 was once the home to the American Girls’ Club of Paris, where young female artists took up residence at the site, starting in the late 19th century. It has been an important educational institution since that time. Eminent scholars such as Roland Barthes, Jacques Derrida and Simone de Beauvoir have all lectured at Reid Hall.

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 filmmakers 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 Paris School of Arts and Culture, in collaboration with its partner institutions, hosts an annual seminar series entitled Politics of Translation – Translation of Cultures. Last year’s distinguished speakers included the novelist Will Self, Professors Nick Harrison and Michael Moriarty, and performance poet Patience Agbabi. The School also collaborates closely with the British Embassy in France and the British Council in order to organise scholarly lectures, intercultural activities and events. 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 student-produced literary and arts magazine, The Menteur (www.facebook.com/TheMenteur).

Location

Paris School of Arts and Culture is easily accessible by metro, tram or bus, as it is in the centre of Paris, and is around 20 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

Although Kent does not offer University accommodation in Paris, we are able to provide advice to help you find suitable accommodation.

PARIS

Programmes and associated activities delivered at Kent’s Paris School of Arts and Culture 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 fulfil 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.
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 Paris School of Arts and Culture 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

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 examine 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 as a 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 14,000 volumes, as well as providing access to important online databases and the vast network of Rome’s other libraries.

Students have full access to all support facilities, including support from staff in the Student Life Office. There is also a range of student societies, cultural events and sports clubs available to suit almost every interest.

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 Italy’s liberation from Fascism, and of the more recent past. More importantly, it is an exciting and cosmopolitan city today.

Accommodation
Accommodation can be arranged with the AUR and consists of furnished apartments with shared bedrooms in traditional, well-established neighbourhoods. Alternatively, you can arrange your own accommodation.

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
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 opportunities, to ensure you have the necessary financial support.

We have funds in excess of £11 million to support our postgraduate community, from Research Councils UK awards to philanthropic gifts.

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

We provided awards to over 600 students in the 2017/18 academic year and expect to provide additional awards for 2019. You are encouraged to look through our website (www.kent.ac.uk/scholarships/postgraduate) 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 Research Councils UK:
• Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC)
• Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)
• Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC)
• Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC)
• Medical Research Council (MRC)
• Natural Environment Research Council (NERC)
• Science & 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 fully considered.

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 maintenance stipend of £14,777 for 2018/19. Together this equals the Research Councils UK rate. All postgraduate research applicants are eligible to apply for GTAs, subject to visa and residency requirements.

Vice-Chancellor’s Research Scholarships
Kent has established a substantial number of doctoral scholarships, awarded annually. These scholarships are offered under the GTA scheme (see above). Successful candidates need to demonstrate academic excellence, outstanding research potential and the ability to teach effectively.

School scholarships
Many schools at Kent also offer one or two University postgraduate research scholarships. These awards 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 – £8,000 per year of study
• tuition fee awards and £5,000 scholarships for study at our European centres
• University Music Performance Scholarships – between £1,000 and £2,000 a year
• University Sports Scholarships – between £300 and £2,000 a year
• Christine and Ian Bolt Scholarships to undertake a period of sustained research in the USA – up to £10,000.

In addition to these, we have numerous other awards to support specific programmes and objectives, provided via generous philanthropic gifts. For an up-to-date list see 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 special schemes to assist with the cost of postgraduate study:
• The Graduate School Scholarship provides an award 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 close family members**
• Templeman Scholarships cover tuition fees for one year to Kent graduates holding a first-class honours degree.

In addition, the University has a generous scholarship open to graduates returning to Kent to undertake a research degree. The Alumni Postgraduate Research Scholarship covers tuition fees at the Home/EU rate and provides a maintenance grant at the same

**Students cannot hold both the Graduate School Scholarship and the Loyalty Discount at the same time.
rate as the Research Councils UK. Successful applicants are selected on the basis of academic excellence, achievements to date in their chosen field, their communication skills and their contribution to the life of the University community.

Postgraduate loans
Loans of up to £10,609 (2018/19 entrants) are available for eligible students taking a taught or research-based programme. See www.gov.uk/postgraduate-loan for further information.

The Erasmus+ Master Degree Loan is available to students studying abroad at Master’s level. Students can apply for a loan of up to €12,000 for a one-year Master or up to €18,000 for a two-year Master. For further information, see www.erasmuspplus.org.uk/master-loan

In addition, the UK Government has introduced the Doctoral Loans Scheme, which, for 2018/19 allows eligible PhD students to apply for a loan of up to £25,000. The loan amount for 2019/20 has yet to be confirmed.

Tuition fees
UK-based programmes
The basic tuition fees for UK-based programmes for 2019/20 are listed below (unless otherwise stated). For non-standard fees, see www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/fees/tuition

UK/EU* students
Standard taught £7,500
Standard research† TBC

International students
Standard laboratory taught programmes £19,000
Standard non-laboratory taught programmes £15,700
Standard laboratory research programmes £19,000
Standard non-laboratory research programmes £15,700

Fees will increase year on year by no more than RPI+3% in each academic year of study, except where regulated. Where fees are regulated (such as by Research Councils UK), they will be increased by an amount up to the permitted increase.

Programmes based outside the UK
Please note that programmes delivered outside the UK are subject to different fee structures. Paris-only programmes as well as 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 EU 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 EU 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. Students who do not satisfy these criteria will pay the international student fee.

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
• in two instalments – 50% on or before registration, and 50% by 1 December 2019. The instalment plan needs to be set up online at https://epay.kent.ac.uk/epay

For alternative payment methods, please see www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/payment/makingpayments.html

For information on the University’s debt policy, please see www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/student-finance-guide/further_information.html

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
www.kent.ac.uk/scholarships/postgraduate

*The UK Government has confirmed that for 2019, EU students who satisfy the criteria set out above will be classified as Home fee paying students and eligible for funding.
†fee set by the Research Councils UK for 2019/20 entry
VISITING THE UNIVERSITY

We welcome students who want to visit our campuses and postgraduate centres.

Open Days
The University holds a number of organised events, such as general Open Days at our Canterbury, Medway, Brussels and Paris locations. These events are open to everyone and are designed to give you a flavour of what it is like to be a student at Kent. We also organise events specifically for prospective postgraduate students at Canterbury, Tonbridge, Brussels and Paris. Please see www.kent.ac.uk/opendays or contact the Recruitment and Admissions Office for further details.

Informal visits
If you are not able to attend one of these planned events, you are still welcome to visit the University and join one of our campus tours. The tours are conducted by Kent students/graduates who will be able to give you an insight into what it is like to be a student at Kent.

If you live outside of the UK, you may find it difficult to attend a scheduled tour. We are happy to organise individual tours of our campuses for you and your family at any time of year (advance notice is required).

If you wish to study at one of 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. See www.kent.ac.uk/locations

Self-guided tours
If you can’t attend one of our events, a self-guided tour is an excellent way to explore the campus. You can pick up a tour guide from visitors’ reception in the Registry building, Monday to Friday, between 9:00 and 17:00. Alternatively you can download a copy at www.kent.ac.uk/informal

You can also explore the campus with our self-guided audio tour. The audio tour gives you a real flavour of the campus and you will hear from people who help to make Kent such an inspiring place to study – our staff and students. To get started, go to www.kent.ac.uk/courses/visit/informal/audio-touch.html

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 90-minute journey, Gatwick airport is a 90-minute journey.

By rail
London St Pancras to Canterbury West: journey time approximately 56 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 (1.8km) up the A290. University entrance on right (signposted) near top of hill.

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 80-minute journey.

By rail
London Victoria and Charing Cross to Chatham: journey time approx 45 minutes. St Pancras to Ebbsfleet International, approx 20 minutes or Gillingham approx 50 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.

Centre map
www.kent.ac.uk/maps/tonbridge
Athens
By air
The nearest major airport to Elefsina is Athens International Airport, also known as Eleftherios Venizelos (ATH). To reach Elefsina, 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 alight at Magoula. From there, you pick up bus 863 (heading towards Elefsina) outside the Proastiakos Magoula station and alight at Ag Georgios.

By metro and bus
From the airport, you take Athens Metro line 3 to Agia Marina. You then take bus A16 to its terminal stop at Elefsina. There, you board bus 863 to Ag Georgios.

Centre map
www.heritage.aueb.gr/260.php

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

By rail
The Eterbeek train station is 800 metres from the BSIS campus and provides regular connections with Schuman, Brussels North and Brussels Midi stations.

By bus
Take the 34 from Trone or Porte du Namur and alight at Arsenal.

By tram
Take the 7 or 25 and alight at the Arsenal stop, from which our school is situated across the road.

By metro
The Brussels campus is a short walk from the Pétillon Metro station.

Centre map
www.kent.ac.uk/maps/brussels

Paris
By air
The nearest major airports to Reid Hall 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 commuter 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 in the direction of Mairie de Montrouge. It takes about 30 minutes to get to Reid Hall with no changes.

Centre map
www.kent.ac.uk/maps/paris

Rome
By air
The nearest major airport to the campus of the American University of Rome (AUR) is Fumicino-Leonardo da Vinci International Airport (FCO), which has excellent transport links to Rome city centre.

Centre map

By rail
The nearest train station to the AUR campus is Trastevere Station on the Pisa-Livorno-Rome, Rome-Capranica-Viterbo and Rome-Fiumicino lines.

By bus and tram
On leaving Trastevere station, take tram 8 towards Largo Argentina. Get off at Via E Morosini and catch bus 44 (in the direction of Montalcini) or bus 75 (in the direction of Poenio/Marino).

The campus is located between two stops: Via Dandolo/Calandrelli and Via Giacinto Carini; both stops are less than 100 metres from the AUR campus.

Centre map
www.kent.ac.uk/maps/paris
COME AND VISIT US

The University holds a number of organised events, including Open Days, at our campuses and European centres.

For dates and further information, see our website: www.kent.ac.uk/visit