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Join our world
Expand your thinking
Make it real
Build a better world
Thank you for applying to Kent and congratulations on receiving your offer.

Read on and discover why you belong at Kent.

“I can’t imagine myself at any other uni. You should come. I’m happy I came.”

Enoch Odubade, Media studies
You create your own community at Kent. You’ll make new friends on your course, in your societies, in the queue at the café, or even on the dance floor. After a couple of weeks, you won’t be able to walk across campus without bumping into someone you know.
Meeting new people is one of the great things about coming to university. Our stunning campus is a fantastic backdrop to your new life and, with people from all around the globe to meet, you’ll soon feel a part of our world.

First, there’s the people you live with. There’s nothing like sharing a kitchen to bring people together. From that first quick coffee, by the end of term, you and your kitchen-mates will be planning a full-scale Christmas dinner.

Then, there’s the people you study with. When you attend your first lecture, look around. These are the people who share your love of your subject. They’re the people who you’ll have impassioned conversations with in seminars and workshops, bond with over late-night research in the library, and celebrate with when you reach your goals.

And, of course, there are the people you meet when you’re doing your thing. Student-run societies give you the chance to try something new or continue a lifelong passion. Love dancing? Try Salsa, Swing, Bhangra or Brazilian Zouk. A chess player? Join the Chess Society. Fascinated by the universe? There’s a space society. Ever wondered how you might fare in the financial markets? Join KentInvest. And, if you’re a musician, there’s a full symphony orchestra you could play for.

Our international community creates a lively atmosphere on campus. There are lots of societies that celebrate particular national cultures, which means there are events throughout the year that celebrate various national holidays. Joining these societies is a great way to meet people from other countries, or to compare notes with friends from home.

“My housemates and I all became friends instantly and lived together again in my second year.”

Isobel Holden, Social Policy
If you’re sporty, we have clubs for all the sports you’ve heard of and others that might be new to you. Some clubs compete in university leagues and other competitions, holding trials each year. So if you’re an accomplished player, watch out for those. Many clubs also welcome members, regardless of ability – enthusiasm can take you a long way!

But you don’t have to join a club. We have fantastic facilities, a fitness suite, indoor and outdoor tennis and netball pitches, and Astro and grass pitches, so just get moving.

These people you’ve met will soon be friends you relax with at the bars and cafés on campus, or picnic with on the slopes in front of the library. You might watch films together at the on-campus cinema, stand-up comedy at the theatre, or enjoy nights out at our Venue nightclub, a great hang-out for you and your friends.

We’d love to welcome you to our world – you’ll soon feel you belong.

“I joined the hockey club and it’s one of the best decisions I’ve made here. I’ve found most of my friends through hockey.”

Judith Sponselee, Liberal Arts

“There is no template for a Kent student; people come from many different countries and all over the UK.”

Nadia Bhatti, Politics and International Relations

We’re here to help
Chat to one of our students and find out about life at Kent.
www.kent.ac.uk/unibuddy
Get ready for a whole new approach to learning. You’re in the driving seat and it’s all about exploration, independence and discovery. A degree is a journey and we want to make it as exciting as possible.

Discovery is what drives it all. Once you step into that lecture theatre, you’re going to encounter a whole kaleidoscope of new topics and ideas. Our lecturers are not only here to teach; they’re also writing books, doing research and creating new ways of seeing the world. This means they have a true passion for knowledge and they’re keen to pass that on to you.

But your lectures are only the start of it. At university, you’re always the one in the driving seat. Your degree is about independent study, with your lecturers there to guide and inspire you. They’ll introduce you to the latest thinking and the most cutting-edge knowledge and then they’ll give you the chance to develop your own interests and ideas. This can happen anywhere – be it a lively seminar discussion or a practical problem-solving tutorial or, of course, one of your own assignments.

When it comes to your coursework, it’s so much easier to do great work when you have facilities like ours. Inside our library you’ll find group discussion areas, computer rooms, quiet and silent areas, not to mention a popular café for that all-important coffee break. We also have a range of laboratories and practical workshops that wouldn’t be out of place in any professional environment.
Above: State-of-the-art equipment in the Digital Crit space allows architectural ideas to be developed and discussed.

Left: Our electrophysiology (ERP/EEG) laboratories provide a way for students to monitor brain activity.

“My placement is in a hospital and I’m really looking forward to it.”

Adrienne Spencer, Applied Psychology with Clinical Psychology
These facilities allow us to create some great experiences that really bring your subject to life. So, if you’re studying forensic science for instance, you can examine evidence in a house that’s been set up as a simulated crime scene. Or, if you’re an art student, you have the opportunity to use Studio 3 to curate an exhibition by international artists. Or if you’re an architecture student, our Digital Crit space allows you to deliver state-of-the-art professional presentations. Whatever your subject, we aim to create new experiences to help you learn.

Finally, if you’re after a fast-track way to broaden your horizons, why not apply for a year abroad? You don’t always have to speak another language and we have a huge range of destinations on offer. It’s an amazing life experience that can do wonders for your confidence and your CV.

One thing’s for sure – whatever you choose to do at Kent, it’s going to be an exciting journey. And along the way, you’ll be gaining the knowledge, skills and confidence that can help you succeed in your future career.

“A year abroad is one of the most enriching experiences you’ll have at university.”

Oliver Trapnell, Anthropology with a Year in Japan

We’re here to help

Need some help with study skills? Check out the Student Learning Advisory Service.

www.kent.ac.uk/slas
Experience counts. By choosing study modules that give you hands-on experience, or taking a placement as part of your course, you can gain expertise in real-life situations and give yourself a head-start in your career.

Wherever possible, we build real-world experience into your degree. So, for instance, if you’re taking law, you have the option to do pro bono work for local clients by working for Kent Law Clinic. If you’re studying computing, Kent IT Consultancy provides you with the opportunity to deliver IT solutions to businesses in the region. Or, for finance students, there’s the chance to get to grips with Bloomberg, a virtual trading platform.

We also offer projects that involve going out into the world. For instance, a psychology student can collaborate with charities, schools, the NHS or the Probation Service. A bioscience student can apply to join a research team as an intern over the summer. Or for archaeology students, there are opportunities to join digs as part of an experienced team.

Other options allow you to gain experience outside your degree studies. You could join the team that produces our student newspaper and website, or work for our student radio and TV stations. Or how about volunteering? You could work in the local community for food banks, environmental projects, or to help people...
improve their English. Another popular option is to fundraise for a charity that’s close to your heart. Any of these could help you to gain skills and develop your ability to make a difference.

Of course, for those who want an extended period of work experience, a placement year is the perfect option. The advantages are numerous. It allows you to scan the job market, helping you to check out potential career paths. It can be a highly rewarding experience; a year is definitely long enough to make your mark. In some positions, you’ll also be earning a wage – giving you the chance to save money for your final year as a student. Best of all, you’ll gain in-depth experience, making you far more employable when you graduate.

Here at Kent, placements are available for many of our degrees and we support you every step of the way. Not only do we advise you on how to look for a suitable placement but we can help with your application, giving you feedback on your CV and, if you wish, providing a mock interview as well. And for insider tips on working life, we can put you in touch with other students who are back from their own work placements.

By ‘making it real’ with any of these options, you’ll end up with a fantastic set of career-friendly skills and make sure your transition to working life is a smooth one.

Left: Our Bloomberg terminals allow students to train on industry software following real-time financial data
Top right: Joining an ongoing project at Kent can provide hands-on experience of working as a researcher
Bottom right: Our Studio 3 gallery provides students with the opportunity to curate public exhibitions by high-profile artists

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When looking for a placement, you can get advice from your school or from the Careers and Employability Service.
www.kent.ac.uk/ces
“The research team I worked with had an infectious enthusiasm in striving for breakthroughs.”

Joseph Cassar, Biomedical Science
BUILD A BETTER WORLD

With us, you’re going to explore new ideas and places. You’re going to meet people from across the globe and make friends for life. You’re going to take everything you learn at Kent and help to build a better world.

Building a better world can be about the really big things, like helping to find a cure for cancer or tackling the climate crisis. It’s about applying your skills and knowledge to make a difference, taking the small steps that lead to major breakthroughs.

Our lecturers are changing perceptions of what’s possible through their research. They help you to gain a deep understanding of the key issues in your subject area and the latest thinking about how to tackle them. By the time you leave, you’ll be full of ideas and ready to make them a reality.

Our graduates are already out there, making a difference. Physics graduate Navit Bal worked on a project involving fast X-ray CT scans of biopsy tissue, which he hopes may be used to help people with cancer in the near future. After graduating in Hispanic Studies, Tanya Compas developed and delivered sports and mentoring programmes to marginalised and isolated young women.

Building a better world can also be about making the world work better, one new process or successful project at a time. Forensic Science graduate Kumaree Ramhit, for instance, investigates suspected counterfeit goods from around the world. She told us ‘It’s rewarding to know that my efforts contribute to public health.’

But you don’t have to wait until you graduate to make a start. Volunteering is a great way to make a difference here and now. Psychology student Rianna Patterson founded a charity, Dominica Dementia Foundation, and is a spokesperson for dementia awareness. Law and Criminology student Daniel Rozenberg volunteered his time to assist young and vulnerable people through legal proceedings. Our students run many amazing societies – and if there isn’t one for the cause you’re passionate about, why not set one up?

Join our world. It’s the first step to building a better world.
Above: Rianna Patterson, recipient of the Queen’s Young Leader’s Award for her work in support of dementia patients in Dominica

Below: Daniel Rozenberg, Student of the Year in the 2019 Kent Student Awards for his work as a care giver and with young people and domestic abuse survivors

“Students at Kent were adventurous and interesting. They have gone on to do amazing things all over the world.”

Zoe Slater, Social Anthropology and French graduate

We’re here to help

The Careers and Employability Service can help you with advice on CVs, preparing for interviews and getting your career off to a flying start.

www.kent.ac.uk/ces
Congratulations on your offer! So, what do you need to do before you join us at Kent? Here’s a quick guide to your next steps.

**Come to an Applicant Day**
Most Applicant Days are held in the autumn and spring terms and are a great opportunity to meet staff from your academic school and find out more about life at Kent. If you can’t come to an Applicant Day, why not join us for a guided tour? Book via KentVision at https://evision.kent.ac.uk

**Apply for your accommodation**
You can apply for accommodation from mid-January 2020. We offer accommodation for the first year to new, full-time students as long as you make Kent your first choice (UF or CF on UCAS) and apply online by 31 July 2020. Check out your options at www.kent.ac.uk/accommodation

**Find out about student finance**
Find out what financial support you can get with the costs of studying. You may be eligible for government support, eg a student loan, or the schemes Kent offers, including the Financial Support Package and loyalty discount. See www.kent.ac.uk/ug/fees-and-funding

**Browse our scholarships**
If you’re an academic high flyer, a talented musician or outstanding at sports, you may be eligible for a scholarship. See all the scholarships available at www.kent.ac.uk/scholarships

**Accept your offer**
Decide which offers you want to accept as your firm and insurance choices by the deadline UCAS gives you (this will be early May if you applied by 15 January 2020). Don’t forget to log your decisions on UCAS Track.

**Results day!**
Got your place? See you soon!
International student? ✅

Check the visa requirements for students coming to the UK at www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa and the English language requirements to study at the University at www.kent.ac.uk/ug/english-language-requirements

We’re here to help

Got questions about your application? Call our friendly admissions team on +44 (0)1227 768896 or contact us via KentVision.

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