Thank you for applying to Kent and congratulations on receiving your offer.

Read on and discover why you belong at Kent.

“When I came for the open day, I really liked the Medway campus. The intimacy is nice.”

Helen Bedi, Business & Management

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

You create your own community at Kent. You’ll make new friends on your course, in your societies, on the dancefloor, or even in the queue at the café. After a couple of weeks, you’ll be in a lecture, in the library, or relaxing in a café, surrounded by people you know.
Meeting new people is one of the great things about coming to university. Our 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.

If you’re new to Medway, you’ll find lots of local students on campus who can help you to discover the area. If you choose to live in university accommodation, you’ll soon get to know 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 three-course meals!

You’ll also find friends on your course. 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 performing? Try your hand at acting with the Amateur Dramatic Society. A budding artist? Join Articrafts. If you’re a gamer who likes competition, you’ll be welcome at the Esports Society. And, if you’re a musician, there’s a full symphony orchestra you could play for.

There are also 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.

“I’m glad I chose to live in Liberty Quays. If you want to meet your friends, they’re just a two-minute walk away.”

Evangeline Agyeman, Social Sciences
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. Our Give it a Go sessions give you the chance to try out different sports as and when you feel like it.

We have fantastic facilities, a fitness suite, indoor and outdoor tennis and netball pitches, and Astro and grass pitches at our Canterbury campus, just a shuttle-bus ride away.

These people you’ve met will soon be friends you relax with at cafés on campus, or on the Historic Dockyard. You might have nights out at The Deep End, our on-campus entertainment space – a great hang out for you and your friends. Or watch films together at nearby multiplex cinemas and go to live music gigs at local venues.

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

“Get involved in uni life and join societies – they’re a great way to meet people.”

**Collins Konadu-Mensah,**
*Criminal Justice and Criminology*

“The Deep End is a good place to meet people and they hold events and special nights which are fun.”

**Jack Boughton,**
*Sport and Exercise Science*
EXPAND YOUR THINKING

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 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.

Talking of coursework, it’s so much easier to do great work when you have facilities like ours. Inside our library you’ll find group study areas, quiet and silent areas, plenty of computers to work on, not to mention a popular café for that all-important coffee break. We also have a range of superb laboratories and practical workshops that wouldn’t be out of place in any professional environment.

These facilities allow us to create some great experiences that can really bring your subject to life. Journalism students hold daily news conferences and produce their assignments in a state-of-the-art newsroom which includes facilities for editing sound and video. If you’re taking social work, you can take part in role-play sessions with volunteer service users in our
“The library is amazing. I feel like an overgrown child in a sweet shop.”

Willis Atherley-Bourne, Social Work
purpose-built consultation rooms. For music students, our flagship recording and post-production studios allow you to produce music to a professional standard. Whatever your subject, we aim to create the right environment 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 to help you succeed in your future career.

“It’s not just about the theory. You look behind the scenes and at the psychology behind why people offend.”

Collins Konadu-Mensah,
Criminal Justice and Criminology

Above and right: Up-to-date professional equipment and a hands-on approach help our students to develop new skills

We’re here to help
Need some help with study skills? Check out the Student Learning Advisory Service.
www.kent.ac.uk/slas
MAKE IT REAL

There’s nothing quite like hands-on experience. We give you the chance to put your ideas into practice and gain professional skills. Get out into the real world and bring your new-found knowledge to life.

Experience counts. That’s why we offer you plenty of opportunities to put the knowledge and skills you gain in your lectures and seminars into action. By taking a placement as part of your course, or choosing modules that give you hands-on experience, you can use your expertise in a real-life situation and give yourself a head start in your career.

We build real-world experience into your studies, so, for instance, if you’re studying in our School of Sport and Exercise Sciences, you can help in one of the School’s clinics or in exercise classes for people with diabetes or Parkinson’s. For computing students, there’s an option of working in the Kent IT Consultancy, which delivers solutions to businesses in the region. Our Criminal Justice and Criminology degree offers a module where you spend time volunteering within the criminal justice system. And Finance and Investment students get to use the virtual trading platform, Bloomberg. Opportunities to perform live are an integral part of our music programmes.

Many of your lecturers have experience of working in the fields you want to join, so if you want to know what it’s like to work as a journalist, social worker, musician or physiotherapist, just ask. You’ll also have the chance to meet current industry professionals at masterclasses and, of course, to use the kinds of equipment and resources you’ll find in industry.

“You’re given a camera and a few questions... So you go out there and you learn by making journalism.”

Berni Botto, Journalism
When looking for a placement, you can get advice from your school or the Careers and Employability Service.

www.kent.ac.uk/ces
“I have been offered a job at my placement company when I graduate, so I’ll be returning there.”

Helen Bedi, Business & Management with a Year in Industry
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. But often it’s about applying your skills and knowledge to do the smaller things that make a vital difference to people’s daily lives.

Through their research, our lecturers are changing perceptions of what’s possible. 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. Social Work graduate Faye Egalton, for instance, works with adolescents and finds that she uses the skills and insights she gained at Kent every day. She says: ‘I believe that my degree enhanced my professionalism’.

Building a better world can also be about making the world work better, one new process or successful project at a time. Jess Davey studied Business Information Technology and now works on apps to improve efficiency at the Post Office; she is determined to help more women build successful careers in IT.

You don’t have to wait until you graduate to make a start. For Jack Boughton, helping to run exercise classes for Parkinson’s and stroke patients as part of his Sports and Exercise Science degree was a rewarding experience. Social Sciences student Evangeline Agyeman volunteers as a peer mentor, helping others with their studies. Volunteering is a great way to make a difference here and now. Become a student rep or a buddy; campaign with the student union. Get involved with societies that work in the wider community and, if there’s no society 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.
“I did 100 hours of volunteering as part of my course.”

Barbara Blackwell, Criminal Justice and Criminology

Above: Evangeline Agyeman provides support for her fellow students through the Academic Peer Mentoring programme

Below: Jack Boughton has enjoyed exploring the use of exercise for rehabilitation with different clinical groups

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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