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This document is intended to provide an overview of the Kent International Test of English (KITE) and how it is currently used by the University of Kent and its students.



What is KITE?

KITE is a testing system in English for Academic Purposes designed exclusively for students who are already registered at the University of Kent.

KITE takes different forms in order to fit with the needs of Kent students and programmes of study.

How is KITE used?

KITE Pre-sessional & KITE Foundation

Students take KITE *Pre-sessional* or KITE *Foundation* as an assessment component of a Pre-sessional or Foundation Course. This is part of the University's process of measuring whether students have met the required level of proficiency for progression onto Undergraduate or Postgraduate courses of study.

KITE In-sessional

Students who are already studying on Undergraduate or Postgraduate courses may be required to take a version of KITE if there is a need to measure ongoing development of proficiency in one or more language skills.

What does KITE involve?

KITE Pre-sessional & KITE Foundation test language skills as follows:

Paper A: Listening and Writing
Paper B: Reading and Writing

Speaking is measured through a separate continuous assessment process.

KITE In-sessional provides assessments in the four language skills on a stand-alone or combined basis, depending on the needs of students and their particular requirement to show proficiency development in different skills.



How is KITE structured?

KITE has been specifically designed to test students' academic language skills for the purpose of joining degree programmes at University of Kent.

The accessible format and structure allows candidates to apply their language skills to authentic academic situations.



Test preparation

Students who are required to take KITE will be notified well in advance and will be provided with support materials and further details regarding test structure. This will form part of students' study with us, either through your Foundation, Pre-session or In-session studies.

How is the test marked?

The test is marked by University of Kent staff according to set grading criteria. The bands which are returned can be benchmarked with the Common European Framework of Reference. Each candidate receives a test report which refers to the different language skills tested and the overall grade.

Understanding KITE reports

The following bands are used on the test report form:

Advanced	Has a fuller command of academic English which exceeds the minimum entry requirements for university study.
Target +	Has a very good command of academic English which meets the minimum entry requirements for University study in subjects which are deemed to present extended linguistic challenge.
Target Kent minimum B2 entry Level	Has a good command of academic English which meets the minimum entry requirements for university study in most subjects.
Competent+	Has an effective command of academic English just below the usual entry requirement for university study.
Competent UKBA Minimum B2 entry level	Has a semi-effective command of academic English which is below the usual entry requirement for university study.
Intermediate+ Kent minimum B1 entry Level	Has a partial command of academic English, which is deficient for the purposes of university study.
Intermediate	Has an emerging command of academic English, which is inadequate and underdeveloped for the purposes of university study.
Elementary + UKBA Minimum B1 entry Level	Has limited command of academic English for the purposes of university study.
Elementary	Has a very limited command of academic English for the purposes of university study.

Further information

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