EUROPEAN STUDIES
Canterbury
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND INSPIRATIONAL TEACHING

Kent is one of the UK’s leading universities, ranked 16th in *The Guardian University Guide 2016*. In the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014, Kent is ranked 17th* for research intensity, outperforming 11 of the 24 Russell Group universities.

European Studies is based in the School of European Culture and Languages (SECL) and benefits from the interdisciplinary culture within the School. Among its ten subject areas are French, German, Hispanic Studies and Italian, as well as Comparative and World Literature. In the National Student Survey 2014, SECL was ranked in the top ten UK universities for student satisfaction in many of its subjects, including 1st for Comparative Literature and Hispanic Studies and 8th for French.

World-leading research

As a European Studies student, you are taught by lecturers who are at the forefront of their fields, with expertise in social, political and cultural issues. The School has an active research culture and its six research centres host events including conferences and workshops which students are invited to attend. In the REF 2014, our modern languages and linguistics submission was ranked 3rd for research quality and research output – a testament to our position as the UK’s European university.

Inspirational teaching

The European Studies programme is attractive and flexible, and enables you to focus on the areas that most interest you. The programme gives you the opportunity to combine the study of contemporary Europe with either French, German, Italian or Spanish to an advanced degree. In addition to your language modules, there is a wide range of options available to you covering the history, culture and politics of Europe and European nations. You are taught by academics whose research informs their teaching, which means that your learning takes place in a dynamic environment. In *The Guardian University Guide 2016*, Kent was ranked 15th in the UK for the study of modern languages, an integral component of a European Studies programme.

*DID YOU KNOW?*

In the National Student Survey 2014, Kent gained the 3rd highest score in the UK for overall satisfaction.
The UK’s European university

Kent is known as the UK’s European university because of our links with top-ranking institutions in mainland Europe, our UK locations close to the European mainland and our study centres in Paris, Brussels, Athens and Rome. Students from mainland European countries make up about 11% of the student population; a high proportion of our teaching staff are also from other European countries. This gives you many opportunities to practise your language with native speakers and discover more about the cultures of other European countries.

Supportive community

The School is welcoming and friendly, so students and staff get to know each other very quickly.

The close working relationships you develop with lecturers and seminar leaders help you to succeed in your studies.

Within SECL, we have a dedicated student support team, who are able to provide pastoral care and help you with your academic needs. The University also offers a variety of support services. For details, see: www.kent.ac.uk/studentwellbeing or www.kent.ac.uk/studentsupport

A year abroad

The European Studies degree is a four-year programme with all students spending a year abroad. You can choose to spend a year studying at one of our partner universities in France, Germany, Spain or Italy, or you may prefer to work as an English language assistant or find approved employment. We work with you to help plan your year abroad, ensuring that you are able to make the most of this exciting experience.

A successful future

As part of your studies at Kent, we help you to acquire key skills that will stand you in good stead for future employment. Getting to grips with challenging ideas, writing well, gaining confidence and experience in expressing your ideas in front of others are all important skills and ones you acquire during your degree.

For more information on the careers help we provide at Kent, see p8 or visit our web pages at www.kent.ac.uk/secl/employability and www.kent.ac.uk/employability
SUPERB STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Our campus at Canterbury provides a stunning location for your studies and is within easy reach of both London and mainland Europe. There are first-rate academic and social facilities, as well as good student support services.

Top-class facilities
The extensive technical facilities include satellite TV channels and computer-assisted language learning. The School’s multimedia laboratories offer a variety of interactive language-learning programmes and dictionaries, as well as access to foreign language television services. Our media library also provides a selection of audio and video recordings; these can be accessed via the School’s streaming service, which is available across the campus, including in study bedrooms.

Excellent resources
The study resources on campus are excellent. The Templeman Library has extensive print and electronic collections that are specifically aimed at supporting the courses and subject areas taught at Kent. There is a large collection of books, hard copy journals and an extensive range of electronic resources, including e-journals, e-books, databases, reference resources and newspaper archives. The library also hosts a European Documentation Centre, a depository for European Union publications.

Beautiful green campus
Our campus has plenty of green and tranquil spaces, both lawns and wooded areas, and has a reputation for being a very friendly university. It is set on a hill with a view of the city and Canterbury Cathedral.

The campus has its own cinema, theatre and student nightclub. There are many restaurants, cafés and bars on campus, as well as a sports centre and gym.

Wireless web access is available throughout the library, and there is a combination of quiet reading space, group study space and individual PCs. To help you work and study online, we also provide student PCs and wi-fi enabled study hubs across the campus.

Kent’s Student Learning Advisory Service provides information and advice on all aspects of effective learning and study skills, and is available to students from the time they arrive at the University. See www.kent.ac.uk/uel/learning for more information.

International community
Kent has a diverse, cosmopolitan student population with 149 different nationalities represented on campus. We also have strong links with universities and research centres in Europe and around the world.

A gateway to Europe
The campus is about 40 miles from France. You can drive to Dover in under 30 minutes, and from there the ferry to Calais takes just over an hour. There is also a Eurostar train terminal in nearby Ashford (around 15 minutes from Canterbury by train), which allows you to travel to Paris in two hours or Brussels in two hours 40 minutes.

Everything you need on campus is within walking distance, including a general store, a bookshop, banks, a medical centre and a pharmacy. From campus, it’s a 25-minute walk or a short bus-ride into Canterbury.

Attractive location
Canterbury is a lovely city with medieval buildings, lively bars and atmospheric pubs, as well as a range of shops. The attractive coastal town of Whitstable is close by, and there are sandy beaches further down the coast. London is just under an hour away by high-speed train.
Constantin Rigu is in his final year of the European Studies degree.

Why did you choose to take European Studies at Kent?
I did a bit of research on rankings and evaluations, and Kent is one of the best universities for European Studies in the UK. Also, it’s looking towards Europe and it has a good mix of nationalities on campus.

How is your course going?
When I was in high school, I was happy with my level of knowledge; then I came to Kent and realised that the world is huge! I met many lecturers who were renowned in their fields and it gave me a more humble approach. I became more eager to study. The first year was about getting used to the demands of the university work. I started from scratch with Spanish and at first I found the modules quite intensive. But to be able to comprehend and speak Spanish by the end of the first year was amazing.

What have been your favourite modules?
I realise now that it’s very important to know the culture and the history of a country, to understand the cultural references. If you work in a French company, for example, you need to be a part of it — you need to know what jokes to laugh at. Also the political modules, looking at European government and integration, are very interesting. They are challenging though; no-one holds your hand. You do get support but it’s up to you to get yourself organised. I like the diversity. There are so many areas to explore: one academic will be doing research into monstrousity in movies, another might specialise in politics and dictatorships.

What are the facilities like?
Kent does very well on facilities, especially the library’s online resources: the databases available are huge. The Language Lab is also useful. It helps to spend time in front of a computer with headphones on, doing various exercises. In the Lab, we have specific recording software that you can’t find anywhere else.

What about the year abroad?
My year abroad was a great experience. Because I took two languages, I could share my year abroad between France and Spain, getting to know each culture and language. I studied in French and Spanish, taking introductory modules in economic thought, management and sociology. It provided a lot of input into my political analysis and widened my knowledge.

Have you got involved in any extracurricular activities?
We have a lot of informal events organised by the School: for instance, two weeks ago, we had a Peruvian film screening. I’m also involved in the Romanian Society – we organise social events and provide support to students coming to Kent from Romania. I’ve also been able to gain a bit of experience by working as a Student Ambassador for Kent, and as an Erasmus ambassador for the British Council.

What are your plans for your future career?
The biggest thing my degree has given me is a lot of options. I have a broad understanding of the European Union and being able to speak three of its official languages – French, Spanish and English – is a big bonus. I’m planning to do a Master’s at the Berlin School of Economics and Law and then I’m hoping to work for a company or an interest group that has links with the EU framework. Kent does a lot to prepare you for the job market. I took workshops on how to write a CV and interview preparation.

Any advice for students?
Stay open. Studying politics and languages together means that you need to be able to switch between the two disciplines like a juggler. It’s great once you master it!
A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE

Kent equips you with essential skills to give you a competitive advantage when it comes to getting a job.

An in-depth knowledge of contemporary Europe, coupled with strong linguistic skills, prepares you for a wide range of exciting opportunities. Many of our alumni occupy prominent positions around the world in the public sector, the commercial world and academia.

Recent graduates have gone into areas such as politics (national and local government in the UK and Europe), consultancy, teaching, the media, marketing and financial services. Many also go on to postgraduate study.

Gain transferable skills
As well as giving you a first-rate academic experience, studying at Kent equips you with essential skills to give you the edge when it comes to getting a job. Whether it's through developing time management skills, spending a year abroad or taking part in Jobshop – Kent Union's job agency – or volunteering programmes, you have plenty of opportunities to give your CV the added extra that employers are looking for.

Classroom modules
The School of European Culture and Languages (SECL) has developed unique classroom-based modules. These modules provide you with the opportunity to combine study with work experience in a school, so you gain credit towards your degree while working. The module gives insight into a teaching career as an option. Even if it is not your chosen career path, the module extends your experience and abilities, enhancing future work opportunities.

SECL employability
SECL also has its own employability programme of events to enhance your job skills and vocational awareness during your studies. A large number of our students develop professional skills and gain hands-on experience through our wide range of paid and voluntary work opportunities. For more information on the employability support available within the School, see www.kent.ac.uk/secl/employability

Kent's Q-Step Centre
You can benefit from Kent’s Q-Step Centre, which provides advanced training in quantitative methods in the social sciences to enhance your degree and your employability. For more information, see www.kent.ac.uk/qstep

Careers advice
Kent’s award-winning Careers and Employability Service can give you advice on how to choose your future career, apply for jobs, write a good CV and perform well in interviews and aptitude tests. It also provides up-to-date information on graduate opportunities before and after you graduate. For more information on what the Service offers, go to: www.kent.ac.uk/employability
DID YOU KNOW?
Six months after graduation in 2014, less than 6% of the University’s students were without a job or further study opportunity.
Not sure which programme to choose? Here’s a quick guide to the degrees available.

Single honours
European Studies (French, German, Italian or Spanish)
These degree programmes give you the opportunity to study European society and politics, European culture with literature or history, plus a European language, either French, German, Italian or Spanish. You spend your third year of study abroad at one of our partner universities, or working as a language assistant or in other approved employment.

European Studies (Combined Languages)
This degree programme gives you the opportunity to study an equal balance of four elements – language modules make up half of your degree with the opportunity to study two European languages. Modules on European society and politics and European culture and literature make up the other half of your degree. During your year abroad, you split your time between two universities in different countries relevant to each of your chosen languages.

Other degree programmes
The School of European Culture and Languages also offers degree programmes in French, German, Hispanic Studies and Italian, as well as Comparative Literature and World Literature. To download another subject leaflet, go to www.kent.ac.uk/courses/undergraduate/leaflets

Teaching and assessment
Most modules involve a combination of lectures and seminars. Language modules include contact with a native speaker and individual study facilities in our computer-assisted language learning laboratory. Literature and culture modules for the most part are taught in English, with texts used in both the language of study and English.

Modules taken in Stage 1 are assessed either by 100% coursework or 50:50 coursework and examination. In Stages 2 and 3, assessment varies from 100% coursework (extended essays or dissertation) to a combination of examination and coursework.

“The academics at Kent are deeply interested in what they teach, which gives the seminars a good dynamic. They are also easy to get hold of if you need advice.”

Agathe Anquez
European Studies (Italian)
STUDYING AT STAGE 1

This is the first year of your programme. Modules are designed to appeal to those who have not studied European politics and history before, and to stimulate those students familiar with the subject.

Please note that the module lists below are not fixed as new modules are always in development and choices are updated yearly. Please see www.kent.ac.uk/ug for the most up-to-date information.

Core modules
The core modules allow you to develop your language skills. Those on a single language pathway (French, German, Italian or Spanish) take a module at the appropriate level in their chosen language. Those on the Combined Languages pathway take one module in each of their chosen languages.

French
- Intensive French for Beginners
- Learning French 2A and 2B: Post GCSE
- Learning French 3: Post A Level

German
- Intensive Beginner’s German
- Learning German 2: Post GCSE
- Learning German 3: Post A Level

Italian
- Learning Italian: Beginners
- Learning Italian 3: Post A Level

Spanish
- Intensive Learning Spanish 1: Beginners
- Learning Spanish 3: Post A Level

Politics modules
You are then take two politics modules:
- Introduction to Political Thought
- Introduction to Comparative Politics.

Culture/literature modules
You also take culture and literature modules relevant to your chosen language (or languages). Choices available depend upon your level of language ability.

For more details on the modules below, please download the relevant subject leaflet from www.kent.ac.uk/courses/undergraduate/leaflets

French
- French Drama: Love, Marriage and Politics
- French Narratives: Love, Marriage and Politics
- Questions of French Cinema
- Twentieth-Century France in Crisis
- Texts and Contexts 1
- Texts and Contexts 2
- Writer and Genre in France 1
- Writer and Genre in France 2

German
- German Applied Linguistics and Language Acquisition (module subject to approval)
- Introduction to German Literature (in translation)
- Post-1989 German Cinema
- Images of Germany, 1945-1990
- Varieties of German Writing
STUDYING AT STAGE 1 (CONT)

Italian
- History of Italian Cinema: The Legacy of Neo-realism
- Writing Italy Through the Centuries

Spanish
- Introduction to Hispanic Culture

Any remaining credits may be gained from modules taken elsewhere in the Faculty of Humanities.

Core modules: Stage 1

Intensive French for Beginners
This module concentrates on basic listening, reading and speaking, and on essential grammatical principles. Three main topics are considered each week: grammar, vocabulary and civilisation.

Learning French 2A: Post GCSE
Here, you are taught grammatical principles, use spoken French and learn about French regional culture. In addition to your work in the classroom, you also undertake Computer-Assisted Language Learning.

Learning French 2B: Post GCSE
Following on from Learning French 2A, you further your skills through writing short compositions, and are introduced to French culture through the study of appropriate texts. In addition to your work in the classroom, you also undertake Computer-Assisted Language Learning.

Learning French 3: Post A level
For those who have an advanced level of French, this module consists of three main elements: a language skills seminar which concentrates on the mastery of grammar, syntax and translation skills through the use of ‘assisted translation’, structured worksheets and up-to-date texts; a session taught by a native speaker, devoted to listening and oral communication, and writing essays in French; and Computer-Assisted Language Learning.

Intensive Beginner’s German
This is a core module for students taking German at degree level who did not study German in secondary school. This module is intensive, bringing students to the same level as those who have studied to A level. It covers how the German language works and elements of contemporary German culture.

Learning German 2: Post GCSE
This module is a practical one, concentrating on listening, reading, speaking and writing in German, while also introducing the richness and diversity of German-language culture. It is intended for German degree students who have a GCSE qualification or equivalent in the language. You are taught grammatical principles, learning to use spoken German in everyday situations, to conduct discussions on topics of contemporary relevance and to write short compositions.
Learning German 3: Post A Level
This module improves your skills in German-English translation and German grammar, widens your understanding of German life, history and customs, and helps you converse with confidence and accuracy. You spend one hour per week in conversation with a German exchange student from one of our partner institutions in Europe. Lectures on the background to present-day Germany, Austria and Switzerland are given by our full-time lektorin.

Learning Italian: Beginners
If you come to Kent with no previous knowledge of Italian, this module prepares you for degree-level study in Italian. The module is both an intensive instruction in the Italian language and an introduction to modern Italy. It enables you to develop basic communication skills, explore the principal aspects of Italian grammar, learn to write simple texts and have a conversation in Italian. Listening and comprehension skills are also developed through a variety of audio-visual stimuli. All aspects of Italian grammar are covered, so you can achieve competence (not merely a passive comprehension) in all types of normal modern sentence structure.

Learning Italian 3: Post A Level
This module is for students with A level Italian (although students with GCSE or AS level Italian may also be considered). You acquire a sophisticated knowledge of Italian through weekly classes that concentrate on translation from English into Italian and from Italian into English, advanced grammar, written composition and conversation practice with a native Italian speaker. You also develop key skills including how to plan your work, study independently and use relevant sources, and attend lectures on Italian culture.

Learning Spanish 3: Post A Level
If you have gained the equivalent of an A level pass in Spanish, this module expands your knowledge of Spanish grammar and enables you to gain a high level of skill in speaking, listening, reading and writing. You also learn more about the history and culture of Spain.

The module includes a series of mini-lectures in Spanish which help to develop your listening and note-taking skills.

Politics modules: Stage 1

Introduction to Political Thought
You are introduced to the study of political concepts that are central to thinking about political life: justice, liberty, equality, rights, the state, multiculturalism, power and the nation. The module enables you to develop a set of conceptual tools with which to interrogate the political world in which we live.

Introduction to Comparative Politics
This module introduces you to the study of the key structures, institutions and processes in political life. It does so through the lens of the comparative method, in which political systems are compared and contrasted to test hypotheses about the factors producing similarities and differences across countries and over time. The module addresses questions such as: what is the origin of the nation state? Why do some states become democratic, while others do not? To what extent have citizens’ political expectations changed over time? Throughout, you are encouraged to think analytically and to use both qualitative and quantitative data to support your arguments.
STUDYING AT STAGE 2

Stage 2 is the second year of your degree.

Please note that the module lists below are not fixed as new modules are always in development and choices are updated yearly. Please see www.kent.ac.uk/ug for the most up-to-date information.

Core modules
Those on a single language pathway (French, German, Italian or Spanish) take a module at the appropriate level in their chosen language. Those on a Combined Languages pathway take one module in each of their chosen languages.

French
If you are on a French language pathway, you take both:
• Learning French: Business French 1
• Learning French 4.

German
If you were at beginner or post-GCSE level during Stage 1, then you take:
• Learning German 3: Post A Level.

If you took Learning German 3 at Stage 1, then you take:
• Learning German 4.

Italian
If you were at beginner level during Stage 1, then you take:
• Learning Italian 2.

If you took Learning Italian 2 at Stage 1, then you take:
• Learning Italian 4.

Spanish
If you were at beginner level during Stage 1, then you take:
• Learning Spanish 3: Post A Level.

If you took Learning Spanish 3 at Stage 1, then you take:
• Learning Spanish 4.

Politics modules
You take two of the following modules:
• Eastern European Politics
• European Security and Cooperation
• International Security
• Politics of the European Union.

Culture/literature modules
You also choose culture and literature modules from those relevant to your chosen language (or languages).

For more details on the modules below, please download the relevant subject leaflet from www.kent.ac.uk/courses/undergraduate/leaflets

French
• Description of Modern French
• French Detective Fiction
• Occupation and Resistance in the French Novel
• Memory and Childhood in 20th-Century French Fiction
• Modern French Theatre
• Paris: Myth and Reality in the 19th Century
• Paris: Myth and Reality in the 20th Century
• Short Narrative Fiction in French

German
The following modules are available at both Stages 2 and 3:
• German Expressionism, 1910-1925
• The German Novelle
• Wien-Berlin: Tale of Two Cities
• Women's Writing in German.

Italian
• Catching the Tide: Cultural Renewal in 20th-Century Italy
• Italian Short Story.

Spanish
• After Dictatorship: Spain and Latin America
• Barcelona and Havana: Icon Myth and Identity
• Catalan Culture
• Contemporary Spanish Cinema
• The Legacy of Inequality: Race and Ethnicity in Latin America
• Spanish Literature: Identity.

Depending on the culture and literature modules taken, single language students may also be able to choose the Extended Essay module. Any remaining credits may be gained from modules taken elsewhere in the Faculty of Humanities.

Core modules: Stage 2
Learning French: Business French 1

Closely following the requirements of the business French programme of the Chambre de Commerce et d'Industrie de Paris Île-de-France (CCIP), you are taken through essential aspects of the conduct of business in France. You also
become familiar with specific features of the French language encountered in business practice. The module serves as a preparation for the Diplôme de français professionnel B1 (DFP B1) of the CCIP, and, in terms of key business and language skills, encourages the practice of meticulous accuracy.

Learning French 4
This module includes grammar revision, translation, oral discussion of prepared texts and oral presentations of the French news. You also spend one hour per week in the language laboratories working on Computer-Assisted Language Learning exercises, watching videos or listening to cassettes.

Learning German 3: Post A Level
This module improves your skills in German-English translation and German grammar, widens your understanding of German life, history and customs, and helps you converse with confidence and accuracy. You spend one hour per week in conversation with a German exchange student from one of our partner institutions in Europe. Lectures on the background to present-day Germany, Austria and Switzerland are given by our full-time lektorin.

Learning German 4
The module develops your proficiency in writing, speaking and comprehending German. It concentrates on translation into German and English, and the development of analytical skills in the production of written and spoken German. Translation exercises confront students with a variety of texts in different styles and registers, and encourage accuracy and critical reflection as well as acquisition and consolidation of grammatical structures. The module also combines vocabulary development with discursive writing on topics of relevance to the contemporary German-speaking world. Oral classes with a native speaker develop competence through discussion, enabling you to speak confidently and effectively at the intermediate level.

Learning Italian 2: Intermediate
This module follows on from the Stage 1 module, Learning Italian: Beginners. It prepares you for advanced work in Italian and for your year abroad. Grammar revision and vocabulary exercises are complemented by conversation, translation, written composition and aural comprehension.

Learning Italian 4: Advanced
This module strengthens and widens the linguistic knowledge gained in the Stage 1 module, Learning Italian 3. It consolidates your vocabulary, improves your knowledge of written and spoken Italian through immersion in a variety of texts, and enables you to practise translation skills both from and into Italian.

Learning Spanish 3: Post A Level
If you have gained the equivalent of an A level pass in Spanish, this module expands your knowledge of Spanish grammar and enables you to gain a high level of skill in speaking, listening, reading and writing. You also learn more about the history and culture of Spain.

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The module includes a series of mini-lectures in Spanish which help to develop your listening and note-taking skills.

**Learning Spanish 4**
The main aim of this module is to develop your communication skills, with much of the emphasis being placed on speaking and listening, but also involving a fair amount of writing. It focuses on the ability to operate in a variety of registers and respond to different styles of discourse. You attend language seminars, language lab classes and conversation classes.

**Politics modules: Stage 2**

**Eastern European Politics**
In this module, you consider the political history of Eastern Europe in the 20th century, discussing the main features of the communist systems and the reasons for their failure in 1989. You go on to focus on contemporary issues, such as the development of democracy, the changing role of women, the challenge of nationalism and, finally, look at Eastern Europe’s place in the world, including issues relating to EU membership and NATO enlargement.

**European Security and Cooperation**
What type of security identity has Europe carved for itself in the post-war period? In this module, contemporary developments in European security integration are viewed within their historical context. The focus is on the formation of institutions and the role of nation-states and highlighting the continuities and changes within the new Security Architecture. The module locates Western Europe’s place in international security vis-à-vis other actors, including the United States and emerging powers, and you consider the implications of cooperation for Europe’s ability to respond to external New Security Challenges.

**International Security**
This module provides an introduction to the various approaches to security studies by way of introducing key thinkers and the key literature. Its core aim is to provide a solid theoretical and conceptual grounding for students interested in the diversity of issues, institutions and actors engaged in the practice of international security.

**Politics of the European Union**
This module introduces you to the negotiation system that is the European Union, how it has evolved politically and how it works, both in theory and in practice. You gain an understanding of the dynamics of European integration and the politics behind this process. You analyse the roles of the EU’s main institutional bodies, investigate how legislation is produced and implemented, and how the various political actors with a stake in EU decision-making interact both formally and informally. The module also addresses key political questions underpinning EU decision-making, such as political support for the EU among its citizens, the EU’s underlying democratic legitimacy and its future development.
YOUR YEAR ABROAD

The year you spend studying or working abroad will enrich your university experience. You not only improve your language skills and develop your cultural awareness, you also improve your future employment prospects.

By studying abroad, you gain confidence and independence and further develop many of the transferable skills employers are looking for, such as the ability to communicate effectively and to plan and organise your time. You also demonstrate that you are flexible in your outlook and have the enthusiasm and drive to succeed in a new environment.

For many students, their year abroad is a life-changing and rewarding experience. It is a time when they start to think in their chosen language. Having risen to the challenge of living in another country, they have a renewed belief in their ability to succeed.

Many of our European Studies students choose to live and work abroad after they graduate. If you are thinking of doing this, you can use your year abroad to discover more about your host country and its culture as well as to research possible career opportunities.

Partner universities

Your year abroad takes place between Stages 2 and 3 of your degree. You spend your time in France, Germany, Italy or Spain, depending on your choice of programme. If you are doing the combined languages programme, you split your year between two countries.

Alternatively, you might choose to work as a language assistant in a school, or possibly in other types of employment (subject to the approval of the University). If you are doing the combined languages programme, you need to find work placements in two countries and split your time between them.

International Development

The Erasmus team, part of International Development at Kent, work with the School of European Culture and Languages to assist you in deciding what you want to do and where you want to go during your year abroad. They offer advice on all the practical issues you have to consider – such as destinations and finance – before you go away, keep in touch with you while you are away and offer support when you return. They can also put you in touch with students who attended the university or location you are going to so that you can get feedback from them.

You may be eligible for an Erasmus grant. For more information, please visit www.kent.ac.uk/goabroad
STUDYING AT STAGE 3

Following your Year Abroad, Stage 3 represents your final year of full-time study.

Please note that the module lists below are not fixed as new modules are always in development and choices are updated yearly. See www.kent.ac.uk/ug for the most up-to-date information.

Core modules
Those on a single language pathway (French, German, Italian or Spanish) also take a module at the appropriate level in their chosen language. Those on the Combined Languages pathway take one module in each of their chosen languages.

French
Those on the French pathway take:
• Learning French 5.

Additionally, you choose from:
• Learning French: Business French 2
• Introduction to Interpreting.

German
• Learning German 5

Italian
• Learning Italian 5

Spanish
• Learning Spanish 5.

Politics modules
You take two of the following modules:
• Europe and the World
• Foreign Policy Analysis and Management
• Presidents, Parliaments and Democracy.

Culture/literature modules
You also choose at least two culture and literature modules in your chosen language. Those on the Combined Languages programme choose at least one module from each language.

For more details on the modules below, please download the relevant subject leaflet from www.kent.ac.uk/courses/undergraduate/leaflets

Italian
• Istantanee: Photography and Visual Culture in Modern and Contemporary Italy
• Italian Cinema and Literature
• Learning Italian through Literature

Spanish
• Barcelona and Havana: Icon Myth and Identity
• Reading Monstrosity in Iberian Culture
• Terrorism and State Terror in Latin America

Depending on the culture and literature modules taken, those on a single language pathway may be able to take the Dissertation module or Languages in the Classroom. It may also be possible to choose modules from elsewhere in the Faculty of Humanities.

Core modules: Stage 3
Learning French 5
This module builds translation skills via texts which cover a range of registers and topics. It includes translation, preparation for oral exposé in small groups, and Computer-Assisted Language Learning activities to explore and reinforce various areas of grammar.

Learning French: Business French 2
Although this module builds and develops the themes of Learning French: Business French 1 (see p15 for details), it may be taken separately. This module emphasises
current affairs in the economic sphere through seminar discussions on the latest important events.

Introduction to Interpreting
Here, you engage in a weekly one-hour interpretation seminar on materials related to contemporary social and economic issues of the Francophone world, translating French into English and vice versa.

Learning German 5
The module develops advanced proficiency in writing, speaking and comprehending German. It concentrates on translation into German and English and the development of analytical skills in the production of written and spoken German, as well as consolidation of grammatical structures. You undertake translation exercises with a variety of advanced texts in different styles and registers, and are encouraged to reflect critically on these. Conversation classes with a native speaker develop presentational ability, and enable you to speak fluently and idiomatically at the advanced level.

Learning Italian 5
This module is designed to follow on from your year of study or work in Italy. Familiarity with the language – as spoken and written at professional level for example in journalism or literature – is expected, together with a well-stocked vocabulary, a reasonable command of idiom in common use and a sense of linguistic appropriateness to context. You engage in the following activities throughout the year: translation from Italian into English, using a range of registers and topics; translation from English into Italian, using journalistic and literary texts; and the study of grammatical and lexical subtleties of the Italian language.

Learning Spanish 5
This module is based on translating and interpreting, and aims to enhance your awareness of some of the subtleties of the Spanish language. You closely study a range of texts, while developing new oral and aural skills by means of on-the-spot translation and interpreting.

Politics modules: Stage 3
Europe and the World
This module focuses on the external dimension of European politics, exploring the interrelationship between Europe and the rest of the world, and draws on theories from political science and international relations. You study some of the key foreign policy issues facing the EU in areas such as security, defence, economic, trade and development relations.

DID YOU KNOW?
Kent was ranked 15th in the UK for modern languages and linguistics in The Guardian University Guide 2016.
You also explore questions such as what is the impact of global developments on Europe? What is the international significance of European integration? And what is the role of Europe in the new world order?

Foreign Policy Analysis and Management
This module examines the difference between foreign policy analysis and foreign policy practice by exploring shifting approaches to making and examining foreign policy, including the contributions of international relations theory to foreign policy analysis. Historical antecedents of foreign policy as a practice are discussed and foreign policy decision-making and the process of foreign policy implementation are examined. The issue of motivation is tackled through analyses of the largely domestic impact of culture, interests and identity and broader effect of intra-state norms, ethics and the issue of human rights. Case studies of key countries reinforce the practical implications of the issues discussed.

Presidents, Parliaments and Democracy
You are introduced to the central debates about the influence of different executive formats on democratic government, examining the differences between and within presidential, parliamentary and semi-presidential constitutions and their consequences for the quality of democracy and for policy outcomes. We focus on the ways that formal political institutions shape how politicians respond to citizen preferences, bargain with each other and choose policies. You are exposed to different ways of thinking about the impact of political institutions on politics, and of conceptualising and measuring democratic performance. You are also encouraged to think about how other factors interact with constitutional formats to shape outcomes.
VISIT THE UNIVERSITY

Come to an Open Day or an Applicant Day and see for yourself what it’s like to be a student at the University of Kent.

Open Days
Kent runs Open Days during the summer and autumn. These provide an excellent opportunity for you to discover what it is like to live and study at the University. You can meet academic staff and current students, find out about our courses and attend subject displays, workshops and informal lectures. We also offer tours around the campus to view our sports facilities, the library and University accommodation. For further information and details of how to book your place, see www.kent.ac.uk/opendays

Applicant Days
If you apply to study at Kent and we offer you a place (or invite you to attend an interview), you will usually be sent an invitation to one of our Applicant Days. You can book to attend through your online Kent Applicant Portal. The Applicant Day includes presentations in your subject area, guided tours of the campus, including the University accommodation, and the opportunity to speak with both academic staff and current students about your chosen subject. For further information, see www.kent.ac.uk/visit

Informal visits
You are also welcome to make an informal visit to our campuses at any time. The University runs tours of the Canterbury and Medway campuses throughout the year for anyone who is unable to attend an Open Day or Applicant Day. It may also be possible to arrange meetings with academic staff, although we cannot guarantee this. For more details and to book your place, see www.kent.ac.uk/informal

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Location
Canterbury

Award
BA (Hons)

Degree programme

Single honours
- European Studies (Combined Languages) (R904)
- European Studies (French) (R190)
- European Studies (German) (R290)
- European Studies (Spanish) (R411)
- European Studies (Italian) (R311)

Offer levels
BBB at A level, IB Diploma 34 points overall/15 points at Higher.

Required subjects
European Studies (Combined Languages): an A level in French, German, Italian or Spanish grade B; IB 5 at HL or 6 at SL in one of French, German, Italian or Spanish

European Studies (French): A level French, grade B, or GCSE French grade B/aptitude in modern foreign language; IB French 4 at HL or 5 at SL in a modern European language other than English

European Studies (German): A level German, grade B or GCSE grade B in a modern European language other than English; IB German 5 at HL or 6 at SL

European Studies (Spanish): A level Spanish grade B or AS or good GCSE in related modern language; IB 4 at HL or 5 at SL in a modern European language other than English

European Studies (Italian): A level Italian grade B or AS or good GCSE in related modern language; IB 4 at HL or 5 at SL in a modern European language other than English

Year abroad
Your year abroad takes place between Stages 2 and 3 of your degree. We have partner universities in France, Germany, Spain and Italy. Alternatively, you might choose to work as a language assistant in a school, or in other types of employment. See p17 for details.

Scholarships and bursaries
For details of scholarships and bursaries at Kent, see
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Offer levels and entry requirements are subject to change. For the latest course information, see:
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