ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND INSPRIRATIONAL TEACHING

Europe is at the heart of many of our key political debates. As the UK withdraws from the European Union, if we are to maintain business links, foster cooperation, and promote understanding, knowledge of the countries and cultures behind the headlines is key.

As a European Studies student, you combine the study of contemporary Europe with either French, German, Italian or Spanish to an advanced level. (It is also possible to study two of the above languages as part of your degree.)

The programme is attractive and flexible, and enables you to focus on the areas that most interest you. You gain an understanding of the literature, history and culture of France, Germany, Italy or Spain and analyse politics across Europe. By living for a year in another European country, you see Europe through new eyes.

Inspirational teaching
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. Their research informs their teaching, which means that your learning takes place in a dynamic environment.

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. See p13 for more details.

Supportive community
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.

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 European outlook
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 postgraduate study centres in Paris, Brussels, Athens and Rome. On campus, we have many students
from mainland Europe and a high proportion of our teaching staff also come from other European countries. This gives you plenty of opportunities to practise your language with native speakers and discover more about the cultures of other European countries.

**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

**World-leading research**

In the most recent Research Excellence Framework, Kent was ranked 17th* for research intensity, outperforming 11 of the 24 Russell Group universities. Research in modern languages and linguistics was ranked 3rd for research quality and research output – a testament to our position as the UK’s European university.

The School has an active research culture and its five research centres host events including conferences and workshops which students are invited to attend.

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**Independent rankings**

**School of European Culture and Languages**

**European Studies**

**The Complete University Guide 2018**

Languages at Kent are:
- 1st for research quality

**The Guardian University Guide 2018**

Modern languages at Kent are:
- 6th for graduate prospects

**Destination of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE)**

Languages students who graduated from Kent in 2015 were the most successful in the UK at finding work or study opportunities

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**University of Kent**

**National Student Survey (NSS) 2016**
- 1st in London and the south-east
- 4th highest score for overall student satisfaction

**The Guardian University Guide 2018**
- 22nd in the UK

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*of 122 universities, not including specialist institutions.*
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 facilities including an excellent research library and state-of-the-art multimedia language labs.

Excellent resources

The study resources on campus are excellent. The newly extended and refurbished Templeman Library’s extensive print and electronic collections are specifically aimed at supporting the courses and subject areas taught at Kent. To help you work and study online, we provide student PCs and Wi-Fi-enabled study hubs across the campus. IT support is available if you need it.

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/learning for more information.

International community

Kent offers an incredibly diverse and cosmopolitan campus; 42% of our academic staff are from outside the UK and our students represent 158 nationalities. We also have strong links with universities and research centres in Europe.

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.

Student societies

Kent Union (the student union on campus) hosts a wide choice of societies catering to a range of interests. There are societies focusing on French, German, Hispanic or Italian cultures and languages, all hosting socials, quizzes, film nights and trips – the French and German societies organised a joint trip to Switzerland. There is even a European Debating Society. For more details, please see www.kentunion.co.uk

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.

Everything you need on campus is within walking distance, including a general store, a bookshop, a bank and cashpoints, 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.
Maria-Valentina Bruns is in the second year of her European Studies (German) degree.

Why did you choose Kent?
I’m half German and half Venezuelan and have always been taught in English at international schools, so wanted to continue my studies in an English-speaking environment. The course offered everything I wanted; also Kent has a high score for student satisfaction – I think the social aspect of student life is important too. I visited the University and loved it. It was so green and spacious, and I liked that it was a campus university.

How is the course going?
I love it. It’s a great mixture of politics, language and literature. I’m particularly enjoying the translation work; I was brought up to be trilingual and in translation work you get to use several languages at once. I like not just being able to translate but also putting the work into colloquial English. I’ve also found studying philosophy very enlightening, and enjoyed classical German literature of the 18th and 19th centuries.

Then this year, I took The Politics of the European Union, which has been fascinating – I didn’t realise how complex the situation was. And now, with Brexit and elections across Europe, it’s a very fluid, dynamic situation and the lecturers are able to bring it all together to illustrate the subject.

What about other facilities on campus?
The library is great – I’m a big fan. It’s very well stocked, with even very obscure German books by niche authors, and everything is easy to find. We often go there to study and you can always find a space, although it does get busy.

For the social side of things, the gym is very well equipped and there are lots of classes. There’s also a scheme called ‘Let’s Play’ that lets you try out different activities. I like the Venue too – you always have a good time when you go there. And I spend a great deal of my time at the Gulbenkian Café, which has a nice atmosphere.

What do you do in your spare time?
I’m pretty busy as I’m involved with Kent Union, I’m a student ambassador, and I’ve been vice-president of the French Society – yes, French, not German! One of my friends was president and asked if I could help, and I’ve really enjoyed it.

Any advice for students coming to Kent?
Pay attention to the library induction so you can take advantage of this great facility and know how to use its resources. Also get out, try things even if you’re not sure you’ll enjoy them, and join societies – they’re a good place to make friends and if you keep an open mind you’ll meet lots of great people.
A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE

Kent equips you with essential skills to give you a competitive advantage when it comes to getting a job. More than 96% of our 2016 graduates found a job or further study opportunity within six months of graduation.

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. And, as the UK enters into negotiations with the EU, having expertise in a second language and knowledge and experience of European culture will become increasingly valuable.

Many of our students 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 classroom-based modules that allow you to gain work experience in a secondary school. These modules provide you with the opportunity to combine study with work experience, so you gain credit towards your degree while working. The modules offer an insight into teaching as a career option. Even if teaching is not your chosen career path, the module extends your experience, and so broadens your career options.

Please note entry on to these modules is via a selection process including an interview and a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. The University currently pays for the DBS check. You may incur additional expenses through taking this module, such as the cost of travelling to your destination school. You can apply for a bursary to help you with these costs. See: www.kent.ac.uk/ces/bursarykew.html

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
Daniel Matthews-Ferrero graduated with a first-class BA (Hons) degree in European Studies (Spanish) in 2014.

Why did you choose Kent?
A few factors stood out in making my decision: the rate at which the University was improving, the quality of its staff, the beauty of Canterbury, student satisfaction rates and – perhaps most importantly – Kent’s unique status as ‘the UK’s European university’. I had the grades to get into any UK university, and I’m still certain that I made the best choice.

What attracted you to the course?
Above all, it was the flexibility of the European Studies programme that attracted me. I had tremendous leeway in terms of optional modules, which is great whether you are confident in your interests or still trying to figure them out.

What was your degree course like? And your lecturers?
My compulsory and optional modules alike were fantastic. Some of my lecturers genuinely altered the way I view the world in a lasting and fundamental way.

What social activities did you get involved with during your time at Kent?
I got involved in political societies and attended events relevant to the European Union (EU).

How did your degree course lay the foundations for your chosen career path?
The opportunity to join the societies mentioned above, along with the University’s reach on the continent, certainly laid the foundations for my subsequent career and studies in Europe. Also, taking an Erasmus year abroad is an incredible experience bound to widen your horizons.

Could you describe your career path since leaving Kent?
I have worked and studied in countries across Europe since graduating in 2014, completing an MA at the College of Europe and ending up interning at the European Commission today.

Could you describe a typical day in your current role?
I stroll over to the main Commission building for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations in Belgium’s capital every morning and assist all kinds of interesting people within the Unit for Strategy, Policy and Planning, which – as you might imagine – has quite a large scope.

What are your future aspirations?
I had long planned to make it to Brussels to see the EU from the inside and decide whether I really wanted to try and launch a career there. Along the way, I have realised that a PhD might be best. Whatever I decide, I have every option available to me thanks to the skills that Kent has equipped me with.

Do you have any memories of Kent that you would like to share with us?
University is a great opportunity to meet people, not always like-minded but always interesting, and to thereby really challenge yourself. At Kent, you are bound to make friends that you will only value more after leaving and realising how special the environment you shared was.

Finally, what advice would you give to someone thinking of coming to Kent?
Do it!
European Studies gives you the opportunity to study either French, German, Italian or Spanish, or a combination of two, alongside European politics, literature and culture.

We offer the following European Studies programmes:
- European Studies (either French, German, Italian or Spanish)
- European Studies (Combined Languages).

If you take the combined languages option, you study two languages and language modules make up half of your degree. If you take the single language option, you focus on the named language.

All students spend a year abroad between Stages 2 and 3. Those studying two languages split their year between two universities in different countries relevant to each of their chosen languages.

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.

Module information
Please note: 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.

To read a full description of any of the modules listed, go to www.kent.ac.uk/courses/modules and search for the module code shown below.

Language modules
At each stage of your studies language modules are compulsory. 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.

Stage 1
Compulsory modules
French
If you have studied French at A level, you take:
- French Language Level B1 (FR300).

If you have not studied French at A level, you take:

German
If you have studied German at A level, you take:
- German Language Level B1 (GE301).

If you have not studied German at A level, you take:
- German Language Levels A1-A2 Intensive (GE329).

Italian
If you have studied Italian at A level, you take:
- Italian Language Level B1 (IT308).

If you have not studied Italian at A level, you take:
- Italian Language Levels A1-A2 Intensive (IT301).

Spanish
If you have studied Italian at A level, you take:
- Spanish Language Level B1 (LS300).

If you have not studied Spanish at A level, you take:

Politics
You then take two politics modules:
- Introduction to Political Thought (PO314)
- Introduction to Comparative Politics (PO327).
Stage 2

Compulsory modules

French
If you are on a French language pathway, you take:
• French Language Level B2 (FR648).

German
If you were at beginner or post-GCSE level during Stage 1, then you take:
• Advanced Intermediate German (GE516).

If you took the post-A level module, then you take:
• Learning German 4 (GE507).

Italian
If you were at beginner level during Stage 1, then you take:
• Learning Italian 2 (Intermediate) (IT508).

If you took the post-A level module, then you take:
• Learning Italian 4 (Advanced) (IT563).

Spanish
If you were at beginner level during Stage 1, then you take:
• Learning Spanish 3B: (Intensive Post-A level) (LS504).

If you took the post-A level module at Stage 1, then you take:
• Learning Spanish 4 (LS505).

Politics modules
You take two of the following modules:
• East European Politics (PO618)
• European Security and Co-operation (PO599)
• International Security (PO671)
• Politics of the European Union (PO611).

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

Recommended module
The following module is recommended for all students:
• European Political Cinema (SCL503)

French
• Questions of French Cinema (FR308)
• Twentieth-Century France in Crisis (FR310)
• Texts and Contexts 1 (FR337)
• Texts and Contexts 2 (FR338)
• Introduction to French Literature and Culture 1 and 2 (FR301 and FR302)

German
• Introduction to German Literature (in translation) (GE326)
• Post-1989 German Cinema (GE328)
• Images of Germany, 1945-1990 (GE312)
• Varieties of German Writing (GE311)

Italian
• An Introduction to Italian Cinema: Neo-realism and its Legacy (IT312)
• An Introduction to Italian Modernity (IT315)

Spanish
• Introduction to Hispanic Culture (LS312)

Any remaining credits may be gained from modules taken elsewhere in the Faculty of Humanities.
YOUR STUDY PROGRAMME (CONT)

German
The following modules are available at both Stages 2 and 3:
• The German Novelle (GE573)
• The Lyric Imagination (GE571)
• Life after Modernism: An Introduction to Postmodernist Literature in German (GE587)
• Order and Madness: Classical German Literature (GE584)
• Wien-Berlin: Tale of Two Cities (GE589).

Italian
• Catching the Tide: Cultural Renewal in 20th-Century Italy (IT556)
• Italian Short Story (IT552).

Spanish
• After Dictatorship: Spain and Latin America (LS571)
• Barcelona and Havana: Icon Myth and History (LS579)
• Catalan Culture (LS515)
• Contemporary Spanish Cinema (LS548)
• Spanish Literature: Identity (LS513).

Stage 3

Compulsory modules
French
Those on the French pathway take:
• French Language Level C1 (FR649).

German
• Learning German 5 (GE503)

Italian
• Learning Italian 5 (IT506)

Politics modules
You take two of the following modules:
• Europe and the World (PO566)
• Foreign Policy Analysis and Management (PO563)
• Policymaking in the EU (PO612).

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.

French
• Contemporary French Cinema (FR561)
• Crossing Borders: Travel in Modern French Writing (FR646)
• Desire in the Text: Romanticism to Decadence (FR645)
• French for Business (FR592)
• Mothers and Daughters in Women's Writing (FR601)
• The Reader and the Text (FR613)

German
• Sociolinguistics of French (FR615)
• Travels to Japan in Modern French Culture (FR637)
• Writing on Art: Text and Image in Modern French Culture (FR621)

Italian
• Applied Language Skills (GE594)
You can also choose modules from those listed at Stage 2.

Spanish
• Barcelona and Havana: Icon Myth and History (LS548)
• Catalan Culture (LS579)
• Contemporary Spanish Cinema (LS548)
• Spanish Literature: Identity (LS513)

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.

Year abroad
Your year abroad takes place between Stage 2 and Stage 3.

Italian
• Istantanea: Photography and Visual Culture in Modern and Contemporary Italy (IT564)
• Italian Cinema and Literature (IT548)
• Italian Regional Cinema (IT577)

Spanish
• Barcelona and Havana: Icon Myth and History (LS548)
• The Carnivalesque in Modern Spanish Theatre (LS542)
• Reading Monstrosity in Iberian Culture (LS550)
• Terrorism and State Terror in Latin America (LS563)
• Writing the Cuban Revolution (LS554)

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 (SCL502). It may also be possible to choose modules from elsewhere in the Faculty of Humanities.
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.

International Partnerships

The Erasmus team, part of International Partnerships at Kent, works 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

All information is correct at the time of going to press. For the most up-to-date information, including related to Brexit, see www.kent.ac.uk/goabroad
VISIT THE UNIVERSITY

Come along for an Open Day or an Applicant Day and see for yourself what it is 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 talks, 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 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

Self-guided tours
You can explore the Canterbury campus in person or from the comfort of your home. Our self-guided audio tour gives you a real flavour of the campus and you will hear from people who help make Kent such an inspiring place to study – our staff and students. Go to www.kent.ac.uk.courses/visit/informal/audio-tour.html to get started.

Alternatively, we can provide you with a self-guided tour leaflet, which includes the main points of interest.

OTHER DEGREES
We also offers degrees in:
• French (www.kent.ac.uk/ug/98)
• German (www.kent.ac.uk/ug/371)
• Hispanic Studies (www.kent.ac.uk/ug/107)
• Italian (www.kent.ac.uk/ug/108)
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 or 15 points at HL.

Required subjects
European Studies (Combined Languages): an A level in at least one of your chosen languages at grade B; IB 5 at HL or 6 at SL in one of your chosen languages

European Studies (French), European Studies (German), European Studies (Spanish), European Studies (Italian): GCSE grade B or 6 in a second language; IB 4 at HL or 5 at SL in a second language

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 p13 for details.

Scholarships and bursaries
For details of scholarships and bursaries at Kent, see www.kent.ac.uk/scholarships

Offer levels and entry requirements are subject to change. For the latest course information, see: www.kent.ac.uk/ug
COME AND VISIT US

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www.kent.ac.uk/visit