Do you want to learn about France and the French-speaking world, and become fluent in French? At Kent, you study not only the language but also history, society and culture. You explore literature and film from Molière to the modern day, and on your year abroad you are surrounded by French speakers and immersed in *la vie française*.
Inspirational teaching
Great teachers inspire enthusiasm and provoke debate. Whether leading a language class or teaching on French cinema, our staff are skilled at bringing their subject to life. They share their research and challenge you to contribute your ideas.

World-leading research
Our staff play a leading role in Kent’s Centre for Modern European Literature, with a focus on the European avant-garde. They write books, contribute to journals, present at international conferences and introduce you to the latest research.

French for business
Alongside your degree, you can study the Diplôme de français professionnel. This qualification is recognised across the world and gets you off to a great start if you apply for jobs in a French-speaking business after graduating.

Academic support
University is different from school. You need to be self-motivated and well organised to succeed. We help you by assigning you an academic adviser, running a peer mentoring programme and offering help with academic skills, such as essay writing.

Year abroad opportunities
We have partnerships with universities in France, Belgium, Switzerland and Canada so you have plenty of exciting options for your year abroad. We can also help you to arrange a place as a language assistant or other work in a French-speaking country.

Friendly community
You study French alongside students studying German, Hispanic Studies and Italian. You become part of a friendly community of language students with shared interests and experiences, and have the opportunity to learn from one another.

Lively campus
Kent is a campus university, so everything you need is within walking distance. You can watch a play or film at the Gulbenkian arts centre; dance at The Venue nightclub; keep fit at our sports centre and meet friends at one of many campus cafés and restaurants.

Proximity to France
It’s so easy to spend a day in France practising your language skills and soaking up the culture. You can get a train from Canterbury to the ferry port of Dover or to Ashford where you can pick up the Eurostar train and be in Paris in less than two hours.

Career success
Employability is a priority at Kent. Studying sharpens skills that are crucial in the workplace, such as time management and team work. You have access to careers advice and opportunities to gain work experience, boosting your CV and your confidence.
Support for language fluency

At Kent we offer you excellent support to become a fluent French speaker, whether the language is completely new to you or you have studied it for several years. You work in lectures, seminars and one-to-one feedback sessions with specialist staff, as well as with our team of language lectors, who are native speakers. Your year abroad is an opportunity to put your learning into practice and become proficient in the language of everyday life.

Independent rankings

The Guardian University Guide 2020
• Over 89% of final-year Modern Languages and Linguistics students were satisfied with the quality of teaching on their course.

Destination of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) 2017
• 94% of French students who responded to the most recent national survey of graduate destinations were in work or further study within six months.

Research Excellence Framework
• Based on the most recent Research Excellence Framework, Modern Languages and Linguistics at Kent was ranked joint 3rd overall by the Times Higher Education.

Teaching Excellence Framework
• Kent was awarded gold, the highest rating, in the UK government’s Teaching Excellence Framework*.

*The University of Kent’s Statement of Findings can be found at www.kent.ac.uk/tef-statement
**Gaby Emson** is in her final year studying French. This is what she told us about her course.

**Why did you choose to study French at Kent?**
I came to an open day and I just loved the campus – it was a beautiful sunny day and everyone I met was so happy and friendly. I also came to a Humanities at Kent day, where I did some taster lectures and a taster seminar on French film. I really liked the fact that I would be studying French culture, film and some linguistics, as well as the language. I think that’s different from other courses I looked at and I was really drawn to it.

**Can you remember how you felt the day you arrived here?**
It was really exciting because I didn’t know who I was going to be living with. I was in Tyler Court C, which is a great location – it only took me five minutes to walk to lectures or the library. Each flat has a big kitchen and on the first day everyone was in there waiting to meet people. I met fantastic people there and it was very sociable.

**Has your course lived up to your expectations?**
Yes, it has! I’ve loved all my modules. Sociolinguistics has been my favourite – we study the sociological aspects of the French language, regional variations, slang … I really enjoy the oral seminars too – I have a native French teacher, who is really enthusiastic, really fun.

**We have debates, role plays, lots of interactive things. This year I’ve also done an elective module in international relations because I’m planning to study that for a Master’s. It’s great that even in final year you can do electives outside your main subject.**

**What are your lecturers like?**
We have small classes, so we get to know our lecturers really well. Everyone is so willing to help – for instance, I’d meet my film lecturer when I was planning an essay and she’d go over my plan and make sure I was on the right track.

**Are all your lessons taught in French?**
Yes, pretty much. In first year it’s a mixture: the grammar classes are usually taught in English because it’s complex and you need to be able to understand it. Once you come back from your year abroad you really want to keep speaking French and most of the lectures and presentations are in French.

**What did you do for your year abroad?**
I wanted to study rather than work as a language assistant because I wanted to find out what a French university would be like. I thought it would be more sociable, and I’d be able to pick up the French that people of my age actually use, rather than textbook French. I went to the University of Montpellier, which is in the south of France. It’s a beautiful city, with a beach right there as well. It was a great opportunity to travel around.

**What are you going to do for your dissertation?**
I’m looking at the relationship between dialect and film, looking at the regional accents used in three films, how they are used as part of the characterisation and how accurately they are presented. I’m bringing together everything I’ve really enjoyed.

**What are the facilities at Kent like?**
The library is amazing – when I came back from my year abroad it had been extended and you can always find a place to work there now, and there are lots more books. My favourite place to eat on campus is Dolche Vita, it does some Italian and some Asian food, and there’s a pond in front of it – it’s lovely!

**What are your plans for after graduation?**
My dream is to work for something like the EU Commission, the UN or an NGO. So I felt it would be best to combine my language with another field. I’d like to do a Master’s in international relations and I’d love to study in Paris because I enjoyed my year abroad so much. The careers service has given me lots of help with my application.

**Any advice for a prospective student?**
Focus on language and the grammar stuff because you’ll need it when you’re on your year abroad. Apart from that – enjoy it! Join clubs, join societies and enjoy what you’re studying.
CHOOSING YOUR DEGREE

Not sure which programme to choose? Here’s a quick guide to the degrees on offer.

French (single honours) www.kent.ac.uk/ug/98
Taking a single honours degree in French enables you to focus in great depth on your chosen subject. Our full-time four-year programme is a mix of language and culture, literature and linguistics. You spend a year studying or working in a French-speaking country to really immerse yourself in the language and culture (see p11 for more information).

Joint honours and other degree programmes
On a joint honours programme you can combine your study of French with a wide range of other subjects. Study is divided 50:50 between your two honours subjects. As on our single honours programme, you spend a year working or studying abroad.

To find out more about the following joint honours programmes with French, visit www.kent.ac.uk/ug and add the course code provided below:
• Asian Studies (/399)
• Comparative Literature (/269)
• English Literature (/306)
• English Language and Linguistics (/312)
• German (/328)
• Hispanic Studies (/338)
• History (/329)
• Italian (/367)
• Management (/1909).

European Studies
As an alternative to studying for joint honours, you might be interested in European Studies. On a European Studies degree you explore a broad range of European history, politics, culture and society. For more information, search for European Studies at www.kent.ac.uk/ug
We offer a wide range of modules in French language and culture, including options on literature, linguistics, film and politics.

Your studies are divided into Stages 1, 2 and 3. You take your year abroad between Stages 2 and 3.

**Teaching and assessment**

Teaching is by lectures and seminars and includes seminars with a native speaker, essay supervision and feedback sessions. The emphasis is always on student participation. We make extensive use of audio, video and computer-assisted language learning facilities.

Stage 1 modules are normally assessed by 100% coursework (essays, class participation) in the first half of the year, and by a 50:50 combination of coursework and examination in the second half of the year.

Assessment methods in Stages 2 and 3 depend on your modules but are most commonly 100% coursework or a combination of examination and coursework.

**Module information**

Please note that the module lists below are not fixed as new modules are always in development and choices are updated yearly. The details given below are correct at the time of publication (June 2019). 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.

**Stage 1**

**Compulsory modules (single honours)**

Students who have studied French at A level take:

Students who have not studied French at A level take:

**Optional and elective modules (single honours)**

Students choose a combination of optional modules offered by the Department of Modern Languages and elective modules from other subject areas across the University. French optional modules include:
- Introduction to French Literature and Culture 1 (FR301)
- Introduction to French Literature and Culture 2 (FR302)
- Questions of French Cinema (FR308)
- Twentieth-Century France in Crisis (FR310)
- Texts and Contexts 1 (FR337)
- Texts and Contexts 2 (FR338).

**Joint honours**

Joint honours students take the French language module and at least one French optional module. They also take the modules required for their other subject (see the course information at www.kent.ac.uk/ug for further details) and may choose elective modules from other subject areas across the University.

**Stage 2**

**Compulsory modules (single honours)**

At Stage 2 students continue their language learning based on their proficiency.

Those who studied Lower Intermediate French (FR300) at Stage 1 take:

Those who studied French Beginners A1-A2 (FR330) at Stage 1 take:

**Optional and elective modules (single honours)**

Students choose a combination of optional modules offered by the Department of Modern Languages and elective modules from other subject areas across the University. French optional modules include:
- Cultures of Sustainability (SCL505)
- Description of Modern French (FR599)
- French Detective Fiction (FR638)
- French: Second-Year Extended Essay (FR566)
- Memory and Childhood in 20th-Century French Fiction (FR620)
- Occupation and Resistance in the French Novel (FR598)

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- Paris: Myth and Reality in the 19th Century (FR593)
- Paris: Myth and Reality in the 20th Century (FR594)
- Professional French (FR590)
- Short Narrative Fiction in French (FR546).

Joint honours
Joint honours students take the French language module appropriate to their proficiency plus French optional modules. They also take the modules required for their other subject.

Year abroad
The year abroad takes place between Stages 2 and 3. Students studying two languages on a joint honours programme split their year abroad between two countries where those languages are spoken. For details, see p11.

Stage 3
Compulsory modules (single honours)
Students take:
- French Advanced C1 (FR649).

Optional and elective modules (single honours)
Students choose a combination of optional modules offered by the Department of Modern Languages and elective modules from other subject areas across the University.

French optional modules include:
- Contemporary French Cinema (FR561)
- Crossing Borders: Travel in Modern French Writing (FR646)
- Desire in the Text: Romanticism to Decadence (FR645)
- French: Final-Year Dissertation (FR657)
- French for Business (FR592)
- History of the French Language (FR539)
- Languages in the Classroom (SCL502) (Note that entry to this module involves a selection process.)
- Mothers and Daughters in Women’s Writing (FR601)
- Writing the Caribbean Family (FR653).

Joint honours
Joint honours students take the compulsory French language module plus at least one French optional module. They also take the modules required for their other subject and may choose an elective module from other subject areas across the University.

“Before going on my year abroad, I could understand basic French, but when you’re in the country you have to deal with regional accents and colloquialisms, and I really noticed the difference in my abilities when I came back for my final year.”

Lucy Skinner
French
YOUR YEAR ABROAD

The year you spend studying or working abroad enriches your university experience. Not only do you 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.

Many language graduates choose to live and work abroad. 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.

**Joint honours students**

If you are studying French as a joint honours degree with another European language, you spend half of your year in a French-speaking country and half in a country where your other language is spoken.

**Study abroad**

Your year abroad takes place between Stages 2 and 3 of your degree. We have exchange agreements with universities in France, Belgium, Switzerland and Canada. Academics from the department routinely visit students on study exchanges at our partner institutions to monitor their progress.

For up-to-date details of where you can study, see Kent’s A to Z course list at: www.kent.ac.uk/goabroad/opportunities/az.html

**Work abroad**

As an alternative to study exchange, you might prefer to become a language assistant. The majority of language assistant positions are organised by the British Council, and allow students to teach English (providing, for example, conversation classes) in secondary schools in French-speaking countries. Most assistantships are in France, but students may spend their year abroad teaching in places as different as Mauritius and Québec. Work placements are another possibility: students find various types of employment in French-speaking countries.

**Assessment**

Your time abroad contributes to your final degree. If you are on a study exchange, you are awarded marks for your studies; if you are working as a language assistant or elsewhere, you write an essay under the guidance of a staff member.

**Advice and support**

Our specialist staff provide advice and support to help you decide what you want to do and where you want to go during your year abroad. We 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. We 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.

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

“Our students benefit greatly from the excellent relationships we have built up with our partners in Europe and further afield. It is always a pleasure to welcome them back from their year abroad and watch them put their new-found confidence to use.”

Dr Mathilde Poizat-Amar
Department of Modern Languages
SUPERB STUDY SUPPORT

We’ll support you throughout your time at Kent, from helping you adjust to university study to discussing module choices and essay topics with you.

You are assigned an academic adviser to help you get the most from your degree programme. You can arrange to meet them to discuss general academic issues or specific assignments, and they are able to refer you to other sources of help if you need it.

Peer support

Sometimes you might find an aspect of your course particularly challenging. If this happens, the best advice often comes from people who’ve been in your situation. On our academic peer mentoring scheme, we can match you with second- or third-year students who can help you to get to grips with specific modules on your programme.

Study skills advice

Successful students take control of their own learning. Kent’s Student Learning Advisory Service (SLAS) can help you to increase your competence and confidence and fulfil your potential. You can request a one-to-one appointment or attend workshops on a diverse range of topics, from making the most of lectures to writing well and avoiding plagiarism.

Student support and wellbeing

You might need extra help to get the most from university. If you have a medical condition, specific learning difficulty, mental health condition or disability, the Student Support and Wellbeing team is there to support you.

The team is committed to improving access to learning for all students at Kent and can assist with many things, including:

- discussing exam access arrangements
- helping you with emotional, psychological or mental health issues
- applying for relevant funding to support you

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You turn up with an essay or an essay plan and they [SLAS] go over it with you and give you advice on your writing style. Even though I’d been doing OK, I realised that a few little tweaks could make all the difference. It’s great.”

Gaby Emson
Final-year student

Find out more at: www.kent.ac.uk/studentsupport
A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE

What do you hope to do once you have your degree? Whether you have a specific career path in mind or haven’t yet thought much beyond university, we can help you to plan for success in the future.

Build your CV

Your degree studies help you to develop skills such as thinking critically, expressing yourself clearly, solving problems and working both independently and as part of a team. Additionally, the ability to speak French is valuable in many professions. Employers look for people with transferable skills like these, which are also vital if you go on to further study.

At Kent, you have lots of other great opportunities to enhance your skills. For instance, you could:
- join a society or sports club (even better – get involved in running it)
- volunteer in the community
- work in a part-time job or take up a summer internship
- represent your fellow students as a student rep, or become a student ambassador
- become an academic peer mentor.

Getting involved like this means that you can earn Employability Points, which you can exchange for employability rewards. The more points you earn, the more valuable the rewards: we work with local, national and international employers to offer internships, work experience and a range of other activities that prepare you for the world of work.

Experience the world of work

By taking a part-time job alongside your degree studies, you gain skills and experience as well as earning money – you might even get inspiration for your future career.

Kent Union’s JobShop posts vacancies within the University and local area on the Kent Union website and on social media. Another option is a longer-term work placement – see p11 for more details.

Find a great job

There are so many career options for a linguist. These include sales and export, international marketing, the travel industry, banking and financial services. Our graduates also work in translating and interpreting, journalism, publishing and teaching. We offer a module on languages in the classroom, which is a useful preparation for anyone interested in language teaching at primary, secondary or HE level.

We have a programme of employability events to enhance your job skills and vocational awareness. You can also visit our careers fair to talk to potential employers and use our award-winning Careers and Employability Service for advice on preparing your CV. Our track record speaks for itself: over 95% of Kent graduates who responded to the most recent national survey of graduate destinations were in work or further study within six months (DLHE, 2017).
Ellie Carswell studied French and Italian and graduated in 2018. She is now a graduate project manager in the construction industry. This is what she told us about her studies and life after Kent.

I loved French at school so choosing to continue that at degree level was an easy decision. Kent describes itself as the UK’s European university so that was a positive for me as I wanted to study languages. I loved the campus and the enthusiasm of the teaching staff.

My course consisted mostly of small seminar-based discussions, meaning the one-to-one contact and individual support was brilliant. Business French was my favourite module, as it supported my plans for my future career. I really enjoyed learning how the world of business operates in France. Each subject group is small enough that you are known by your lecturers. This is great as you receive tailored and more personal support.

I split my year abroad studying in both France and Italy as I was doing joint honours. The experience was invaluable for me – my confidence and language skills improved immensely. I also realised who I am as a person, which helped when choosing my future career.

I took advantage of every career event offered at Kent. I attended job-specific talks and employability sessions. I also booked to meet with an adviser at the Careers and Employability Service, where I discovered project management as a career avenue. This inspired me to do some research, and at the annual careers fair I spoke with the company I work for now, Faithful+Gould.

Faithful+Gould is a programme and project management consultancy, which has recently been acquired by a Canadian company, SNC-Lavalin. French is their preferred language for business. I’m a graduate project manager working within the construction industry. I’m also studying part-time for a Master’s degree in construction project management.

I came to be doing this job through assessing my skills as a language student (there are many!), then researching project management, and through having a genuine interest in property.

A typical day for me involves liaising with both clients and contractors to ensure the smooth delivery of a project. The job is varied, as some days I’m in the office and others I’m on site seeing a building come to life. Last week I was back at the University of Kent assisting on the new Economics Building – an amazing new space!

Right now, my plans are to complete my Master’s degree and become a chartered surveyor within the industry, which is all funded by the company I work for. As I’m working for an international company, I would love to undertake a secondment where I can speak French again, possibly in France itself or Canada. Long term, I plan to keep progressing within the industry, gaining more experience that can enhance my career. It’s a really active industry that is constantly changing, which excites me for the future.

My best memories of Kent definitely revolve around the people I met and had the pleasure of working with. I was involved in the Student Ambassador Scheme and loved having the opportunity to work with the next generation of young students.

I’d advise anyone thinking of coming to Kent to choose a degree topic that you enjoy, rather than a degree topic that you believe will pay off in the long run. You invest a lot of time in your education, so it’s important that you enjoy it. I’m definitely testament to the fact that you do not have to study a related degree to obtain a certain job or career. Employers value you as an individual just as much as the degree you have studied. Take every opportunity put before you at Kent so you understand who you are as an individual before you think of your future career. Good luck!
Choosing a university is a big step, so it’s important to find out as much as you can before you make your decision. Come and visit us to see what we can offer you.

Open Days
Open Days are a great way to find out what life as a student at Kent is like. For instance, you can:
- learn more about the course you are interested in at a subject presentation
- ask questions – talk to the academic teams at the information stands
- experience our teaching at a taster lecture*
- find out about student finance, opportunities to study abroad and extracurricular activities such as those offered by Kent Sport.

Explore the campus at your own pace on the self-guided walking tour. You will be able to visit different types of accommodation, chat to current students and enjoy the stunning views over the city of Canterbury.

Open Days are held in the summer and autumn. Book your place at www.kent.ac.uk/opendays

Applicant Days
If you apply to Kent and we offer you a place (or ask you to come for an interview), you will usually be invited to an Applicant Day. Applicant Days run in the autumn and spring terms and are an opportunity to find out about the course in more detail. You spend time with your academic school meeting staff and current students, and take part in activities that give you a flavour of your prospective course and university life.

Informal visits
If you can’t make it to an Open Day or Applicant Day, you can still visit us. We run tours of the campus throughout the year.

If you live outside Europe, we appreciate that you might find it difficult to attend our scheduled events, so we can arrange a personal campus tour for you and your family.

Let us know you’re coming
Scheduled tours and personal campus tours (for international students) need to be booked in advance – you can do this via www.kent.ac.uk/informal

Self-guided tours
If you prefer to explore on your own, you can download a self-guided walking tour at: www.kent.ac.uk/informal or pick up a copy from us.

A self-guided audio tour is available too, which allows you to learn about Kent without even leaving home. See www.kent.ac.uk/courses/visit/informal/audio-tour.html

Meet us in your country
Our staff regularly travel overseas to meet with students who are interested in coming to Kent. We also have strong links with agents in your home country who can offer guidance and information on studying at Kent.

Find out more at www.kent.ac.uk/courses/international

Explore online
If you can’t come and see us, you can find out more about the academic team, the course and events in the department and School online at: www.kent.ac.uk/secl

Keep in touch with us via social media:
- www.facebook.com/unikentsecl
- www.twitter.com/unikentsecl
- www.instagram.com/unikentsecl
- www.youtube.com/unikentsecl

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If you would like more information on Kent’s courses, facilities or services, please contact us on:
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www.kent.ac.uk/ug

* Programme of events varies according to subject.
## Location
Canterbury

## Awards
BA (Hons)

## Programme type
Full-time

### Degree programmes

#### Single honours
- French (R101)

#### Joint honours
Joint honours are available with a wide range of subjects:
- Asian Studies (TR41)
- Comparative Literature (RQ12)
- English Literature (TBC)
- English Language and Linguistics (RQ13)
- German (RR12)
- Hispanic Studies (RR14)
- History (RV11)
- Italian (RR13)
- Management (NR11).

#### Typical offer levels
**Single and joint honours**
BBB at A level; IB Diploma 34 points overall or 15 points at HL; applications from BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma and Access to HE candidates are assessed on an individual basis.

#### Required subjects
**Single honours**
- GCSE grade B or 6 in a second language; IB Diploma 4 at HL or 5 at SL in a second language.

**Joint honours**
Please search for the relevant course pages at [www.kent.ac.uk/ug](http://www.kent.ac.uk/ug) for details of required subjects on joint honours programmes. For students taking dual foreign language degrees, at least one language should be passed at A level grade B.

#### Year abroad
Single and joint honours students can study in France, Belgium, Switzerland or Canada at one of our exchange universities. See p11 for details.

#### Scholarships and bursaries
For details of scholarships and bursaries at Kent, see [www.kent.ac.uk/ugfunding](http://www.kent.ac.uk/ugfunding)

For offer levels and entry requirements are subject to change. For the latest information see [www.kent.ac.uk/ug](http://www.kent.ac.uk/ug)
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To find out more about visiting the University, see our website:
www.kent.ac.uk/visit