GERMAN

Canterbury
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND INSPIRATIONAL TEACHING

In addition to courses focusing on language skills and translation, we also offer optional modules that cover areas such as German cinema, classical and postmodern German literature, and 20th-century history, including the impact on individuals of the erection of the Berlin Wall.

In your final year, you also have the option of writing a supervised dissertation.

Passionate teaching
Our lecturers’ research informs their teaching and means that your learning takes place in a dynamic environment.

You also benefit from our lectors. Our lectors offer specialist language teaching and background courses on the history, culture and politics of German-speaking countries, while the language assistants provide tuition in spoken German. You also have regular contact with native German speakers.

A year abroad
Your third year is spent studying or working in Germany, Austria or German-speaking Switzerland. You have the opportunity to attend university as an Erasmus student, to become an assistant teacher of English (supported by the British Council scheme), or else to go on an approved work placement of your choice. For details, see p13.

Supportive community
German at Kent is taught within the School of European Culture and Languages (SECL), one of the largest schools in the University. The School is welcoming and friendly, so students and staff get to know each other very quickly.

SECL also houses French, Hispanic Studies and Italian, so you become part of a community of language students, sharing interests and experiences. The close working relationships you develop with lecturers and seminar leaders help you to succeed in your studies.

Within the School, 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 its strong links with top-ranking continental...
European institutions, its UK locations close to the European mainland, and our postgraduate 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 allows you to use your language skills and explore the cultures of other European countries. Also, as a language student, you have the chance to pair up with a native German speaker, allowing both of you to practise conversation.

A successful future
As well as providing a first-rate academic experience, we want you to be in a good position to face the demands of a competitive economic environment. The ability to speak another language is always an asset in the employment market and many employers value the fact that you have spent a year in another country.

Given the strength of the German economy, a good knowledge of German is particularly valuable. Within Western Europe, German is spoken as a native language by more people than either English or French; it is also widely understood in Eastern Europe, where it is often a means of communication across international boundaries. Further afield, German companies are successful across the world.

For more on the opportunities open to German graduates, go to p8 or see www.kent.ac.uk/employability or www.kent.ac.uk/secl/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.

Our lecturers are at the forefront of their fields, and have won a number of prestigious awards including Alexander von Humboldt Fellowships and a Philip Leverhulme Prize. Staff publish extensively and particular areas of strength include modernism, life writing, literary theory, poetry, and Austrian studies.

There is a German research forum where staff and students exchange ideas arising from their work and the School maintains close links with leading research organisations in Austria and Germany. Through its various research centres – notably the Centre for Modern European Literature – the School also hosts research events including conferences, seminars and lectures, in which students are invited to participate.

Independent rankings

**School of European Culture and Languages**

**German**

**The Complete University Guide 2018**
- 1st for research quality

**The Guardian University Guide 2018**
- 6th for graduate prospects

**Destination of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE)**
- German students who graduated from Kent in 2015 were the most successful in the UK at finding work or study opportunities

**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

*of 122 universities, not including specialist institutions.
SUPERB STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Our Canterbury campus provides a stunning location for your studies with first-class academic and leisure facilities. The campus is within easy reach of mainland Europe and London, and it offers an excellent research library and state-of-the-art multimedia language labs.

Excellent study 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 all 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 come from outside the UK and our students represent 158 nationalities. We also have strong links with universities and research centres in Europe.

Beautiful green campus
Our campus has plenty of green and tranquil spaces, both lawns and wooded areas and is set on a hill with a view of the city and Canterbury Cathedral.

Paris and Brussels are only two hours away by train.

German Society
Kent Union (the student union on campus) hosts a wide choice of societies catering to a range of interests. The German Society is open to anyone with an interest in German culture. It hosts socials and promotes all things German – it has even organised its very own Oktoberfest. Along with the French Society, members have organised a trip to Switzerland. For more details, please see www.kentunion.co.uk

The campus has its own cinema, theatre and student nightclub. Kent has a reputation for being a very friendly university with 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 wide 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.
STUDENT PROFILE

Vikki Brown is in the final year of a joint honours degree in German and History.

Why did you choose Kent?
The other universities I saw just didn’t compare. The campus is gorgeous and the accommodation is good. And the course itself was a draw; Kent has a good choice of joint honours degrees.

How is your course going?
This final year is more difficult, but it’s still enjoyable. There’s an intriguing selection of modules. In the first year, I loved studying Post-1989 German Cinema, and this term I’m enjoying Wien-Berlin: Tales of Two Cities, where we look at books and films set in these cities and what they can tell us about the culture of these places, which is fascinating. I’m also doing a wild module in beginner’s Spanish.

What’s the teaching like?
Brilliant. The German department is relatively small, so you get a more personal experience; they’re all very approachable. Also, because the classes are smaller they’re more focused and it’s easier to get discussions going. And with History, when you’re working on an essay, lecturers are happy to discuss your essay plan to make sure you’re going in the right direction. You get good feedback too.

Tell us about your year abroad.
I was a British Council language assistant. I was teaching all ages, but got on best with the 10 to 11-year-olds and the 18-year-olds; I think for the ones in between, learning English just wasn’t cool! Sometimes I’d take a class on my own (with the teacher observing), and sometimes I’d be with smaller groups. I also started study groups for the A level students. I was in Thuringia, in the centre of Germany. Very few of the older people could speak English so I had to speak German a lot. It has definitely paid off, as I’ve noticed I’ve improved a great deal.

What’s the accommodation like on campus?
I lived in Tyler Court. The size of the rooms and the storage was good, and it was lovely having an en-suite bathroom – no queuing in the morning. The location was good too – it’s on central campus.

What are the facilities like on campus?
They’re very good. The library is being refurbished at the moment – it was always nice but now there’s a lot more natural light. There are loads of cheap places to eat; my favourite is Dolche Vita. It’s really good that they take into account that you want good, healthy food but you don’t have a lot of money, and you get a student discount with the KentOne card. It’s great having a cinema on campus at the Gulbenkian.

What do you do in your spare time?
I’m in the German Society, which is more social than academic; we go to the pub, play German board games, and go on trips together, such as to London for the German markets. I also have a part-time job.

Any advice for students coming to Kent?
Apply for accommodation early! Consider wild modules or a joint honours course, because it gives you flexibility, makes the work more enjoyable and makes you more employable – it sets you apart from the crowd.

What kind of career do you hope to follow when you graduate?
I thought I would work for a German bank or other large company so I’d be using German every day. But a few weeks ago in Employability Week [a week of events, showcasing the ways in which you can get experience and gain skills while studying at the University] one of our lecturers gave a talk on translation work. Translation is my favourite class and I think I’m good at it, and from what she said I decided it’s what I’d like to do. I don’t think it’s that easy to find work, so to give myself an edge I’d like to do a Master’s in Translation.

What would you describe your fellow students?
Everyone on my course knows each other and gets on very well. We always have three or four Erasmus students and it’s interesting to get their input; for instance, if we’re translating something between German and English I notice that French people find it more difficult, but then they come up with different ways of phrasing things.

How did you choose Kent?
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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.

Fluency in German combined with a cultural understanding of German-speaking countries opens up many career opportunities. In recent years, Kent's German graduates have gone into a wide range of vocational, academic or commercial careers. As well as teaching German, these include teaching English as a foreign language in the UK or abroad, translating and interpreting, law, accountancy, finance, international marketing, journalism, publishing, sales and export, and a variety of jobs within the travel industry. 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.

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. Employers today are looking for a range of key skills and you are encouraged to develop these within your German degree.

Dealing with challenging ideas, thinking critically, time management and the ability to write well and present your ideas clearly are all important skills that you gain at Kent. Spending a year abroad or taking part in Jobshop – Kent Union’s job agency – or volunteering programmes, can 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 programme of events to enhance your job skills and vocational awareness. Many of our students develop professional skills and gain hands-on experience through our wide range of paid and voluntary work opportunities. For details of the employability support available within the School, see www.kent.ac.uk/secl/employability

Careers advice
Kent’s award-winning Careers and Employability Service gives advice on how to choose your future career, how to apply for jobs, how to write a good CV and how to perform well in interviews and aptitude tests. It also provides information on opportunities before and after you graduate. For more information, see www.kent.ac.uk/employability
**GRADUATE PROFILE**

Matt Partridge graduated with a first-class degree in German in 2015.

**Why did you choose Kent?**
I chose Kent because it was high in the rankings for modern languages and the website gave me a really good impression of what the course would be like.

**What attracted you to the course?**
I liked that there were modules looking at different aspects of the language and different periods and styles of literature. Also, being able to choose some modules that were assessed only through coursework and others that had an end-of-year exam appealed to me.

**What was your degree like?**
The course was great. The first year focuses on the foundations of the language, so we went over a lot of what we had already learned in A level. I found that all the things that still confused me suddenly started making sense.

The year abroad was a particular highlight; I worked as a teaching assistant in the beautiful German city of Weimar. My language skills and confidence in using them increased exponentially and I met some of my closest friends during that year. I gained a ton of teaching experience and enjoyed my time so much I knew I had to return after I finished my degree.

**And what about the lecturers?**
The lecturers were fantastic; they were approachable and happy to help if you had any problems. There was good variety in their academic and linguistic backgrounds, meaning we were exposed to different ideas and styles of German through their teaching.

**What social activities did you get involved with at Kent?**
I joined the University Chorus and played cello in the orchestra. It was a great way to take a break from my studies and socialise; some of my fondest memories involve performing or rehearsing with the chorus and orchestra.

**Could you describe your career path since leaving Kent?**
A few months after graduating, I moved to a small university town in Germany and found work at the local evening school and university. I teach adults at the school and students at the university.

**How did your degree lay the foundations for your career?**
I wouldn't be able to do my job without the skills and abilities I developed at Kent. My job involves teaching university students, as well as correcting and translating texts for the different departments of the university. Without the grammatical groundwork and general knowledge of German language and culture, I wouldn't be able to do either. Through studying German, I understand my own language and can teach it to others.

**Do you have a typical day?**
My typical day includes teaching around two or three lessons; these are normally a mixture of different courses. At the moment I teach Business English to Media students, two technical courses and a refresher grammar course for international students. I also help students with texts they are translating.

**What are your future plans?**
I intend to stay where I am for the near future. I feel very lucky to have found a fixed position and I enjoy what I do. I can imagine returning to academic study in the future as I do miss it. I may do a Master’s in linguistics or German literature.

**Do you have any other happy memories of Kent?**
Performing Verdi’s *Requiem* in Canterbury Cathedral in front of over 800 people is something I’ll never forget.

**What advice would you give to someone coming to Kent?**
Firstly, do some research: read up on the modules to see if there is something that interests you and try and study a variety of topics. Secondly, start as you mean to go on. Apply yourself fully from the beginning, get the most out of your time at university and you’ll thank yourself in your final year.

Lastly, I hadn’t been to Canterbury before I studied there; I was surprised at how nice a place it is and how quickly I felt at home.
CHOOSING YOUR PROGRAMME

Not sure which German programme to choose? Here’s a guide to the degrees available within the School.

**German**
www.kent.ac.uk/ug/371
The single honours programme allows you to focus on German, although you do still have the option to take modules in other subjects.

**Joint honours**
A joint honours programme enables you to combine German with another subject. Study is divided 50:50 between your two honours subjects.

Joint honours are available with a range of other subjects, including:
- Art History (RV23)
- Asian Studies (TR42)
- Classical & Archaeological Studies (QR82)
- Comparative Literature (RQ22)
- Drama (RW24)
- English and American Literature (QR32)
- English Language and Linguistics (RQ23)
- Film (RW26)
- French (RR12)
- Hispanic Studies (RR24)
- History (RV21)
- Italian (RR23)
- Management (NR12)
- Philosophy (RVF5)
- Religious Studies (RV26)

You can take German as part of a joint honours programme even if you are a complete beginner. This intensive programme allows students to join the Learning German 5 module when they return from their year abroad.

Our joint honours are four-year programmes with a year working or studying abroad. If you are studying two languages, you split your year abroad between two relevant countries. Study is normally divided 50:50 between your two honours subjects.

To download a leaflet on your chosen joint honours subject, go to www.kent.ac.uk/courses/undergraduate/leaflets

**Other degree programmes**

**European Studies (German)**
www.kent.ac.uk/ug/133
In this programme, you study European society and politics, and European culture with literature or history, plus German. You spend your third year studying or working abroad.

**European Studies (Combined Languages)**
www.kent.ac.uk/ug/125
In this programme, you study European society and politics, and European culture with literature or history, plus two European languages. You spend your third year studying or working abroad, splitting the year between two relevant countries.
Your studies are divided into three stages. Stages 1, 2 and 3. You take your year abroad between Stages 2 and 3.

Alongside your language modules, you take modules on German history, politics and culture.

Teaching and assessment
Teaching is by lectures and seminars. You also use extensive technical facilities, including several satellite TV channels, CDs and DVDs in addition to computer-assisted learning material.

At Stage 1, German modules are assessed by either 100% coursework (essays, class participation) or a combination of coursework and examination.

In Stages 2 and 3, depending on the modules you select, assessment varies from 100% coursework (extended essays or dissertation), to 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. 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
Language modules
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).

You take the following culture modules:
• Varieties of German Writing (GE311)
• Images of Germany, 1945-1990 (GE312)
• Introduction to German Literature (in translation) (GE326)
• Post-1989 German Cinema (GE328).

Students at all levels may choose modules from elsewhere in the University. Joint honours students need to take compulsory modules from their chosen subjects; see the relevant subject leaflet for details.
Stage 2
At Stage 2, you continue your language modules based upon your level of learning from Stage 1.

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 at Stage 1, then you take:
• Learning German 4 (GE507).

You choose your remaining modules from a wide range of culture and literature modules some of which are available at Stages 2 and 3, including:
• German Extended Essay (Stage 2 only) (GE580)
• The German Novelle (GE573)
• Life after Modernism? An Introduction to Postmodernist Literature in Germany (GE587)
• The Lyric Imagination (GE571)
• Order and Madness: Classical German Literature (GE584)
• Wien-Berlin: Tales of Two Cities (GE589).

Any remaining credit may be taken as wild modules from elsewhere in the University. Joint honours students take compulsory modules from their chosen subjects; see the relevant subject leaflet for details.

Year abroad
Your year abroad takes place between Stages 2 and 3. If you are taking a joint honours programme including two languages, you split your year between two relevant countries. For details, see p13.

Stage 3
You continue to combine language learning with cultural and literary modules, and there is scope to write a supervised dissertation.

At Stage 3, you take the following language module:
• Learning German 5 (GE503).

At Stage 3, you may also choose:
• Applied Language Skills (GE594)
• German Dissertation (GE506)
• Languages in the Classroom (SCL502).

You take further modules focusing on culture and literature from those listed at Stage 2.

At both Stages 2 and 3, it is also possible to take optional modules from elsewhere in the University. One we would recommend is:
• European Political Cinema (SCL504).

Joint honours students take compulsory modules from their other subject; please see the relevant subject leaflet for details.
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 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 German students, their year abroad is a life-changing and rewarding experience. It is a time when they start to dream and think in German. Having risen to the challenge of living in another country, they have a renewed belief in their ability to succeed.

Many language 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 doing research into possible career opportunities.

Partner universities
Your year abroad takes place between Stages 2 and 3 of your degree. You can choose to spend your time in Germany, Austria, or German-speaking parts of Switzerland at exchange universities with which we have partnership agreements. Alternatively, you might choose to work as a language assistant in a school, or in other types of employment.

If you are studying German as a joint honours degree with another European language, you spend half of your year abroad in a German-speaking country and half in the other country.

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

Advice and support
Kent’s International Partnerships team 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. It offers advice on practical issues, such as destinations and finance, before you go away, keeps in touch with you while you are away and offers support when you return. The team can also put you in touch with students who attended your chosen university or location, so that you can get feedback from them.

If you choose to spend your year in Germany or Austria, you may be eligible for an Erasmus grant. Students studying in Switzerland may be eligible for a grant through the scheme operated by the Swiss government. For more information, 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 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 audio 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
Location
Canterbury

Award
BA (Hons)

Programme type
Full-time and part-time

Degree programme

Single honours
• German (R220)
• European Studies (German) (R290)

Joint honours
German and...
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• Hispanic Studies (RR24)
• History (RV21)
• Italian (RR23)
• Management (NR12)
• Philosophy (RVF5)
• Religious Studies (RV26)

Offer levels
Single honours
BBB at A level, IB Diploma 34 points overall or 15 points at HL

Joint honours
ABB-BBB at A level, IB Diploma 34 points overall or 15/16 points at HL, including 4 at HL or 5 at SL in a second language

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

For students taking dual foreign language degrees, at least one language should be passed at A level grade B.

Year abroad
Students spend a year studying or working in Germany, Austria, or a German-speaking area of Switzerland. See p13 for more details.

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

Offer levels and entry requirements are subject to change. For the latest information see www.kent.ac.uk/ug
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www.kent.ac.uk/visit