GERMAN
Canterbury
Do you want to learn about Germany and become fluent in German? At Kent, you study not only the language but also history, society and culture. From *Sturm und Drang* to the film and literature of the 21st century, you gain a fascinating insight into the country’s past as well as its present.
WHY STUDY GERMAN AT KENT?

**Inspirational teaching**
Great teachers inspire enthusiasm and provoke debate. Whether leading a language class or introducing you to German modernism, our staff are skilled at bringing their subject to life. They share their research and challenge you to contribute your ideas.

**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 Germany and Austria, so you have plenty of exciting options for your year abroad. Alternatively, we can also help you to arrange a work placement abroad, as a language assistant, for instance.

**World-leading research**
Our staff have close links with research organisations in Germany and Austria and with Kent’s Centre for Modern European Literature. They write books, contribute to journals, present at international conferences and introduce you to the latest research.

**Friendly community**
You study German alongside students studying French, 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.

**Flexible programme**
Studying German at Kent isn’t just about learning the language – you also explore literature, film and history. Many of your modules are optional, allowing you to tailor your programme to your interests and immerse yourself in German culture.

**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.

**German for business**
German is widely understood in central and eastern Europe, making it valuable for communicating across international borders. Fluency in German is increasingly sought by employers and opens career options, both in the UK and abroad.

**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.
Support for language fluency

At Kent we offer you excellent support to become a fluent German speaker, whether the language is completely new to you or you have studied it for several years. As well as learning German grammar and vocabulary with specialist lectors, you work with language assistants to develop your spoken German. You can also be paired up with a native German speaker to get together over Kaffee und Kuchen for a chat. 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.

National Student Survey 2018
• Over 87% of final-year German students who responded to the survey were satisfied with the overall quality of their course.

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
Beth McIntyre is in her second year and is studying German and French. This is what she told us about her course.

Why did you choose to study languages at Kent?
I’ve always wanted to travel and work abroad. I’d been learning both German and French since Year 7 at school and I loved them both so that’s why I decided to study joint honours. I chose Kent because it was definitely the best campus I looked at, the lecturers were really welcoming and knowledgeable at the open day and the modules looked really interesting too.

How is your course going?
The German course is quite literature-based and I didn’t think I’d enjoy that as much as I do, because language is what interests me. But the modules are really engaging. Last term I did a module on German short stories and enjoyed learning about different authors and the different techniques they use. We had to do a commentary, which is a detailed reading of the text, where you focus on the specific language the author uses to convey their meaning. This term I’ve started a module on German Expressionism so we’ll be studying work produced over a short period of time instead of a long one. In the first year I was able to choose elective modules and I took one on East Asian traditions. I enjoyed studying a subject outside of languages.

How easy it is to manage your work on a joint honours course?
It’s fine – I’ve been learning the two languages alongside each other for nine years, so I’m used to it. If I spend three hours on French grammar practice, I make sure I spend three hours practising German grammar too.

What do you think of your lecturers?
It’s a small department so you know you are going to be taught by all of them, and they are all great. My academic adviser also teaches me for German language, which is helpful because it means he knows me and my work really well. We don’t have lectures as such. The lecturer talks for maybe half an hour, then he gives us questions to discuss in small groups and feed back, then he builds on those ideas with us. It’s more engaging being taught this way.

What are your plans for your year abroad?
As I’m doing joint honours, I’m going to split the year between studying at a French university and working as a British Council language assistant in Austria. I’ve never been to Austria and I’m interested to learn about the German spoken outside Germany.

How do you spend your spare time?
I’m head of music for the radio station on campus, Community Student Radio. We have a proper studio in the Student Media Centre. I’m really into music; I love finding music that no one’s heard of yet. When I joined, the idea of being on air terrified me, so I learned how to produce the shows, writing the scripts and getting the songs together. As time’s gone on, I’ve got more confident about going on air and now I’d like to present my own show. A lot of people from the local community work at the radio station, too, and I really like that.

Have you got plans yet for after you graduate?
I’d like to work in education – not necessarily teaching. Radio is another possibility. I’m quite obsessed with collecting points for the Employability Points scheme [see p14] because I’d like to earn enough to do an internship shadowing a civil servant. There are loads of different ways to collect points – I’ve got them for being a committee member, doing a show, and I’m also a Rainbow and Brownie leader here in Canterbury!

Any advice for someone thinking of coming to Kent?
Put yourself out there. It’s tempting to just meet a few people and stick with them, but you change a lot while you’re at university. You really need to join societies, try something new – like the radio!
CHOOSING YOUR DEGREE

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

German (single honours) www.kent.ac.uk/ug/371
Taking a single honours degree in German 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 German-speaking country so you really get to know 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 German with a range of other subjects. Study is divided 50:50 between your two honours subjects. As on our single honours programmes, you spend a year working or studying abroad.

To find out more about the following programmes, go to www.kent.ac.uk/ug and add the course code shown below:
• Comparative Literature (/345)
• French (/328)
• Hispanic Studies (/207)
• History (/341)
• Italian (/342)
• Management (/1910).

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
As well as compulsory German language modules, you study modules on history, politics and culture.

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

Teaching and assessment
Teaching is by lectures and seminars. We make extensive use of audio, video and computer-assisted language learning facilities.

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

At Stages 2 and 3, depending on the modules you select, assessment varies from 100% coursework 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. 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 German at A level take:
• German Lower Intermediate B1 (GE301).

Those who have not studied German at A level take:
• German Beginners A1-A2 (Intensive) (GE329).

All students also take:
• Images of Germany, 1945-2000 (GE312)
• Introduction to German Literature (in translation) (GE326)
• Post-1989 German Cinema (GE328)
• Varieties of German Writing (GE311).

Elective modules (single honours)
Students choose up to two elective modules from other subject areas across the University.

Joint honours
Joint honours students take the language module appropriate to their proficiency and at least one German optional module. They also take the modules required for their other subject (see the course information at www.kent.ac.uk/ug for more details) and may have the opportunity to study 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 level of proficiency.

Those who took German Lower Intermediate B1 (GE301) at Stage 1 now take:
• German Upper Intermediate B2 (GE507).

Those who took German Beginners A1-A2 (GE329) at Stage 1 now take:

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

German optional modules include:
• Cultures of Sustainability (SCL505)
• From Gutenberg to Facebook: How Technology and Media Shaped German History (GE553)
• German Expressionism 1910-1925 (GE591)
• German Extended Essay (GE580)
• The German Novelle (GE573)
• The Lyric Imagination (GE571)
• Order and Madness: Classical German Literature (GE584).

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YOUR STUDY PROGRAMME (CONT)

Joint honours
Joint honours students take the German language module appropriate to their proficiency, plus two German 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 as 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)
All students take the following language module:
• German Advanced C1 (GE503).

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

German optional modules include:
• Applied Language Skills: Writing in German in the Public and Professional Contexts (GE594)
• German Dissertation (GE506)
• Languages in the Classroom (SCL502) (Note that entry to this module involves a selection process.)
• Life after Modernism: an Introduction to Contemporary Literature in Germany (GE588).

Joint honours
Joint honours students take the German language module plus at least one German optional module. They also take the modules required for their other subject and may have the opportunity to study elective modules from other subject areas across the University.

“I was a British Council language assistant. 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.”

Vikki Brown
German and History
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 languages 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 German as a joint honours degree with another European language, you spend half of your year in a German-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 Germany and Austria. 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 a 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 German-speaking countries. Work placements are another possibility: students find various types of employment in German-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. 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.

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:
• talking to your lecturers about any help you need in lectures or seminars
• arranging note-takers, signers and other support workers for you
• discussing exam access arrangements
• helping you with emotional, psychological or mental health issues
• applying for relevant funding to support you.

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

“...I realised that a few little tweaks could make all the difference. It’s great.”

Gaby Emson
Final-year student
A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE

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).

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 German 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.
Emma Salt graduated with a degree in German in 2018 and is now on an internship in Munich. This is what she told us about her studies, and life after Kent.

I was attracted to Kent because it describes itself as the UK’s European university, and I knew I was going to be in good hands studying German there.

The course was very diverse, covering subjects such as history, literature, philosophy, film, media, phonetics and translation. This sounds daunting, but actually it allowed me to choose exactly what I was interested in, while still being varied. My favourite modules included translation, learning about expressionism, post-modernism and German language in a public and professional context.

The support at Kent was very good. I clicked with both of my academic advisers and knew I could go to them with any problems. I also could not have asked for better support while writing my dissertation. The German department is small compared with some other departments, so you really get to know the staff on a personal level.

I spent my year abroad studying in Heidelberg. The classes in Germany were fairly similar to the ones in the UK. Making friends on your year abroad is not difficult, provided you put yourself out there and are willing to make friends and talk to people.

Everyone is in the same boat, which is reassuring. I met people from all over the world and it really was a wonderful experience.

The highlight was the opportunity to travel around Germany and other parts of Europe. With cheap buses, you really can go wherever you want. We travelled pretty much every weekend, whether it was near or far. The 12-hour bus journey to Venice was quite an achievement! I also went on a three-week rail trip between semesters with three friends who I met at the university in Heidelberg. This was one of the best experiences of my life.

The year abroad massively helped me in my final year – I returned pretty much fluent, more confident, and I had learnt about the culture, people and history in ways that are impossible to learn in the classroom or from a textbook.

My year in Germany also helped me to get started in my career, as I moved to Munich to do an internship after graduating. The internship is in translation and project managing, and I found it online. A typical day involves liaising with clients and teachers and organising and overseeing language courses in Munich and around the country.

Working in Germany has been a huge learning curve for me, as although I had the confidence from my year abroad, I didn’t have the support team of the University of Kent behind me this time. Despite this, I settled in fairly quickly. It has been hard work, but I think it has been worth it, as the experience I have gained is invaluable. My plans for the future remain uncertain because of Brexit, but I would love to continue to use my language skills in a professional setting – whatever that setting may be!

What are my best memories of Kent? This question is so difficult to answer because I could fill a novel! To name a few, however, my best memories are my year abroad, the countless different people and friends I met, nights out in The Venue [the campus club], being part of the netball club and achieving academically in ways I would never have thought I could.

To anyone thinking of coming to Kent, my advice would be to apply right now! Kent is such a wonderful university and I personally could not have asked for a better experience. With regards to studying German, I would say the same thing, if the content of the course is something that appeals to you. It really is such a rewarding course.

NEXT STEPS

Emm a Salt graduated with a degree in German in 2018 and is now on an internship in Munich. This is what she told us about her studies, and life after Kent.
COMING AND FIND OUT MORE

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 can 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

Contact us
If you would like more information on Kent’s courses, facilities or services, please contact us on:
T: +44 (0)1227 768896
www.kent.ac.uk/ug

* Programme of events varies according to subject.
COMING AND FIND OUT MORE (CONT)

**Location**
Canterbury

**Awards**
BA (Hons)

**Programme type**
Full-time

**Degree programmes**

**Single honours**
- German (R220)

**Joint honours**
Joint honours are available with a range of subjects:
- Comparative Literature (RQ22)
- French (RR12)
- Hispanic Studies (RR24)
- History (RV21)
- Italian (RR23)
- Management (NR12)

**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 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 at one of our exchange universities in Germany or Austria. See p11 for 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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COME AND VISIT US

To find out more about visiting the University, see our website:
www.kent.ac.uk/visit