HISTORY AT KENT

Any study of history engages a natural human curiosity about the past. And here, at Kent, whatever your interests, you’re sure to find something exciting to explore within our wide selection of modules. The local area is equally inspiring; you’ll be based in a city that’s world-famous for its medieval streets and, of course, Canterbury Cathedral.
WHY STUDY HISTORY AT KENT?

**Professional network**
We have excellent links with the National Trust as well as local heritage organisations, including: Canterbury Cathedral Library and Archives, The Beaney House of Art and Knowledge, Canterbury Archaeological Trust, and the Royal Engineers Museum.

**Academic support**
University is different to school. You need to be self-motivated and well organised to succeed. We help by assigning you an academic tutor and organising peer mentoring. You can also get help with academic skills, such as essay writing, from the University’s dedicated service.

**Inspirational teaching**
Great teachers inspire and challenge. Whether they’re lecturing on the Reformation or sparking a discussion on the tools of empire, our staff are skilled at bringing their subject to life and drawing you into the conversation.

**Our historic setting**
The city of Canterbury is steeped in the past with its medieval history still apparent in its many ancient streets and buildings. Canterbury Cathedral, St Augustine’s Abbey and St Martin’s Church together are recognised as a World Heritage Site.

**World-leading research**
You learn from leading experts. Our staff undertake research of international quality, write and contribute to journal articles and books, are active practitioners and provide expert comment to the media. They put you in touch with the latest ideas.

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

**Great location**
The city of Canterbury combines medieval buildings, traditional pubs, modern bars and restaurants and chain and independent shops. London is less than an hour away by high-speed train or you can be in Paris or Brussels in around two hours.

**Special study resources**
As a historian at Kent, you have access to many inspirational resources, including the British Cartoon Archive; a set of British official histories of both world wars, and access to rare books and manuscripts at Canterbury Cathedral Library and Archives.

**Career success**
Employability is a priority at Kent. By studying, you sharpen skills that are useful in working life, such as time management and developing an argument. You have opportunities to gain work experience, and access to careers advice, boosting your CV and your confidence.
Here at Kent you have plenty of scope to choose the areas you find the most inspiring. With a huge range of modules on offer, you have the freedom to explore your passions and discover new ones. We cover historic periods ranging from ancient times to the Cold War and beyond. Topics range from the impact of science on 19th-century culture to the totalitarian regimes of Stalin's Russia and Hitler's Third Reich. And to keep things fresh and exciting, we also offer modules on unusual topics, such as the popular ‘Marvels, Monsters and Freaks’.

**Independent rankings**

The Times Good University Guide 2019
- History at Kent was ranked 20th overall (out of 95 UK universities).

National Student Survey 2018
- Over 93% of final-year History students who completed the survey were satisfied with the overall quality of their course.

Research Excellence Framework
- Based on the most recent Research Excellence Framework, Kent was ranked 8th for research intensity 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](http://www.kent.ac.uk/tef-statement)
Brooke Huxter is in the final year of her History degree.

What attracted you to Kent?
I liked the wide module range and the level of choice that you have. At Kent there is only one compulsory module and after that, I could study African history, American history, anything I wanted. Also, it’s not until you come here for an Open Day that you realise quite how beautiful the University is.

How was your first year at Kent?
The introductory module was called Making History and it gave me the background knowledge of historiography and taught me how to write a university essay, which was very helpful. After that, I chose to study the global history of empires which I’d never looked at before. It was very interesting and my lecturer was amazing – really enthusiastic and helpful.

The lecturers do bring the subject to life. When I studied Jack the Ripper in a module on Victorian Britain, we actually went to a surgical room in London to see how the Victorians would have investigated the murders. And we also have a cartoon archive in the library so, in the same module, we looked at some original political cartoons of Churchill – it’s a real piece of history that you’re holding in your hands.

What about study support?
I’ve always felt well supported. You’re given an academic advisor at the start and you can see that person whenever you want to. If you have any personal difficulties, the School’s wellbeing team are also very helpful.

How did your studies progress?
My second year, I felt more at home – there’s a jump in the workload but it’s not anything you can’t handle. I took a deeper look at American history including Buffalo Bill and the Wild West. I also did Marvels, Monsters and Freaks, which included topics such as ‘freak shows’ and circus acts – all very interesting.

How would you describe your fellow students?
Before I arrived, I was a bit nervous but everyone’s very welcoming. We have good seminar debates and I like hearing other people’s ideas. Because the campus is so diverse, with lots of international students, you have the chance to talk to other people and learn about their cultures, which is fascinating.

How do you spend your spare time at Kent?
The social atmosphere on campus is great. The bars and restaurants and sports facilities are good and I go to our campus nightclub quite a bit and that’s really fun. I’m also in the History Society and we go away for a trip every year: I’m off to Prague this January. I also do cheerleading – we support the sports teams, which is good fun! And I get involved in varsity week where we have a friendly competition with Canterbury Christ Church, our neighbouring university.

What about the location of Canterbury?
I love being in such an historic city. I did one module called the Art of Death and we got to do some research in the Canterbury Cathedral Archives, which is unique. Canterbury is also well known for the Canterbury Tales – when I was studying Chaucer we did a tour of the medieval streets.

How would you describe the facilities on campus?
They’re very good. The library has access to the history archives and special collections and the study hubs are useful too – both have plenty of computers and printing facilities. The accommodation is really nice. I lived in Park Wood and having Woody’s is good – you can go in there to socialise and there’s a shop on your doorstep. Kent also has a gym that’s not expensive and the Gulbenkian has a student cinema and theatre.

What are you hoping to do after graduation?
I’ve decided that I want to pursue a Master’s at Kent; the course here is outstanding and I like the lecturers in the School. Eventually I’d like to go on to do a PhD and become a university lecturer myself.

What advice would you give to other students?
Join societies and try new things: it’s good to get some new experiences!
Choosing Your Degree

Our History programme develops your knowledge of history in a highly flexible way. Because we offer such a wide range of modules, you can pursue your passions and discover new interests.

Single honours
History
www.kent.ac.uk/ug/85
This single honours degree is a three-year programme. Within it, you can choose to specialise in a range of historical periods or subjects. Because of its modular structure, you can tailor your degree to your own interests. This may be incredibly broad, or more focused on specific themes within history. For example, some students might choose to explore war and history (allowing you to examine conflict in different periods of history), history in film (considering cinema as a document and a construction of the past) or early modern studies (drawing on Kent's rich Tudor remains).

Joint honours
Joint honours are available with:
- Ancient, Medieval, and Modern History (Q801)
- Art History (VV13)
- Comparative Literature (QV21)
- Drama (VW14)
- English and American Literature (QV31)
- English, American and Postcolonial Literature (VQ13)
- English Language and Linguistics (VQ1H)
- Film (VW16)
- French (RV11)
- German (RV21)
- Hispanic Studies (RV41)
- Italian (RV31)
- Law (VM1C)
- Philosophy (VVC5)
- Politics (LV21)
- Religious Studies (VV61)
- Social Anthropology (LVP1).

Visit www.kent.ac.uk/ug to find out more about the joint honours programme you are interested in.

Other programmes
Military History
www.kent.ac.uk/ug/90
A degree in Military History allows you to tackle one of the most significant aspects of human behaviour – conflict and organised aggression. The programme examines war from a historical perspective and seeks to understand its influence on the development of human societies. The degree allows you to explore the moral and philosophical judgements on war, its operational art and conduct, and its political, social and cultural implications. Military History students may also choose many of the modules available on our standard History programmes.

International students
If you are applying from outside the UK without the necessary English language qualifications, you may be able to take the Kent International Foundation Programme (IFP). The Kent IFP can provide progression on to the history degree programmes. For more details, see www.kent.ac.uk/ifp

Further information
For details on all our programmes, see www.kent.ac.uk/ug
YEAR ABROAD/ PLACEMENT YEAR

At Kent, you have the opportunity to broaden your experience either by studying overseas or through a work placement.

Most students within the School of History can apply to spend a year studying abroad or on placement as part of their degree programme. The year usually takes place between the second and final years of study.

Year abroad
Going abroad as part of your degree is an amazing opportunity and a chance for you to develop academically, personally and professionally.

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. Having risen to the challenge of living in another country, they have a renewed belief in their ability to succeed.

Previous history students have spent their exchange year at universities in Canada, France, Hong Kong, Japan, South Africa and the USA. For the latest destinations, see our A to Z course list at www.kent.ac.uk/goabroad/opportunities/az.html

Placement year
The placement year provides the opportunity for you to gain experience in the workplace as part of your degree. The placement can be either paid work or an internship.

It gives you the opportunity to increase your contacts and networks so that you can hit the ground running when you graduate. If taken, the year is assessed on a pass/fail basis through employer feedback and a written report that you submit.

Tuition fees for the placement year are greatly reduced and employers may offer expenses or a salary.

There are many benefits to taking a placement year: it gives you the chance to gain some knowledge of the work environment, acquire new skills and develop your confidence.

For more information, see www.kent.ac.uk/humanities/studying/placement
YOUR STUDY PROGRAMME

Your studies are divided into stages. At Stage 1, your modules give you a broad background in the subject. At Stages 2 and 3, you develop specialised knowledge and skills.

Module information
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 the modules listed, go to: www.kent.ac.uk/courses/modules and search using the module code.

Stage 1
In Stage 1, your first year of full-time study, you take our compulsory module, Making History, and six optional modules of your choice.

Compulsory module:
• Making History (HI426).

Examples of our current optional modules include:
• New Worlds, Renaissance and Reformations: Early Modern Europe (1450-1600) (HI432)
• Globalisation, Enlightenment and Consumption: Early Modern Europe (1600-1750) (HI433)
• Early Medieval Europe (HI410)
• The Emergence of America: From European Settlement to 1880 (HI390)
• A Global History of Empires 1500-1850 (HI435)
• A Global History of Empires 1850-1960 (HI436)
• Introduction to the History of Medicine (HI385)
• Ten Technologies That Made Us Modern (HI434)
• Later Medieval Europe (HI411)
• Modern British History (HI430)
• Revolutionary Europe 1700-1850 (HI425)
• The Rise of the United States since 1880 (HI391)
• Victorian Britain: Politics, Society and Culture (HI416)
• War and Diplomacy in Europe, 1850-2000 (HI437).
Stages 2 and 3

Stages 2 and 3 represent the second and final years of full-time study. You can choose modules from a large range of options, linking closely to areas of academic expertise. (There are usually around 30 options each year.)

Some of our current optional modules include:
- African History since 1800 (HI5031)
- Anglo-French Relations 1904-1945 (HI6034)
- Armies at War 1914-1918 (HI5092)
- The Art of Death (HI789)
- The British Army and Empire c1750-1920 (HI6002)
- The British Atlantic World, c1580-1673 (HI6056)
- Cholera to Climate Change: Environment and Society in Modern Britain (HI5101)
- Churchill’s Army: The British Army in the Second World War (HI767)
- Civil War America, 1848-1877 (HI5102)
- Conflict in 17th-Century Britain
- The Crusades (HI613)
- Europe and the Islamic World, c1450-1750 (HI6009)
- Early Modern Europe: Culture, Identity, Encounter 1450-1750 (HI6025)
- From Crisis to Revolution: France 1774-1799 (HI6011)
- ‘The Jewel in the Crown’: India and the Making of Imperial Britain (HI5103)
- Law and Society in the Early Middle Ages (HI5105)
- Marvels, Monsters and Freaks, 1780-1920 (HI5075)
- Modern German History 1918-1990 (HI5096)
- Persecution, Repression and Resistance (HI6033)
- Science, Power and Politics in 20th-Century Britain (HI5022).

Special subjects

In your final year, there’s the chance to focus on a subject in detail, and be taught by world-class researchers in that specialist area.

Options may include:
- The Age of Discovery: Cultural Encounters in the Early Modern World c.14 (HI6040)
- British Politics 1625-1642 (HI6044)
- The Carolingians and the Invention of Order (HI7001)
- Empires of Religion (HI6030)
- Human Experiments and Human Rights During the Cold War (HI6061)
- The International History of the Vietnam Wars (HI7002)
- Literature and History: Text and Context in 19th-Century Science (HI6055)
- Napoleon and Europe (HI6024)
- Origins of the Second World War (HI6045)
- Sex, Health and Deviance in Britain since 1800 (HI6075)

Undergraduate Dissertation

In addition to your optional modules, you propose your own area of research and write a dissertation. During this process, you work closely with a supervising academic who has expertise in your chosen field.
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 in your first year, and they help you get the most from your degree programme. They meet with you regularly to discuss general academic issues or specific assignments. They will assist you in developing academic skills and refer you to other sources of help if you need it.

Peer support

The best advice often comes from people who’ve been in your situation. On our Academic Peer Mentoring scheme, first-year students can request to be matched with second- or third-year students on a similar degree programme.

Peer mentors will help you settle in to university life and find your feet. They can help you to discuss ideas and improve your study skills as you progress through your first year.

Study skills advice

Successful students take control of their own learning. Kent’s Student Learning Advisory Service (SLAS) can help you 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.

They are 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

“If I need any help, my academic advisor responds to emails quickly and will arrange a face-to-face meeting if necessary. The Student Learning Advisory Service is really good too – they can help when you’re first writing essays and show you how to reference things.”

Rebecca Noble
History with a Year Abroad
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 independently and as part of a team. These transferable skills are valued by employers and will also be 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
- learn a new language or skill with Study Plus.

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 work
Choosing to spend a year on professional placement can be a great way to make yourself more employable. Visit www.kent.ac.uk/humanities/studying/placement to find out more about the opportunities available.

Find a great job
Your degree can lead to a wide range of fascinating careers – our graduates work in a variety of media roles, including journalism, broadcasting, publishing and writing, as well as in teaching, banking, marketing and project management.

Your School supports you with employability events tailored to your degree, from exploring career options to presenting your skills and experience effectively to employers.

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).
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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 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

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

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

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

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 School of History at www.kent.ac.uk/history

Keep in touch with us via social media:
facebook.com/unikenthistory
instagram.com/unikenthistory
twitter.com/unikenthistory
YouTube: unikenthistory

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.
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For the University to operate efficiently, it needs to process information about you for administrative, academic and health and safety reasons. Any offer we make to you is subject to your consent to process such information and is a requirement in order for you to be registered as a student. All students must agree to abide by the University rules and regulations at: www.kent.ac.uk/regulations

**Location**
Canterbury.

**Award**
BA (Hons).

**Degree programme**

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www.kent.ac.uk/visit