WHAT IS HUMAN GEOGRAPHY?

Human Geography explores the behaviour of people and how this relates to the physical world. It provides a deep understanding of why the world is changing so quickly, and how these changes affect the environment, culture and economies at local, national and global scales.
# WHY STUDY HUMAN GEOGRAPHY AT KENT?

## Flexible programme
With access to a large suite of optional modules and scope to take ‘wild modules’ from across the University this course provides you with flexibility, choice, creativity and the opportunity to indulge your interests and passions.

## 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.

## Excellent resources
The School is equipped with teaching spaces, laboratories and a field trials area. The Templeman Library offers access to more than a million books, ebooks, databases and journals. There are thousands of study spaces and networked PCs across campus.

## A research community
Students thrive when inspired by research that makes an impact. Geography at Kent is nurtured by the work of the Kent Interdisciplinary Centre for Spatial Studies, which hosts events, including a distinguished annual lecture, on geography-related topics.

## An ideal location
Our Canterbury campus is not only scenic and rich in history, but well positioned for those with an interest in human geography. Kent is culturally diverse and our proximity to London and the continent allows us to maximise our research and business links.

## Work placements
Apply your learning to a work context. You can spend up to a year on a work placement with an organisation relevant to your degree, at home or abroad. This opportunity allows you to develop essential employability skills and add experience to your CV.

## Inspirational teaching
Great teachers inspire enthusiasm and provoke debate. Whether they’re lecturing on geopolitics or sparking debate on the human impact on the environment, our staff are skilled at bringing their subject to life and drawing you into the conversation.

## Practical field trips
Practical learning is a valuable part of your degree. Our field trips in the UK and abroad give you the chance to develop field skills and research techniques within a real-world situation. You also gain the experience of working as a team with your fellow students and staff.

## Career success
Employability is a priority at Kent. We provide our graduates with the rich set of skills needed for a dynamic career in business, government agencies, NGOs, education and development. Specialist and general skills are all embedded in your degree.
Future leadership scholarships

To celebrate the launch of our course in Human Geography, we are delighted to be able to award a scholarship of £2000 a year to selected students.

Offered for up to three years of study, the scholarships recognise academic excellence as well as the ability to contribute to the research community at Kent. For details of the criteria and application process, see www.kent.ac.uk/scholarships/search/undergraduate/

Independent rankings

School of Anthropology

The Guardian University Guide 2018
• 4th in the UK for student satisfaction in the related subject of Anthropology

National Student Survey
• Of students who graduated from Kent in 2016 in the related subject of Anthropology and Conservation, over 97% who responded to a national survey, were in work or further study within six months (DLHE).

University of Kent

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

The Guardian University Guide 2018
• 22nd in the UK

*The University of Kent’s Statement of Findings can be found at www.kent.ac.uk/tef-statement
YOUR STUDY PROGRAMME

How can human geographers make a difference to the world?
Your degree addresses this question by combining geography topics with contemporary and innovative teaching.

The degree has been designed to give you a strong core of geography knowledge in areas such as sustainability and environmental change. The topics are delivered in ways that are practical, creative and challenging.

Developing knowledge and skills for your future employment is a core principle of the degree. Each module has opportunities for you to develop and strengthen your competence as a geographer and gain skills sought by employers such as: analytical writing, oral presentations, team-working, leadership, initiative and time management. It also gives you an excellent grounding in the social sciences with opportunities to conduct independent research.

Please note that the module lists below are not fixed as new modules are always in development and choices updated yearly. See www.kent.ac.uk/ug for the most up-to-date information.

Stage 1
Stage 1 covers the first year of your degree programme. This stage focuses on foundational knowledge, study skills and practical field experiences.

Compulsory modules
- People and Place
- Geographies of Environmental Change
- Geographical Patterns and Processes
- Environmental Sustainability
- Academic Skills

Optional modules
Students then choose further modules from:
- Green Planet
- Animals, People and Plants.

Further module options are available from a wide range on offer in the School and as ‘wild modules’ from across the University.
Stages 2 and 3

Stages 2 and 3 are the second and final years of your degree. In Stage 2 you deepen your understanding of how people, place and space are fundamentally connected. Stage 3 brings together your knowledge of the complex, dynamic interactions between humans and their environment.

All students take the following compulsory modules in Stage 2:
- Spatial Analysis: Principles and Methods
- Methods and Fieldwork in Social Science
- History and Philosophy of Geography
- Geographies of Environmental Management

During Stage 3, the compulsory modules are:
- Critical Geopolitics
- Geographies of Tourism and Development
- Research Project.

Options at Stages 2 and 3 include environmental modules:
- Climate Change and Conservation
- Creative Conservation
- Environment and Culture
- Environmental Policy and Practice
- Environmental Politics
- Environmental Law
- The Human-Environment Nexus
- Inviting Doomsday: US Environmental Problems in the Twentieth Century

Other optional modules include:
- The Anthropocene: Planetary Crisis and the Age of Humans
- The Anthropology of Amazonia
- The Anthropology of China
- Anthropology of Development
- Geography Residential Overseas Field Trip (Stage 3)
- Nature and Community
- European Societies
- Urban Sociology.

Further options are available from a wide range of modules on offer in the School and as ‘wild modules’ from across the University.
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, who helps you to get the most from your degree programme. They meet with you regularly to discuss general academic issues or specific assignments. They also assist you in developing academic skills and can 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. Through 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 subjects 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

“The lecturers are supportive and happy to help if you get stuck. They are also engaging and encourage open discussion and debate.”

Treya Picking
School of Anthropology and Conservation
At Kent, you have the opportunity to broaden your experience through a work placement.

Human Geography students who choose to take a placement will usually spend six to 12 months gaining experience in the workplace. The experience can be either paid work or an internship.

Some exciting placements taken by students within the School include:

- Environmental Project Co-ordinator at Afzelia Limited in Lusaka, Zambia
- Project Officer at White Cliffs Countryside Partnership in Dover
- Intern at the United Nations in Bonn, Germany
- Intern at Forum for the Future in London
- Supply Chain Industrial Placement at L’Oréal, Nottingham
- Data intern at Freeland Consultants in New Delhi, India.

There are many benefits to taking a placement. It gives you the chance to increase your contacts and networks, allowing you to hit the ground running when you graduate. It also enables you to gain knowledge of the work environment, match the skills acquired through university to the job market and acquire new skills. Our students usually come back brimming with confidence.

How it works

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

While on a placement, you are still a student, with access to student finance (if you are eligible).

If taken, the year is assessed through employer feedback and a written report that you submit. Together these contribute 10% towards your degree.
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 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 with a 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
The Year in Professional Practice allows you to immerse yourself in the work environment for up to a year. The University also offers the Kent Student Certificate for Volunteering, Platinum Award which recognises work placements in the public or voluntary sector and is awarded as credit towards your degree. (Please note that there is a selection process for this module.)

Find a great job
Your degree can lead to a wide range of fascinating careers. You are able to develop skills that are in high demand in fields such as nature conservation, town and country planning, environmental protection, sustainable development, environmental consultancy, tourism, international aid and development.

Visit the University’s 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: just six months after graduating in 2016, more than 96% of Kent graduates who responded to a national survey were in work or further study (DLHE).
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, other study opportunities 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 spring term 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.

* Programme of events varies according to subject.
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 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

**Explore online**
Find out more about the academic team, the course and events in the School at www.kent.ac.uk/sac

You can also keep in touch with the School via social media: www.facebook.com/unikentsac www.twitter.com/kentsac

**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

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**Funding**
Applicants to this degree in 2019/20 are invited to apply for our Future Leadership Scholarships. These merit-based scholarships award £2000 a year for three years to selected students. For more details, see p5.

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

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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
COME AND VISIT US

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