ITALIAN
Canterbury
"La città di Roma, con il suo fascino storico e artistico, è un luogo di preferenza per tutti coloro che amano la vita in città. I suoi monumenti, i suoi palazzi, i suoi ponti, e soprattutto il suo spirito, hanno un fascino indiscusso. Roma è un po' come un libro aperto, che racconta storie attraverso le sue case, le sue strade, le sue piazze. Ogni angolo della città, con i suoi colori vivaci, le sue luci, le sue ombre, è un po' un racconto in sospeso, un po' una canzone in ritardo. Eppure, Roma non è soltanto un racconto, è una città che si vive. È una città che si sente, che si ascolta, che si tocca. Eppure, Roma è anche un po' una città che si sente sognare. Si sente sognare con il suo spirito, con il suo cuore, con il suo respiro. È una città che si sente sognare, che si sente sognare, che si sente sognare..."
ITALIAN AT KENT

At Kent, you have the opportunity to learn Italian even if you never studied the language before. Alongside your language classes, you explore the rich literature, film, music and history of modern Italy. You gain a fascinating insight into the country’s contemporary society and culture.
WHY STUDY ITALIAN AT KENT?

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

**World-leading research**
Our staff are expert in modern Italian literature and culture, and in contemporary Italian society and politics. They write books, contribute to journals, present at international conferences and introduce you to the latest research.

**Year abroad opportunities**
We have partnerships with a number of universities in Italy so you have plenty of exciting options for your year abroad. We can also help you to arrange a place as a language assistant or other work in Italy.

**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.

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

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

**Historic location**
Canterbury is a lovely city with a world-famous cathedral, medieval buildings, lively pubs and restaurants and a wide range of shops. There’s a vibrant cultural scene, including an annual arts festival, and the coast and countryside are within easy reach.

**Flexible programme**
Studying elective modules from other subject areas allows you to tailor your programme to your interests. Complement your study of modern Italy by learning about Ancient Rome; pursue your love of film by exploring film theory. There is a huge range of opportunities.

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

At Kent we offer you excellent support to become a fluent Italian speaker, whether the language is completely new to you or you have already been learning it for several years. The majority of our staff are native speakers, and our Erasmus+ trainees run conversation clubs and translation ‘surgeries’. We can also pair you up with fellow students who are native Italian speakers so that you can get together to chat over un caffè e una pasta. Your year abroad is an opportunity to put your learning into practice and become proficient in the language of everyday Italian life.

Independent rankings

The Complete University Guide 2020
• Italian at Kent is ranked 2nd overall.

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 88% of final-year Italian 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, 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
Orla Cura is in her final year, studying Italian and English and American Literature*. This is what she told us about her Italian studies.

Why did you choose to study Italian?
Italian is my dad’s first language. He didn’t speak it with us but I’m used to hearing my grandmother speaking Italian – I could usually understand her but I couldn’t respond. So I thought it would be a good idea to come to university to study the language, study the culture and get a better grounding in the subject than I had picked up from my family background.

What made you choose Kent?
I went to school in Kent so I saw posters about the University and we had a talk from some student ambassadors. I looked at the links the University has with overseas partners and the opportunities for the year abroad – I wanted to know how international the University is because of my course. The other reason was that I could study Italian from beginner level, which not all universities offer.

How is your course going?
We do a language module and some culture modules, where we study the period from the unification of Italy in the mid-19th century to the modern day. We study a lot of film and literature. This term I’m doing an elective module too, on classical literature – although we don’t study Italian culture back into antiquity, there are lots of classical references in the works we do cover so I thought it would help me to get a deeper understanding. My favourite module is one I took in second year on the Italian short story – it was really, really interesting.

What are your lecturers like?
I love my lecturers, I think they’re great! As it’s a small department, I know them all fairly well – they’re really approachable, friendly and knowledgeable.

What about the other students on your course?
A lot of us have members of our extended families who are Italian and we want to be able to speak to them. In the first year there was a pretty even mix of beginners, like me, and people who had studied the language for A level.

How did you spend your year abroad?
I did the British Council language assistantship in the Emilio-Romagna region of Italy – it’s the area my dad is from, which was handy. I taught in three different schools, delivering lessons on language and culture in English, and I also taught subject lessons in English – two or three music classes, science, geography and history.

Has your year abroad helped with your course this year?
Oh, definitely. One of my colleagues at school had a niece my age, who was home from university every weekend, and she introduced me to her friends. So although it was a small town, I was lucky to have a group of people my own age. Although I’ve struggled with confidence when speaking, I’ve definitely improved. My comprehension is also much, much better.

It was helpful to see in practice a lot of the stuff we talked about in our culture classes as well. For instance, the way women are represented, even on the news, is very different in Italy compared with the UK, so that was interesting.

What are your plans for next year?
I’ve been accepted to do an MA in publishing at UCL. I’d love to work on an international journal, where I can use my language skills.

Any advice for someone thinking of coming to Kent?
Getting to know your lecturers is important. Do your work for them in class and go to see them during their office hours if you need them. Take part in the peer mentoring scheme, too – I mentor a first year. She comes to me with work she hasn’t quite understood and we go over the language, grammar and things like that.

* Please note this joint honours combination is not currently available.
CHOOSING YOUR DEGREE

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

Italian
www.kent.ac.uk/ug/108
Italian is a full-time four-year single honours degree. Choosing a single honours degree allows you to focus in great depth on your subject. As well as studying the language, you also study Italian literature, culture and society.

Joint honours and other degree programmes
On a joint honours programme you can combine Italian with a range of other subjects. Study is normally 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:
• Classical & Archaeological Studies (/276)
• Comparative Literature (/223)
• English Language and Linguistics (/220)
• French (/367)
• German (/342)
• Hispanic Studies (/356)
• History (/362)
• Management (/1911).

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 Italian language modules, you study modules on literature and film and explore wider Italian 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 a mix of lectures and seminars. You also use audio, video and computer-assisted language learning facilities.

Stage 1 modules in Italian are assessed by 100% coursework.

For 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 Italian at A level take:
- Italian Lower Intermediate B1 (IT308).

Students who have not studied Italian at A level take:
- Italian Beginners A1-A2 (Intensive) (IT301).

All students take:
- An Introduction to Italian Cinema: Neorealism and its Legacy (IT312)
- An Introduction to Italian Modernity (IT315).

Elective modules (single honours)

Single honours students take elective modules from other subject areas across the University.

Joint honours

Joint honours students take the same compulsory modules as single honours students (see above), along with the modules required for their other subject (see the course information at www.kent.ac.uk/ug for more details).

Stage 2

Compulsory modules (single honours)

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

Those who took Italian Lower Intermediate B1 at Stage 1 now take:
- Italian Upper Intermediate B2 (IT563).

Those who took Italian Beginners A1-A2 at Stage 1 now take:

Optional and elective modules (single honours)

Students choose a combination of optional Italian modules from the Department of Modern Languages and elective modules from other subject areas across the University.

Optional Italian modules include:
- Catching the Tide: Cultural Renewal in 20th-Century Italy (IT556)
- Cultures of Sustainability (SCL505)
- Italian Short Story (IT552)
- Musica Maestro! Music and Society in Modern Italy (IT578).
YOUR STUDY PROGRAMME (CONT)

Joint honours
Joint honours students take the Italian language module appropriate to their proficiency (IT563 or IT508), plus up to two optional Italian modules. They also take the modules required for their other subject. They may have the opportunity to study elective modules from other subject areas across the University.

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)
The final-year language module is:
• Italian Advanced C1 (IT506).

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

Optional Italian modules include:
• Istantanea: Photography and Visual Culture in Modern and Contemporary Italy (IT564)
• Italian Cinema and Literature (IT548)
• Italian Dissertation (IT503)
• Italian Regional Cinema (IT577)
• Languages in the Classroom (SCL502) (Note that entry to this module involves a selection process.)

Joint honours
Joint honours students take the Italian language module appropriate to their proficiency (IT563 or IT508), plus up to two optional Italian modules. They also take the modules required for their other subject. They may have the opportunity to study elective modules from other subject areas across the University.

“The department is small and the lecturers know us well. They are passionate about what they do, and do everything they can to make their teaching interesting and relatable.”

Alice Cripps
Italian
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 Italian as a joint honours degree with another European language, you spend half of your year in an Italian-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 several universities in Italy. 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

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 Italy. Other types of work placement are also a possibility.

Assessment

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

Advice and support

Our specialist staff provide advice and support to help you decide what you want to do and where you want to go during your year abroad. We offer advice on all the practical issues you have to consider – such as destinations and finance – before you go away, keep in touch with you while you are away and offer support when you return. We can also put you in touch with students who attended the university or location you are going to, so that you can get feedback from them.

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

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

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

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

You are assigned an academic adviser each year 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.

“Peer mentoring is definitely a useful scheme. We meet whenever my mentee needs anything explained that she hasn’t quite understood in class. If she wants to go over language or grammar, we sit down and do exercises together.”

Orla Cura
Peer mentor

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
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 Italian is valuable in many professions. Employers look for people with transferable skills like these, which are also vital if you go on to further study.

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

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

Experience the world of work

By taking a part-time job alongside your degree studies, you gain skills and experience as well as earning money – you might even get inspiration for your future career. Kent Union’s JobShop posts vacancies within the University and local area on the Kent Union website and on social media. Another option is a longer-term work placement – see p11 for more details.

Find a great job

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

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

I was initially awarded a place at Kent through clearing; however, I truly believe that going to Kent was one of the best choices I have ever made. I began studying single honours French but soon found I had some spare credits. I then met the passionate and encouraging staff of the Italian department and was quickly persuaded to take up the language. I loved having the opportunity to learn about a new culture and learn a language from scratch at university.

The course was intensive, invigorating and extremely refreshing. I enjoyed how diverse each seminar was, and my favourite modules were the language-based ones, which incorporated grammar, translation and oral classes. The grammar classes grew more and more complex as the degree progressed but that only gave me more motivation to push myself to learn more and work hard. Oral classes, on the other hand, were challenging but rewarding as I was encouraged by my lecturers to try my best to express myself in Italian and they instilled the confidence in me to do so.

The lecturers were inspiring and very interesting individuals as they had all done extensive research in their subjects. They clearly loved what they did, making it all the more appealing for us students.

At Kent, you are given an academic adviser whom you can arrange a meeting with any time. It was always comforting to know that I could approach any of my lecturers, too. Your lecturers see you most days: they care about your wellbeing and your academic progress.

I spent my year abroad studying at universities in both France and Italy. I spent half the time in Montpellier, France, and the rest in Pavia, a charming town just south of Milan. Both experiences further inspired my passion for languages; I even picked up modules in Vedic Sanskrit and Russian while there. In Italy, I gained confidence in speaking the language and this proved very useful for my last year at Kent.

Once home, I found a summer job working for a Tuscan villa rental company based in Kent. Luckily, I managed to get a job with the same company once I graduated. I started working as a liaison between the sales team, clients and the villa owners, which involved using my Italian. After a few months, my role progressed and I now lead the team that rents our villas to English-speaking clients. I regularly use my Italian, and I also work occasionally for our French sales team.

A typical day at work would involve phone calls and emails with potential clients, multilingual conversations with my Italian and French colleagues and ensuring that positivity levels are high within my team.

In the future, I plan on working in many different roles, but I hope that they will all involve the use of foreign languages. Ideally, I would like to work in a global environment that is helping to reduce the impact of climate change, either with regards to policy or working for an NGO. The state of our climate is very worrying and hopefully my various languages will mean that I can be useful in tackling these issues.

My advice for someone considering modern languages at Kent? Be open minded. There are so many options available to you in terms of different modules and different areas of study. You can adapt your degree to your interests and spend some very valuable time learning more about your chosen subject and yourself as an individual. Like me, you may begin university just knowing that you enjoy learning languages, but then graduate feeling like those languages are part of your identity and that they can open many doors for you.
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/unikentsccl
• 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.
COME AND FIND OUT MORE (CONT)

Location
Canterbury

Awards
BA (Hons)

Programme type
Full-time

Degree programmes

Single honours
• Italian (R300)

Joint honours
Joint honours are available with a wide range of subjects:
• Classical and Archaeological Studies (QR83)
• Comparative Literature (QR23)
• English Language and Linguistics (RQ33)
• French (RR13)
• German (RR23)
• Hispanic Studies (RR43)
• History (RV31)
• Management (NR13)

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 Italy. 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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www.kent.ac.uk/visit