



ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS

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English Language and Linguistics (ELL) at Kent is a dynamic and growing department, specialising in experimental and theoretical linguistics, sociolinguistics and stylistics.

In particular, our staff are recognised for their research on first and second language recognition, language variation and change, pragmatics, speech and language processing, and stylistics, as well as in formal areas, such as morphology, syntax and semantics. In addition to English and its varieties, our staff work in French and its dialects, German, Greek, Korean, Romani, Russian and Spanish.

Taught programmes

MA in Linguistics

The MA in Linguistics at Kent is designed for graduates with a background in language and related areas (for example, English, modern or classical languages, linguistics, psychology, anthropology) looking to explore in depth the theory and methodology of linguistics, from the study of sound (phonetics and phonology) to the study of words (morphology), sentences (syntax) and meaning (semantics and pragmatics).

The programme also offers a variety of options: first and second language acquisition, psycholinguistics, sociolinguistics,

stylistics and syntax, allowing you to delve deeper into your own areas of interest. The programme offers a smooth transition to doctoral work for those who wish to pursue their studies further.

Studying for this MA gives you the opportunity to develop your own areas of interest and expertise, and engage with the latest research and scholarship.

MA Language and Literature

Kent's new MA in Language and Literature is a unique interdisciplinary combination of the disciplines of linguistics and literature, combining theoretical and applied linguistic interests, with particular emphasis in this case on literary stylistics, alongside the study of literature.

In the autumn and spring terms, you take modules in Research Skills, Meaning, Literary Stylistics, and Literature and Theory. You supplement these with further modules in either linguistics or literature. Following these taught modules, in the summer you combine principles from both subject areas in your dissertation.

MA in Applied Linguistics for Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

The MA in Applied Linguistics for TESOL is aimed at teachers who are at the beginning of their careers and those who have more experience but would like to develop, deepen and enhance their knowledge, skills and practice.

The programme covers the areas of linguistics that inform classroom practice (such as syntax, morphology, semantics, pragmatics and phonetics), raising awareness of these fields and applying them to TESOL.

Practical teaching opportunities are a feature of the programme, including teaching to your peer group and international students from other programmes. There is also an opportunity to visit a local language college and observe classes.

Research programme

PhD in Linguistics

A PhD in Linguistics enables you to undertake a substantial piece of supervised research in the subject that makes an original contribution to knowledge and is worthy of publication.

Ongoing research theses in the Department include: 'Low-Contact Versus High-Contact Areas: On the Influence of London English on Canvey Island and the Isle of Sheppey'; 'Narrative in Video Games'; 'Prosody of Language and Music'; 'Investigating and Defining Urdu Phonology and its Role and Use in L2 (English) Perception and Production'; and 'Initiating and Countering Pre-cooperative Illocutionary Acts in Present Day English'.

Research-led department

Research in the Department is highly rated. In the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014, modern languages and linguistics was ranked 3rd for research quality and all of the research submitted was judged to be of international quality.

English Language and Linguistics is part of the School of European Culture and Languages (SECL), which embraces five other disciplines: Classical & Archaeological Studies, Comparative Literature, Modern Languages, Philosophy and Religious Studies. This enables you to draw on the excellent resources of a diverse team of teachers and researchers with expertise in many key areas of European culture.

Excellent study resources

Our students benefit from excellent study facilities, including a well-equipped linguistics laboratory for research in speech acoustics, speech and language processing and acquisition (eye tracking, DMDX and E-prime) and general data analysis.

The University's Templeman Library is well stocked in all areas, including sociolinguistics, phonetics, syntax, pragmatics, acquisition, language processing, language teaching and stylistics.

Academic community

As a postgraduate student in the Department of English Language and Linguistics at Kent, you are encouraged to attend the departmental reading groups, as well as regular research events, such as seminars, conferences and lectures, organised by the Centre for Language and Linguistics and by SECL. These events form an important learning experience and make you part of a research community, not only within our department but also within the School.

A global outlook

Kent is known as the UK's European university and has developed international partnerships with a number of prestigious institutions. We have a great international reputation, attracting academic staff and students from around the world: 42% of our academics come from outside the UK and students on campus represent 158 nationalities.

Our academic schools are engaged in collaborative research with universities worldwide and we offer a range of opportunities to study abroad and an approach that is truly global. We celebrate intellectual and cultural diversity with a commitment to educate our students to be the global citizens of tomorrow.

Impressive career prospects

Kent has an excellent postgraduate employment record: 98% of our postgraduate students who graduated in 2016 found a job or further study opportunity within six months. Whatever your chosen career path, we will equip you with an impressive portfolio of skills, specialist knowledge and practical experience to help you succeed in a competitive environment. For more information on the careers help we provide at Kent, see www.kent.ac.uk/employability

Funding opportunities

www.kent.ac.uk/scholarships/postgraduate/

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