Modern Languages at Kent is a leading languages department in the UK, comprising five subject areas: French, German, Hispanic studies, Italian and European studies. Our postgraduate programmes offer specialist study, supported by academics with well-established track records in producing world-leading research.

Taught programmes

Our MA programmes are either based entirely in Canterbury, or offer a term at Kent’s school in Paris. The MA in European Culture is located entirely at Kent’s Paris School of Arts and Culture.

MA in French and Comparative Literature

Canterbury; Canterbury and Paris
Taking the postgraduate study of literature beyond national and linguistic borders, this MA programme contains a particular focus on French culture. A variation in the programme also enables you to spend a term at Kent’s centre in the heart of Paris to enhance your cultural experience.

MA in Modern European Literature

Canterbury
Here, you read major literary works in their language of original composition. The MA is designed for students who wish to range beyond any one national tradition and to study major writers, genres, and movements within the broader context of modern European literature.

MA in Modern French Studies

Canterbury; Canterbury and Paris
French culture has always had a huge impact on the world; from politics to cinema, literature to fashion, and France remains a major influence in European and global culture. The MA in Modern French Studies offers you the opportunity to study a range of major writers and key themes in French literature, media and culture from the 18th century to the present day.

Research programmes

A PhD enables you to undertake a substantial piece of supervised research that makes an original contribution to knowledge and is worthy of publication. One variation of the PhD in French enables you to spend a year at Kent’s Paris School to enhance your cultural experience.

PhD in French

Canterbury; Canterbury and Paris
Our interests fit within the parameters of French literature and thought from the 18th century to the present. Recent and ongoing research theses in French at Kent include: ‘Le Peu et la partie dans l’œuvre de Marcel Proust’; ‘The Motivational Forces behind the Identity Development of Female Characters in the Works of Violette Leduc and Eileen Chang’; and ‘Noirs nordiques, noirs français: A Transcultural Study of Crime Narratives and the Post-War State’.

PhD in French and Comparative Literature

Canterbury
This new programme enables you to undertake comparative research with a particular focus on French literature, in collaboration with staff in the Department of Modern Language who specialising in French language, culture and history, as well as staff from the Department of Comparative Literature.

PhD in German

Canterbury
This research programme enables you to investigate all aspects of German-speaking cultures. Recent theses in German include ‘Baldur von Schirach: Poetry for National
Socialism’ and ‘Eine Vergleichende Untersuchung der Werke von Orhan Pamuk und W G Sebald’.

**PhD in German and Comparative Literature**

**Canterbury**

This research programme has a particular focus on German literature. Recent and ongoing projects include: ‘The Development of the Concept of Wandering from 1770 to 1930’; ‘Expatriate Writing: Post-trauma, Post-memory and the Postcolonial’; and ‘Literature without Quotation Marks: Adaptation, Appropriation, and Plagiarism in the Contemporary French and German Novel’.

**Research-led department**

The Department is consistently highly rated for its research. In the most recent Research Excellence Framework, Modern Languages and Linguistics was ranked 3rd in the UK for research quality and all of the research submitted was judged to be of international quality.

Modern Languages is part of the School of European Culture and Languages (SECL), which embraces five other disciplines: Classical & Archaeological Studies, Comparative Literature, English Language and Linguistics, 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.

**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

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