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The Department of Philosophy at Kent is a place of academic excellence, friendly exchange, intellectual excitement and diversity. We pride ourselves on the flexibility of our programmes; students are able to negotiate their own paths of study through a full range of mixed-level modules and specialist seminars that reflect the research interests of our staff.

Taught programmes

MA in Philosophy

This programme is designed for those who wish to broaden their study of philosophy and make a gradual transition to research. It is ideally suited to students with previous philosophical training who would like to widen their knowledge of topics, gain more training in philosophical methodology and/or narrow down their interests of specialisation in preparation for a PhD.

MA in Reasoning

How are the foundations of reasoning, inference and methodology constructed? This MA programme is ideally suited to students with philosophical training (or equivalent) who would like to widen their knowledge of reason-related topics, such

as psychological or legal argument, machine or scientific reasoning. The flexibility of this programme enables you to negotiate your own path of study through a range of topics.

Research programme

The major research interests of staff in the Department are in moral and political philosophy, philosophy of language and logic, causality and probability, the philosophy of mathematics, the philosophy of Wittgenstein, epistemology (including social and formal epistemology), ancient philosophy, modern European philosophy and the philosophy of mind.

PhD in Philosophy

A PhD in Philosophy 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: 'Conceptions of Analyticity'; 'The Quality of Evidence in Medicine: Assessing What Constitutes Good and Bad Mechanistic Evidence'; 'Towards an Intersubjectivity of Monozygotic Twins and its Implications'; 'Moral Objectivity: Kant, Hume and Psychopathy'; and 'Collective Responsibility'.

Research-led department

In the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014, philosophy at Kent was ranked 12th for research impact, 16th for research intensity and in the top 20 for research power in the UK.

Philosophers at Kent publish original research in all major areas of the discipline. We run the interdisciplinary Centre for Reasoning and play a leading





role in the Centre for the History of Medicine, Ethics and Medical Humanities, which co-ordinate the University's research relating to these subjects.

Philosophy 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, Modern Languages 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

Funding opportunities

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

How to apply

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