Politics at Kent encourages you to think critically about political events, ideas and institutions while engaging with the key issues of today. Study politics and a second subject, such as economics, history, philosophy or law, and you broaden your knowledge and skills. This puts you in a strong position to develop your career or pursue further studies.
WHY STUDY POLITICS JOINT HONOURS AT KENT?

**Flexibility and choice**

Combine politics with another subject and you broaden your knowledge and deepen your understanding of how those subjects relate to one another. You can continue to study subjects you enjoyed at A level, or move into a new area you’ve always wanted to explore.

**World-leading research**

You learn from leading experts. Our staff undertake research of international quality; write and contribute to journal articles and books; and provide expert comment to the media. They put you in touch with the latest ideas.

**Support from both Schools**

As a joint honours student, you are assigned one academic adviser from the School of Politics and International Relations and one from your other School. You can attend both Schools’ events, such as extra lectures and employability workshops.

**Friendly community**

The School of Politics and International Relations uses a range of teaching methods, from lectures to small group discussions. Every week, we hold an Open Forum leading to a debate, and we invite prominent people to give public lectures at the University.

**Inspirational teaching**

Great teachers inspire enthusiasm and provoke debate. Whether they’re lecturing on political science, or sparking a discussion on the contemporary Chinese politics, our staff are skilled at bringing their subject to life and drawing you in to the conversation.

**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 cafes and restaurants.

**Excellent resources**

Access more than 1 million books, ebooks, databases and journals at the University’s Templeman Library. Deepen your knowledge browsing our special collections and work at one of thousands of study spaces and networked PCs across the Canterbury campus.

**A global outlook**

We are known as the UK’s European university and have links with prestigious institutions worldwide. We have an international community: 40% of Kent’s academic staff come from outside the UK and our students represent 157 nationalities.

**Beautiful 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, and the coast and countryside are close by. London is less than an hour away by high-speed train.
Career success

Employability is a priority at Kent. By combining two subjects, you broaden your skill set, which gives you an edge in the competitive job market. Studying at degree level sharpens skills that are useful in working life, such as time management and developing an argument. You have careers support from your Schools and also from Kent’s Careers and Employability Service, including CV advice, interview workshops and placement opportunities. Our graduates go on to work in challenging and rewarding positions including diplomacy, the civil service and international organisations.

Independent rankings

The Complete University Guide 2019
• 24th out of 83 UK institutions for Politics

The Guardian University Guide 2019
• 26th out of 78 UK institutions for Politics

Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education
• Of Kent undergraduate students who graduated in 2017, over 95% of those who responded to a national survey were in work or further study within six months

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

Research Excellence Framework
• In the most recent research rankings, 97% of research at Kent was found to be of international quality

*The University of Kent’s Statement of Findings can be found at www.kent.ac.uk/tef-statement
You can study politics as part of a joint-honours programme with a number of other subjects. On the following pages there are brief outlines of these programmes.

It is possible to study Politics with:
- Economics (see p6)
- History (see p7)
- Law (see p8)
- Philosophy (see p7)
- Social Anthropology (see p8)
- Social Policy (see p8)
- Sociology (see p9).

Structure
Joint honours programmes at the University are usually split 50:50 so that you spend an equal amount of time studying in each area. You usually have to take compulsory modules in both subjects.

In addition to compulsory modules, there may also be recommended modules for each subject area. For certain programmes, there is a specific group of modules that you must choose from.

On most joint honours programmes you also have the opportunity to take optional modules in areas that particularly interest you.

Module information
The module lists below are not fixed as new modules are always in development and choices updated yearly.

Please see www.kent.ac.uk/ug for the most up-to-date information. To read a full description of the modules listed, go to www.kent.ac.uk/courses/modules and search by the code.

The programmes
Your politics modules
The School of Politics and International Relations offers a broad range of modules covering national and international politics.

We have experts in regions as diverse as the Middle East, Eastern and Western Europe, India and Central America. Their research is foregrounded in specialist modules such as Violence and Conflict in the Contemporary World and innovative regional modules on European societies and Southeast Asian societies.

All students studying Politics as part of a joint honours programme take the following compulsory modules:

Stage 1
- Introduction to Political Science (PO326)
- Introduction to Comparative Politics (PO327).

Stage 2
- Political Research and Analysis (PO657)
- Fact, Evidence, Knowledge and Power (PO661).

You can also select optional modules from areas of particular interest to you.

Currently areas covered include: the politics of global climate change; the politics of the Middle East; and feminist contributions to political theory.

Economics and Politics (LL12)
You gain a thorough grounding in core political and economic concepts. As a student of economics you examine some of the profound issues of our times, such as: economic growth and sustainable development, emerging market economies, financial and monetary crises, environmental and natural resource problems, international trade and aid to poor countries.

Politics is, of course influenced by economics, and studying the two subjects together deepens your understanding of both. You consider some of the most pressing questions that confront us today, from the role of markets in civic life to the existence of rationality in decision making.

In addition to the compulsory Politics modules listed on p8, you also take the following compulsory Economics modules:

Stage 1
- Principles of Economics (EC304)
- Mathematics for Economics Mode A or B (EC305 or EC306)
- Statistics for Economics (EC309).

Stage 2
- Microeconomics (EC500)
- Macroeconomics. (EC502).
There are no compulsory Economics modules at Stage 3, which means you can select modules from areas of particular interest to you. Currently, areas covered include: economic integration in the EU and international trade and finance.

**History and Politics (LV21)**

In many ways, a study of politics is incomplete without a study of history – each, inevitably, informs the other. On this cross-disciplinary programme you gain wide-ranging knowledge, valuable transferable skills and an insight into the complexities of human behaviour and society from these complementary subjects.

This joint honours degree follows a modular structure that allows you to tailor your studies to your own interests.

In addition to the compulsory Politics modules listed on p6, you also take the following compulsory History module:

**Stage 1**

- Making History: Theory and Practice (HI426).

There are no compulsory History modules at Stages 2 or 3, which means you can select modules from areas of particular interest to you. Currently, areas covered include: early modern history; Medieval Europe; and politics, society and culture in Victorian Britain.

**Philosophy and Politics (LV25)**

Studying Philosophy and Politics, you engage with the world's major philosophies and thinkers to discover the processes that shape our lives from within, while also developing your understanding of the global political environment that shapes our lives from without. This joint honours combination is ideal if you want to appreciate the breadth and complexity of our ideas and engage with the fast-changing key issues of today's world.

In addition to the compulsory Politics modules listed on p8, you also take the following compulsory Philosophy modules:

**Stage 1**

- Introduction to Philosophy: Knowledge and Metaphysics (PL302)
- Introduction to Philosophy: Ethics (PL303)
- Introduction to Philosophy: Logic and Reasoning (PL310)
- Philosophical Reading and Writing (PL315).

There are no compulsory Philosophy modules at Stages 2 or 3, which means you can select modules from areas of particular interest to you. Currently, areas covered include: political philosophy; the philosophy of language; logic; and international conflict.

**Politics and Law (LM21)**

This joint honours degree offers you the opportunity to study the closely related disciplines of politics and law, with a pathway enabling you to obtain a Qualifying Law Degree.

You gain a solid grounding in politics, both national and international, and are able to choose modules that reflect your interests from the extensive range on offer. You also develop an understanding of the law, taught from a critical perspective, which allows you to engage in informed debate about contemporary legal issues alongside an understanding of its history and development.

In addition to the compulsory Politics modules listed on p6, you also take the following compulsory Law modules:

**Stage 1**

- A Critical Introduction to Law (LW313)
- The English Legal System and Skills (LW327)
- Foundations of Property (LW316)
- Introduction to Obligations (LW315)
- Public Law 1 (LW588)

**Stage 2**

- Equity and Trusts (LW599)
- European Union Law (LW593)
- Land Law (LW599)
- Law of Contract (LW650)
- Law of Tort (LW651)
- Public Law 2 (LW592).

**Stage 3**

- Advanced Criminal Law (LW601).
You can also select one or two optional modules from those available in Kent Law School. Currently, areas covered include: international law, and law and international development.

**Social Anthropology and Politics (LL62)**

Anthropologists have always studied the political systems of world societies, and today, political anthropology is central to contemporary anthropological thought. A unique strength of the anthropological study of politics is its comparative perspective, which allows you to grasp in concrete ethnographic detail, how power is manifested in diverse cultural practices and institutions.

It also reveals how our understanding of political systems needs to be grounded in such 'local' knowledge in a globalised and increasingly connected world.

For such reasons, training in anthropology – in political systems and more broadly – is an ideal complement to undergraduate training in politics, and an excellent foundation for students wishing to develop a career on the basis of their degree.

In addition to the compulsory Politics modules listed on p6, you also take the following compulsory Social Anthropology modules:

- **Stage 1**
  - Foundations of Biological Anthropology (SE302)
  - Social Anthropology (SE301).

- **Stage 2**
  - Advanced Social Anthropology I and II (SE618/SE619)
  - Ethnographies 1 and 2 (SE617/SE620).

There are no compulsory Social Anthropology modules at Stage 3, which means you can select modules from areas of particular interest to you. Currently, areas covered include: the anthropology of language, and European, Pacific and Southeast Asian societies.

**Social Policy and Politics (LL42)**

Studying Social Policy and Politics, you look at the ways in which we as a society promote the welfare of individuals and families, and analyse the impact of political thought and systems on our actions.

You study central issues such as poverty, health, crime, education, homelessness and child protection, looking at both the nature of social problems and also at the policies directed towards them by government, and at the role of voluntary and private welfare organisations.

You are taught by people who are experts in areas such as political thought, political economy and political theology, and who have advised government departments on important welfare issues. They bring this experience to their teaching, giving you the opportunity to see how theoretical ideas apply in the real world.

In addition to the compulsory Politics modules listed on p8, you also take the following compulsory Social Policy modules:

- **Stage 1**
  - Fundamentals of Sociology (SO337)
  - Sociology of Everyday Life (SO336)

- **Stage 2**
  - Welfare in Modern Britain (SO601).

There are no compulsory Social Policy modules at Stage 3, which means that you can select modules from areas of particular interest to you. Currently, areas covered include: urban sociology, education, children's rights and the future of the Welfare State.
Sociology and Politics (LL32)
Sociology provides ways of making sense of a world undergoing unprecedented social change. On this programme, you develop an understanding of the core traditions and contemporary developments in sociological thinking and research as well as an understanding of comparative politics and political research.

Among other areas, you study sociological approaches to violence, terrorism and society, and new media technologies, as well as Politics modules that cover areas such as rights, freedoms and individualism, and the politics of deeply divided societies.

You are taught by people who are conducting research and providing media commentary in areas such as social theory, human rights, political trust, public attitudes and divided societies. They bring this experience to their teaching, giving you the opportunity to see how theoretical ideas apply in the real world.

In addition to the compulsory Politics modules listed on p6, you also take the following compulsory Sociology modules:

Stage 1
• Fundamentals of Sociology (SO337)
• Sociology of Everyday Life (SO336)
• Sociological Theory: The Classics (SO408).

Stage 2
• Contemporary Sociological Theory (SO727).

There are no compulsory Sociology modules at Stage 3, which means you can select modules from areas of particular interest to you. Currently, areas covered include: gender and criminal justice, digital culture, and Chinese society.
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, and they help you get the most from your degree programme. They meet with you regularly to discuss general academic issues or specific assignments. They will assist you in developing academic skills and 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. On 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 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.

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 staff in both of my schools have been so helpful and feedback has been detailed and useful.”

Francina Escudero
History and Politics BA
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
There are lots of opportunities to gain work experience at Kent. There’s even a final-year politics internship module, which blends work experience with taught workshops and private study, allowing you to apply your knowledge and develop useful work skills.

Find a great job
Your degree can lead to a wide range of fascinating careers – our graduates work in areas such as diplomacy, the civil service, European and international organisations, the media and the commercial sector.

The School has a comprehensive internship, placements and work experience portfolio. Our dedicated member of staff runs an Employability Programme, which provides you with skills and insights to help you plan your future career.

You can book one-to-one sessions for help with employability, skills development and applying for opportunities.

Visit our careers fair to talk to potential employers and use our award-winning Careers and Employability Service for advice on preparing your CV.
COMING AND FIND OUT MORE

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 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 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

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

* Programme of events varies according to subject.
**Self-guided tours**
If you prefer to explore on your own, you can pick up a a self-guided walking tour leaflet from us, or download it at: www.kent.ac.uk/informal

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**
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/politics

Keep in touch with us via social media:
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**Philosophy and Politics**
ABB at A level.
IB Diploma 34 points overall or 16 points at HL including Philosophy 5 at SL or 4 at HL.

**Social Policy and Politics/Sociology and Politics**
BBB at A level.
IB Diploma 34 points overall or 15 points at HL.

**Politics and Law/Social Anthropology and Politics**
ABB at A level.
IB Diploma 34 points overall or 16 points at HL.

**Other qualifications**
Access applicants and those holding the BTEC National or Level 3 Extended Diplomas are assessed on an individual basis.
For LL12, BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma is not accepted as a stand-alone qualification, and must be accompanied by A levels. Please contact us for further information.

**Year abroad**
For more information, see p9.

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

Economics and Politics
ABB at A level.
GCSE Mathematics grade B/6 or AS Mathematics grade C or A level Mathematics grade D.
IB Diploma 34 points overall or 15 points at HL, including Mathematics SL or HL at 4, or Mathematical Studies at 5.

History and Politics
ABB at A level including History, Classics-Ancient History or Classics-Classical Civilisation at grade B.
IB Diploma 34 points overall or 16 points at HL including History 5 at HL or 6 at SL.

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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
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