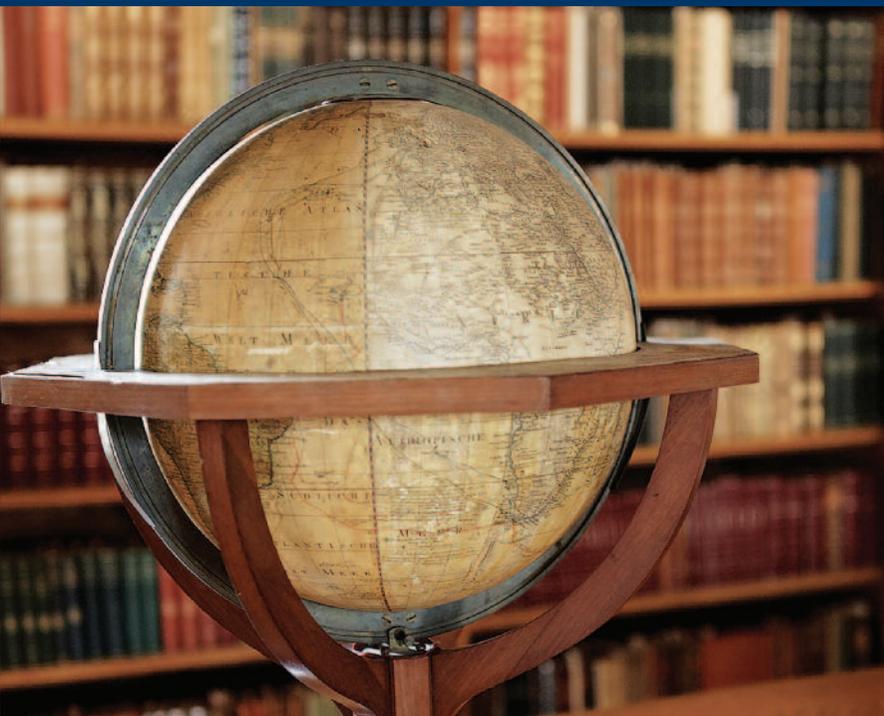


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**World Literature enables you to develop a global perspective on literature and its cultural contexts. Together with English, American and European texts, you study writing from Ancient Rome and Imperial China as well as contemporary Arabic, African, Asian and Latin American works.**

## The programme

As a World Literature student, you gain an understanding of historical and cross-cultural literary traditions and the ways in which they interact, while broadening your critical knowledge of literature and your appreciation of questions of translation and transmission. You also have the opportunity to explore concepts such as 'genre', 'theme', 'fictionality', 'literariness', 'canon', 'reception' and 'literary movement'. As a result of encountering writers and texts from all over the world, you gain a truly global perspective on literature and its cultural contexts.

## What you study

Please note that the module lists below are not fixed as new modules are always in development and choices are updated yearly. Please see [www.kent.ac.uk/ug](http://www.kent.ac.uk/ug) for the most up-to-date information.

### Stage 1

#### Compulsory modules

- The Tale
- World Literature

#### Optional modules

You then choose modules from a wide range offered, including:

- Childhood and Adolescence in Modern Fiction
- Classical Literature
- Freedom and Oppression in Modern Literature
- Guilt and Redemption in Modern Literature
- Introduction to Contemporary European and Hispanic Cinemas
- Post-War European Cinemas
- The Romantic Movement.

### Stages 2/3

#### Compulsory modules

- Dissertation
  - Postcolonial Images of Africa and South Asia
  - The Text
- plus,
- either Latin American Fiction or Modern Arabic Literature and the Middle East

#### Optional modules

You choose further modules from an extensive list, which includes:

- The Book and the Film
- Comparative Literature and English Language and Linguistics in the Classroom
- Creatures of the Night: Vampires in Literature and Film
- Don Juan and Casanova: The Art of Seduction in Literature, Music and Film
- European Realism
- Fiction and Power
- Medieval Literature and Culture
- Modernism and the European Avant-Garde
- Nordic Literature and Film
- Postmodernism
- Prize Winners

- Rethinking Gender: From the Brontë Sisters to Eimear McBride
- Science Fiction: History and Innovation
- Shakespeare's Afterlives
- The Shoah in Literature, Film and Culture
- The Sonnet
- SWIPE Undergraduate Conference
- Travel Literature.

## A year abroad

It is possible to spend a year abroad as part of your World Literature programme. For details of locations, see the A to Z course list at [www.kent.ac.uk/goabroad/opportunities](http://www.kent.ac.uk/goabroad/opportunities)

## Teaching and assessment

In most modules, you have one two-hour seminar per week. Your final-year dissertation is based entirely on your private research but is supervised by a tutor and includes workshops and the chance to participate in an undergraduate conference.

Assessment varies from 100% coursework to a combination of examination and coursework; for assessment details for individual modules, see [www.kent.ac.uk/ug](http://www.kent.ac.uk/ug)

## School of European Culture and Languages

World Literature is based in the School of European Culture and Languages (SECL) at our Canterbury campus. SECL offers a supportive academic community with high-quality teaching staff and

award-winning researchers. World Literature is part of the Comparative Literature Department, which is small and friendly, enabling you to develop a close working relationship with your lecturers.

## University of Kent

Kent is one of the UK's leading universities with all of our academic schools producing world-class research. The University is renowned for the quality of its teaching, with lecturers who will challenge and inspire you, and encourage you to develop your own ideas. We were ranked 23rd in *The Guardian University Guide 2017* and our students have consistently ranked us highly in the National Student Survey (NSS). In the 2015 NSS, Kent gained the 5th highest score in the UK for student satisfaction.

## Superb student experience

The Canterbury campus is built on 300 acres of parkland and the historic city is only a short bus-ride or a 25-minute walk away. The campus is self-contained, with accommodation, a library, sports centre, theatre, cinema, concert hall, nightclub, places to eat, bars, shops, a bookshop and a medical centre.

## A global outlook

According to the *Times Higher Education* (THE), Kent is ranked in the top 10% of the world's universities for international outlook. Known as the UK's European university, we have developed international links with a number of prestigious institutions. On

campus, there are students from 148 different nationalities and 37% of our research and academic staff are from outside the UK, creating a cosmopolitan atmosphere and a global learning environment.

## A successful future

Throughout your studies, you learn to think critically and to work independently; you also improve your communication skills. The range of literatures studied, and the contexts in which they were produced, enables you to develop a global cultural perspective. These key transferable skills are essential for graduates as they move into the employment market.

Recently, our graduates have gone into careers such as teaching, publishing, marketing, radio, journalism, television and film, the civil service, advertising, graphic design and copywriting.

For more information on the services Kent provides to improve your employment prospects, visit [www.kent.ac.uk/employability](http://www.kent.ac.uk/employability)

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### Location

Canterbury

### Award

BA (Hons)

### Programme type

Full-time

### Single honours programme

• World Literature (Q203)  
It is also possible to study World Literature with a year abroad.

### Offer levels

ABB at A level; IB Diploma 34 points overall or 16 at Higher.

**Offer levels and entry requirements are subject to change. For the latest information, see [www.kent.ac.uk/ug](http://www.kent.ac.uk/ug)**

## Further information

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