POSTGRADUATE STUDY AT KENT

“There’s a very good research community here at Kent and people are given tremendous scope to develop their own research interests and pursue their own paths.”

Dr William Rowlandson
School of European Culture and Languages
FEES AND FUNDING

Postgraduate study is an investment in your future; you develop expertise in an area that inspires you, while gaining skills and knowledge that will improve your career prospects. To help fund your studies, the University of Kent has a generous budget of £8.5 million.

The University allocates over £6.5 million from its own funds and attracts an additional £2 million to provide a variety of financial support opportunities for postgraduate students. There are a number of research student scholarships, through to location-specific funding, sport and music scholarships, and funding specifically for overseas fee-paying students.

The range of support varies, but can run from a tuition fee discount to a full fee waiver with a maintenance stipend to cover your living costs. For example, the standard UK Research Council maintenance grant for the 2013/14 academic year will be £13,726.

Research Council funding
Kent has a record of attracting funding from the seven UK Research Councils:
• Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC)
• Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)
• Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC)
• Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC)
• Medical Research Council (MRC)
• Natural Environment Research Council (NERC)
• Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC).

In general, Research Council awards provide full tuition fees with a maintenance grant. Awards from these councils are highly competitive. You must apply via the University and we encourage early application; the University normally has internal deadlines that you must meet in order for applications to be submitted to the Research Councils for their deadlines.

Graduate Teaching Assistantships
The University, and many of our individual schools, offer scholarships in the form of Graduate Teaching Assistantships (GTAs) whereby postgraduate research students receive financial support in return for teaching. The amount of the GTA award varies; however many GTAs are ‘full’ awards that cover tuition fees at the home/EU rate plus a combined salary and maintenance stipend, which together equal up to the UK Research Council award. All postgraduate research applicants are eligible to apply for GTAs.

50th Anniversary Research Scholarships
In preparation for the University’s 50th anniversary in 2015, Kent has established an additional 100 doctoral scholarships to be awarded annually. These scholarships will be offered in the form of GTAs (see above). Successful candidates will need to demonstrate academic excellence and outstanding research potential.

School scholarships
Many schools at Kent also offer postgraduate research scholarships, each available for three years. These scholarships vary in amount; for example, they may cover or contribute to tuition fees and/or provide a stipend. All postgraduate research applicants are eligible to apply for postgraduate research scholarships.

Additional scholarships
Kent offers one of the best scholarship programmes in the country to support many specific activities. For example, our scholarships programme includes:
• University Music Performance Scholarships – up to £5,000 a year
• University sports scholarships – between £250 and £5,000 a year
• Christine and Ian Bolt Scholarship to undertake a period of sustained research in the USA – up to £10,000.

In addition to these we have numerous other awards to support specific programmes and objectives, provided via generous philanthropic gifts. These are too numerous to list but are updated regularly at: www.kent.ac.uk/scholarships/postgraduate

Loyalty awards
The University of Kent values its graduates and alumni and is pleased to offer a choice of three special schemes to assist with the cost of postgraduate study:
• The Graduate School Scholarship provides a scholarship of £1,000 towards the first year’s fees for those moving directly from undergraduate to postgraduate study
• The Loyalty Discount offers a 10% reduction on the cost of the first year’s fees
• The Alumni Research Scholarship covers tuition fees at the home/EU rate and provides a maintenance grant at the same rate as the UK Research Councils. It is offered for one year in the first instance, renewable for a maximum of three years.

Further information
Please visit www.kent.ac.uk/pgfunding or see the Funding for Graduate Study brochure.

TUITION FEES
The basic rate of tuition fee for 2013 for home fee-paying students on postgraduate taught programmes is £4,950. Research degrees are charged at the fee set by the Research Councils, which is £3,900. International student fees are £14,360 for laboratory programmes and £12,030 for non-laboratory programmes.

Fee-paying categories
UK or European Union fee status depends on your nationality and residency. In general, students paying the UK or EU fee should have ‘settled status’ under UK immigration regulations prior to the start of their course, or students holding full European Union nationality should have been resident in the European Economic Area for non-educational purposes for three years prior to the start of their course. The UK/EU category also includes EU students with indefinite leave to remain in the UK.

Payment of tuition fees
There are two main ways of paying:
• In full – this qualifies for a 2% discount if cleared funds are received in full by 31 August 2014. The discount can be deducted from the payment
• In two instalments – 50% on or before registration and 50% by 1 December 2014. The instalment plan needs to be set up online at https://epay.kent.ac.uk/epay

Further information
www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student

Living costs
Each student has different circumstances, so to help you estimate your living costs, we provide an online calculator at the website below.

Further information
www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/livingcosts.html
The University of Kent is one of the most cosmopolitan universities in the UK, with a strong international community. There are 140 different nationalities represented at the University, with over half of all newly recruited postgraduate students coming from outside the UK.

We give our international students dedicated support, from application through to graduation and beyond.

International qualifications
We have an excellent knowledge of international qualifications and can provide specialist advice on applications, equivalencies of qualifications and entry requirements to Kent. Information relevant to your country is also provided on our website. Please see further information (below) for website details.

Kent representatives
The University has many local representatives around the world who can advise on our programmes. We also hold interview and guidance sessions at representatives’ offices if you would like the chance to meet with a member of staff. If you wish to speak to a representative in your own country, please see further information (below) for website details.

Staff visits abroad
Our staff visit many countries throughout the world, often at higher education fairs, giving you the opportunity to speak directly to someone who can answer your questions about all aspects of life at Kent. We also hold pre-departure events in-country for new students. Please see further information (below) for website details.

Personal tours of the University
If you live outside of the United Kingdom you may find it difficult to attend our Open or Visit Days. We are happy to organise personal tours of our Canterbury or Medway campuses for you and your family at any time of the year. You may also be able to meet up with an academic in a particular subject area. Bookings need to be made in advance. To book your tour, go to www.kent.ac.uk/informal

Special welcome
To help you feel at home, we organise a special Welcome Week for our new international students before classes start, including a welcome dinner and visits to local tourist attractions. Representatives of the University meet students and organise transport to our UK campuses from some airports when they first arrive in the UK.

International events
We hold international events throughout the year, including Thanksgiving Dinner, Chinese New Year, Europe Day and WorldFest.

International Development
Our International Development Team provides help and support for all international students, both in making their application to Kent and throughout their studies. We have links with the University’s various cultural and international societies, and we meet many of our current and former students during visits abroad.

Further information
E: international@kent.ac.uk
www.kent.ac.uk/internationalstudent

Student unions at Kent
The student unions at Canterbury and Medway have Student Advice Centres which provide free, confidential and impartial advice on a range of topics including academic, finance, immigration and housing. They offer full appointments, drop-in sessions, email and telephone advice. Whatever advice you need, the advisers will be able to either help you or point you in the direction of someone who can.

Both unions support many societies for international students, such as Afro-Caribbean, Asian, Chinese, German, Hellenic and Japanese. Kent Union also runs an international buddy scheme, where new international students are matched with current international students to help them adjust to their local environment and settle in.

Kent Union also works closely with students at our European centres to ensure appropriate representation and support.

Further information
www.kentunion.co.uk
www.gkunions.co.uk

Funding and scholarships
The University offers a variety of financial support and scholarships for international students and there is a wide range of additional funding opportunities available to postgraduates. Because of agreements within the European Union, EU students can apply to the same funding sources as UK students. For further information, see www.kent.ac.uk/pgfunding
ENGLISH AND WORLD LANGUAGES

If you need to improve your English before beginning your postgraduate studies, Kent offers a range of pathways in English for Academic Purposes (EAP).

These pathways are designed to give you the best possible start to your studies. They are provided by Kent International Pathways – a specialist team within the University – allowing you to study with our experienced EAP tutors who fully understand the demands of your postgraduate programme.

English language proficiency for postgraduate study

The University requires all non-native speakers of English to reach a minimum standard of proficiency in written and spoken English before beginning a postgraduate degree.

The minimum English language test scores required by most schools are listed in the table on the following page. Certain subjects such as Business, English, Journalism and Law require a higher level.

Only English language tests taken up to a maximum of two years prior to the date of registration will be accepted for admission to the University.

Please note that if your university studies have been completed entirely in English, you may be exempt from providing an English test certificate. Please contact International Development for clarification (see p241).

Pre-sessional courses in English for academic purposes

The University offers Pre-sessional English courses for students who need to improve their English and study skills before joining a postgraduate programme. There are a number of courses of different lengths, depending on your current level of English and the level you need to reach in order to study on your pathway or degree course.

Course content

Teaching includes lectures on subjects of academic interest and life in the UK, given by UK academics and other specialists, along with seminars, workshops, independent research tasks and group and pair work. The workload is intensive, with regular homework averaging two hours after class each day.

Course details can be found at www.kent.ac.uk/international-pathways/pre-sessional

The Centre for World Languages (CEWL)

The Centre for English and World Languages (CEWL) aims to support you during the course of your studies by offering a range of modules and programmes in English, as well as in other world languages.

English Language Development Programme

Even once you have satisfied the English language requirements for admission, you may still require support during your studies. The English Language Development Programme helps you improve your English language and gives you the chance to discuss your specific learning objectives. You can attend a total of two hours weekly in the autumn and spring terms and will receive guidance on which of the components will be most useful to meet your particular needs. Students with high attendance rates will be awarded a letter of attendance.

In-sessional English for specific academic purposes

In addition, CEWL works closely with a number of academic schools across the University in order to deliver credit-bearing and non-credit-bearing modules in English for specific academic purposes, such as English for Law. Consult your academic school for further details of specific provision and eligibility for enrolment.

Language Express courses

CEWL offers a range of different foreign language classes, such as Arabic, French, Japanese, Mandarin and Spanish, on a flexible and non-credit-bearing basis to all members of the University. Classes are usually scheduled at lunchtimes and early evenings so that you can take full advantage of the provision alongside your main study commitments.

Further information

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Keynes College
University of Kent
Canterbury
Kent CT2 7NP, UK
T: +44 (0)1227 824401
E: cewl@kent.ac.uk
www.kent.ac.uk/cewl
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CANTERBURY

Canterbury is a beautiful and cosmopolitan city with a rich heritage and vibrant culture. A World Heritage Site, it is home to the world-famous Canterbury Cathedral, which attracts millions of tourists every year and is one of the venues for our graduation ceremonies.

Campus life

Founded in 1965, the Canterbury campus is Kent's original site and is built on 300 acres of parkland overlooking the city centre. Modern buildings are surrounded by open green spaces, courtyards, gardens and woodland, with stunning views of Canterbury and the Stour Valley.

The campus is self-contained, which means that you are within walking distance of all the excellent facilities on offer: lecture theatres and seminar rooms, academic staff offices, the Graduate School, the Sports Centre and Pavilion, the Gulbenkian Theatre and Cinema, the Colyer-Fergusson Building for music performance, the Templeman Library, the Medical Centre, the Computing Service, the campus shop and bookshop, a pharmacy, an off-licence, bistros, bars, the Students’ Union (including The Venue nightclub), free-access computer areas, bus stops and launderettes. Canterbury city centre is only 25 minutes’ walk from the campus and there is a frequent and direct bus service.

Location

Canterbury is the closest UK city to continental Europe, and offers easy access to three of the most influential cities in Europe: London, Paris and Brussels. High-speed trains run regularly between Canterbury West and London St Pancras and take approximately 56 minutes. We are in close proximity to airports, the Channel ports and the Eurostar Terminals at Ashford and Ebbsfleet, from where you can be in Paris or Brussels in approximately two hours, and Lille in just over an hour.

Accommodation

The majority of new postgraduate students are offered accommodation in Woolf College. The en-suite rooms are arranged in flats with six or eight students per flat and a large shared kitchen. The College has its own courtyard areas and launderette. Each room has free internet connection and a link to the University’s computer network system, and is rented for 51 weeks to cater for the academic demands of postgraduate study and in line with students’ registration periods. Postgraduate students who, for academic purposes, will be resident in Canterbury for fewer than 51 weeks should contact our Accommodation Office. For more details, see www.kent.ac.uk/accommodation

Social life

Gulbenkian Theatre and Cinema

From student productions to great stand-up, music, inspiring theatre and dance, our on-campus venue provides an exciting and diverse programme. Our cinema shows the best in film: British, foreign language, indie, cult, blockbusters, the big new releases and everyone’s favourite classics, so we have something for all students. For more details, see www.thegulbenkian.co.uk

Music

There is a wide range of music-making at the University, and students of all subjects have the opportunity to take part in the flourishing programme of extra-curricular music activities.

Thanks to a generous donation from the Colyer-Fergusson Charitable Trust, a new centre for music performance has been built on campus. The Colyer-Fergusson Building is located near the Gulbenkian complex to create an arts hub and houses the wide range of music-making activity at the University.

If you sing or play an instrument, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved: Kent has its own symphony orchestra, concert band, big band, chorus and chamber choir. Kent also offers music scholarships to talented instrumentalists and singers. For further information, see www.kent.ac.uk/music

Kent Union

Kent Union, the students’ union at Canterbury, is run ‘by the students, for the students’. It provides a wide variety of facilities, services and activities, represents students' interests, and offers help, support and advice when needed.

Eating out

The campus has many great places to eat, including Dolche Vita in Keynes College, the Gulbenkian café, Origins in Darwin College, Mungo’s in Eliot College, Bag It in Rutherford Dining Hall and Woody’s in Park Wood.

Clubs and bars

The Venue is a student nightclub run by Kent Union. It plays host to a range of acts and offers a variety of music genres, club nights and live entertainment, including local, student and mainstream bands.

Some colleges have their own bar: Mungo’s, Origins and the K-Bar. Woody’s is a more traditional sports pub in the heart of Park Wood, while the Gulbenkian has a relaxed café-bar in the theatre-cinema complex, with outdoor tables in the summer.

Student activities

The Student Activities Centre provides opportunities for you to participate in a diverse range of activities and groups, led by students and supported by the sabbatical officers and full-time staff members. These include societies, sports clubs, student media and volunteering. A dedicated student media centre is currently being installed above The Venue and will house our radio station, student newspaper and KTV - our own TV station. For more information, see www.kentunion.co.uk

Kent Sport

Kent Sport has recently completed a £4.8 million refurbishment, which offers a new fitness suite, fitness class studios and indoor tennis and netball courts. This complements existing facilities including badminton, basketball and squash courts, outdoor tennis courts, all-weather football pitches, and cricket pitches. We also provide sports courses, leagues and tournaments, fitness assessments and tailored exercise programmes. You can choose from a range of sports societies and teams. Kent offers sports scholarships to students who have demonstrated significant sporting potential. For further information, see www.kent.ac.uk/sports
Our Medway campus is in a great location, close to the River Medway with part of the campus based at the Chatham Historic Dockyard, less than 20 minutes away from London by high-speed train. It houses award-winning buildings and brand new facilities, and has an exciting social life with a strong sense of community.

Campus life
Medway students enjoy a modern study environment with state-of-the-art facilities. The flagship Medway Building has won several awards for design excellence. The Gillingham Building houses fully equipped teaching rooms and academic schools, and the Rochester Building includes the No 1 Bistro, plus large rooms for seminars and executive meetings. We have also invested in a multimillion-pound refurbishment of key academic facilities at Chatham Historic Dockyard as part of the expansion of the School of Arts.

All our professionally focused programmes are supported by state-of-the-art facilities. For example, Music and Audio students have access to rehearsal rooms, tracking, overdubbing and post-production studios equipped with industry-standard software. Fine Art students have access to a gallery, a darkroom, a kiln room, plaster-casting, metalwork, wood and machine workshops, as well as print and digital facilities. Journalism students benefit from a multimedia newsroom with complete editorial resources including audio and video editing, cameras and autocues, and broadcast studios fully equipped for live and recorded programme-making, and Sport and Exercise Sciences students use the extensive sports facilities at Medway Park (see right).

Location
The Medway towns of Chatham, Gillingham, Rainham, Rochester and Strood stand on the mouth of the River Medway where it flows into the Thames estuary. Kent's Medway campus is part of Chatham Maritime, where the Historic Dockyard has been redeveloped and refurbished. Nearby is a multiplex cinema, the Dockside retail outlet, wine bars, restaurants and the Strand Leisure Park.

Medway has a rich and fascinating history. Rochester Castle was one of the first large stone keeps built by William the Conqueror after the Norman Conquest, while Rochester Cathedral – where Kent holds its Medway graduation ceremonies - is more than 1,400 years old. Medway also has a distinguished naval history – the first ship built at Chatham's Dockyard took part in the defeat of the Armada. One of Medway's most famous inhabitants was Charles Dickens, who lived in Chatham as a child, and in Rochester for 14 years until his death.

The campus is close to central London: trains from Ebbsfleet International take approximately 17 minutes and trains from Chatham take 45 minutes. If you want to explore Paris or Brussels, the Eurostar train from Ebbsfleet International can take you there in about two hours. The town centres of Chatham and Rochester are a short bus ride away.

Accommodation
We can offer all eligible postgraduate students the opportunity to live as part of the student community in new self-catered, en-suite accommodation at Liberty Quays. Located right by the River Medway, each flat has single en-suite rooms for six to eight students who share a fully equipped kitchen. The accommodation has its own social facilities and launderette and each room has internet access. For more details, see www.kent.ac.uk/accommodation/medway/apply

Social life
There is a great sense of community on campus and plenty of opportunities to make friends. For socialising, there's a lively bar that holds regular theme nights. Most social activities are run by the Medway students' union, Kent and Greenwich Student Unions Together. The range of societies and clubs on offer include an international society, debating society, Medway law society and many cultural and religious societies. The Union also runs a campus student magazine, The Medwire, designed and edited by students. Annual events include the Summer Ball, which is held at a large local venue and features celebrity DJ s. See www.gktoggetherrc.co.uk for more details.

There are several cafés and restaurants on campus, as well as Coopers, a lively and vibrant bar that serves food and shows live sport. Nearby is a multiscreen cinema showing the most popular movies. The local town of Chatham provides entertainment such as live music and a comedy club.

Sport
The University has a wide range of sports societies – everything from table tennis to ladies’ football. Being close to the river means that many students also take part in activities such as rowing, canoeing and sailing.

The nearby multimillion-pound sports centre, Medway Park (partly funded by the University), offers special rates to our students. Facilities include a swimming pool, fitness suite and an athletics track, as well as several sports halls. All facilities are built to high standards and the Park was an approved pre-Games training camp for London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Also in the Medway area, you can enjoy an ice rink, dry ski slope, karting circuit, golf course with driving range, athletics track and indoor bowls.

DID YOU KNOW?
The Drill Hall Library, the Medway Building and the Pilkington Building have all won prestigious awards both for design excellence and for their contribution to the Medway region's regeneration.
In addition to Kent’s teaching and research partnerships with universities across Europe, we have invested in four specialist postgraduate centres in some of the most exciting and historic cities in Europe, where study and research are underpinned by the specialist facilities and resources of each location.

In Brussels, the political heart of Europe, we offer international studies; in Paris, the cultural hub of the western world, we provide a range of Master’s in the Arts and Humanities; our Rome programmes are focused on classical antiquity and in Athens, the cradle of western civilisation, we offer heritage management.

ATHENS

Kent offers its Heritage Management MA in Athens. The Master’s degree is a collaboration between the University of Kent and Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB) and teaches the skills required for the management of heritage sites across the world. Teaching is in English and there are a range of scholarships available.

Location

The programme is ideally located in the Athenian suburb of Eleusina, the birthplace of Aeschylus and one of the most important archaeological religious sites in the world as the location of the Eleusinian mysteries. The centre of Athens is only 30km away, and as such you have close access to many other major historical sites including the Parthenon, Ancient Corinth, Nemea and Thebes.

Eleusis is a fairly large town with many amenities such as a sports centre, shops, restaurants, cafes, libraries, a museum and a summer cinema, music schools and foreign language schools. It has a good bus connection to Athens and the surrounding area.

Campus life

Most classes are held either at the archaeological site in Eleusina, or in the well-equipped seminar rooms of the municipality of Eleusina building, courtesy of the Initiative for Heritage Conservancy (IHC). The library holdings and computer facilities of the IHC are all at your disposal, and you also have access to the library of the AUEB in central Athens, as well as the electronic libraries of AUEB and Kent.

Accommodation

A list of suitable accommodation in Eleusina or central Athens is provided to all students. We also offer advice on arranging your own rented accommodation and liaise with landlords on your behalf. Please contact the local administrator for more information, email: heritage@aueb.gr

Social life

In collaboration with the IHC, there are a number of extracurricular activities available in Eleusina at a discounted fee, including courses for non-Greek speakers in music, painting and dance. Eleusina is also excellent for outdoor pursuits, with local societies for sailing, windsurfing, mountaineering, and basketball. There is an annual arts festival, where you can experience Greek music and theatre.

Further information

www.kent.ac.uk/secl
www.heritage.aueb.gr

BRUSSELS

With its interdisciplinary focus and the combination of academics and practitioners, the University of Kent at Brussels offers you a unique and unparalleled opportunity for education and professional advancement. Its programmes and courses cover the spectrum of international studies and you are therefore able to design a course to suit your individual strengths and needs.

Campus life

The opportunities for networking in Brussels are first class and you regularly attend and contribute to the policy discussions and debates across the city. This is complemented by practitioners who either teach on courses in their field of expertise or who are invited to deliver specific lectures on a weekly basis. Recent speakers have included Lord Hannay of Chiswick (former British Ambassador to the UN), HE Mr Homayoun Tandar (Ambassador of Afghanistan to the EU, Belgium and Luxembourg), Gareth Evans (President Emeritus of the International Crisis Group) and General Sir Mike Jackson (former NATO commander in Kosovo and head of the British Army).
Our career development programme offers you the opportunity to take part in regular coaching sessions and workshops to help you secure internships and jobs.

The thriving Alumni Network communicates on many levels to keep alumni in touch with each other, the University, current students and developments in the field of international affairs. Alumni have also agreed to share their experiences in their respective fields and to help where possible with internships and employment.

All students are encouraged to participate in a variety of student fora. Current topics include International Justice, Migration Studies, Strategic Affairs and the Environmental Forum. You also have the opportunity to submit articles to the Journal of International Studies.

Each year, students take leadership roles in organising the annual conference, which regularly attracts participants from various countries including Russia, Austria, the UK, the Netherlands, Italy and Belgium.

Although all teaching is in English, you may wish to develop your language skills, which can be essential for building a career in international affairs. There are many private agencies and schools offering language courses as well as students who will offer lessons in exchange for the chance to improve their English. For more formal language classes, students can choose to study at our partner institution, the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), whose campus is next to ours. For more information, visit www.vub.ac.be/khnb

Location
The Brussels campus is a 15-minute drive from the city centre and there are also metro, bus and tram links. It is easy to reach other European cities; destinations such as London, Paris, Amsterdam and Cologne are all around two hours away by high-speed train and Brussels has a major international airport.

Accommodation
Kent does not offer University accommodation in Brussels, but there are many private rental options available and students usually find a place to live shortly after arrival. Studio apartments with all charges included (water, electricity, gas, tenant charges) cost around €550-650 per month. A one-bedroom apartment with all charges included is usually €650-750 per month. Students who arrange flat shares are often able to reduce costs even further. Incoming students are placed on our list-serve, through which they are sent information on housing, orientation, registration and practical tips on preparing for and arriving in Brussels. For details, see www.kent.ac.uk/brussels/studying/arriving

Social life
Brussels is a cultural city with many music and film festivals and exhibitions, plus a great number of cafes, bars and restaurants. You can sample the world-class chocolates and take advantage of the excellent shopping – from large gallery shopping centres to colourful local markets.

For 20 years, Kent has held a tradition of hosting an annual formal High Table Dinner to mark the end of the teaching year to which a guest (usually a politician, diplomat or senior member of an international organisation) is invited. This tradition has been continued in Brussels, where a committee of students chooses the venue and plans the event, which is often based around a particular international theme.

Sport
Students have use of the VUB sporting facilities, which include football and rugby pitches, a 25-metre swimming pool, an athletics track, sports halls for squash, tennis, badminton, martial arts, basketball and indoor soccer. There is also a variety of exercise classes on offer and a sports bar. Kent students are able to join Health City, a state-of-the-art fitness facility located in the VUB sports complex, which offers a huge range of aerobic and resistance training equipment.

Further information
www.kent.ac.uk/brussels

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PARIS

The Kent at Paris MA programmes and associated activities are designed to increase cultural knowledge, to heighten social and historical awareness and to broaden intellectual and imaginative horizons. Through taught modules and independent research for a dissertation you are encouraged to fulfill your analytical, creative and communicative potential, and so develop essential transferable skills. All the courses available in Paris are designed so as to best take advantage of the city and its rich cultural infrastructure.

Campus life

The University of Kent at Paris is based at Reid Hall, in the historic heart of Montparnasse, where Picasso and Modigliani had their studios, and near cafés that were frequented by Gertrude Stein and Ernest Hemingway.

Reid Hall is a beautiful and convivial space where you will have many opportunities to meet students and staff not only from Kent but also from other universities established there, including Columbia University, Barnard College and Dartmouth College.

Paris is internationally recognised as a major centre of European culture and the city’s historic status is evident in its exceptional architecture, libraries, museums and art galleries. There are weekly excursions and film screenings which complement and enhance the theoretical aspects of your programme.

Paris is also an international centre of contemporary creativity, attracting musicians, writers, artists and film-makers from all over the world. The resulting contemporary arts scene is energised by a vibrant mix of intercultural styles and influences.

All students are encouraged to participate in a variety of workshops and conferences. The most recent conferences have resulted in major publications on Autobiography, Influences, and Representations of Wounded Bodies in 21st-Century Literature. You also have the opportunity to be involved in the newly launched literary magazine, The Menteur.

Although all teaching is in English you may wish to develop your language skills, which can be essential for your future career and personal plans. French language classes are available throughout the autumn and spring terms.

Each year the Faculty of Humanities offers one of the Kent at Paris graduates the opportunity to have a paid internship in Canterbury for three months working alongside the Administrator supporting the Paris programmes and working with the new students. This is an excellent opportunity to gain valuable skills and experience working in a top 20 university.

Location

The University of Kent at Paris is easily accessible by metro, tram or bus as it is in the center of Paris and is 15 minutes away from the Gare du Nord train station. Paris is ideally located to reach other major mainland European cities as well as the UK, Brussels and London are only about two hours away by train and the city is served by two main airports, offering international and domestic connections.

Accommodation

Kent does not have University accommodation in Paris but we are able to offer advice to help you find suitable accommodation. Options may include staying in a hall of residence or with a host family. There are also organisations in Paris to help students find short-term accommodation, as well as private accommodation agencies. For more information, please visit our website. You may also contact the University of Kent at Paris by email: paris@kent.ac.uk

Social life

Students are able to make full use of the city’s extraordinary social and cultural resources, enjoying all the opportunities that come with living and working in Paris.
For students with a passion for literature, art, history, film and music, Paris offers an unrivalled choice of libraries, galleries, museums, cinemas, theatres, clubs and concert halls. Reid Hall is only a few minutes’ walk from the Luxembourg Gardens – an expansive, classically designed park, much frequented by students from the Sorbonne and other Latin-Quarter institutions.

Paris, its region and the whole of France have an excellent transport system, offering you the opportunity for trips to Zola’s house in Médan, Rodin’s house and studios in Meudon, Monet’s house and gardens in Giverny or further afield, to the châteaux of the Loire, to Lyons, Marseilles or the Picasso museum in Antibes on the Côte d’Azur. Trips to Italy, Spain and other neighbouring countries are easily organised.

Academic and support staff who are with you during your time in Paris will provide advice and guidance on how you can get involved in the life of the city and how such activities can both complement your studies and make your stay in Paris a life-enhancing experience.

Further information
www.kent.ac.uk/paris

ROME

Our MA programmes in Ancient History and Roman History & Archaeology give you the opportunity to study in Rome for a term. You study the monuments and artefacts of ancient Rome at first hand, visiting relevant sites and museums, and discover the history of the city.

Location
Rome is arguably the most historically and archaeologically significant city in Europe, if not the world. You not only study the ancient sites, such as the Colosseum, the Pantheon and the Roman Forum, but also see the development of the city over time. There is the Rome of mythology, the Rome of the Republic, the Rome of the emperors, but also of later eras: of medieval pilgrimage, of the Renaissance, of the Risorgimento (unification of Italy), of Mussolini and fascism, and of the more recent past. More importantly, it is an exciting and cosmopolitan city today.

Campus life
In Rome, Kent students are based at the campus of the American University of Rome (AUR), which has a long tradition of pairing intellectual rigour with the unique opportunity to use its location in the Eternal City as its classroom.

Situated in the picturesque district of Monteverde, with a wide range of shops and amenities close by, the campus is within walking distance of Rome’s historic centre and the city’s extensive array of Roman sites, monuments and museums.

Study facilities at the AUR include computer workstations, free wi-fi and full audio-visual equipment in all classrooms. Lecture rooms are housed in a former monastery while the gardens and terraces act as convivial social spaces. There is a library located in Evans Hall, a stately two-story building housing over 15,000 volumes, a large collection of DVDs, as well as access to important online databases and the vast network of Rome’s other libraries.

Accommodation
Accommodation is arranged with the AUR. Accommodation consists of furnished apartments with shared bedrooms in traditional, well-established neighbourhoods.

Student life
Students have full access to all support facilities, including an English-speaking GP on site, a counsellor, and support from staff in the Student Life Office. There is also a range of student societies, cultural events and sports clubs available to suit almost every interest.

Further details
www.aur.edu/american-university-rome/student-life/housing

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HOW TO APPLY

General entry requirements

Students who wish to apply for a higher degree must normally have a first or second class honours degree in a relevant or appropriate subject, or the equivalent from an internationally recognised institution (for more information on requirements for international qualifications, visit www.kent.ac.uk/internationalstudent/country).

English language

The University requires all non-native speakers of English to reach a minimum standard of proficiency in written and spoken English before beginning a postgraduate degree.

The minimum English language test scores required by most schools are listed on p223. Certain subjects such as English and Journalism require a higher level.

Only English language tests taken up to a maximum of two years prior to the date of registration will be accepted for admission to the University. Please note that if your university studies have been completed entirely in English, you may be exempt from providing an English test certificate.

If you do not reach the required standard, you can apply for one of our pre-sessional English courses (see p222).

Applications

Applications are made electronically via our website at www.kent.ac.uk/courses/postgrad/gradapply.html

If you do not have access to the web, please contact the Recruitment and Admissions Office for advice (see below).

Taught Master’s degrees and other taught programmes

There is no fixed closing deadline for applications to most postgraduate taught degrees. However, we strongly recommend that you apply as soon as possible and no later than three months before your intended start date. Most coursework degrees begin in September although some, most notably research degrees or those in Brussels, may offer the opportunity to start in January.

Research degree programmes

It is strongly recommended that you contact the Director of Graduate Studies in the school where you wish to pursue your studies. If you already know the member of staff you wish to supervise your project, you should contact him or her directly. Academic staff welcome direct contact with potential students as it allows them the opportunity to discuss your research proposal. This is an important aspect of the application process as the University must be assured that it can provide a suitable programme of training and research support, a supervisor who has the requisite expertise, and suitable facilities and equipment where appropriate. The University must also be satisfied that you have the necessary qualifications and experience. This early discussion also allows you and the Director of Graduate Studies/your potential supervisor to explore funding opportunities.

There is no fixed closing deadline for applications to research degrees. However, we strongly recommend that you apply as soon as possible and no later than three months before your intended start date. While research degree registration can begin at the start of any month, it is recommended that you begin in either September or January to take advantage of the University’s induction programme.

Applying for accommodation

If you wish to apply for campus accommodation, you need to have received an offer for a place of study and make an online application for accommodation by 31 July 2014.

Further information

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