SHORT-TERM STUDY AT KENT

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Kent calendar
Welcome Week 18 September – 22 September 2017
Autumn term 25 September – 15 December 2017
Spring term 8 January 2018 – 29 March 2018
Summer term 30 April 2018 – 8 June 2018
WELCOME TO KENT

The UK is the number one study abroad destination for many students from around the world. Studying at Kent, the UK’s European university, expands your horizons, enhances your studies and gives you the chance to explore an exciting new destination.

Consistently ranked within the top 10 of UK universities for student satisfaction (National Student Survey), Kent offers a unique study abroad experience.

Embark on a life-changing experience

Our international students receive an unparalleled experience which includes exciting welcome events, a ‘Buddy Scheme’ and an array of international events throughout the year. Studying abroad is about developing your self-confidence and having fun. It enables you to gain an understanding of another culture, make lifelong friends from a wide variety of backgrounds and benefit from what is truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Location

The University of Kent has two UK campuses, Canterbury and Medway, and five study centres across Europe. The short-term study courses in this brochure are based at our Canterbury campus. Our summer schools take place at our locations in Kent and Europe, see www.kent.ac.uk/summerschools

Enhance your prospects

In a competitive global job market, employers value graduates with study abroad experience who have proved that they can succeed in a different environment.

A year or a term at Kent tells employers that you are independent and will make the most of every opportunity. Our academic schools produce world-leading research and this underpins all of our teaching, so you can be sure that you are benefiting from first-class theories and techniques. A period of study at Kent will enhance your education and will make an impressive addition to your CV.

Your choice

You can choose from a wide range of subjects at Kent. Your studies will provide you with a different perspective on your chosen subject and open up new avenues of academic thought. If you are planning to go to graduate school, a study abroad experience will prepare you for the more independent nature of postgraduate studies. Spending a year or a term abroad doesn't have to delay your expected graduation date. With careful planning, you can complete your studies in the same time as you would if you stayed at home for your full degree.

So, what are you waiting for?

“Kent goes out of its way to make students feel welcome and I was delighted with the entire experience. The academic support was amazing and there was always something going on. It was the experience of a lifetime.”

Heather Kissinger
USA
A STUNNING LOCATION

Our Canterbury campus is set in beautiful parkland overlooking the world-famous Canterbury Cathedral, part of a world heritage site.

Canterbury has a rich social life, as you’d expect from a city with nearly 30,000 students. According to travel company Experian, Canterbury is the UK’s third most vibrant city, with lively clubs, bars, restaurants, pubs, cinemas and sports facilities. The city hosts cultural festivals throughout the year and the Marlowe Theatre attracts top London shows on tour. Students from around the world fall in love with Canterbury’s cosmopolitan charm.

The local region
Situated in the south-east corner of the UK, the county of Kent is known as the ‘Garden of England’ with its many villages, castles, orchards and vineyards. The county offers miles of scenic coastline, and the nearby seaside town of Whitstable offers a variety of water sports.

Visit London
Kent is on London’s doorstep. In less than an hour by train you can be in central London and enjoy all that the capital city has to offer. The University of Kent is an increasingly popular location for students keen to enjoy the bright lights and attractions of the UK’s capital without the high living costs.

Explore Europe
Canterbury is the closest UK city to mainland Europe and therefore the perfect location to explore other European cities during your time here. You can reach Paris and Brussels in just under two hours by train. As the UK’s European university, Kent has study centres in Paris, Brussels, Rome and Athens and offers summer schools at these locations. For more information visit www.kent.ac.uk/summerschools

“There’s no lovelier place in the world than Canterbury.”
Virginia Woolf
Canterbury city centre with its world-famous Cathedral and a lively mix of bars, restaurants and shops, is only a 25-minute walk or a short bus-ride from the campus.

DID YOU KNOW?
CAMPUS LIFE

On our self-contained Canterbury campus you have access to all of the University’s resources, with everything you need to enjoy student life and help you in your studies.

Campus life is ideal for students from overseas as it provides a self contained environment with everything in one place. The result is a lively and memorable living experience. You have access to all the University resources and are only ever a few minutes away from your classes. In your spare time, you can enjoy the campus cinema, theatre and a range of bars and restaurants. The campus has two banks, a sports centre, shops and an award-winning student nightclub. The city centre is only a 25-minute walk away and there’s a frequent bus service between campus and the city centre. You can take a virtual tour of the University at www.kent.ac.uk/accommodation/virtualtour

Accommodation

Students have the option of living in campus accommodation, which is no more than a few minutes’ walk from all the central facilities. This allows you to live in a student apartment, house or college, so you have the opportunity to make new friends from around the world.

All students, no matter where they live, belong to one of Kent’s colleges. Each has its own living, social, teaching and study facilities and is made up of students from different disciplines and nationalities. College Masters are part of a network of people, including course advisers, who have a responsibility for student welfare.

A cosmopolitan community

With 148 nationalities represented at the University, Kent Union runs many national or regional societies such as the Japanese Society, the African Society, the Asian Society, and societies covering leisure interests such as anime, music, drama, photography and all kinds of sport.

A multi-faith university, we have chaplains from the Anglican, Buddhist, Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, Methodist, Pentecostal and Quaker traditions, and our student societies celebrate a wide range of festivals throughout the year, including Chinese New Year, Thanksgiving, Diwali, Holi and the annual week-long Worldfest celebration. We also have a Multicultural Events Fund which enables students to apply for funding to run an event of their choice.

Excellent facilities

Our excellent facilities are available to all our students. Academic resources include a 24-hour, multi-million pound library with over a million books, periodicals and journals, state-of-the-art laboratories and access to over 1,000 PCs across campus. Social facilities are equally good, with a a theatre, concert hall, nightclub and cinema on campus. The University provides a range of high-quality catering facilities offering national and international cuisine, from traditional dining halls to cafés, bistro, bars and shops. There is a considerable variety of food available, ranging
from snacks to cooked meals, including vegetarian and halal options.

**Sport**
At Kent, you have the facilities to get involved in a wide range of sports. We have a modern well-equipped fitness suite as well as a dance studio, a world-class 3GX pitch, 3G football pitch, astro pitch, indoor and outdoor tennis courts, squash courts and two sports halls, plus a huge range of sports societies.

**Language tuition**
Our Centre for English and World Languages provides support for students for whom English is not their first language. If necessary, these courses can help you to develop your English language and study skills so you meet the level of proficiency required for your chosen course of study. For more information, see www.kent.ac.uk/cewl

**Student Learning Advisory Service**
The Student Learning Advisory Service (SLAS) offers training and information on writing essays, note taking, time management, dealing with exams, writing dissertations and many other skills. You can find information in the form of leaflets, web resources, personal support, groups and workshops.

**Kent Union Advice Centre**
Kent’s Student Union has trained members of staff who can offer specialist advice on a range of matters including visas, immigration, safety and welfare.

**Health care and personal support services**
Kent has a medical centre, a nursing service and a pharmacy. Other facilities include a Counselling Service, Disability and Dyslexia Service, the Student Support and Wellbeing Service and a day nursery for children. The Chaplaincy Team serves all the main Christian denominations and the Buddhist, Muslim and Jewish communities on campus. At Kent, you’ll also have access to our highly effective careers service, even after graduation.

**A life-changing experience**
With great facilities and stunning locations, your time at Kent can provide an experience you’ll remember for the rest of your life.

“I chose the University of Kent for its location and size. I spotted a grocery store, a nightclub, several main buildings and lots of greenery, all before arriving at check-in. Within minutes, I was making friends, with whom I was able to explore the city the next day. The University continues to offer great opportunities for its students and the city is always bustling and inviting.”

Aly Hess
USA
WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY...

“These are some of the many memories I have from my semester at the University of Kent. I had an amazing time and met people from around the world. I particularly enjoyed campus life, the feeling of living in a diverse community and people experiencing the same challenges as you. As an architecture student and history lover I thoroughly enjoyed Canterbury and its fascinating medieval streets. It was lovely to walk around such a historic place and feel like you have gone back in time. The friends I made while I stayed there will remain my friends forever.”

Alexandra Cooper
Short-term studies

“I travelled on the shuttle bus to Kent, and after counting all the sheep that were grazing on the side of the highways I dozed off again. From there it’s been a blur of new people, accommodation, welcome meetings and dinners. I share my house with four other girls from Italy, Switzerland, Germany and the US as well as meeting people at the international dinner from France, Egypt, Israel, China, Japan and Vietnam. I’ve also joined the Kent Christian Union. There are so many other societies that I need to narrow down which ones to join, including a Medieval Re-enactment group!”

Jennifer Peters
Short-term studies

“The University of Kent has so much to offer. The International Office has many events to help you meet other students and there’s plenty of opportunities to travel around with the various clubs on campus. I hesitated before joining the volleyball team because I was worried it would be overwhelming with my studies, but it actually ended up being very advantageous! I met an amazing group of people who helped me to integrate into the community and who were my support network in times of need.”

Mélisande Masson
Short-term studies
“I chose Kent because of its reputation for high quality education and student life. Indeed, Kent was much more than I expected. All of the modules were well-organised, and my lecturers were very dedicated to teaching and delivering knowledge. If you are an international student, you do not need to worry about your English, because the Centre for English and World Languages and the Student Learning Advisory Service are always there to help you improve your English skills. And the Buddy Scheme is absolutely perfect – new students can take part in many exciting activities together with a buddy. I feel Kent is truly my home away from home.”

Trang Pham
Vietnam

“I made many good friends in Kent, and they really helped me a lot in both English skills and life. Overall, this is really an impressive year, I will never forget Kent, my teachers and friends.”

Yi Li
China

“Students are encouraged to be active and participate during seminars. The variety of cultures is extremely helpful and sharing different experiences is beneficial for everybody. Sports facilities are very well-equipped and I spent a lot of time playing in-line hockey or tennis. It was a remarkable experience which will be very useful for my next professional development. I also enjoyed spending time with British people and discovering their way of life and their cultural heritage.”

Martin Fott
Germany
Kent is ranked 23rd in the UK in *The Guardian University Guide 2017* and *The Complete University Guide 2017*. Kent was ranked 1st in London and the south-east, and received the 4th highest score nationally for student satisfaction in the National Student Survey 2016. In addition, our academics have been regularly awarded National Teaching Fellowships.

Based on our excellent performance in the Research Excellence Framework (REF 2014), Kent was ranked joint 17th* in the UK by the *Times Higher Education (THE)*. In terms of research intensity, we outperformed 11 of the 24 Russell Group universities, which means that you are taught by leading experts in your field.

**Inspirational teaching**

At Kent, all of our academic schools produce world-class research and our teaching is designed to put you in touch with the latest ideas. One of the exciting things about studying at Kent is the way in which you are encouraged to express your own views and develop your own academic skills.

As well as attending lectures, you take part in seminars (small groups that encourage informal discussion). Teaching may also include workshops or guided research. If you are taking a science or a technical subject, you spend time in laboratory sessions or practical classes. Language students take conversation classes and have language laboratory sessions.

**Wide range of subjects**

Within our short-term programmes, Kent offers modules in a range of academic subjects. You can take modules across more than one subject or specialise in a particular subject and choose modules in that subject area. All the modules on our short-term programmes are also offered on Kent’s undergraduate degree courses. For more information see: www.kent.ac.uk/courses/short-term

**Internationally recognised credits**

All Kent’s study programmes divide into a number of modules, with a credit rating of 15, 30 or 45 credits. Your marks and your academic credits can be transferred to your home university. For more details visit www.kent.ac.uk/courses/short-term

“I chose to study at Kent because I know that a lot of students come to study at this university from around the world. Studying abroad has been a great experience for me, meeting people from different cultures and countries.”

Mai Tsuruta
Japan
Kent’s short-term study programmes allow students from different educational systems the opportunity to study and gain academic credit from a leading British university.

We offer short-term programmes which allow international students to spend a term or year at Kent. Our programmes suit your academic ability, your level of proficiency in English and the amount of time you would like to spend abroad. Our programmes are as follows:

**English and Academic Skills for Exchange Students**

For exchange students who wish to familiarise themselves with the main features of academic English and study skills before they begin their exchange term/year at Kent. This week-long course is held in mid-September. For details, email cewl@kent.ac.uk

**Erasmus exchange**

For students from our partner universities in Europe. You spend a term or a full academic year at Kent and can choose your modules from a wide range of subjects. See pp16-17 (Partner universities).

**International exchange**

For students from our partner universities outside of Europe. You spend a term or a full academic year at Kent and can choose your modules from a wide range of subjects. For more details see pp16-17 (Partner universities).

**JYA English PLUS**

JYA (Junior Year Abroad) English PLUS is for students who need to improve their English language before spending a term or year studying academic modules. For more details see p14.

**Non-exchange programme**

For fee-paying, short-term students who are not part of an exchange programme. You spend a term or a full academic year at Kent and can choose your modules from a wide range of subjects. See p18 for more details on tuition fees and how to apply.

**Summer schools**

Kent offers a variety of summer schools at our locations in Kent and Europe, covering a wide range of subjects. See www.kent.ac.uk/summerschools

**Choosing modules**

We offer a wide range of academic modules, which makes it easy to find something to suit your interests and level of knowledge. Please see www.kent.ac.uk/courses/modules

**Terms**

For the dates of each term, please see the Kent Calendar on p2.
JUNIOR YEAR ABROAD (JYA)
ENGLISH PLUS

JYA English PLUS has been designed to meet the needs of students whose first language is not English. It offers a combination of language training, study skills and the opportunity to study academic modules from across the University.

The programme consists of:

1 British and Academic Culture
An optional two-week course to help you become accustomed to your new study and learning environment.

2 Pre-sessional studies
This focuses on developing your English language and study skills so that you can meet the level of proficiency required to make the most of your academic studies. You learn how to navigate the UK university and assessment system, while improving your English language skills. You have the opportunity to join our summer social programme, run by our student ambassadors. This includes trips to local places of interest, weekly social evenings, karaoke and much more. You can also join Kent Sport and have access to all of the University’s sporting facilities. At the end of this course, you are assessed on your language skills. This helps to determine which modules you should follow in the academic term.

3 Kent academic term(s)
You study a series of academic modules offered by academic schools across the University. The JYA English PLUS programme is offered as a full-year (from May to April) or part-year (eight months from May to December).

At Kent, we offer a wide range of academic modules, which makes it easy to find something to fit your interests and level of knowledge.

You are given advice on choosing your academic modules once you have taken your language assessment in September. However, if you would like to browse through some of the Stage 1 modules on offer, please refer to our online catalogue at www.kent.ac.uk/courses/modules

Please note that modules are subject to change.

Credits

Full-year programme
120 credits in total (60 credits during the autumn term and 60 credits during the spring term).

Part-year programme
60 credits in total, taken during the autumn term.

“The University has everything that a student is looking for – a beautiful campus, quality education and a friendly atmosphere. I took the JYA English PLUS programme and it was ideal for me.”

Shin Akutagawa
Japan
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If you come to Kent under an exchange agreement, you are an ‘exchange student’ and pay tuition fees to your home university. In order to gain credits for your year abroad, your university needs to approve the details of your year at Kent, including the modules you have chosen.

It is your responsibility to liaise with your home institution about the transfer of the academic credits you gain at Kent. Please contact your university’s study abroad office for details.

**Non-partner universities**

If Kent does not have an exchange agreement with your university, you can apply as a non-exchange student and pay fees directly to Kent. See p18 for more details on tuition fees and how to apply.
Study destinations covered by the Erasmus+ programme

Study destinations outside of the Erasmus+ programme

*Subject to availability, work placements can be undertaken anywhere in the world.
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND FEES

General academic requirements
For entry on to a short-term programme we normally require a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or above (out of 4.0) or its equivalent. However each application is considered on an individual basis.

English language requirements
If you are applying from overseas, you must provide satisfactory evidence of your proficiency in written and spoken English to show that you can take full advantage of the teaching we offer. The minimum requirements are given in the table below.

Fees and living costs
If Kent has an exchange agreement with your home university (see p16), you can continue to pay your tuition fees to your home university.

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- Non-exchange programme Full year (September to June) £14,000
- JYA English PLUS Full-length £13,500/£9,800 (2016/17 fee)
- JYA English PLUS Part-length £9,800 (2016/17 fee)
- Non-exchange programme Autumn (fall) term (three months) £5,250
- Non-exchange programme Spring term (five months) £8,750

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HOW TO APPLY

If your home university has an exchange agreement with the University of Kent, please liaise directly with its study abroad office when you apply.

If your university does not currently have an agreement with Kent, we consider direct applications for short-term study. Please bear in mind it is your responsibility to liaise with your home institution about transferring credits for your study at Kent.

Direct applications
If you wish to apply directly, please submit an online application at www.kent.ac.uk/courses/short-term/apply

As part of your application you need to include:

1 A copy of your passport
This is mandatory; you will not be able to submit your application without this.

2 A provisional module registration form (not required for JYA English PLUS applicants)
You can download this form from our website at: www.kent.ac.uk/courses/short-term/apply
• Please ensure that you have chosen modules according to the specification of your particular programme (see www.kent.ac.uk/courses/modules).

• On your provisional module form, fill in your preferred modules, and some alternative modules (in case your first choices are not available).
• If you wish to transfer academic credits, please check that your chosen modules will be accepted by your home university.

3 Proof of academic achievements
You need to include full, certified transcripts of your academic achievements in English and results to date from your home institution.

4 Academic reference
You need to include a report from a teacher who is familiar with your academic work at your present university or college.

Visa and immigration
The need to obtain entry permission before arriving in the UK is determined by your nationality. Please ensure that you allow enough time to make your visa application. For more details, see www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa

If you plan to study in the UK for less than six months and do not intend to work then, depending on your nationality, you can enter the UK on a short-term study visa. However, please note that you cannot switch from a short-term study visa to a Tier 4 Visa while in the UK.

More information
If you need more information or have any queries, please contact us on:
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E: internationalpartnerships@kent.ac.uk
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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
COME AND VISIT US

We hold Open Days at our Canterbury campus three times a year. You can also contact us to book an individual tour.

For more information, see: www.kent.ac.uk/visit