INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PROGRAMME 2017

Programmes leading to undergraduate degrees starting in 2018
Kent is one of the UK’s leading universities and attracts a large number of international students thanks to our global reputation for academic excellence and inspirational teaching.

Our academic schools produce world-class research and Kent is rated as internationally excellent, leading the way in many fields of study.

Academic excellence
Our academics are engaged in high-level research as well as teaching, which means you study with some of the most influential thinkers in your field. Our teaching is designed to put you in touch with the latest ideas and help you to develop your own interests and essential skills. In recognition of the quality of our teaching, Kent was shortlisted for Exceptional Performance in Teaching & Research in the Times Higher Education DataPoints Merit Award 2016.

Over 27% of our students and 38% of our academic staff come from countries outside the UK, which creates a lively, interesting and culturally diverse environment, and allows you to make friends from the UK and around the world.

World-leading research
Our academics produce research of international standing. In the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014, Kent was ranked 17th* for research output and research intensity, outperforming 11 of the 24 Russell Group universities.

Supportive teaching
At Kent, we are proud of our supportive teaching. Our academics are friendly and approachable, and students have high levels of contact time with their tutors and lecturers. Student feedback has helped us to develop well-designed and intellectually rigorous programmes.

If English is your second language, we can help you to develop your fluency. While you’re studying at Kent, you can take up to two hours of free English lessons a week.

First-class study resources
All students rely on being able to access a range of information. At Kent, we make sure this process is as easy as possible. Our library is well stocked and the most popular books are on short-term loan, which means you never have to wait too long for essential texts. Our online resources are excellent too, with a huge range of journals available.

Technology is one of our priorities: we provide public computers with Wi-Fi access so when you’re on campus you can always connect.

TERM DATES 2017/18

Welcome Week
18 September 2017 – 24 September 2017

Autumn term
25 September 2017 – 15 December 2017
(Holiday 30 October 2017 – 3 November 2017)

Spring term
8 January 2018 – 29 March 2018
(Holiday 12 February 2018 – 16 February 2018)

Summer examination term
30 April 2018 – 8 June 2018

January IFP

Spring term
8 January 2018 – 29 March 2018
(Holiday 12 February 2018 – 16 February 2018)

Summer term
16 April 2018 – 6 July 2018
(Holiday 21 May 2018 – 25 May 2018)

Summer examination term
16 July 2018 – 20 July 2018

*of 122 universities not including specialist institutions.
Jewish, Muslim, Methodist, Pentecostal and Quaker traditions. Kent’s student societies celebrate a wide range of festivals such as Chinese New Year, Holi, Thanksgiving and Diwali. The University has recently established a Multicultural Events Fund to enable Kent students to apply for a financial award of up to £350 to help run their own multicultural event.

We also hold an annual event, WorldFest, to celebrate international culture and diversity across the campus.

Excellent location
Established in 1965, the University’s Canterbury campus is situated in the south-east of England, one hour away from London by high-speed train. The historic city of Canterbury is only a 25-minute walk from the campus and offers a wide range of shops, cafés and restaurants as well as historic sites including the world-famous Canterbury Cathedral.

“My lecturers and all the staff at my school are great and always there to provide support and guidance when needed. Also, the campus at Kent is beautiful.”

Alexandria Olton
International Foundation Programme student
Kent International Pathways offers a range of academic programmes, which give you access to undergraduate and postgraduate study.

All of our programmes are designed to give you the best possible start to your studies. Our courses are designed specifically for international students whose first language may, or may not, be English. They develop both your academic and, if required, linguistic ability in order to fully prepare you for future study.

The University of Kent is a member of the UPA, which comprises seven leading UK universities who manage and deliver their own in-house academic and English language programmes. Collectively, UPA member universities have over 125 years of experience teaching Foundation and Pre-Master’s programmes and have enabled thousands of international students to progress to degree level study.

International Foundation Programme

If you need to extend your existing academic qualifications, study skills or ability in English before you can start an undergraduate degree at a UK university, why not apply for our one-year International Foundation Programme (IFP)?

The IFP at the University of Kent was one of the first to be offered by a UK university and students have been successfully progressing to a wide range of degrees for over 35 years. The programme has been specifically designed to prepare you for academic study on a wide range of undergraduate degree programmes in the humanities, social sciences and sciences.

We offer pathways to a wide range of areas, such as: architecture; art history; biosciences; computing; digital arts; economics; English language and linguistics; law; management and business; pharmacology and physiology; psychology; sport and exercise sciences. Your IFP modules need to be relevant to your chosen degree, so you need to choose the correct IFP course.

The IFP takes place at our main Canterbury campus and students are full members of the University, with access to all our leisure, support and study facilities. We also offer you a place in our purpose-built student accommodation.

If you successfully complete the IFP and meet the University’s rules of progression and English language requirements, you are guaranteed entry on to a full undergraduate degree at the University of Kent.  

Course structure

The IFP is a modular course, which runs for three terms. All programmes start in September. Humanities and Social Sciences IFPs also start in January. You take one module in Academic Skills Development and either take a module in English for Academic Study or complete a Foundation Project module. These skills and language modules differ from ‘English language’ classes, as you develop skills to fully enjoy your academic experience in the UK.

For example, you develop your sense of responsibility in seminar/group work and as an independent student. This entails time management, project management and individual responsibility towards learning, and developing your analytical and critical skills.

You then choose subject modules depending on your chosen pathway. Generally, modules are worth either 15 or 30 credits. Please note that if you wish to take the Art and Design module, you need to provide an electronic portfolio of your work.

1 Pharmacology and Physiology is a joint degree managed by the University of Greenwich, so you will need to apply through UCAS to Greenwich in the autumn term.

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KENT INTERNATIONAL PATHWAYS (CONT)

This module list is not fixed, as new modules are always in development and choices are updated yearly. Please see www.kent.ac.uk/ug for the most up-to-date information.

- Art and Design
- European and International Business
- Drama, Film and Literary Text
- Economics
- Fundamental Human Biology
- Genetics and Evolution
- History
- Law
- Life Sciences
- Maths and Statistics

- Philosophy
- Politics and International Relations
- Programming
- Psychology
- Sociology

For examples of the modules you can take on the different IFP pathways and which undergraduate degree programmes these can lead to, please see the tables opposite or see www.kent.ac.uk/international-pathways/ifp/progression-requirements.html

Assessment
Assessment is through a combination of assignments, coursework and examinations.

Entry requirements
To gain entry on to the IFP you need:
- a good academic school-leaving certificate with particular strengths in subjects that are relevant to your intended area of study
- GCSE grade C Maths or equivalent, for some degree programmes. If you do not have this level of qualification, you will need to take the IFP Maths and Statistics module
- 5.0 IELTS, with no less than 5.0 in each section.

If your level of English does not meet the entry requirements, you can take one of our Pre-sessional Courses. For further details of these courses, see: www.kent.ac.uk/international-pathways/pre-sessional

If you wish to take the Art and Design module, you must provide an electronic portfolio of your work, see www.kent.ac.uk/ip for details.
Below are examples of the degree programmes you can go on to study after each IFP course

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For a full list of available degree programmes and which modules you can take to progress to these programmes, please see, www.kent.ac.uk/international-pathways/ifp/progression-requirements.html

If you wish to take an IFP leading to Architecture, Digital Arts, Event and Experience Design or Fine Art you must submit an electronic portfolio of your work. After you have made your application, we will contact you with details of how to submit your portfolio.

**Tuition fees 2017/18**

International students from outside the European Union: £13,810.

Students from the European Union: TBC.

We will post the fee information on our website, www.kent.ac.uk/courses/funding/undergraduate/fees.html so please check it regularly.

Please note: the IFP is not eligible for funding from the Student Loans Company as it is a one-year stand-alone programme.

**How to apply**

1. Online, using our direct online application form at: www.kent.ac.uk/ifp

Please ensure that you apply for the specific IFP pathway (using the correct course code) which leads directly to the undergraduate degree programme you intend to study the following year.

2. Via one of Kent’s overseas representatives.

3. Via the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS). For detailed instructions on how to register and apply, see: www.ucas.com/apply If you are submitting other applications to Kent through UCAS, your IFP application must also be made through UCAS.
If you already have 5.5 IELTS or above, you can do a subject-specific degree with a built-in foundation year. The degree programmes on offer are:

- Actuarial Science
- Chemistry
- Computer Systems Engineering
- Electronic and Communications Engineering
- Forensic Science
- Mathematics
- Physics.

You can apply for these if you have a minimum of two passes at A level or equivalent, or another recognised post-GCSE qualification, but:

- not in the same subject areas needed for your chosen degree, or
- you did not obtain grades high enough for your chosen degree.

Please see www.kent.ac.uk/ug for the most up-to-date information.

Please note: you can only apply for these degrees at www.ucas.com/apply

Scholarships and prizes

We award Pathway Progression prizes to students who have achieved highly while completing an IFP with us. These awards are given to students when they progress to their undergraduate degree at Kent. For further details of these prizes, please see our website.

The University offers a number of generous scholarships for international students at undergraduate level. You can find further details at: www.kent.ac.uk/scholarships/undergraduate/international

Further information

See our website for full details of the IFP. Please contact us with any questions or for advice on which pathway is best for you.

T: +44 (0) 1227 824401
E: pathways@kent.ac.uk
www.kent.ac.uk/ifp

“...guided me through the inherent difficulties of the transition from high school to university, especially the ones that came with being an international student. In addition, it gave me a strong foundation to begin my university studies on.”

Gabriel Razzouk
International Foundation Programme (Computer Science) student
University of Kent accommodation allows you to make an easy transition to living in the UK. Personal contents insurance and all of your bills, except for a TV licence, are included in accommodation fees.

We offer you accommodation for your IFP and for the first year of your chosen degree programme.

Set within 300 acres of parkland, the Canterbury campus offers:
- over 4,500 bedrooms for single occupancy
- en-suite facilities in almost 60% of bedrooms
- 84% of bedrooms with self-catering facilities
- high-speed wired and Wi-Fi internet connection throughout the accommodation.

For details of what is provided in University accommodation, see www.kent.ac.uk/accommodation/canterbury/apply/room-contents.html

Kent has three accommodation options for undergraduate students.

1 Self-catered accommodation

On central campus, Turing and Keynes offer en-suite bedrooms in flats and rooms in houses with shared bathroom facilities. Tyler Court offers flats with en-suite bedrooms, and houses with shared bathroom facilities are available at Darwin College.

Our student village, Park Wood, also offers en-suite bedrooms in flats and more than 260 five or six-bedroom houses with shared bathroom facilities. Park Wood is located in a beautiful woodland setting and is just a few minutes’ walk from central campus.

Self-catered flats and houses all have shared kitchens.

All self-catered accommodation is offered for a fixed period from September to June, which includes the winter and spring vacations.

2 Part-catered accommodation: bed and bistro

This accommodation package is available to residents of the main building at Keynes College and at Becket Court. It includes an en-suite bedroom, weekday breakfasts and dinners in our flagship bistro Dolche Vita, located in Keynes College, and weekend meals in the dining hall at Rutherford College, during term time. This accommodation is offered for a fixed period from September to June, excluding the winter and spring vacations.

3 Part-catered accommodation: bed and flex

This accommodation package is available to residents of Eliot and Rutherford Colleges. It includes an allowance of £8 per day to spend on food in a choice of nine venues, seven days per week, during term time. Accommodation is offered for a fixed period from September to June, including the winter and spring vacations (except the University’s two-week closure over Christmas and New Year).

Further information and how to apply

You receive details of how to apply for accommodation when you are offered a place at Kent. You will find full details of our accommodation, including fees and an online application form, at: www.kent.ac.uk/accommodation
SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

We provide a network of student support services where you can go for help and advice.

Pastoral support
Our Student Support Officer and Senior Tutor are here to offer you the best possible pastoral support so that you can make the most of your experience at Kent. We encourage you to meet with the support team for confidential pastoral support including concerns about general welfare, health and wellbeing, and personal problems. The team can also help you to contact the other support services available at the University including: Student Support; the Wellbeing Team; the multi-faith Chaplaincy; University Nursing Service; the Medical Centre and Pharmacy.

All students are assigned to a college and each college has a Master, who is responsible for student welfare and whom you can consult about any problems.

Academic support
When you join one of our programmes, you are assigned an Academic Adviser for the duration of your studies. Your Academic Adviser is here to give independent advice on all aspects of your academic development, including academic progress and feedback on assignments. We also offer an Academic Peer Mentor Scheme, which aims to improve learning and performance through pairing past students with current students to provide academic peer support.

We are committed to supporting all of our students. We provide prospective and current students registered with a disability, with clear and comprehensive information that sets out the support available.

For further details of support, please see the student support information on our website: www.kent.ac.uk/international-pathways

Meet people from home – Kent’s ‘buddy’ scheme
Kent Union has developed email groups and a buddy scheme, which allow you to contact other students from your home country. The support doesn’t end there: after you graduate, you can also get in touch with Kent alumni in your own country, providing a life-long network of friends and professional contacts.

DID YOU KNOW?
You can visit www.kent.ac.uk/international-pathways to find out more about the social activities on offer and to find links to our Facebook page.
VISIT THE UNIVERSITY

Find out more about being a student at Kent by meeting our staff overseas or coming to visit the Canterbury campus.

Meet us in your country
University of Kent staff make regular visits overseas to meet with students who are interested in studying at Kent. We welcome the opportunity to meet with you in person and would be pleased to offer you guidance and information.

For details of upcoming visits, please see www.kent.ac.uk/internationalstudent/application/meet-us-in-your-country.html

Informal visits
If you live outside of the UK and cannot attend an Applicant Day, we are happy to organise individual tours of our campus for you and your family at any time of the year (advance notice is recommended).

Alternatively, you can download a self-guided tour leaflet and visit the campus at a time to suit you.

To arrange a visit or download a self-guided tour leaflet, please see www.kent.ac.uk/informal

Applicant Days
Applicant Days include a tour of the campus, a general talk on the University and an in-depth school programme. You have the opportunity to meet staff and students from your chosen subject and to discuss any queries you may have about your course, or the University in general.

If you apply to study at Kent and we offer you a place, you will usually receive an invitation to an Applicant Day. You will normally be able to book for an Applicant Day via your Applicant Portal, but this might not always be possible.

For details see www.kent.ac.uk/courses/visit/ucas

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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 this institution makes to you is subject to your consent to process such information and is therefore a requirement before we can register you as a student.