JUNIOR YEAR ABROAD (JYA) 2016

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Kent calendar

Welcome Week 19 September – 25 September 2016
Autumn term 26 September – 16 December 2016
Spring term 17 January – 7 April 2017
Summer term 8 May – 16 June 2017
WELCOME TO KENT

The UK is the number one study abroad destination for many students from around the world. Studying at Kent, one of the UK’s top 20 universities, expands your horizons, enhances your studies and gives you the chance to gain insight into another culture.

With the third highest score in the UK for overall student satisfaction in the National Student Survey 2014, Kent offers a unique experience for your Junior Year Abroad.

Based in beautiful locations in south-east England, we provide an attractive and friendly environment for your studies. Our campuses are less than an hour from London and also within easy reach of mainland Europe. Our academic schools produce world-leading research which underpins all of our teaching, so you can be sure that you are benefiting from the very latest theories and techniques. In the UK, academic staff usually teach both lectures and seminars, so you have the opportunity to get to know your professors well and to discuss questions with academics who are leaders in their area.

Spending a year or a semester 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. And, 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 semester at Kent demonstrates to employers that you are independent and will make the most of every opportunity.

If you are planning to go to graduate school, a study abroad experience will prepare you for the more independent nature of postgraduate studies. Your studies at Kent can also provide you with a different perspective on your chosen subject and open up new avenues of academic thought.

Studying abroad is also 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.

“Kent’s academics are top level and the University’s location in a historical city gives it a truly British feel. Kent’s proximity to various cities and attractions, such as London and Paris, also allowed me to experience more of the UK and Europe.”

Omar Perez
USA
**A LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE**

Spending a year or a semester at Kent is a chance to study at the UK’s European university. With great facilities and stunning locations, your time at Kent can provide an experience you’ll remember for the rest of your life.

**High academic standards**

Kent is one of the UK’s leading universities, ranked 16th in The Guardian University Guide 2016. In the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014, Kent is ranked 17th* for research intensity, outperforming 11 of the 24 Russell Group universities. The University is judged to have world-leading research in all subjects submitted in the REF 2014. With 97% of our research judged to be of international quality, you study with some of the most influential thinkers in the world.

We have some of the best teaching staff in the country. In the most recent National Student Survey, 2014, we received a rating of 91% for overall satisfaction, and our academics have been regularly awarded National Teaching Fellowships.

**Gain a British qualification**

If you study for a full academic year at Kent, you could combine modules to make up a programme of study leading to a diploma. These diplomas are an opportunity to gain two recognised academic qualifications within the normal period of a single degree course. A diploma can also lead on to a BA/BSc honours degree or in some cases if you are suitably qualified, you can take the diploma as a pre-Master’s qualification to help you gain entry to a postgraduate degree programme at Kent.

**Excellent support and facilities**

Our excellent facilities are available to all our students. Academic resources include a library with over a million books, periodicals and journals, well-equipped laboratories and studios, and a learning advisory service. Social facilities are equally good, with a range of cafes, bars and restaurants, a sports centre and concert hall, theatre, nightclub and cinema on the Canterbury campus. You also have access to a highly effective careers service, a medical service, counselling support and other student support services.

**Great location**

Our beautiful Canterbury campus is nestled in 300 acres of parkland overlooking Canterbury Cathedral, part of a World Heritage Site. Less than an hour by train from central London, and within easy reach of the coast and mainland Europe, the campus is ideally situated and offers you the best of both worlds. Located in Kent in south-east England, millions of tourists visit the region every year. See p9 for more on our location.

**A cosmopolitan community**

With 149 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, all kinds of sport, and even a Pirate Society. 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, including Chinese New Year, Thanksgiving and Diwali.

**Campus accommodation**

Students have the option of living in campus accommodation, which is no more than a few minutes’ walk from all the central facilities (see p7). 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 the 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.

*of 122 universities, not including specialist institutions
ONLINE TOUR
For pictures and online videos of our student accommodation, go to www.kent.ac.uk/accommodation
FIRST-CLASS CAMPUS FACILITIES

On our self-contained Canterbury campus, you have access to all the University 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. In your spare time, you can enjoy the campus cinema, theatre and sports centre, and a range of bars and restaurants. The campus is home to banks, shops and an award-winning student nightclub. The city centre is only a 25-minute walk away, and there is a frequent bus service between campus and the city centre.

International Development
International students are an integral part of our student community. You can obtain advice and support from our International Development team throughout your studies. Whatever your query, we are here to help you.

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.

Student accommodation
Accommodation on campus is in colleges or self-catered houses or flats. Colleges offer rooms on a ‘bed and breakfast’, ‘bed and bistro’ (with breakfast and dinner), or a new bed and flex dining scheme basis. Self-catered houses or flats offer a shared kitchen and have between five and nine bedrooms. Over 50% of our accommodation is en suite.

Students who start their studies in September are given the option of living on campus, providing they make their application by the following deadline:

- September start 31 July

Kent also aims to offer campus accommodation to students who arrive in January and April/May, providing they make an application by the following deadlines:

- January start 30 November
- April/May start 15 February

Students who would prefer to live off campus can find some useful information about local private sector accommodation at: www.kent.ac.uk/accommodation/canterbury/off-campus

Catering
The University provides a range of high-quality catering facilities from traditional dining halls to cafés, bistros, bars, shops and snack machines across campus. There is a considerable variety of food available, ranging from snacks to cooked meals, including vegan, vegetarian and halal options. National and international cuisine is also available.

Student Learning Advisory Service
The Student Learning Advisory Service (SLAS) offers training and information about 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 at www.kent.ac.uk/learning

IT services
IT Services provide extensive computing facilities. All students have their own email address and access to the internet. There are hundreds of open-access PCs across the Canterbury campus and Wi-Fi is available in all social and teaching areas. Within the University’s on-campus accommodation, each student bedroom has a high-speed internet connection.

Templeman Library
The Templeman Library, at the heart of the Canterbury campus, provides a wealth of resources and services to support study and research across all subject areas. The Library, which has recently been extended, has hundreds of study spaces and PCs, Wi-Fi throughout, and printing, copying and scanning facilities.

The Library website allows you to trace books and periodicals using the catalogue. It also offers access to a range of electronic resources, including online databases, ebooks, journals and newspapers, subject gateways and search engines, and CD-Rom databases.

Personal support services
Kent has a medical centre with doctors, a nursing service (open seven days a week during term time, and for emergencies after midnight) and a pharmacy. Other facilities include a Counselling Service, the Student Support and Wellbeing Service and a day nursery for children up to five years old. The Chaplaincy Team serves all the main Christian denominations and the Buddhist, Muslim and Jewish communities on campus.

Sport
At Kent, you have the facilities to get involved in a wide range of sports. We have a modern well-equipped fitness suite (recently upgraded as part of a multimillion-pound redevelopment), as well as a dance studio, badminton, tennis and squash courts, all-weather football and basketball pitches, plus a huge range of sports societies.

Student societies
Kent Union has over 100 student societies. Many are focused on international culture, such as the African-Caribbean, Asian, Chinese, German and Japanese societies. See www.kentunion.co.uk for more details.

“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
A STUNNING LOCATION

Canterbury is a beautiful city with a rich heritage and vibrant culture. Home to the world-famous Canterbury Cathedral, the city attracts millions of tourists every year.

Canterbury is a relatively small city with a fun and friendly atmosphere. Medieval buildings are nestled alongside modern shopping and entertainment outlets, restaurants and bars. Many of Canterbury’s residents are students as well, so you will meet lots of like-minded people.

Close to European cities

A huge bonus for students is that the city is so close to central London – the high-speed train service takes less than an hour. Paris and Brussels are also within easy reach. The Eurostar station at Ashford is approximately a 20-minute train ride from Canterbury and the fast trains to Paris or Brussels take around two hours.

You can also get to mainland Europe via ferry or the Channel Tunnel. Both are around a 20-minute train ride from Canterbury. The campus is close to two major airports: Gatwick is 90 minutes by car and Heathrow is two hours away.

The local region

The county of Kent is known as the ‘Garden of England’ with many villages, castles, walking and cycling trails, orchards and vineyards. Canterbury is well situated for access to famous locations such as Leeds Castle, Rochester (with its Dickens connections) and castles at Dover, Walmer and Deal. The county also offers miles of scenic coastline, with the nearest seaside town, Whitstable, offering a variety of water sports.
Our short-term programmes allow international students to spend a year or a semester at Kent.

These programmes offer students, who are currently studying for a degree in a different educational system, the opportunity to study and gain academic credit from a leading British university. Many students also gain a diploma for their studies.

Choice of study programmes

We offer a range of short-term programmes to 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:

Junior Year Abroad (JYA)

Students spend a full academic year at Kent and can choose their modules from a wide range of subjects. See p12 for details.

Fall or spring semester

The semester programmes are similar to the Junior Year Abroad, except that students stay for a shorter period of time. See p13 for details.

JYA diplomas

Students spend a full academic year at Kent. They study modules in their chosen subjects in order to gain a Kent diploma. See p14 to p19 for details.

JYA English PLUS

If you do not have the skills in English language to take our JYA, this programme offers English language tuition as well as academic studies. Students arrive at Kent in early April and leave either in December or April. See p21 for details.

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 (see p25). You can take modules across more than one subject or specialise in a particular subject, choosing modules in that subject area.

All the modules on our short-term programmes are also offered on Kent’s undergraduate degree courses, where Stage 1 is the first year of full-time study, Stage 2 the second year and Stage 3 the third year.

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 – see p28 for details.

“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
A Junior Year Abroad (JYA) allows you to choose from a wide range of modules at Kent and study alongside undergraduate students. The programme runs from September to June and is for native speakers of English or those with an excellent command of the English language.

Applicants need to demonstrate that their level of English is high enough to be able to study at degree level. See our entry requirements on p30.

Choosing modules
All JYA students take modules worth 120 credits, split evenly over the autumn and spring terms. You choose your modules before you arrive; see p25 for the subject areas we offer. You can choose modules from Stages 1, 2 or 3 of any undergraduate degree, giving you a lot of flexibility in your studies. The academic credits you earn at Kent can be transferred to your degree at home but your module choices must be approved by the relevant academic school. It is important to choose modules carefully, selecting topics you are interested in and that are suitable for your level of academic knowledge. See p24 for details on choosing modules from the online catalogue.

Gain a diploma
If you would like a more focused approach, you can choose modules from a specific subject and gain a Diploma from the University. This can be used as a qualification in its own right or provide credits to transfer to a relevant undergraduate degree at Kent. It may also help you to gain entry to one of our postgraduate degrees (p14 to p19).

Assessment
Assessment is by coursework or examination (held in the summer term). Stage 1 module exams are usually held in mid to late June.

Facts
Location
Canterbury campus

Attendance
Autumn, spring and summer terms. See p2 for term dates.

Credits
120 credits in total: 60 credits during the autumn term and 60 credits during the spring term.

Modules
Our online catalogue can help you choose modules (see pp24-26 for details). When selecting modules, please bear in mind the following:
• Level: Certificate, Intermediate or Higher (offered at Stages 1, 2 or 3)
• Subjects: any undergraduate modules within humanities, social sciences or sciences, subject to approval by the academic school.
• Prerequisites: these vary according to your chosen module. Please ensure you have covered similar topics within your own studies.
• Assessment: (see left).

Accommodation
See p7 for details.

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**SEMESTER ABROAD**

If you are not able to study at Kent for a full academic year, you could come for one semester. The semester programmes are aimed at native English-speaking students, or those with an excellent command of the English language.

The fall semester runs for three months from September to December (the autumn term at Kent). The spring semester runs from January to June (the spring and summer terms at Kent). Applicants need to show that their level of English is high enough to be able to study at degree level. See p30 for details of entry requirements.

Choosing modules

Students can choose modules from Stages 1, 2 or 3 of any undergraduate degree, giving you a lot of flexibility in your studies. If you wish to take a module within a new subject area, it is advisable to choose from the Stage 1 modules, which are at an introductory level. Please bear in mind that your choices will need to be approved by the academic school. It is important that you choose your modules carefully, selecting topics that you are interested in and that are suitable for your level of knowledge.

Examinations are held during the summer term. However, if you are coming to Kent for the fall semester (autumn term) only, and wish to choose a module that includes an examination, it may be possible for Kent to arrange an alternative form of assessment.

Students who are only attending the spring semester (the spring and summer terms at Kent) must sit examinations as there is no alternative form of assessment. Please contact us for details.

- Fall semester students choose modules worth 60 credits from those offered in the autumn term.
- Spring semester students choose modules worth 60 credits from those offered in the spring term and must stay for examinations in the summer term.

See p24 to p26 for more details on choosing modules from the online catalogue.

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**Location**

Canterbury campus

**Attendance**

- Fall semester programme – you attend the autumn term
- Spring semester programme – you attend the spring and summer terms. Term dates, p2.

**Credits**

- Fall semester programme – students take 60 credits during the autumn term
- Spring semester programme – students take 60 credits during the spring term

**Modules**

Our online catalogue can help you to choose modules (see pp22-26). When selecting modules, please bear in mind the following:

- Level: Certificate, Intermediate or Higher (offered at Stages 1, 2 or 3).
- Subjects: any undergraduate modules within the humanities, social sciences or sciences, subject to approval by the academic school
- Prerequisites: these vary according to your chosen module. Please ensure that you have covered similar topics in your studies.
- Assessment: See opposite.

**Accommodation**

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JYA DIPLOMA IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

If you are taking a Junior Year Abroad (JYA) and studying within the social sciences, you have the opportunity to use your module credits to gain a Kent diploma.

The JYA diploma programmes are designed for international students and provide the opportunity to gain another academic qualification in addition to your degree. The programmes last for a full academic year. Once you have completed your undergraduate degree course, a diploma could help you to gain entry to a postgraduate course at Kent.

Within the Faculty of Social Sciences, the following subjects are available to study as diplomas:

- Economics
- Law
- Politics and International Relations.

Within a diploma, you take 120 credits, most of which are drawn from your chosen subject. The modules must be Intermediate or Higher (Stage 2 or Stage 3). Your option choices must be approved by your academic school.

You can choose up to 30 credits from other modules within the Faculty of Social Sciences. Ask your School for advice.

Please bear in mind that the modules listed are subject to availability. The modules are typical of those offered on the programmes and may change year to year. See p24 on choosing modules from the catalogue.

Economics

This programme is for students who have already taken modules in intermediate microeconomics, intermediate macroeconomics and quantitative economics. Your prior experience must be approved by academics within the School.

Modules may include:

- Development Economics
- Econometrics 1: An Introduction to Modern Econometrics using Stata
- Econometrics 2: Topics in Time Series
- Economic Growth
- Economic Integration in the EU
• Economics of Finance 1
• Economics of Finance 2
• Economics of the Labour Market
• Games for Economics and Business
• Industrial Economics
• International Finance
• International Trade
• Microeconomics of Development
• Monetary Economics
• Public Economics
• World Economic and Financial History from the 19th Century.

Law
Some modules have prerequisites: you may only take these modules if you can show that you have covered the relevant material in previous studies.

Modules may include:
• Comparative Law
• European Legal Systems
• European Union Law
• Human Rights and English Law
• Introduction to Obligations
• Foundations of Property
• Public Law 1.

Diploma in English Law
See section for Law, above.

Politics and International Relations
Modules may include:
• International Organisation: The UN System
• Comparative Politics: Dictatorship and Democracy
• Political Research and Analysis.

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Attendance
Autumn, spring and summer terms. See p2 for term dates.

Credits
120 credits in total: 60 credits during the autumn term and 60 credits during the spring term.

Modules
More information on your diploma modules is available within our online catalogue (see p24 for details). This catalogue can also be used to help you choose any optional modules. When selecting modules, please bear in mind the following:
• Subject: your diploma programme may ask you to choose modules within a particular subject area.
• Level: modules should be chosen from those offered at Stages 2 or 3.
• Prerequisites: these vary according to your chosen module. Please check to ensure that you have covered similar topics within your own studies.
• Assessment – see p12.

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**JYA DIPLOMA IN THE SCIENCES**

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The JYA diploma programmes are designed for international students and provide the opportunity to gain another academic qualification in addition to your normal degree. The programmes last for a full academic year.

Once you have completed your undergraduate degree course, a diploma could help you to gain entry to a postgraduate course at Kent.

Within a diploma, you take 120 credits, most of which are drawn from your chosen subject. The modules must be Intermediate or Higher (Stage 2 or Stage 3). Your option choices must be approved by your academic school.

You can choose up to 30 credits from other modules within the Faculty of Sciences. Ask your School for advice.

Please bear in mind that the modules listed are subject to availability. The modules are typical of those offered on the programmes and may change year to year. See p24 on choosing modules from the catalogue.

**Within the Faculty of Sciences, you can study for a diploma in:**
- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Forensic Science

**Biochemistry or Biology**

You can combine any of the Stage 2 and 3 modules offered by the School of Biosciences into a diploma course, subject to the approval of the academic school and provided there are no timetable clashes.

**Chemistry**

Modules may include:
- Analytical Chemistry
- Chemical Identification Techniques
- Chemistry Research Project
- Fires and Explosions
- Forensic Archaeology
- Forensic Physical Methods
- Numerical, Statistical and Analytical Skills
- Organic Reaction Mechanisms
- Polymeric and Organic Materials
- Thermodynamics and Kinetics.

**Computer Science**

Modules may include:
- Algorithms, Correctness and Efficiency
- Cognitive Neural Networks
- Computer Graphics and Animation
- Computer Networks and Communications
- Computer Security and Cryptography
- Computing Law and Professional Responsibility
- Database Systems
- Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery

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JYA DIPLOMA IN THE SCIENCES (CONT)

- Electronic Commerce
- Functional and Concurrent Programming
- Introduction to Intelligent Systems
- Mobile and Ubiquitous Computing
- Natural Computation
- Operating Systems and Architecture
- Software Engineering
- Theory of Computing
- Web Development.

Normally, students do a computing project, either individually or in a group, which counts as 30 credits.

**Forensic Science**

Modules may include:
- Analytical Chemistry
- Digital Forensics
- Fires and Explosions
- Forensic Archaeology
- Forensic Expert Witness Skills
- Forensic Physical Methods
- Forensic Science Project
- Numerical, Statistical and Analytical Skills.

**Mathematics, Statistics and Actuarial Science**

Single subject diplomas are possible in:
- Mathematics
- Statistics.

You are awarded a Diploma in Mathematics or a Diploma in Statistics (if at least 60 of your credits are in statistical subjects). Those modules marked (S) in the list below indicate a statistical subject.

Modules may include:
- Advanced English for Academic Study in the Applied Sciences
- Analysis
- Analysis of Variance (S)
- Applied Stochastic Modelling and Data Analysis
- Complex Analysis
- Computational Mathematics
- Discrete Mathematics
- Dissertation/Project
- Elements of Abstract Analysis
• Functions of Several Variables
• Games and Networks (S)
• Groups and Representations
• Groups and Rings
• Heuristics and Optimisation
• Linear Algebra
• Linear Programming and its Applications (S)
• Mathematical Modelling
• Mathematical Techniques and Differential Equations
• Mini-projects
• Nonlinear Systems and Mathematical Biology
• Number Theory
• Numerical Solution of Differential Equations

• Orthogonal Polynomials and Special Functions
• Polynomials in Several Variables
• Practical Multivariate Analysis
• Probability and Inference (S)
• Regression Models (S)
• Stochastic Processes (S)
• Time Series Modelling and Simulation (S)
• Topics in Modern Applied Mathematics
• Topology.

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Modules
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• Subject: your diploma programme may ask you to choose modules within a particular subject area
• Level: modules should be chosen from those offered at Stages 2 or 3.
• Prerequisites: vary according to your chosen module. Please check to ensure that you have covered similar topics within your own studies.
• Assessment – see p12.

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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 three parts:
1. British and Academic Culture
2. Pre-sessional Studies
3. Kent academic term(s).

‘British and Academic Culture’ is designed to help students to become accustomed to their new study and learning environment. This is followed by a ‘pre-sessional’ course that develops the language and study skills required for UK academic study. In ‘Kent academic terms’, students study a series of academic modules offered by a range of academic schools across the University of Kent.

The programme is offered in two different lengths: a full year (from April to April) or part year (eight months from April to December). At the end of the ‘Pre-sessional’ course, students are assessed on their language skills. This helps to determine which modules students should follow from September onwards.

Full-year programme
The schedule for the full-year programme is:
• Mid-April: arrival
• Mid-April: two weeks of British and Academic Culture
• May to early September: 17 weeks of pre-sessional studies
• Mid-September: general and academic orientation along with other Kent undergraduate students
• Late September to mid-December: first term of academic study
• Mid-December to mid-January: winter break

• Mid-January to early April: second term of academic study
• Early April: programme completed.

From September, students select two modules (worth 30 credits) in English language. Modules may include:
• Developing English Language Skills
• Extending English Language Skills
• Reading and Writing Academic Texts
• Advanced Listening Skills for Academic Study
• Applied Grammar for Academic Study.

Most of our students also choose 90 credits of academic modules from those offered at Stage 1. However, if this level of study is too advanced, we offer foundation modules in history, literature, politics, sociology, philosophy, business management and economics.

Please note: for advanced students, the English language modules are optional – you can choose 120 credits from those offered at Stages 1 or 2.

Part-year programme
The schedule for the part-year programme is:
• Mid-April: arrival
• Mid-April: two weeks of British and Academic Culture
• May to early September: 17 weeks of pre-sessional studies
JYA ENGLISH PLUS (CONT)

- Mid-September: general and academic orientation along with other Kent undergraduate students
- Late September to mid-December: one term of academic study
- Mid-December: programme completed.

From September, students take one of the following modules in English language (worth 15 credits):
- Developing English Language Skills
- Reading and Writing Academic Texts
- Advanced Listening Skills for Academic Study
- Applied Grammar for Academic Study

Most of our students also choose 45 credits of academic modules from those offered at Stage 1. However, if this level of study is too advanced, we offer foundation modules in history, literature, politics, sociology, philosophy, business management and economics.

Please note: for advanced students, the English language module is optional – you can choose 60 credits from those offered at Stages 1 or 2.

Choosing modules
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 will be 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/modulecatalogue (see p24 for details).

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Location
Canterbury campus

Attendance
Full-year programme: arrival in mid-April for two weeks of British and Academic Culture, followed by 17 weeks of a Pre-sessional course before starting the autumn and spring terms. Part-year programme, as above, before starting the autumn term. (Term dates p2.)

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 taken during the autumn term.

Assessment
Assessment at the end of the Pre-sessional course is through a combination of coursework and the Kent International Test of English (KITE). Assessment at the end of the whole programme will depend on the modules you have taken.

Your academic modules are not confirmed until you have the result of your language assessment in September.

Accommodation
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The modules taught at Kent can all be found within our online module catalogue. Consulting the catalogue allows you to plan your studies and choose modules that are suitable for your academic experience and interests.

The following steps are a guide to help you use the catalogue to search for the modules that best suit you.

**Step 1: your programme requirements**

Turn to the entry for your chosen programme (from p12 to p22) and read the requirements. Make a note of how many credits you need to choose from each term and whether these should be chosen from Stage 1, Stage 2 or Stage 3 modules.

For diplomas, optional modules may need to be chosen from a restricted list, or from a particular subject area (see right).

**Step 2: searching the module catalogue**

Kent’s module catalogue is available online at: www.kent.ac.uk/courses/modulecatalogue

You can search for undergraduate modules in the humanities, social sciences or sciences by clicking on the relevant tab. The modules available are listed under Stages 1, 2 and 3. If you click on the relevant stage, you are provided with a list of module titles.

To access all the information you need about any module, simply click on its title in the list. This gives you the module entry (as shown on p26).

**Step 3: studying for a module**

The module synopsis gives you an overview of what you study within each module. Please read this part carefully to make sure that it covers topics that you are likely to find interesting.

You should also consider whether the module is at the right level.

- Certificate modules are offered at Stage 1. These modules are often a good way to explore a new area of study.
- Intermediate modules are at a higher level than certificate modules and are usually offered at Stages 2 and 3.
- Higher modules are usually offered at Stage 3. They can allow you to specialise in an area of particular interest. For these modules, you are advised to have a good background knowledge of the academic subject.

“I really enjoyed my modules and the academic staff always made sure I understood the concepts and methods. I felt comfortable going to them with any questions I had about my assignments. Although I had a lot more independent work to do than at my home university, I found it easy to adjust to the challenge.”

Hannah Cranville

USA
### Academic subject areas

Within humanities, social sciences and sciences, Kent offers a wide range of academic subjects, listed here with their relevant subject codes.

**Humanities**
- Architecture (AR)
- Classical & Archaeological Studies (CL)
- Comparative Literature (CP)
- Drama (DR)
- English and American Literature (EN)
- English Language and Linguistics (LL)

**Social Sciences**
- Accounting & Finance (AC)
- Anthropology and Conservation (SE)
- Business (CB)
- Economics (EC)
- Law (LW)

**Sciences**
- Biosciences (BI)
- Computing (CO)
- Forensic Science (PS)
- Chemistry (PS)
- Mathematics, Statistics and Actuarial Science (MA)
- Politics and International Relations (PO)
- Psychology (SP)
- Social Policy (SA)
- Sociology (SO)

**Step 4: selecting your provisional modules**

When you make an online application, you are asked to indicate your preferred modules.

It is important to choose your modules carefully. There is no 'drop-add' period at Kent, so it is not always possible to switch modules once your studies have begun.

Before completing your online application, please ensure that you have chosen enough credits for your programme. Once you have filled in your first choice of modules, you need to choose alternative modules for each term that you are studying at Kent.

Please bear in mind that all modules are subject to the approval of the academic school and teaching timetables. If there are any difficulties with your choice of modules, the International Development team will help you to choose suitable alternatives.

If you are intending to transfer the academic credits you earn (see p28), please check your module selections with your home university.
LOCATION
Students should choose modules available in Canterbury. (Modules in Medway may be available, subject to approval.)

TERM
Modules run during the autumn term; the spring term; or for the full academic year (across the autumn and spring terms).

LEVEL
Undergraduate modules are offered at three levels: Certificate, Intermediate and Higher.

MODULE CODE
This code indicates the academic subject area – see p25 for details.

SYNOPSIS
The synopsis gives you an idea of the topics covered within the module.

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT
Click on this tab to find out whether the module is assessed by coursework, examination or a mixture of the two.

PREREQUISITES
Click on this tab to find out whether the module has prerequisites. If it does, you need to have covered similar material during your studies at your home university.

YEAR OF STUDY
You should choose modules running in the year 2016/17.
EARNING ACADEMIC CREDITS

The University issues formal transcripts of the work you complete at Kent. These credits can be used towards your degree, with the approval of your home university.

To ensure that you can transfer credits, please check your selection of modules with your home university.

American credit system
Fifteen credits at Kent equals four credit hours under the American credit system and involves roughly the same amount of work.

If you are taking a Junior Year Abroad or a full-year JYA English PLUS programme, you take modules worth 120 credits. This usually equals 32 US credit hours. If you are taking a fall semester, spring semester, or part-year JYA English PLUS programme, you take modules worth 60 credits, which equate to 16 US credit hours under the American credit system.

The transcript of your studies at Kent will show your University of Kent degree marks, as well as their US equivalents (see below).

European Credit Transfer System
Kent is part of the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS), which guarantees academic recognition of studies throughout universities and colleges across Europe. Modules at Kent have their own credit values and also carry an ECTS credit weighting (see below).

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Students taking part in the ECTS receive full credit for all academic work successfully carried out at an ECTS partner institution, and you can transfer these credits from one institution to another. The transcript you get from Kent includes ECTS grades.

### Equivalence to American grade system

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At all British universities, degrees are classified as: First Class Honours (1), Upper Second Class Honours (2.1), Lower Second Class Honours (2.2) and Third Class Honours (3).
OUR PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

Kent has exchange agreements with many universities around the world and can make similar arrangements with other reputable universities.

If you come to Kent under an exchange agreement, then you are an ‘exchange student’ and pay tuition fees to your home university. To find out which universities Kent has an exchange agreement with, please visit www.kent.ac.uk/internationalmaps

Non-partner universities

If Kent does not have an exchange agreement with your university, you can apply as a study abroad student and pay fees directly to Kent. See p30 for more details on tuition fees and p31 for details on how to apply. 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.

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

Shin Akutagawa
Japan
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND FEES

General academic requirements
For entry on to a Junior Year Abroad programme, or a fall/spring Semester programme, we normally require a GPA of 3.0 or above (out of 4.0) or its equivalent. However, each application is considered on an individual basis.

For entry to a diploma course, you need to have successfully completed (or be expected to complete) studies that are equivalent to the first year of an undergraduate degree at a British university. For students at American universities, for example, the general entrance requirement is usually the successful completion of a sophomore year in approved subjects. Some diploma programmes specify particular requirements.

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 below.

Junior Year Abroad, fall semester, spring semester, JYA diploma
• IELTS: an overall score of 6.5 with at least 6.0 in Reading and Writing and 5.5 in Listening and Speaking.
• Pearson (PTE): an overall score of 62 with at least 60 in Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking.

JYA English PLUS
• IELTS: an overall score of 4.5-6.0 with at least 4.5 in Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking.
• Pearson (PTE): an overall score of 39 with at least 39 in Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking.

Fees and living costs
If Kent has an exchange agreement with your home university (see p29), you can continue to pay your tuition fees to your home university.

If Kent does not have an exchange agreement with your university, you can apply as a study abroad student and pay tuition fees directly to Kent.

The fees below are for the academic year 2015/16.

• Junior Year Abroad (September to June) £12,050
• JYA English PLUS (full-length/part-length) £13,050/£9,500
• JYA autumn (fall) semester (three months) £4,820
• JYA spring semester (five months) £7,230

Each individual student has different circumstances, so to help you estimate your living costs, we provide an online calculator at www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/livingcosts.html
HOW TO APPLY

If your home university has an exchange agreement with the University of Kent (see p29) then 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 will 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 p14 to p23 for details).
• 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 an official transcript 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 are planning to study in the UK and wish to work (even if that work is unpaid), you need to apply for a Tier 4 (General) Student 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 Student Visitor Visa. However, please note that you cannot switch from a Student Visitor Visa to a Tier 4 Visa while in the UK.

More information
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To register for a programme of study, all students must agree to abide by the University rules and regulations (available online at: www.kent.ac.uk/regulations).

Data protection and consent to process: 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.
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