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KENT ONLINE

To find out what our students think,
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A background image showing a student in a striped shirt sitting at a desk in a library, with bookshelves filled with books and papers in the background.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Kent is one of the UK's leading universities. All of our academic schools produce world-class research, and Kent is rated as internationally excellent, leading the way in many fields of study.

Because our academics are engaged in research as well as teaching, 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, to assist you in the development of your own interests and to equip you with essential skills that will enable you to compete effectively in the job market. At Kent, there is also a strong international focus which helps you to develop a global perspective.

Studying at the University of Kent is a stimulating and challenging experience and in the most recent National Student Survey, Kent scored a rating of 88% for overall course satisfaction.

INSPIRATIONAL TEACHING

Kent is renowned for its teaching style; our academics have an outstanding ability to pass on their passion for study and debate. You will be constantly challenged and encouraged, and will benefit from regular access to our academic staff.

Our high-quality teaching encourages you to think independently and adapt to different situations. This approach is enhanced by the opportunity to attend numerous talks and workshops in related fields, allowing you to place your studies within a broader context. In addition, Kent has an employability scheme that encourages students to develop skills that are valued by prospective employers (see p24).

In the most recent National Student Survey, Kent received a rating of 87% for the quality of its teaching, and our academics have been awarded National Teaching Fellowships for three years running. For more on the study experience at Kent, please turn to the relevant course page or read some of our student profiles.







SUPERB STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Our campuses at Canterbury and Medway provide a stunning location for your studies and offer first-class academic and leisure facilities.

There is a strong sporting culture at Kent and we have some of the best facilities in the university sector. In recognition of this, the University was selected to provide pre-games training facilities for the London 2012 Olympics. Kent has a thriving arts programme with our own theatre, cinema and new music performance centre as well as local theatres and music venues in Canterbury and Medway.

Whether you're interested in leisure activities, sporting development, volunteering, or making a contribution to student politics or the arts, Kent has a range of societies to encourage you. These activities not only allow you to enjoy your time here, but also enable you to gain experience and enhance your employability skills, helping you to excel when you graduate.

Socially, the University is a welcoming and friendly community. Our international mix of students from 125 countries creates a lively and interesting environment and allows you to make new friends, not only from all over the UK, but also from around the world.

A GLOBAL OUTLOOK

Known as the UK's European university, Kent has strong links and partnerships across Europe. Our international reputation means we attract a high proportion of students from overseas: this year, 22% of our students came from countries outside the UK.

This creates a cosmopolitan atmosphere and a global learning environment. We encourage all of our students to develop their studies within an international perspective and many of our programmes tackle issues and topics that are of global significance, something that will help you to see the world in a different way.

Thanks to Kent's many links with prestigious international universities and businesses, we offer an exciting range of opportunities to spend time studying or working abroad and we offer a number of programmes with our partner institutions. Our presence in Europe is further strengthened by our postgraduate centres in Brussels and Paris, which are only two hours away by train, and our new partnership with the Athens University of Economics and Business.







A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE

Kent equips you with essential skills to give you a competitive advantage when it comes to getting a job.

As well as providing a first-rate academic experience, we want you to be in a good position to face the demands of a tough economic environment. We are consistently in the top 20 of graduate starting salaries and, six months after graduation in 2010, only 5% of Kent graduates were without a job or a further study opportunity. We provide a Careers Advisory Service and pride ourselves on helping our students to develop transferable skills through their studies. Many of our degrees include a year abroad, providing valuable experiences and opportunities for personal development.

Many of our courses incorporate placements within companies, often facilitated by our global partnerships or contacts within our international alumni network. In addition, we offer local, European and international work placements through our Student Enterprise Scheme. We have been connecting businesses with students for over ten years and we have a reputation for matching dedicated placement students to a variety of businesses. The University also runs an innovative 'Employability Points' scheme which rewards student engagement in employability skills training.

STUNNING CAMPUS LOCATIONS

The University of Kent has two UK campuses, Canterbury and Medway, as well as a part-time study centre in Tonbridge and postgraduate centres in Brussels and Paris.



CANTERBURY

Our self-contained Canterbury campus provides a friendly and stimulating environment. It is within walking distance of the city centre and in a beautiful setting overlooking Canterbury Cathedral, a world heritage site. It offers first-class study resources set among green and tranquil open spaces, as well as lively cafés and bars, stylish entertainment venues, top-quality sports facilities and a cosmopolitan atmosphere. Less than an hour's train journey from London, it is also within easy reach of Paris, Brussels, Lille and the rest of continental Europe. (See p213.)



MEDWAY

Kent's lively Medway campus provides state-of-the-art study facilities in a great location near the redeveloped historic dockside. The recently expanded campus has award-winning buildings, atmospheric cafés and its own pub, creating a lively social life and a great sense of community. There is also new student accommodation as part of a waterside development, and the University has significantly invested in the refurbishment of Bridge Wardens' College on the Historic Dockyard as part of the expansion of the School of Arts. (See p225.)



BRUSSELS

Kent is the only UK university to have a centre in the 'capital of Europe', where it offers postgraduate degrees in international studies. Brussels is home to the main institutions of the European Union, as well as organisations such as NATO, NGOs and think-tanks. Staff from many of these institutions contribute to the teaching at our centre, and studying in Brussels can offer opportunities to network and many students secure internships and careers within prestigious organisations. (See p236.)



PARIS

Kent's centre in Paris offers postgraduate students the chance to study in the historic and cultural heart of Montparnasse. It offers MA programmes in the humanities, with students dividing their studies between Canterbury and Paris. As part of a thriving postgraduate community, students work with internationally respected academics and have an unrivalled opportunity to study the history and culture of Paris. (See p236.)



TONBRIDGE

The University of Kent's part-time study centre has its own facilities just five minutes' walk from the train station at Tonbridge. Students have access to all the resources on Kent's campuses at Canterbury and Medway: both are approximately 30 miles away. (See p237.)



"I'd seen that Kent was called the UK's European university, which was perfect as I wanted to study languages. When I visited, I loved the campus, and its location is great if you are travelling to the continent."

Rachel Ayres
German and Italian



KENT: THE UK'S EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY

Our strong links with top-ranking continental European institutions, our UK locations close to the European mainland and our centres in Paris, Brussels and Athens all lead to us being known as the UK's European university.

Our Canterbury campus is situated in the UK city closest to mainland Europe and our proximity to airports, the Channel ports and the Eurostar terminals at Ashford and Ebbsfleet make it quick and easy to get to Paris, Brussels and Lille. As a result, we attract a high percentage of students from the European Union. In addition, our centres in Brussels, Paris and Athens provide bases within continental Europe for postgraduate study.

Study programmes

As you would expect, given our strong links with Europe, Kent provides an impressive range of programmes with a European focus. Areas covered include European culture, languages, politics, law, economics and anthropology.

In addition, most academic subjects offer opportunities either to study or to work in Europe, which allows you to benefit from our long-standing partnerships with top-ranking European institutions (many of which are the number one university in their country). We are a key player in the Erasmus student exchange programme and were one of the first universities in the UK to receive the E-quality label for our European exchange programmes.

Kent was also the first UK university to introduce the European Diploma Supplement, a document to ensure the mutual recognition of European degrees. We also use the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) in all of our degrees.

Some of our programmes offer dual UK and European qualifications. These include the BA in Politics and International Relations (bdiplôme, with Sciences Po Lille). If you are thinking of progressing to postgraduate level, Kent also offers the MA in European Governance (with the Jagiellonian University of Kraków, Poland and Université de Grenoble 3, France).

European staff and students

Your studies at Kent will give you a truly European experience. On our campuses in the UK, you can mix with students from some 30 European countries, about 11% of the student population. In addition, a high proportion of our teaching staff are from the European mainland.

Kent Union runs many student societies that have a European focus. These currently include the Erasmus, German, Hellenic, Italian and Hispanic Societies.

European partnerships

Kent collaborates with other European universities in producing innovative research funded by the EU, including projects within the Framework Programme.

The University plays a leading role in the European Commission's Erasmus Mundus programme, which facilitates scholarships and academic co-operation between Europe and the rest of the world.

In 2010, Kent was granted funding under the highly competitive Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctoral scheme. Kent is also the only university in the UK to be involved in two other Erasmus Mundus projects: LiSUM, linking ten universities from the EU and ten from China; and the Lotus Project which promotes co-operation between European and South-East Asian universities.

Career benefits

Studying at the UK's European university can provide you with many opportunities to develop your language skills or broaden your understanding of European life in areas such as culture, economics, law or politics. This knowledge can give you the edge in your future career, whether you gain these skills through taking a year abroad, or through your studies and extra-curricular activities in the UK.

FIRST-CLASS FACILITIES

No matter where your studies are based, you have access to all our resources, enabling you to achieve your full potential and gain the most from your student experience.

Libraries

It is important for students to have easy access to academic material including all the latest research and journals reporting on current debates. We have libraries containing over 1.3 million books, periodicals and journals, as well as many online resources. Our expert librarians can help you to find the information you need.

The Templeman Library, on the Canterbury campus, also contains a number of special collections, study areas, student PCs, presentation practice rooms and viewing facilities (see p223). To take an online tour of the library, see www.kent.ac.uk/library/templeman

At Medway, the Drill Hall Library offers state-of-the-art facilities in a Grade II listed building. As well as the rapidly expanding collection, there are study spaces with PCs, and a new café (see p233).

Resources in our libraries are available to all students and both have online catalogues and an inter-library loan service.

IT services

We provide full IT services to assist your studies, including training and support provided by phone, email or in person. There are hundreds of open-access PCs across the Canterbury and Medway campuses, many available 24 hours a day. High-speed wireless access to the Kent network is available in study bedrooms and from many other locations on campus. It is also possible to gain access to the network from an off-campus computer (see p222 and p233).

Sports facilities

At Canterbury, Kent's sports facilities include two multi-purpose halls, squash courts, cricket nets, a climbing wall, a dance studio, a gym and cardio theatre, outdoor tennis and netball courts, playing fields, artificial pitches, a beach volleyball court and a sports pavilion (see p219).

At Medway, students have access to facilities such as Medway Park, the new £11 million regional centre for sporting excellence. The University contributed





£3 million to the development, which opened in 2010 (see p230). The excellent standard of our facilities led to the University being selected as a pre-games training camp for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Students studying at the innovative Centre for Sports Studies at the Medway campus also benefit from cutting-edge equipment, laboratories and clinics with specialist sports clinics and laboratories at Medway Park.

The arts

On the Canterbury campus, the Gulbenkian Cinema shows mainstream and independent releases, as well as archive and foreign-language films. There is also a full programme of music, comedy, dance and drama on offer at the Gulbenkian Theatre.

The purpose-built Jarman Building on the Canterbury campus includes drama studios, a film studio and computing and editing suites as well as its own dedicated exhibition space, the Studio 3 Gallery. Regular exhibitions on campus include selections from the University's Kent Print Collection.

By summer 2012, the University will have completed the Colyer-Fergusson Building; a state-of-the-art centre for music performance on the Canterbury campus.

At Medway, the fully equipped Galvanising Shop houses a dedicated design, production and presentation facility for students on the Creative Events: Design and Production programme. The Galvanising Shop is situated in the Historic Dockyard, making it a unique and inspirational place to study.

“University life is a whole new experience: throw yourself into it from the beginning and you’ll constantly surprise yourself.”

Will Aubrey-Jones
Drama and Theatre Studies

In line with planned expansion of the School of Arts, the University has recently refurbished Bridge Wardens’ College, with new studio spaces for Fine Art students, seminar rooms and an iMac computer suite. For students on Kent’s music and audio programmes, there are also mixing studios, recording studios, rehearsal rooms and a range of other specialist facilities.

Laboratories and workshops

On the Canterbury campus are extensive science laboratories where students can make use of the latest high-tech equipment to develop their practical and research skills. The University recently completed a £2.5m refurbishment of the facilities in the School of Physical Sciences to include four new state-of-the-art laboratories, a forensic analytical laboratory and extensive IT facilities. The School of Architecture has new design studios, workshops and a computer laboratory providing an excellent learning environment.

Social scene

For good food, there are many stylish restaurants, cafés and bars on the Canterbury campus. The Venue, a student nightclub in the centre of campus, has been refurbished to include a new live entertainment venue called The Attic. This is the perfect space for student and local bands to perform, providing quality entertainment, four nights a week (see p221).

Coopers, on the Medway campus, is an award-winning bar run by the Universities at Medway Students’ Association (UMSA). It is licensed until 2am and regularly plays host to a range of events, such as open-mic night, beach parties, band nights and much more. UMSA also offers a wide range of special events, ranging from the Summer Ball to open air gigs (see p230). There is also a dedicated Events Team, made up of current students, who work alongside the Medway College Master to promote activities/events, feed back student ideas for future events and ensure the Medway Student Experience is safe and fun for everyone.

ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT

At Kent we have some of the best teaching staff in the country, who challenge you to reach your full potential – encouraging you to ask questions, think for yourself and draw your own conclusions.

Inspirational teaching

For three years running, National Teaching Fellowships have been awarded to Kent academics in recognition of their outstanding work. In the 2011 National Student Survey, we scored 87% for the quality of our teaching. It is informed by some of the best research in the world: 97% of our staff work in departments containing world-leading research, which means that you will be taught by experts.

Follow your interests

To make it easy to find the right course, we offer a wide range of honours degrees – about 400 of them in total. Within each programme, you are able to choose from a wide variety of modules; this allows you to broaden your experience by studying topics outside your main subject area. You can also specialise in the later stages of your course, tailoring it to your particular interests, which may be new ones you have developed as a result of the course flexibility. (See individual course pages for details.)

You can also acquire new skills by taking a language, working in industry for a year, learning extra computer skills, or taking one of the new Kent Enterprise modules to find out more about starting your own business (see p206).

Strong academic community

We offer an inspiring student experience, where you are encouraged to make the most of the academic community at Kent. There are many open lectures and readings that all students are welcome to attend; the quality of the University's research means that we attract a high calibre of guest lecturers. There are also regular exhibitions and festivals, featuring work by your fellow students and encouraging cross-disciplinary discussion.

Support for your study

We provide a high level of study support and advice and our students consistently praise the amount of access they have to academic staff. Each student is assigned a personal tutor who can discuss progress, give academic advice, and be a first point of contact if you have problems with your work. Seminar leaders can also give guidance on how your studies are progressing.

The free Student Learning Advisory Service (SLAS) provides friendly advice on study skills, from online guides to time management and note-taking to individual appointments with learning advisers and workshops on topics such as essay writing and exam techniques (see p222 and p232).





“My lecturers are very knowledgeable but also very friendly and helpful. They like to include us and always listen to our opinions.”

Imogen Canavan
Law



“You feel valued here; you’re not just another statistic. If I need help with my work, or if I’m struggling to manage all my deadlines, I can speak to my lecturers and they’ll do all they can to solve my problem.”

Rachel Wellington
Forensic Sciences

SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY

At Kent's campuses, you are sure to find a supportive and welcoming environment, whatever your background or nationality.

We believe that any student with the academic ability to study at Kent should have the opportunity to do so. This means that we have a richly diverse student population, from 18-year-old school leavers to those returning to formal education. We also have a cosmopolitan atmosphere, with students from countries around the world. At Kent, we strive to ensure that every student can make the most of their time here, both academically and socially.

Welcome Week

We organise a Welcome Week for all new students, where student volunteers help you to settle in to your new life. You are invited to go on guided tours of the campus and surrounding area, to attend themed evenings and take part in sports activities.

Your academic school also hosts events to ensure that the start of your academic life goes smoothly. You meet your tutors, who discuss what is expected of you and give you general academic advice. Handbooks are also available, explaining the structure of your degree and what you need to do at each stage.

Student unions

The Kent Union at Canterbury and the Universities at Medway Students' Association (UMSA) run many student societies and events which give you a chance to try something different or develop a current interest. Both unions are run by students for students, and represent your interests at the University and in the wider community. They can also provide advice and support on a number of matters relating to student life (see p221 and p230).

Personal support

All students at Kent have access to a wide range of personal support services. These include: the Medical Centre on the Canterbury campus; the Counselling Service; the Disability and Dyslexia Support Service, with a team of tutors and support assistants; a multi-faith and ecumenical Chaplaincy team; and day nurseries. We take security seriously and have in-house security officers, campus patrols and CCTV (see p223 and p233).

Kent's colleges

All students at the Canterbury campus are assigned to one of five colleges, named after distinguished British figures: Darwin, Eliot, Keynes, Rutherford, and Woolf (the postgraduate college). Each college has a Master, who is responsible for student welfare and who you can consult in confidence about any problems.

The colleges provide accommodation but, whether you live there or not, they also provide you with a ready-made community from the moment you arrive. Each college has its own distinctive bars and cafés, hosting regular events from pub quizzes to evenings with resident DJs. The many social activities allow you to meet academics and students from different subjects.

Each college also has a Student Committee that makes an active contribution to the way that the colleges are run, representing student interests and organising events. On the Medway campus, the College Master offers advice and support, and runs a busy calendar of social and sporting activities.

International students

Kent is a favourite destination for international students, thanks to its global academic reputation, cosmopolitan environment, career development opportunities and superb student support.

If you are a student from overseas, the University's International Development team can give you dedicated support from the beginning by meeting you at the airport. You can also enjoy special events during Welcome Week, including visits to local tourist attractions and a formal dinner where you can meet other international students.

To create a supportive student network, Kent has set up email groups and a student buddying scheme, so you can contact other students from your home country. Academic support includes the Student Learning Advisory Service, as well as English language and foundation courses. These are taught by our own academics, allowing us to offer teaching of an exceptional quality (see p208).

ENHANCED CAREER PROSPECTS

The University of Kent is committed to enhancing the employability of all our students, to enable you to flourish in a competitive, fast-moving, knowledge-based economy.

Graduates who can show that they have developed transferable skills and valuable experience are better prepared to start their careers and are more attractive to potential employers.

At Kent, whatever subject you study, you can develop the transferable skills and capabilities that employers are looking for. These include problem solving, independent thought, report-writing, time management, leadership skills, team-working and good communication.

Building on Kent's success as the region's leading institution for student employability, we offer many opportunities for you to gain worthwhile experience and develop the specific skills and aptitudes that employers will value.

Work placements

Many of our courses offer the possibility of a year in industry. You earn a salary and gain practical

experience that can be put to good use in your final year of study. It shows you how the theories you are learning can work in practice, gives you hands-on experience of the working environment and helps you forge your own links in your chosen field of work. It can also give you commercial awareness, which is an invaluable asset for many employers (see p204).

International opportunities

Many degrees at Kent give you the opportunity to spend a year abroad by studying or working in another country. For studying abroad, some countries offer tuition in English, so it's not essential to speak another language. However, at Kent, there are also many opportunities to learn a language before you go. Many of our work placements are also abroad and this can be a positive attribute on your CV.

A third of employers view a graduate with overseas study experience as more employable, and 65% of international employers indicate that having overseas work experience makes graduates more employable.





Transferable skills

Employers are increasingly seeking graduates who have developed transferable skills while studying for their degree. Whether helping to run a student society, working as a student representative or ambassador, or volunteering in the local community, at Kent you can gain valuable experience and earn credits towards your degree (see p205).

Working or volunteering can also help you to develop your subject skills, for instance by working in the Kent Law Clinic, which provides free legal advice; or acting as a consultant with the Kent IT Clinic, which provides IT services for enterprises in the local area; or by providing expertise at the clinics within the Centre for Sports Studies.

In addition, Jobshop, a service provided by Kent Union, can help you find a variety of paid, part-time work. This helps you to develop skills and try out different areas of employment. The service also gives employment advice (see p205).

For volunteering, paid work, or attending skills workshops, you can earn Employability Points that can be exchanged for prizes.

Careers Advisory Service

You can contact the Careers Advisory Service at any point in your studies. During Welcome Week, you receive a Career Planning Guide that tells you about the support available during your time at Kent that can help you plan your future career. The Careers Advisory Service not only provides information on career options, we can also help you to identify your transferable skills, gain relevant work experience and put you in touch with past Kent graduates through our Alumni Careers Network, giving you first-hand insight into graduate careers and jobs.

The Service also offers practical advice on targeted job-seeking skills including writing a CV and covering letter, interview techniques and aptitude tests, with online exercises. All students are offered the opportunity to develop these skills, and to gain a Careers Employability Award, through the University's Moodle virtual learning environment.

Student enterprise

Building on our students' growing enterprise culture and activities, we can help you to develop enterprise skills and business ideas. If you are interested in starting up your own business, Kent Business School runs several Enterprise modules that you may be able to take, regardless of your degree subject.

The University's student enterprise website, Kent RoundOne, helps you to engage in a wide range of options available to improve your enterprise and employability skills, add to your CV and help you to find the career that is best suited to you.

On the Canterbury campus, The Bulb is the student innovation space in the Canterbury Innovation Centre, running talks and workshops on subjects such as project management or how to start an eBay business, with visiting speakers from the world of industry.

International students – working in the UK after your studies

The UK operates a points-based system to allow the most able graduates to work in the country after their studies. The Student Advice and Information Service at Kent is happy to provide up to date visa advice. For more information, please see www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/visas-immigration/working/tier1/poststudy/

YOUR STUDY EXPERIENCE

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