

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

“Throughout my years at Kent I have found it both culturally and academically engaging. Since I arrived here, I haven’t stopped meeting new people from all over the world!”

Ana Filipa Pires
Psychology



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SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The University of Kent is one of the most popular universities in the UK, with a strong international community. 23% of our students are from overseas with 125 nationalities represented.

Our popularity is due to many factors, including our academic reputation, safe and friendly campus, great location, good student accommodation and outstanding computing and study facilities. International students benefit from our English language support, international students' welcome programme, excellent job opportunities as well as a welcoming, multicultural environment.

Further information

www.kent.ac.uk/internationalstudent

International qualifications

Our knowledge of international qualifications means we can provide specialist advice on applications, equivalencies of qualifications and entry requirements to Kent. Information relevant to specific countries is also provided on our website.

Further information

www.kent.ac.uk/internationalstudent/country

Individual tours of the University

If you can't visit us on one of our Open Days, we can offer an individual tour of the University during the week (Monday to Friday). Ideally, you need to give us two weeks' prior notice of your arrival – please contact International Development to make arrangements.

Further information

www.kent.ac.uk/informal

Special welcome

To help you feel at home, we organise a special Welcome Week for our new international students before classes start, including a welcome dinner and visits to local tourist attractions.

International Development

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

Further information

www.kent.ac.uk/international

Kent representatives

The University has many local representatives around the world. If you wish to speak to a representative in your own country for help with your application, please contact International Development.

Further information

www.kent.ac.uk/internationalstudent/beforeapply

Staff visits in your country

Staff from the University of Kent visit many countries throughout the world, often at higher education fairs, giving you the opportunity to speak directly to someone who can answer your questions about all aspects of life at Kent.

Further information

www.kent.ac.uk/internationalstudent

Kent Union (the Students' Union)

The Kent Union Student Advice and Information Service provide support and information on various legal, academic, financial, immigration and welfare issues. The Advice Centre is equipped to help with all visa enquiries. Kent Union currently has many societies for international students, such as African-Caribbean, Asian, Chinese, German, Hellenic and Japanese.

Further information

www.kentunion.co.uk

Funding and scholarships

The University offers a range of financial support and scholarships for international students.

Further information

See p243, or www.kent.ac.uk/scholarships/undergraduate

Centre for English and World Languages

CEWL provides pre-sessional English courses and the International Foundation Programme that are specially designed to prepare international students for academic study. All international students at Kent also have the opportunity to take advantage of up to two hours of free English lessons a week at our Centre for English and World Languages (CEWL) through the English Language Development Programme (ELDP).

For students who also want to take advantage of extra language-learning opportunities, CEWL offers a range of world language options so that you can learn other foreign languages in your free time.

Further information

www.kent.ac.uk/cewl

PROGRAMMES OF STUDY AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

In addition to over 400 honours degrees (Bachelor's degrees) offered at Kent, we also provide programmes of study especially for international students. These programmes are for candidates whose education or experience so far has not given them the qualifications, study skills or ability in English language that they need to take the degree of their choice.

Kent's foundation programmes

Foundation programmes help you to gain the entry requirements you need to study at degree level. Students from high schools around the world may need to take a foundation programme before starting a degree in the UK.

Foundation courses run on our Canterbury campus from September to June and the International Foundation Programme for Social Sciences students also runs from January to July.

International Foundation Programme (IFP)

This programme is especially designed for international students and prepares you for studying an undergraduate degree. It includes a combination of academic study skills, academic content modules and English language training. The Programme provides entry to the wide range of subjects in our Faculties of Humanities, Sciences and Social Sciences.

You are eligible to apply for the International Foundation Programme if:

- you are from a country where secondary education does not reach the level needed for direct entry to UK undergraduate degrees
- you have reached an academic standard acceptable for first-year entry but would like to take an additional year in order to develop your study skills and language proficiency, before moving on to degree-level study or
- you have narrowly failed to meet the academic or language requirements for direct entry to undergraduate study.

"Kent was my first choice because I'd heard about the reputation, the multicultural environment and friendly people. Also, the facilities were good and the campus was near to London and Europe. You meet a lot of different people here."

Zameer Verjee
Business Economics



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Subject-specific degrees with a foundation year

These programmes are open to candidates with acceptable English language qualifications, but with qualifications below the grades required for first-year entry to a degree or with national school-leaving qualifications which are below the level required for entry to the first year.

We offer foundation programmes in Biological Sciences, Electronic and Communications Engineering, Computer Systems Engineering, Forensic Science, Mathematics and Physics. These programmes provide a solid foundation for degrees in the sciences. If English is not your first language, you are also offered tuition in this area.

If you are applying for either type of foundation programme, you should apply through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) – see p196 for details. You can also apply online or via one of our authorised representatives in your own country.

Degree entry requirements

You only need to take a foundation programme if your qualifications are not suitable for your chosen degree. You can look up the entry requirements at www.kent.ac.uk/courses/undergrad/subjects

The qualifications are listed as International Baccalaureate (IB) or A levels. However, you may have qualifications that are specific to your own country. For advice on whether these are suitable, please go to www.kent.ac.uk/international/country. Feel free to contact us if you are unsure or need further advice. See p211 for our contact details.

Junior Year Abroad short-term students from overseas

In an increasingly competitive global job market, employers value graduates with study abroad experience who have proved that they can succeed and function in a different environment. The Kent Junior Year Abroad programme (JYA) attracts hundreds of students every year from around the world including the USA, Japan, Korea and Hong Kong.

We offer a full-year JYA that runs for one academic year, from September to the beginning of June in the following calendar year, or there are two shorter options, the Fall Semester from September to December, or the Spring Semester from January to the beginning of June.



We also offer JYA English PLUS, which is especially designed to meet the needs of non-native speakers of English. JYA English PLUS has two different-length programmes (full-year and part-year). The full-year programme begins in May and ends in March in the following calendar year; the part-year programme begins in May and ends in December. JYA English PLUS includes intensive English language preparation for study at a British university and has three different pathways, giving flexibility in that it matches individual backgrounds and abilities to appropriate levels of study.

Further information

www.kent.ac.uk/courses/short-term

Diploma programmes

Kent offers overseas students the opportunity to study for a diploma in many subject areas in the Faculties of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Sciences. The diploma lasts for one academic year (nine months).

The diploma programmes have been designed especially for international students and, in particular, students already registered for degree courses at overseas universities who want to spend

part of their period of study in this country (for example, American students proposing to spend their Junior Year Abroad in Europe). They provide an excellent opportunity to gain two recognised academic qualifications within the normal period of a single degree course.

Students who take a diploma programme could be allowed to transfer to a full honours degree programme involving a further year's study. For suitably qualified candidates, the diploma can be used as a pre-Master's pathway to postgraduate study in some subjects.

Further information

www.kent.ac.uk/courses/short-term

Qualification entry requirements

The University of Kent considers a wide range of international qualifications for entry to our undergraduate programmes, including the International Baccalaureate and the European Baccalaureate. As an overseas student, you need to satisfy the general entry requirement and course requirement (see p198 for more details), and proficiency in English. For specific entry requirements related to your country, see: www.kent.ac.uk/international/country

English Language entry requirements

The University requires all non-native speakers of English to produce evidence of English ability. We ask for the following:

Programme English language requirement	
Honours degrees	6.5 IELTS (including 6.0 in Reading and Writing and 5.5 in Listening and Speaking) or TOEFL 87 internet-based (including 22 in Reading, 21 in Writing and Listening and 23 in Speaking)
Science foundation years	5.5 IELTS (including 5.0 in Reading and Writing and 4.0 in Listening and Speaking) or TOEFL 70 internet-based (including 16 in Reading, 17 in Writing, 13 in Listening and 19 in Speaking)
International Foundation Programme	5.0 IELTS (including 5.0 in Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking) or TOEFL 64 internet-based (including 16 in Reading, 17 in Writing, 13 in Listening and 19 in Speaking)
Junior Year Abroad (Fall or Spring Semester)	6.5 IELTS (including 6.0 in Reading and Writing and 5.5 in Listening and Speaking) or TOEFL 87 internet-based (including 22 in Reading, 21 in Writing and Listening and 23 in Speaking)
JYA English PLUS	4.5 IELTS (including 4.5 in Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking) or TOEFL 57 internet-based (including 8 in Reading, 17 in Writing, 13 in Listening and 19 in Speaking)

Alternatively, for an honours degree, we also accept:

- grade C in Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English including weak in all four subtests
- grade B in Cambridge Advanced Certificate in English including weak in all four subtests
- European Baccalaureate 7.0 in written English first language; 7.5 in written English second language; 8.0 in English third language
- IB higher: 4+ (A1) or 5+ (A2/B). IB standard: 5+ (A1) or 6+ (A2/B).

The University also accepts some school qualifications in English. Students requiring and educational visa will be restricted to particular tests such as IELTS or TOEFL. For further information, see www.kent.ac.uk/internationalstudent/country

Pre-sessional courses in English for Academic Purposes

The University offers pre-sessional English courses for students who need to improve their English and study skills before joining an undergraduate programme.

If your programme of study requires you to have the equivalent of IELTS 6.5, there are three pre-sessional courses you can choose from: Block 1 runs between May-September, Block 2 runs between June-September and Block 3 runs between July-September. The pre-sessional programmes all finish before the start of the academic year.

Entry requirements to the pre-sessional courses

- Block 1 (18 weeks) – 5.0 IELTS with minimum of 5.0 in Reading and Writing or TOEFL 61 internet-based including 15 in Reading and 17 in Writing
- Block 2 (11 weeks) – 5.5 IELTS with minimum of 5.5 in Reading and Writing or TOEFL 70 internet-based including 16 in Reading and 17 in Writing
- Block 3 (six weeks) – 6.0 IELTS with minimum of 6.0 in Reading and Writing or TOEFL 80 internet-based including 18 in Reading and Writing.

If your programme of study requires you to have the equivalent of IELTS 7.0, then you will be advised which pre-sessional course is best for you based on your existing English Language proficiency.

How to apply

For an undergraduate degree programme or foundation programme, you need to apply through UCAS by completing the online application form at www.ucas.com/apply. For more information, see p196.

For foundation programmes it is also possible to apply online via one of our authorised representatives in your own country. International Development can provide you with details of our specific country representatives, or see our website www.kent.ac.uk/internationalstudent

For the International Foundation Programme, there are three ways to apply:

- 1 You can apply online, using our direct online application form available at: www.kent.ac.uk/cewl/apply.html
- 2 You can apply through one of our authorised overseas representatives in your own country. For more details, see www.kent.ac.uk/internationalstudent/representation
- 3 You can apply via the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS). For detailed instructions on how to apply, see www.ucas.com/students/apply

For JYA English PLUS, if your university already has an agreement with the University of Kent, then please apply via your university's own 'study abroad' office. If your university does not have an agreement with us, you can still apply directly to Kent. However, you need to check that your university will accept the study credits you gain at Kent. See www.kent.ac.uk/courses/short-term for more details.

For a pre-sessional course, please apply directly to the University via the form downloadable from www.kent.ac.uk/cewl/apply.html. If you would like any help, the International Development team can refer you to one of our overseas representatives.

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FINANCE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Tuition fees

You can find information on early-bird discounts and payment through instalments as well as information on how to pay at www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/fees

European Union students

The main academic cost is tuition fees, which cover the cost of teaching and other academic support services including the library, IT systems and teaching space, amongst others.

Eligibility for EU fee status depends on nationality and residency.

Students from outside the EU

Annual tuition fees for full-time international students from outside the EU for 2011/12 were as follows:

Undergraduate degree programmes

Non-laboratory courses	£11,230
Laboratory courses	£13,400
Architecture	£13,400

Foundation year programmes

Sciences foundation year and International Foundation Programme	£10,000
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Study abroad – short-term and diploma courses

Junior Year Abroad	£10,000
Fall Semester	£4,000
Spring Semester	£6,000
JYA English PLUS full length	£11,230
JYA English PLUS part length	£8,150

Fees for 2012/13 were still to be confirmed at time of going to press – please see our website for updated information. Fees for the academic year 2013/14 will be available in spring 2013.

Living costs

There is a comprehensive list of the costs you could incur studying at Kent on p240, or you can go to our online living costs calculator on www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/livingcosts

Funding and scholarships

University funding

All full-time students can apply for University scholarships based on music and sporting ability. The scholarships range from £500 to £5,000 per year. See p243 for further information.

Full-time students from within the EU can apply for University academic scholarships, alongside students from the UK. See p243 for details.

The University offers various sources of financial support to help students from outside the EU, including international scholarships, Hong Kong Alumni 40th Anniversary Scholarships and the Chancellor's Scholarship for Trinidad and Tobago. We also offer a loyalty discount scheme for international students whose family members have also studied at Kent. You can find further details at www.kent.ac.uk/scholarships/undergraduate/international

In addition to these sources of income, individual departments at the University offer specific scholarships. For details of these scholarships, please see the departmental pages of the website.

See p243 for further details of general University funding.

Government funding

Currently, students from within the EU can apply for a UK government loan to cover the cost of tuition fees, subject to eligibility and financial assessment. This is paid back after graduation at a certain salary level. See www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance

Students from countries outside the EU may be able to apply to their own government for funding.

See p241 for more details on financial support.