



# STUDYING AT KENT

“The teaching is of the highest level; the lecturers and seminar tutors are very enthusiastic in what they teach and are always on hand to assist. They inspire the students to do better!”

Sunny Jassal  
Law

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## CHOOSING A COURSE AND APPLYING

### Choosing a course

Kent offers approximately 400 different undergraduate honours degrees. With this amount of choice, you need to consider all your options and make sure that you are applying for the right programme.

All subject areas are listed in the previous section, and all degrees, together with their qualifications, are listed in the Quick Reference Guide on p246.

### Location

There is a large portfolio of courses offered at the Canterbury campus, with a range of specialist subjects (including Sports Studies and Journalism) available at the Medway campus. Foundation degrees are at the School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research (SSPSSR), at the Medway School of Pharmacy, and at our Associate or Partner Colleges: MidKent College, Canterbury College and K College (formerly South Kent College and West Kent College).

### Subject area

We offer a large number of subject areas, so if the subject you like doesn't offer quite what you want, there is probably an alternative that does. Each subject page carries a list of closely related subjects and suggestions in case you want to look further. Some subjects also offer a year in industry or study abroad, or joint honours combinations. For a full explanation, see p202.

### Qualifications

In addition to the general entry requirements (see p198), each degree has its own entry requirement. Some specify particular subjects at A level. If you don't meet the entry requirements for your chosen subject, the University offers other routes to achieving the appropriate standard, such as foundation years, foundation programmes (p200), and part-time certificates (p200). Please note that entry qualifications are listed as a guide and that the most up-to-date information can be found on our website.

### Programme type

Kent programmes are available on a full-time only, full-time and part-time, and part-time only basis. Check the Facts box on the subject page to see which formats are available.

### Professional qualifications

Some degrees offer routes into qualifying for a profession and give exemption from entrance exams, for instance Law, Architecture, Accounting & Finance and Actuarial Science. Occasionally, these subjects offer joint honours options that may not include all the subjects you need to study in order to qualify – check with the University if you are in any doubt.

### Year in industry/year abroad options

Many programmes offer options to go on a year's work placement in industry, or to spend time studying or working abroad. Mostly these options are listed separately, but some subjects, such as mathematics, include the industry option under the same UCAS code, and you need to specify your preferred route on your UCAS form.

### How to apply

#### Full-time degrees

For autumn 2013 entry to full-time honours degree courses, all students should apply through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS), the UK's central admissions service.

The institution code number of the University of Kent is K24, and the code name is KENT. If you are applying for courses based at Medway, you should add the campus code K in Section 3(d). If you are applying for the Pharmacy degree, you should apply to the Medway School of Pharmacy, institution code name MEDSP, institution code M62. If you are applying for the degree in Mathematics and Secondary Education, you should apply to Canterbury Christ Church University, UCAS institution code C10.

Courses with the UCAS campus codes given below are taught by associate/partner colleges, not by the University of Kent:  
Campus code C – Canterbury College  
Campus code H – MidKent College (Laboratory Technology)  
Campus code M – MidKent College  
Campus code S – K College (Ashford)  
Campus code W – K College (Tonbridge).

### What you need in order to apply

You can find detailed instructions on how to apply at [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com), or in the UCAS Guide to Getting Into University and College, which you can get from schools, colleges or public libraries.

You should apply online if possible, either via [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) if you are applying directly or via your college or school if it has a UCAS online application system.

UCAS, PO Box 28, Cheltenham,  
Gloucestershire GL52 3ZA  
United Kingdom

### UCAS applications timeline

Please note some UCAS dates may vary for technical reasons.

Early June	UCAS applications open
Early Sept	UCAS applications can be submitted to UCAS and will be passed on to institutions
15 Oct	Oxbridge and medical, dentistry and veterinary deadline
15 Jan	UCAS main scheme deadline for equal academic consideration*
Nov and Dec	Begin applications for UK government finance at Student Finance England (SFE)
Dec – Apr	Applicant invited for visit or interview Decisions made (conditional, unconditional, unsuccessful). Applicants can apply to universities through the UCAS Extra Scheme from the end of February
Apr and May	Applicant chooses firm and insurance choices (first and second choices)
30 June	Deadline for 'late' applications*
31 July	Deadline for University accommodation applications
Mid Aug	Adjustment open for registration
Aug	Examination results and Clearing for unsuccessful applicants
Aug or Sept	Places confirmed and registration packs sent out
Sept or Oct	Start university!
* Late applications are accepted only at the University's discretion	

UCAS accepts late applications from Home/EU students throughout the remainder of the application year, which universities or colleges then consider at their discretion. We do not guarantee to give late applications the same level of consideration as applications received by the normal closing date.

## Foundation courses

For autumn 2013 entry to courses, including a foundation year, the general foundation programmes for international students and full-time foundation degree courses, you should apply through UCAS in the same way as for honours degrees (described above). For foundation programmes, international students can also apply online via one of our authorised representatives in your own country.

For entry to part-time foundation degrees, apply directly to the University as described below. For entry to the International Foundation Programme or Junior Year Abroad (JYA), see p200 and p210.

## Part-time degrees

For autumn 2013 entry to part-time undergraduate degree courses, apply directly to the Recruitment and Admissions Office at the address below. You can also apply via the part-time online application form at [www.kent.ac.uk/courses/part-time/apply](http://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/part-time/apply)

## Undergraduate certificates and diplomas

To take one of the University's certificates or diplomas (see p200), apply directly to the Recruitment and Admissions Office. Again, you can apply via the part-time online application form at [www.kent.ac.uk/courses/part-time/apply](http://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/part-time/apply)

## Access courses

The University's Associate and Partner Colleges offer access courses. For further information, please see p202.

## Sponsored students

If you are working in industry and hope your employer will sponsor you to study on a course listed in the UCAS Directory, you must apply through UCAS in the normal way.

## Deferred entry

We will consider applications for deferred entry in 2014 on the same basis as those for entry in 2013; you should apply in the usual way during 2012/13. It will help us if you could give some indication on the application form of how you will spend the intervening year, ie travelling, voluntary work or paid work. You have to meet the conditions of an offer by the summer of 2013.



## Decisions on applications

We will give you a decision on your application as soon as possible. UCAS will confirm the decision if you are applying through them. You can enquire about an application in progress by contacting the Recruitment and Admissions Office, and it would help us if you can give us your UCAS personal ID number (if appropriate) and course code. You can also check the status of your application via the UCAS website at [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

## Meeting conditions of an offer

You must satisfy the conditions of your offer by 31 August 2013. The University will withdraw offers not confirmed by this date.

## Appeals and complaints

Appeals will only be considered where the applicant believes there has been a failure in the admissions procedure or if the applicant believes that they have been discriminated against unlawfully. Complaints concerning the process should be made in writing to the Head of the Recruitment & Admissions Office, unless the complaint is regarding the Head of the Office, in which case the written complaint should be directed to the Director of Enrolment Management Services or the Academic Registrar. A complaint made by email will be accorded the same level of thorough consideration and will be addressed within the same timescale as any other written complaint, normally within 28 days of receipt.

Due to the requirements of the Data Protection Act and the University's policy on disclosure, the University will only correspond on any issue regarding an application with the applicant themselves, unless the applicant has provided written permission for the University to discuss it with another person.

## Further information

Recruitment and Admissions Office,  
The Registry, University of Kent,  
Canterbury, Kent CT2 7NZ  
T: 01227 827272  
F: 01227 827077  
E: [information@kent.ac.uk](mailto:information@kent.ac.uk)

## TERM DATES 2013/14

### Welcome Week

23 Sept 2013 – 29 Sept 2013

### Autumn Term

30 Sept 2013 – 20 Dec 2013

### Spring Term

20 Jan 2014 – 11 April 2014

### Summer Term

12 May 2014 – 20 June 2014



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## GENERAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

**Kent accepts a wide range of qualifications, and we always try to judge applications on the basis of academic potential. We consider your experience, alternative qualifications, and other information you enter on your application form. We try to ensure that students are not treated differently on grounds of race, colour, religion, disability, gender, sexuality or any other distinction.**

**You can find full details of our admissions policy online at [www.kent.ac.uk/applicants/information/policies/admissions.html](http://www.kent.ac.uk/applicants/information/policies/admissions.html). The following are our minimum entry requirements for degree level study.**

### Age

There is no upper age limit to studying at the University. We recommend that you are at least 17 years old by 20 September in the year you begin your course, but if you are below this age we may still consider you for admission, provided we are satisfied you have reached an appropriate level of academic and personal development. In order to comply with both health and safety and child protection legislation, the University may impose restrictions on the use of some facilities by students who are under 18. International students who are under 18 at the start of their course are required to provide details of a guardian/parent/carer who is resident in the UK.

### GCE/GCSE

We have based our minimum entry requirements on the assumption that most schools and colleges in the UK will offer students at least four AS levels in Year 12 with three continued to A2 in Year 13. The minimum requirements are:

- five passes at GCSE grade C or above, including English Language or Use of English (IGCSE English as a Second Language, grade B), and at least two subjects at A level or
- three passes at GCE A level and a pass at grade C or above in GCSE English Language or Use of English.

Offers are normally based on the best 3.0 A level equivalents of achievement at Level 3 (A level equivalent), although some University subject areas may specify differently. You must have a minimum of two A level equivalents at Level 3 in two subjects (ie two A2 levels or one vocational

double award). We do not accept four AS levels as meeting our matriculation requirement and the University only counts subjects at one level.

We do not make unconditional offers on the basis of AS level grades alone. We base offers on a combination of GCSE/AS/VCE A level/A level/other qualifications or predicted grades, your personal statement and reference.

### Subjects accepted for the General Entry Requirement

- Kent generally accepts any A or AS level syllabus approved by the AQA, OCR and EDEXCEL and CIE awarding bodies, though we regard some subjects as more suitable than others.
- We do not accept the more vocational subjects if offered as one of only two A level passes.
- We count subjects with a significant overlap as one subject.
- We may accept two mathematical subjects at the same level provided that the course syllabuses were substantially different, for example, a combination of Pure and Applied Mathematics or of Mathematics and Further Mathematics. We will accept papers in Mathematics and Further Mathematics set on the SMP syllabus. A level 'Use of Mathematics' is not accepted by some degree subjects as meeting requirements for a specific grade in A level Mathematics.
- We may take into consideration passes at Level 3 key skills in Communication and IT where you cannot meet the matriculation requirements for English and Maths at GCSE level.



### GCE A level double award

- A level double award (two A level equivalents) and a pass in an approved English language qualification.

### BTEC/OCR

- BTEC National Diploma (18 units) or Certificate (12 units) or OCR National Diploma (12 units) or Extended National Diploma (18 units) and a pass in an approved English language qualification.
- Higher National Diploma or Certificate and a pass in an approved English language qualification.

### Access/foundation courses

- All access applicants are considered individually. Candidates will be required to obtain/pass the overall Access to Higher Education Diploma and may also be required to obtain a proportion of the total level 3 credits and/or credits in particular subjects at merit grade or above. Please check with the University before you apply that we will accept the Access/foundation syllabus you took.

### New 14-19 Diploma qualifications

The University welcomes the introduction of the new 14-19 Diploma qualifications. We will consider Diploma applicants for admission on a case-by-case basis where appropriate subjects have been taken. For more detailed information on our specific entry requirements for Diploma applicants, please visit our website.

## International Baccalaureate Diploma

The University welcomes applications from prospective students offering the full IB Diploma. We make offers solely on the basis of the IB marking scheme and not the UCAS tariff. We have a standard IB Diploma offer of 33 points across all programmes of study including any specific subjects at higher or standard level required by the particular degree programme. As an alternative to achieving 33 points, the University will also make IB students the offer of passing the IB Diploma with specific achievement in higher/standard level subjects. Both offers will be communicated to UCAS. Students offering a combination of IB certificates and other qualifications, such as A Levels or Advanced Placement Tests, will also be considered on their individual merits and should contact the Recruitment and Admissions Office for additional guidance.

## Other qualifications

We are happy to consider other qualifications on a case-by-case basis, including the following qualifications, provided they reach a satisfactory standard and include a pass in English at the equivalent of GCSE:

- Scottish (SQA) higher/advanced higher qualifications
- Irish Leaving Certificate
- European Baccalaureate Diploma
- Certificate in Education
- University degree
- Advanced International Certificate of Education
- Advanced Placement (AP) – a minimum of two full APs is required
- Overseas certificates (including some other European Union countries)
- Higher School Certificate of Matriculation of approved overseas and EU authorities
- American High School Diplomas if accompanied by two full AP passes.

## International students

In addition to the above requirements, international students can also qualify with the following:

- School Certificates and Higher School Certificates awarded by a body approved by the University
- Subsidiary level credit or pass = pass at GCSE
- Higher School Certificate pass = pass at A level
- matriculation from an approved university, with a pass in English Language at GCSE/O level or an equivalent level in an approved English language test
- passing one of Kent's foundation programmes, provided that you meet the subject requirements for the degree course you intend to study
- an examination pass accepted as equivalent to any of the above.

For information on entry requirements for your country, see [www.kent.ac.uk/internationalstudent/country](http://www.kent.ac.uk/internationalstudent/country)

If you haven't yet reached those standards, Kent offers foundation programmes for international students which give you a year's academic and language training before you begin on your degree (see p209 for further details).

## English language qualifications

In order to enter directly onto a degree course, you also need to prove your proficiency in English and we ask for one of the following:

- average 6.5 in IELTS test, minimum 6.0 in reading and writing, 5.5 in listening and speaking
- a TOEFL score of at least 87 including 22 reading and writing, 21 listening and 23 speaking (internet-based test)
- 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.

See [www.kent.ac.uk/internationalstudent/country](http://www.kent.ac.uk/internationalstudent/country) for details.

## Changes to Visa rules for non-EEA students

The UK Government has introduced a new system of immigration control for non-EEA students. All visa national students are now required to obtain a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) from the University before applying for a visa. For up-to-date information on the Tier 4 Scheme, please see the UK Border Agency website: [www.bia.homeoffice.gov.uk/studyingintheuk](http://www.bia.homeoffice.gov.uk/studyingintheuk)

The University may require applicants to provide a deposit in order to obtain a CAS.

Further information and guidance will be provided to those applicants to whom this applies.

Please note that some partner/associate colleges may not be agreed sponsors and students requiring an educational visa will be unable to take courses at those colleges.

## Returning to study

We advise students who want to return to study after a long break from education to talk to our Information and Guidance Unit for further advice on the best route into degree level studies (see p201 for more details). If you are applying for full-time study, we normally expect you to have done some recent study as preparation to show you can complete a degree course successfully.

## Foundation degrees

Entry requirements are set by the course provider and vary from course to course.

Work experience may be more relevant, so you should contact the institution concerned if you have any queries.

## Qualification checks

Admission to a programme of study is made on the basis that you have accurately and truthfully presented all the relevant facts in your application. The University retains the right to withdraw an offer of a place or terminate your registration if it subsequently comes to light that the information you provide in support of your application was inaccurate or incomplete or a misrepresentation of your academic and other achievements. The University requires all students to provide proof of identity and qualifications at point of registration.

## Changes to offer levels

Due to advance publication deadlines, the entry requirements listed in this prospectus are provided only as a guide to minimum entry levels expected for admission in the coming application round. The University reserves its right to make higher offer levels than those published in this prospectus. You are advised to check the online prospectus for the latest information on entry requirements.

## Use of contextual data

The Admissions Office currently collects a range of contextual data using publicly available datasets to support its Access agreement with OFFA. The data includes education context of the applicant's school or college and performance of the applicant's school at A level or equivalent. The University also collects postcode data to identify applicants from low participation neighbourhoods. Those applicants that have been looked after/in care for more than three months, where indicated on the UCAS form, will be flagged. The University will use contextual data in the round to support the decision making process, it does not make lower offers on the basis of contextual data.

## Further information

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## FOUNDATION PROGRAMMES

**Kent offers three main types of foundation programmes, which help you get qualifications for degree-level entry.**

During your foundation programme you qualify as a full undergraduate student, so you have access to all the University's support, welfare, leisure and study facilities.

### Honours degrees with a foundation year

These are subject-specific programmes which offer one year full-time prior to Stage 1 and are open to all students. If you don't have qualifications in the appropriate subjects for your chosen degree, if your grades aren't high enough, if you are applying from a country where secondary education does not reach the level required for direct entry to UK degrees or if you don't have a high enough standard of English to cope with the demands of a full degree, you should apply for a foundation programme.

Subjects which currently include a foundation year are:

- Actuarial Science\*
- Biosciences
- Computer Systems Engineering
- Electronic and Communications Engineering
- Forensic Science
- Mathematics
- Physics.

All of these courses are taught on the Canterbury campus.

\* If you wish to study Actuarial Science after your Foundation Year, you should enrol in Financial Mathematics, which has the same modules in Stage 1 as the Actuarial Science degree. After satisfactorily completing Stage 1, you will be eligible to transfer into the Actuarial Science degree for stages 2 and 3.

It may also be possible for you to go on to one of the other degrees offered by the University.

If you register for these foundation courses and your first language is not English, we will assess your language competency. You need to have an English language standard of IELTS 5.5 (including 5.0 in reading and writing, and 4.0 in listening and speaking) or the equivalent.

We encourage you to use our comprehensive English language support service and we may ask you to take an additional English course.

For further information, see under the individual subject entries or [www.kent.ac.uk/courses/foundation](http://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/foundation)

### International Foundation Programme (IFP)

The International Foundation Programme provides entry into nearly all of the wide range of subjects in our Faculties of Humanities and Social Sciences for international students whose school leaving qualifications are insufficient for direct entry. It gives you a year's preparation in academic subjects, English language and study skills up to the level required for entry to a degree programme. Progression to the degree programme may depend on achieving specific grades during the foundation year.

There are also specific foundation programmes for international students in Biosciences (subject to approval), Electronics and Computer Science.

The IFP can be started in either September or January. For further information, see p131 or visit our website: [www.kent.ac.uk/cw1](http://www.kent.ac.uk/cw1)

### Foundation degrees

Foundation degrees are higher education awards with a strong vocational focus and involve work placements or are work-related qualifications for people already in a post. They involve 240 academic credits, starting at a level before Stage 1, and take two years of full-time study to complete. The degrees finish at a point before the end of Stage 2, and allow you to progress, after further study, to a related honours degree.

### Further information

Recruitment and Admissions Office,  
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## PART-TIME STUDY

**Part-time study gives you the opportunity to achieve the same academic standards as a full-time programme over a longer period of time. It also has the advantage that you can take it a stage at a time – certificate, then diploma, and finally, the degree.**

There are several types of part-time study at Kent. We have programmes aimed specifically at part-time students at certificate, diploma and degree level. Many of our full-time programmes can also be studied on a part-time basis.

### Part-time study on full-time programmes

Students on this route usually take half the modules each year that a full-time student takes. Most of the modules run during the daytime (as they fit with full-time study), but some are available through classes taught in the evening.

A large number of our full-time courses, generally in the Humanities and Social Sciences, can be taken on this part-time basis – check the Facts box on each subject page to see whether the part-time option is available.

### Part-time only programmes

In several subject areas, we offer a system of awards geared specifically to the needs of part-time students:

- Certificates: corresponding to Stage 1 of a degree; normally studied part-time over two years but can take up to four years
- Diplomas: corresponding to Stage 2 of a degree and lasting two years
- Degrees: these follow on from some diplomas allowing students to complete Stage 3 in a further two years.

There is an explanation of course structure on p202.

Part-time courses are offered at Canterbury, Medway and Tonbridge. Some subjects are only available via this route and not as a full-time degree.

### Certificates

- Archaeological Studies
- Creative Writing
- English and Comparative Literature
- French
- Law and Society
- Local History
- Person-Centred Support



## Diplomas

- Archaeological Studies
- English and Comparative Literature
- English and Comparative Literature with Creative Writing
- French
- History and Philosophy of Art
- Local History
- Positive Behaviour Support
- Substance Misuse Management

## Degrees

- Archaeological Studies
- English and Comparative Literature and Creative Writing
- Substance Misuse Management

If you would like to find out more about the different options available to you then please request a copy of the *Part-time Study at Kent* brochure, which explains the different levels and types of study and has further details of all our certificates and diplomas. The brochure is available at [www.kent.ac.uk/part-time](http://www.kent.ac.uk/part-time) and as a printed booklet.

## Further information

Information and Guidance Unit,  
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Canterbury, Kent CT2 7NZ  
T: 0800 975 3777  
E: [information@kent.ac.uk](mailto:information@kent.ac.uk)

## MATURE STUDENTS

**The University of Kent welcomes students from all backgrounds. About 20% of our students have returned to study after a few years (or more) out of formal education. Our staff have a wide range of experience in helping students who are returning to full-time or part-time study.**

Kent welcomes applications from everyone with the potential to benefit from its programmes. Not all of our students have the traditional entrance qualifications required to take a degree. We will consider your previous experience including work-related skills, alternative qualifications and any other information that you can give us.

## Advice for students returning to learning

In addition to all the support services and resources described elsewhere in this prospectus, our Recruitment, Information and Guidance Unit can offer friendly, experienced advice if you are thinking of returning to study, if you are unsure about the course you wish to study or want to discuss any topic relating to study in higher education. The Unit can give information and advice on a wide range of topics relating to

studying in higher education, including how to choose your course, preparing for your course, admissions processes and general information regarding preparation for higher education.

The Recruitment, Information and Guidance Unit is based on the Canterbury campus and is open 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday. You are welcome to the Unit and the staff can provide you with information and literature, and generally answer your questions.

You can book an appointment for a one-to-one guidance session with a trained adviser. The session can be conducted either by telephone or face to face. Alternatively, you could come along to one of our Open Days – see inside the back cover for information and dates, or visit our website, [www.kent.ac.uk/opendays](http://www.kent.ac.uk/opendays)

## Further information

For guidance information, or to book an individual guidance session, contact the Recruitment, Information and Guidance Unit.

T: 0800 975 3777 or 01227 827272  
E: [guidance@kent.ac.uk](mailto:guidance@kent.ac.uk)

For general course information or admissions advice, contact:

Recruitment, Information and Guidance Unit,  
The Registry, University of Kent, Canterbury,  
Kent CT2 7NZ  
T: 01227 827272 or 0800 975 3777  
E: [information@kent.ac.uk](mailto:information@kent.ac.uk)  
[www.kent.ac.uk/courses](http://www.kent.ac.uk/courses)

## Science foundation programmes

Biosciences, Computer Systems Engineering, Electronic and Communications Engineering, Forensic Science, Mathematics and Physics offer a four-year programme with a foundation year for all students who don't have the appropriate qualifications for direct entry to a three-year programme.

If you don't have qualifications in the necessary subjects for your chosen degree, or if, for whatever reason, your grades aren't high enough, you can apply for this programme. You can find further details under the individual subject entries, or on p200.

## Part-time study

Many of our full-time programmes can be studied part-time and there are other programmes, such as certificates and diplomas that can be studied on a part-time basis. For full details about studying part-time and the options available to you, please see p200.

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## Day Schools

Day Schools allow you to spend time exploring a subject purely for the pleasure of learning, in the company of other people who share your interests and are similarly motivated.

Day Schools run on Saturdays in Canterbury, Medway and Tonbridge. For further details and an online booking form, see our website [www.kent.ac.uk/dayschools](http://www.kent.ac.uk/dayschools) or request a copy of the Day Schools programme leaflet.

## Further information

T: 01227 823662

## Access to Higher Education Diploma

The Access to HE Diploma is a nationally recognised qualification which enables people who do not have A Levels to apply to study for a degree. You study with other people in similar circumstances to you, who have the same aims and apprehensions.

Access courses are validated by Laser Learning Awards (LASER). For details of Access course providers, look at the LASER booklet *Access to Higher Education Diploma – a guide to available courses*. Also available online at [www.laser-awards.org.uk](http://www.laser-awards.org.uk)

## Further information

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[www.laser-awards.org.uk](http://www.laser-awards.org.uk)

## COURSE STRUCTURE

### Kent offers a variety of degree programmes

- **Single honours** where you study one main subject, sometimes with the option of taking up to 25% of your degree in another subject.
- **Joint honours** where you study two subjects on a 50:50 basis.
- Occasionally you can do a **major/minor honours degree** where the majority of your study is in one subject and the minority in another, for example, Economics with Computing.
- **Part-time study** where you can take a full-time degree programme on a half-time basis, or do an honours degree by working your way through interim awards – see p200 for further details.
- **Honours degrees with a foundation year**  
If, for whatever reason, you do not have appropriate qualifications for direct entry, some science honours degrees offer a foundation year, and there are general foundation years especially for international students whose academic qualifications or English language is not at the required level for direct entry to a degree (see p200 for further details).
- **Foundation degrees** are interim higher education awards, which start at a point before honours degree entry and end at a level significantly below an honours degree. There are usually good progression routes on to a related honours degree or a specific top-up honours degree.
- **Higher National Diplomas** are interim higher education awards, which should be for honours degree entry and end at a level significantly below an honours degree.

- **Top-up honours degrees** are one year programmes designed to allow progression from foundation degrees or HNDs to bachelor honours degree level.

## Degree pathways

Many of the subject areas listed in this prospectus give you the opportunity to broaden your degree and acquire new skills by studying on different pathways. These include: taking a language, which normally involves a year studying or working abroad; taking a sandwich year and working in industry; learning extra computing skills; or taking the new Kent Enterprise programme.

These degrees are normally listed on the subject pages or in the Quick Reference Guide on p246.

## Modes of study

Kent offers both full and part-time study. Some programmes offer both modes, and some either one or the other. The Facts box for each subject should indicate which mode of study is available for that programme.

## Stages of study

Kent degrees divide into stages, as follows:

Full-time	Part-time	
Stage 1	First year	Generally two years (but can be up to a total of four years)
Stage 2	Second year	Two further years
Stage 3	Third year	Two further years

Degrees that include study abroad or a work placement in industry usually involve an extra year on a full-time basis. A few degrees in the sciences and engineering include an extra fourth year – these are also usually on a full-time basis. Drama includes an extra full-time fourth year and the MArch degree in Architecture requires five years' full-time study.

Normally marks from both Stages 2 and 3 count towards your final degree result. You have to pass Stage 1 to be allowed to go on to Stages 2 and 3.



## DID YOU KNOW?

Kent degrees can lead to professional qualifications or exemptions in Accounting, Law, Actuarial Science, Architecture, Computer Science, Electronic Engineering, Psychology, Pharmacy, Biomedical Science and Social Work.



## Academic credit

Honours programmes at Kent offer academic credits on a nationally agreed scale. You normally take 120 credits at increasingly higher levels at each of Stages 1, 2 and 3, making a total of 360 for a full honours degree. Degrees involving a full-time fourth year total 480 credits. Foundation degrees carry 240 credits, generally 120 credits per year for two full-time years.

Kent has adopted the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). This system was developed by the Commission of the European Communities in order to guarantee academic recognition of studies throughout universities and colleges across Europe. Each module at Kent carries an ECTS weighting, which is usually half of the credits allocated by the University, so that a Kent 30-credit module has 15 ECTS credits, and a 15-credit module carries 7.5 ECTS credits.

If you have been studying higher education programmes elsewhere and have academic credits that are recent, relevant and at the right level, you can apply to transfer the credit you have accumulated to a relevant programme at Kent, subject to the formal agreement of the University. Equally, credit you gain at Kent can transfer to appropriate programmes elsewhere.

## Modules

Courses at Kent divide into a number of modules (up to a maximum of eight) at each stage. Each module carries a credit rating (according to its 'weight') of 15, 30 or occasionally 45 credits. Some degrees have set modules that you are required to take, particularly if you are studying a subject that leads towards professional recognition, for example, law or accounting. Other subjects allow more choice, particularly at Stage 1, which gives you the opportunity to diversify and broaden your experience by studying topics outside your main subject area.

## Class hours

Class hours vary tremendously, depending on which subject you take. For example, science-based degrees can include full-day practical laboratory sessions, while other degrees may only have one lecture and seminar per module each week and require you to spend more time in private study and reading.



## Progression routes

There are a number of ways you can qualify to study a degree – see our general entry requirements on p198, and details of Access, certificate and diploma courses on p201 and foundation programmes on p200. Many foundation degrees, also have linked or relevant honours degrees which you can move on to once you gain your foundation degree award.

## Postgraduate study

Graduating needn't be the end of your university career – Kent offers a large number of postgraduate courses, and many of our students have gone on to take further academic qualifications. Some courses qualify you for careers that need further study in order to gain a professional qualification, for example, law, actuarial science, and architecture.

## INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

**Kent's links with prestigious universities and leading business organisations around the world open up a range of possibilities for our students. From a period of study at a top university in France or the USA, to an exciting work placement at a high profile business in Japan, Kent literally offers a world of opportunities to internationalise your education.**

### Why add an 'international element' to your degree?

Adding an international placement is an excellent way of enhancing your CV and gaining valuable skills that will impress future employers. According to the Council for Industry and Higher Education (CIHE) and i-graduate, 'A third of employers view a graduate with any overseas study experience as more employable. Sixty-five per cent of international employers indicate that having overseas professional work experience makes graduates more employable'.

### Stand out in the job market

The valuable international work or study experience you gain while abroad will help you to stand out when applying for your first job. The fact that you've spent time in another country shows prospective employers that you're adaptable, resourceful and independent, with cultural understanding and confidence – all the key skills they are looking for.

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# STUDYING AT KENT (CONT)

In today's international job market, you will be competing with people from all around the world so demonstrating that you have an international perspective enables you to compete more effectively.

## Gain new skills and experience

There is no doubt that living and travelling abroad broadens your outlook. Studying or working abroad teaches you lots of new skills and you'll never forget the amazing experiences you have. Many students tell us that their time abroad was the best part of their course.

## Improve your language skills

A year studying or working in a foreign country will improve your language skills significantly. Even if your placement is one where the teaching is in English, you will absorb some of the local language. Students following degrees where the study abroad element is in the local language are given language preparation as part of their course.

## A different way of doing things

Studying abroad gives you the chance to learn in a different environment and context at one of Kent's partner universities. By approaching your subject from the point of view of a different culture you gain new insights which will help you in your further study.

While working abroad, the valuable international work experience you gain will help you to stand out when applying for your first job.

## Financial benefits of studying or working abroad

Students studying abroad do not pay fees to the host University and if you are studying or working abroad for a full academic year under the Erasmus programme and are classed as a UK or EU student, you are likely to be eligible for an Erasmus grant for the period spent abroad. Under current arrangements (2010), these students do not pay tuition fees while they are abroad.

For periods abroad not covered by the Erasmus scheme, such as those outside Europe, students pay reduced tuition fees for the period abroad (currently 50% of the tuition fee you would normally pay to Kent). Students taking a term abroad on a non-Erasmus programme pay the normal tuition fees to Kent but do not pay fees to the host university.

This information is correct at the time of going to print.

## How do I include an 'international element' in my degree?

If your course offers you the opportunity to study or work abroad, this will be highlighted on each individual course page.

## Study and work placements in Europe

The European Union's Erasmus programme\* gives you the opportunity to do your study or work placement in one of the EU or EEA member states and, if you are from the EU, receive an Erasmus grant for the period spent abroad. On study placements, depending on your degree, courses are taught either in English or in the local language. Where the teaching takes place in the local language, you are given language preparation as part of your degree before you go.

If you are taking a single or joint honours degree in one of our modern languages, or European Studies, there is also the possibility of working as an English language assistant in a school abroad.

For more information, see [www.kent.ac.uk/european](http://www.kent.ac.uk/european) or contact International Development (see below).

\*Funded by the EU, whose support the University gratefully acknowledges.

## Study and work placements outside Europe

A number of programmes offer the chance to study for a year in the USA, China, Hong Kong, Japan, Peru, Thailand, Uruguay, Argentina and Canada. Kent offers language courses in Chinese, Japanese and Spanish, which you can take in the year before you go.

## Further information

For a list of courses, including study abroad placements in Europe, see [www.kent.ac.uk/goabroad](http://www.kent.ac.uk/goabroad)

## International Development

For information about Argentina, Canada, China, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Peru, Thailand, Uruguay and the USA.

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# WORKING IN INDUSTRY

**Kent offers a number of different ways of gaining work experience while you are studying at the University.**

## What are the benefits?

### Employment skills

Prior experience working in industry is always popular with employers when you look for a job after your degree, and some students have returned to work full-time for their industrial placement company.

### Greater subject knowledge

The vast majority of students who take this option come back to the University with increased enthusiasm and subject knowledge, applying their work experience to future study.

### Earning a salary

Students spending a year in industry earn a salary for the year – always helpful in for paying costs. The salary varies depending on the industry and the company, but typically students can earn between £14,000 and £25,000. Students only pay a portion of the home fees rate for their year in industry – no matter where they are from. If the placement is taken as part of an Erasmus year, it is possible that the fees will be waived.

## Sandwich courses

The sandwich course is an excellent way of immersing yourself in the working world. It gives you hands-on experience, teaches you new skills and allows you to put into practice what you have learned. While applying for your placement, you will have the support and guidance of your department, the Careers Advisory Service and the University's Placement Officer. While you are on your placement, your department keeps in touch with you, offering support and advice should you need it. Previous students have worked in hospital research laboratories, forensic science laboratories (Biosciences), IBM, Intel, Microsoft (Computer Science), Arthur Andersen Business Consulting, Esso Petroleum, British Airways (Kent Business School), the NHS and the Home Office (Psychology).

You will be required to undertake some academic work, such as a report on your sandwich year, as these marks contribute towards your final degree result.

### Shorter work placements

Degrees such as Social Work or Health and Social Care Practice require students to spend time in work placements as an integral part of their course. An increasing number of degrees such as Business Studies offer modules during which you spend very short periods on work observations or work with 'real-life' problems. Kent Law Clinic, Kent IT Clinic and the Centre for Sports Studies clinic offer the chance to gain experience working for clients.

There is also a growing trend towards 'vacation placements', where students use their vacation time to gain relevant experience in the world of work. The Kent Careers Advisory Service offers help and advice to students considering vacation placements. For more information, see [www.kent.ac.uk/careers](http://www.kent.ac.uk/careers)

### International work opportunities

Many Kent students spend part of their degree in a professional placement outside the UK. Countries that Kent students have been to in the past year include Hong Kong, Japan, the US, China, Mexico, Austria, France, Belgium and Luxembourg. For placements in continental Europe, you could be eligible for an Erasmus grant in addition to your salary. For more information, see [www.kent.ac.uk/european/study/erasmus](http://www.kent.ac.uk/european/study/erasmus)

For more information on work placements, please contact the Placements Officer on [placements@kent.ac.uk](mailto:placements@kent.ac.uk) or visit [www.kent.ac.uk/enterprise](http://www.kent.ac.uk/enterprise)

### DID YOU KNOW?

Kent offers study or work abroad opportunities in Argentina, Canada, China, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Peru, Thailand, the USA and Uruguay, as well as countries in Europe including Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland.



## JOBS AND EMPLOYABILITY

**Employers are looking for more than just academic knowledge: they expect you to use your time at university to gain transferable skills while studying for your degree.**

As you learn, you will develop transferable skills such as working in small groups, preparing presentations and being able to conduct effective research, but you can improve your employability in other ways while at Kent.

The University, Universities at Medway Students' Association (UMSA) and Kent Union (the Students' Union) work together to offer you a comprehensive package of volunteering opportunities, paid work and careers advice to enhance your employability upon graduation.

Kent also gives you opportunities to strengthen your CV by studying abroad, going on a sandwich year, or taking a module in Enterprise, in addition to the transferable skills training you get on your course.

Kent has its own student website, RoundOne, which promotes all the employability events on campus. It's easy to see why; in 2010, only 5% of Kent graduates were still looking for a job six months after graduation.

### Paid work at university

Paid work through temporary or part-time jobs helps to meet your living costs and gives you the opportunity to gain practical experience and work-related skills while you are studying.

### Jobshop

The [jobshop@kent](mailto:jobshop@kent) service is run by Kent Union and helps students find part-time or temporary work. In the 2010/11 academic year, just under 4,500 students registered with [jobshop@kent](mailto:jobshop@kent) and approximately 3,200 vacancies were advertised including IT workers, marketing and administrative assistants, web developers, project managers, market researchers, bar and waiting staff, personal tutors, models, child carers and retail assistants. In addition to advertising vacancies for local employers, [jobshop@kent](mailto:jobshop@kent) also places students in temporary roles through its agency-style service and utilises the students' language skills by employing them as translators.

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# STUDYING AT KENT (CONT)

Students can register online and then receive email alerts when new positions become available as well as viewing current vacancies on the Kent Union website.

The [jobshop@kent](mailto:jobshop@kent.ac.uk) team provides information on tax, National Insurance, creating a CV and completing application forms, international student status and other employment advice. The office on the Canterbury campus is open Monday-Friday for students to drop-in or make an appointment.

## Volunteering

Volunteering is an opportunity to put into practice things you learn while studying, or to try something new. You can volunteer to do practically anything, such as school tutoring, working with the elderly, mentally or physically disabled, conservation or stewarding at concerts.

Kent Union can arrange for placements local to where you live, and by arranging your hours with your placement you can be sure it fits in with your studies.

These are some of the specific ways in which you can volunteer directly with Kent Union/UMSA:

- Student media – magazines, newspapers, CSR fm (the UK's first student-run community FM radio station), or Kent Student Cinema, which runs alongside the Gulbenkian Cinema
- Societies/sports clubs – join and help run some of the many student societies
- Course reps – all courses have student representatives who give input into how the programmes are run on behalf of the other students on the course.
- RAG (raise and give) fundraising – a chance for you to do completely off-the-wall things while raising money for charity, or get involved in planning major events.

Kent Union and the University also run the KSCV – the Kent Student Certificate for Volunteering. The Certificate formally acknowledges the efforts of student volunteers and can help build your CV and skills profile. An advanced KSCV can even lead to credits towards your degree programme.

## Careers advice

The Careers Advisory Service is available at any stage of your studies for advice and information on your options after you graduate. These options may include employment, further study or time out before making a career decision.

The careers advisers at the University of Kent are not here to tell you what you 'should' do; our role is to provide a full range of information, advice and guidance to help you come to your own decisions. We believe that choosing a career is a process, not

an event, that all aspects of your time at university contribute to that process and that it should begin as early as possible.

We therefore start to work with you from your first year onwards to help you to develop the employability skills that will help you to stand out in your job search. During Welcome Week, you receive a careers pack that introduces the Careers Advisory Service and the support that we offer throughout your time at University. This support includes:

- an extensive website that includes introductory information on over 100 popular graduate career options and also covers topics such as career choice, employability skills, work experience, and postgraduate study
- an online vacancy database with a wide range of local and national employment opportunities
- a well-stocked Careers Information Room, providing reading material on occupations, employers, job-seeking skills and much more
- personal advice and guidance from careers advisers including in-depth vocational guidance interviews and a drop-in service to help students with quick queries
- careers education programmes and information linked to specific degree subjects
- talks and seminars on general topics related to choosing a career and opportunities for graduates
- help with developing employability skills through work experience (including career-related internships and vacation experience), extra-curricular activities and other interests
- the opportunity to achieve a Careers Employability Award, open to all students and delivered through the University's Moodle virtual learning environment, which offers a flexible and interactive way to help you to assess and develop these skills and to present them to employers
- talks and workshops on job-seeking and selection, with advice on making successful applications and honing your interview technique
- visits and talks from graduate employers, including the annual Careers and Recruitment Fair
- help with CVs, application forms and interview preparation
- information on graduate destinations
- an Alumni Careers Network that puts you in touch with Kent graduates for a first-hand insight into careers.

## 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](http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/visas-immigration/working/tier1/poststudy)

## Enterprise module

### Enterprise module (CB612) and Year in Industry Business Start-up Scheme (YIBSS)

In the second or third year it is possible for anyone with a 'wild' option to take the CB612 module on how to set up a new business. As part of the module, you produce a business plan for a theoretical new enterprise to a standard that would meet the requirements of most lending banks or potential investors.

It is also possible to actually set up your own business while at Kent. As well as supporting students with innovative ideas, we also run the Year in Industry Business Start-up Scheme (YIBSS). The aim is to provide support and resources to you, as a student, to develop and roll-out your business ideas.

## Further information

### Jobshop

Mandela Building, University of Kent,  
Canterbury, Kent CT2 7NW  
T: 01227 824251  
E: [jobshop@kent.ac.uk](mailto:jobshop@kent.ac.uk)  
[www.kentunionjobshop.co.uk](http://www.kentunionjobshop.co.uk)

### Volunteering

Student Activities Centre,  
University of Kent, Canterbury,  
Kent CT2 7UG  
T: 01227 824705  
E: [kentunion@kent.ac.uk](mailto:kentunion@kent.ac.uk)  
E: [medwayvolunteering@kent.ac.uk](mailto:medwayvolunteering@kent.ac.uk)  
[www.kentunionvolunteering.co.uk](http://www.kentunionvolunteering.co.uk)

### Careers advice

#### Canterbury

Careers Advisory Service,  
University of Kent, Canterbury,  
Kent CT2 7ND  
T: 01227 823480/823481

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Gillingham Building, University of Kent,  
Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4AG  
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