



BRUSSELS SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES



WELCOME FROM THE DEAN

The University of Kent's Brussels School of International Studies (BSIS) is a unique institution. We offer the only English language-based postgraduate courses in international affairs here in Brussels with a UK degree.

The MA, LLM and PhD degrees are awarded by Kent, Britain's foremost European university. But we are not just 'European'; our studies are global and so is our student body. Our students come from over 65 countries around the world. Our aim is to think, and be, international.

We take advantage of the fact that Brussels is home to core EU and international institutions and to NATO headquarters. This is a magnet to our students. But they also appreciate the variety and life that Europe's capital offers.

I am an Economist who has specialised in the study of European integration. I have been involved in policy advice for the UK and other European governments and the European Commission and Parliament on issues including transport, regional development, the environment and migration.

I have seen the benefit of studying one's own discipline in the context of a wider view of international studies. My responsibility is to ensure that students leave with a clear view of how to balance depth of advanced study with a broad view of the world and that high-level instruction is supported by quality research.

We offer an interdisciplinary and stimulating approach to some of the big questions of our time. This and more is set out in this prospectus. If you are interested in pursuing a further degree in these important and relevant areas, read on.

Professor Roger Vickerman
Dean of the University of Kent, Brussels



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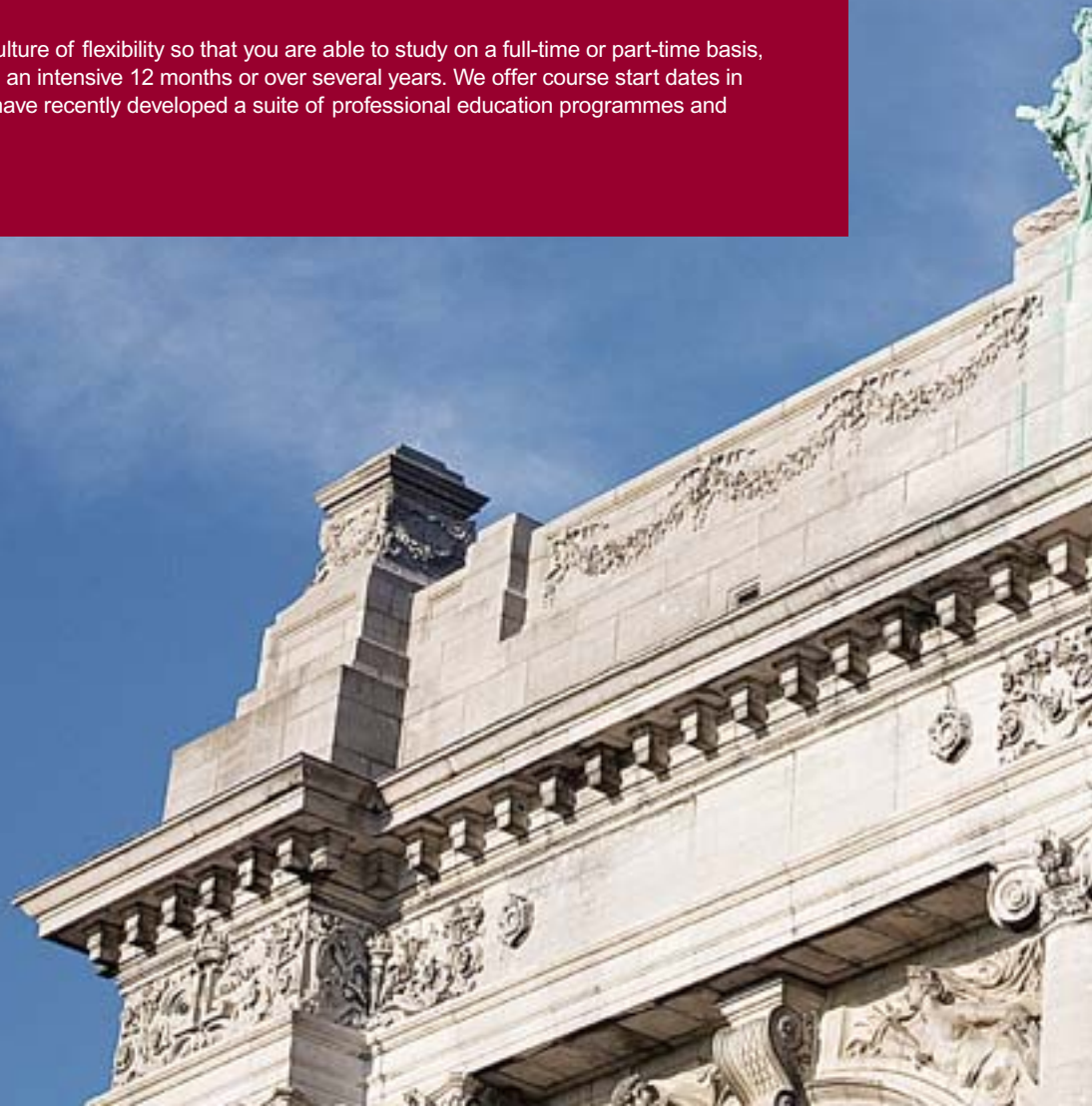
ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

The University of Kent's Brussels School of International Studies is a specialist postgraduate centre, which offers advanced English language-based degrees covering the spectrum of international affairs.

The broad selection of taught and research programmes available, ranging from politics and international relations to law, migration and conflict studies, means you can choose a degree that best reflects your interests.

Our strong links with Brussels-based organisations greatly enhance the teaching on our programmes and you benefit from many opportunities for research, internships and future employment by studying in Europe's centre.

The School also promotes a culture of flexibility so that you are able to study on a full-time or part-time basis, completing your programme in an intensive 12 months or over several years. We offer course start dates in January and September, and have recently developed a suite of professional education programmes and summer courses.





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ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Kent is one of the UK's leading universities. All our academic schools produce research of international standing and our research activities and collaborations with outside organisations create knowledge that is highly influential in many areas.

Our programmes in Brussels are informed by this commitment to research excellence, drawing on the expertise of leading academics in international studies from across the University. Rigorous teaching and experienced research degree supervision is complemented by input from external practitioners from Brussels-based organisations who contribute to courses in their field or are regularly invited to deliver guest lectures. This means you are able to develop skills and knowledge relevant to contemporary issues.

BRUSSELS: THE CAPITAL OF EUROPE

Home to the main institutions of the European Union and numerous European and international organisations, such as think tanks, lobby groups, NGOs and multinational companies, Brussels is at the heart of Europe.

As a student at the Brussels School of International Studies, you can earn a degree from a renowned British university while enjoying unparalleled opportunities for networking, academic development and professional advancement facilitated by the School's excellent location in the 'capital of Europe'.

Our students benefit from access to numerous archives, conferences, scholars, experts and practitioners who thrive in the institutions of this world centre of international affairs. In addition, you have the chance to develop your language skills while exploring the historical and cultural highlights the city has to offer. Brussels is also ideally located for easy access to other major European cities.







A woman with shoulder-length brown hair and glasses is shown in profile, wearing a green collared shirt. She is holding a white marker with a green tip, positioned as if about to write on a whiteboard. The whiteboard is partially visible on the right side of the frame. The background is a bright, out-of-focus indoor setting.

COLLABORATIVE, INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH

At the Brussels School of International Studies, we revel in diversity, applying insight from a wide spectrum of knowledge to specific problems.

We host five academic schools of the University of Kent which allows you to specialise in one programme while informing your personal approach to international studies with courses spanning such disciplines as political science, law, sociology, history and economics.

We strongly believe that teaching and learning should be a collaboration. The School represents not only a partnership of staff and students and of faculty from different disciplines, but also a collaboration among professional academics and academics who are practitioners in the institutions of global governance. This provides you with a holistic view of your subject and an interdisciplinary approach to international studies.

EXCELLENT FACILITIES

The extensive facilities and learning resources available in Brussels enable you to achieve your full potential and gain the most from your studies.

We have our own purpose-designed facilities, including academic offices, a student common room and teaching rooms, as well as access to IT facilities, reference books and journals. BSIS students also have full use of the campus facilities of our partner universities, Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) and the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB), giving you access to a wide choice of libraries, sports and leisure facilities, social events and language classes.

In addition, you have ready access to numerous general and specialist public and private libraries suitable for postgraduate study. There are also many opportunities for students to interact with the international institutions in Brussels, through guest lectures, workshops, conferences, policy review committees and specially arranged tours.







A GLOBAL COMMUNITY

Our international reputation means that we attract staff and students from around the world, creating a cosmopolitan atmosphere and an inspiring student experience.

The composition of our staff and student body in Brussels is overwhelmingly international. Our faculty is drawn from nearly every continent and our students represent over 65 different nationalities. This diverse academic community creates a stimulating intellectual and social environment, giving you the chance to hear the perspectives of many other nationalities and to develop a truly global approach to your studies.

IMPRESSIVE CAREER PROSPECTS

Whatever your career goal, a postgraduate qualification from the University of Kent equips you with an impressive portfolio of skills, specialist knowledge and practical experience to help you succeed in a competitive job market.

Students in Brussels do extremely well in terms of entering their chosen careers shortly after graduation. Possible options include working for EU institutions, NGOs, the diplomatic services, the United Nations or fields related to public policy, public relations, international commerce, finance, government and law.

The University is dedicated to helping students develop transferable skills through their studies and we have our own careers adviser in Brussels who can provide advice tailored to the needs of each student. BSIS has developed strong links with the Brussels community, which means many of our students are able to improve their professional skills and gain real-world experience through a range of internships and voluntary work opportunities.







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ACADEMIC SCHOOLS

The Brussels School of International Studies hosts five academic schools of the University of Kent to facilitate collaborative teaching and research. This means students on our programmes benefit from a stimulating and truly interdisciplinary approach to their studies.

School of Politics and International Relations

Kent's School of Politics and International Relations is one of the most dynamic places to study Politics and International Relations. We combine high-quality teaching with cutting-edge research in a supportive environment that welcomes students from all over the world. All programmes are informed by the latest research and scholarship, and are taught by academic staff who have internationally recognised expertise in their field.

Academic excellence

The School has a good track record of research excellence. Staff generate a vibrant research culture which has led the School to achieve international excellence in many areas of the discipline. Leading professional journals such as *Global Society*, *The Journal of Legislative Studies* and *German Politics* are edited or co-edited in the School. The strength of the School's research culture is reflected in the numerous books and articles published and in the existence of three core research groups: Conflict, Security and Human Rights; Comparative Politics; and Political and Social Theory. The School is also home to three research centres: Conflict Analysis Research Centre, the Centre for Federal Studies and the Centre for the Study of Politics and Spirituality.

The School is internationally renowned for its expertise in international conflict analysis and has built on this reputation, developing its knowledge and elaborating its capacity for research, teaching and consultancy. Members of academic staff have been involved in the hallmark 'Problem-solving Workshops' in a variety of conflicts, including Cyprus, Moldova, Northern Ireland and South Africa. The School's Conflict Analysis Research Centre brings together academics and students from UK universities and abroad who are particularly concerned with studies of international mediation and act as facilitators in inter-communal and international conflicts.

Programmes of study

The School has been offering the MA in International Relations since 1978, making it one of the oldest in UK. The MA programmes in the area of International Conflict Analysis are consistently ranked among the best worldwide. The School now offers Master's degrees in International Political Economy, Political Strategy and Communication and European Public Policy. These are speciality degrees of BSIS which have

been designed to incorporate theory and practice in an interdisciplinary approach, as well as to take advantage of our excellent location in Europe's capital. The teaching in Brussels is conducted in English by members of staff from Kent; staff of international reputation at our partner universities, the VUB and ULB; or members of Brussels institutions such as NATO and the Council of the European Union.

Kent Law School

Kent Law School is a centre of world-class critical legal research, offering a variety of innovative and interdisciplinary taught and research degrees with an international and contemporary focus.

Academic excellence

Ranked 6th of all law schools in the country in the UK government's most recent Research Assessment Exercise, Kent Law School has a long and vibrant tradition of critical and socio-legal approaches to law. In the field of international law, this research is concentrated in the dynamic Centre for Critical International Law (CECIL).

Kent Law School has a strong ethos of dedication to high-quality and innovative teaching. At postgraduate level, this is evidenced by the interdisciplinary nature of our teaching and research, with students in Brussels regularly benefiting from the knowledge of key political policymakers, complementing their knowledge and understanding of international law and international economic law. Students at Kent are immersed within a supportive and active culture of critical research, developing their intellectual and legal knowledge and insight.

Programmes of study

The Law School has been offering postgraduate taught programmes for many years in subjects such as International Commercial Law, European Law, Medical Law, Criminal Justice and Environmental Law. International Law has been offered successfully as a component of some of these degrees, which is why we now offer the joint programmes with International Relations. On the Brussels campus, we offer the following three LLMs: International Law with International Relations, International Economic Law and Public International Law. At BSIS, International Law is taught through case studies in which extra-legal perspectives are always relevant, with an emphasis on contemporary international problems.

Student profile



MARTIN GAAL MA, PhD INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

What attracted you to BSIS?

I'm Canadian and have always wanted to attend a British university, so finding one in Brussels was a winning combination. Being in Brussels means that you are close to the European institutions, as well as the NGOs and other organisations such as NATO. That's what attracted me here.

What have you particularly enjoyed?

International relations is an unfettered discipline. You don't have any boundaries which makes it a really interesting subject. It's also exciting and practical. Whether you want to go into journalism, NGO work, politics, think tanks or academia, you learn a mode of enquiry and your horizons are limitless in terms of where you can apply this knowledge.

What about your employment prospects?

I'm currently working on a PhD and have secured employment in Brussels through the contacts I made while studying. I used to work at the European Parliament as a researcher for the Independence/Democracy Group, and I'm now a project manager for COPURA, a consultancy focusing on EU security and defence.

Student profile



JOANNA PARKIN MA MIGRATION STUDIES

What attracted you to BSIS?

I had a long-standing interest in issues surrounding immigration and asylum. I had spent the last three years working as a personal assistant and speechwriter in the European Commission but wanted to work on migration policy within the EU so this course was ideal. Another major factor was that it was located in Brussels. It meant I could study under the UK education system while keeping abreast of EU developments.

What have you particularly enjoyed?

I like the fact that the student body is so international which, especially for migration studies, brings a lot of different and interesting perspectives to our seminars and social life. I also think that the teaching is excellent. In addition to the high-quality internal teaching, we have had some very good external lecturers. For example, I had a legal specialist from the European Parliament teach some of my classes on EU constitutional law.

What about your employment prospects?

It's increasingly necessary to have a Master's qualification – it shows a certain level of advanced analysis and ability that will always be in demand, especially in Brussels. My studies have helped me to secure a job as a research assistant at the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), which conducts policy research on European affairs. I'm based in the Justice and Home Affairs section, dealing mostly with issues of EU immigration, integration and asylum policy so the work I do now is directly related to my Master's, which is great.

Excellent legal resources

Our electronic law library, and the databases to which students have access within it, is one of the most extensive in the UK. You are able to research historic and contemporary developments in the case law and related academic discourse, and are given training by our Law Librarian to ensure that you are a proficient and efficient legal researcher.

School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research

The School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research (SSPSSR) has a long and distinguished history, and is one of the largest and most successful social science research communities in Europe.

Academic excellence

SSPSSR is one of the leading research departments in its field. In the most recent Research Assessment Exercise, social work, social policy and administration was ranked 4th nationally for research quality with 70% of the research rated "world-leading" or "internationally excellent". External evaluations of teaching were "excellent" for Social Policy and 21 out of 24 points for Sociology.

The School attracts a significant amount of external funding, both institutionally (the School includes five large, independently funded research centres) and individually, with numerous staff-directed projects granted external research funding.

The European Centre for the Study of Migration and Social Care (MASC), one of the main research centres of SSPSSR, has an international reputation for its work in relation to migration, social care and mental health. Research partnerships have been developed with a range of universities and key service providers.

SSPSSR has a substantial and diverse publications record. Members of SSPSSR and of MASC have contributed to numerous books and journals (for SSPSSR publications, see the staff expertise web pages at www.kent.ac.uk/sspssr/staff/index.html), while MASC launched the *International Journal of Migration, Health and Social Care*, published by Pavilion, in December 2005. A complete list of MASC publications can be found at www.kent.ac.uk/masc/publications/index.html

Programmes of study

SSPSSR offers an MA degree in Migration Studies at the Brussels campus, which combines theory, practice and perspective into an interdisciplinary approach to the study of the field of migration in one of the most international cities in the world.

School of Economics

The School of Economics is dedicated to excellence in both teaching and research, and offers degree programmes covering all aspects of the subject.

Academic excellence

All teaching is research-led and the School has received consistently high ratings in national surveys for both teaching and research: In the most recent Research Assessment Exercise, 75% of the School's research was rated "internationally excellent", with 15% considered to be "world-leading"; and in the national Postgraduate Research Experience Survey, the School scored highly, with 100% satisfaction expressed in the quality of supervision and the research community.

Economics staff have an international reputation in their field – staff members serve as academic advisers and experts to international agencies including the World Bank, the European Commission and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

Staff publish widely in a comprehensive range of topics. The School has its own Discussion Papers series, which gives staff an opportunity to publish work in progress, sometimes in conjunction with research students. Many of these papers are later published as journal articles.

Programmes of study

The School of Economics offers an MA in International Development in Brussels, in conjunction with the School of Politics and International Relations and Kent Law School, in which you can choose to study either an economic approach or a politico-legal approach to the subject.

School of History

The School of History at Kent is recognised as one of the leading History departments in the UK, where postgraduate students are given the opportunity to work alongside academics recognised as experts in their respective fields.

Academic excellence

The School is a lively, research-led department, offering a great environment in which to study or research. The School was placed second nationally for research quality in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise and consistently scores highly in the National Student Survey.

Staff within the School of History have highly diverse expertise and have published widely on areas ranging from the early Middle Ages to the 21st century, encompassing Europe, the United States, Africa and India, and with disciplinary interests including archaeology, politics, science, medicine, literature and the history of art. Given the extensive range of teaching and research interests of the School's academic staff, the modules offered to students and the scope for research supervision are equally wide-ranging.

Programmes of study

The School of History offers modules related to the Cold War and the history of conflict, which are underpinned by its research excellence.

TAUGHT DEGREE PROGRAMMES



The Brussels School of International Studies offers a range of taught programmes in international studies so you can choose the degree that reflects your interests. Below is an explanation of what the different degree programmes offer.

Programmes

- European Public Policy MA
- International Conflict and Security MA
- International Development MA
- International Political Economy MA
- International Relations MA
- Migration Studies MA
- Political Strategy and Communication MA
- International Law with International Relations LLM
- International Economic Law LLM
- Public International Law LLM

European Public Policy MA

Attendance: One year full-time (90 ECTS), two years full-time (120 ECTS), or two years part-time.

Start: September or January.

Fees: See p48.

Entry requirements: A first or upper second class honours degree in a relevant subject or equivalent (see p51).

Brussels is the centre of European decision-making. Anyone aspiring to a career in the civil service, either at EU level or in a national government in Europe, must understand the scope, content and mechanisms of policymaking in the Europe Union in order to gain a strategic understanding of the policy landscape in which they wish to work. The MA in European Public Policy is a specialised postgraduate programme centering on the policy process in the European

Union. The curriculum combines legal theory, economics and political science with a focus on public policy analysis. In an intensive one-year programme, you acquire a comprehensive knowledge of the political and administrative systems of the EU, as well as a sound conceptual framework for policy analysis and evaluation. In the January term, emphasis is placed on the EU's external relations. The programme enables you to understand not only how the EU functions and how delicate balances need to be sought between the member states, but also to analyse critically the challenges the EU is facing.

BSIS has strong links with the policy community and regularly engages with decision-makers, taking advantage of the world-class intellectual heritage in politics, law and international relations that exists in Brussels. Ambassadors, directors at the European Commission, or leading policymakers in international institutions are regular guest speakers at BSIS, and by linking the academic expertise of internationally renowned scholars with the policy expertise of practitioners, we are able to provide a unique synergy between academic excellence and policy practice.

Course content

- EU Public Policy
- Constitutional Law of the European Union
- Fundamentals, Dissertation and Research
- One option chosen from: European Foreign and Security Policy; Europe in the World

- Three options chosen from: Political Communication; Global Governance and International Organisation; The Politics of Globalisation; Political Strategy; Foreign Policy Analysis; Development Economics
- Dissertation

Assessment

Assessment is by coursework plus the dissertation.

International Conflict and Security MA

Attendance: One year full-time (90 ECTS), two years full-time (120 ECTS), or two years part-time.

Start: September or January.

Fees: See p48.

Entry requirements: A first or upper second class honours degree in a relevant subject or equivalent (see p51).

Understanding the complex factors of modern conflict and security issues, and fashioning effective and legitimate responses to the major armed conflicts active today is a major challenge for the international community. The MA in International Conflict and Security at BSIS is structured to introduce you to the key concepts and theories necessary to understand the features of contemporary international conflict and security issues. At the same time, it gives the opportunity, through practical and case study-driven modules, to learn about conflict prevention and early warning as well as the appropriate ways of managing conflicts peacefully through negotiation and mediation. The programme also provides you with a training specific to working in the field of conflict analysis, such as preparing reports on specific conflicts or security issues, drafting recommendations for policymakers or mediating between conflicting parties.

Students on this programme can opt to spend a term studying at the University's Canterbury campus. The programme is also available as a two-year Master's with the first year spent in Brussels and the second year in Canterbury.

Course content

- Theories of Conflict
- Conflict and Security
- Four other modules taught within the School, including: International Relations Theory; Negotiation and Mediation; Law of Armed Conflict; Islam, Conflict and the State; Conflict Prevention; Security and Liberties; International Criminal Law
- Dissertation

Assessment

Assessment is by coursework plus the dissertation.

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Student profile



KSENIYA KNIAZEVA MA INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

What attracted you to BSIS?

During my undergraduate studies, I developed an interest in women's human rights in the developing world. When it came to choosing a Master's programme, the MA in International Development offered by BSIS stood out because it allowed me to combine a focus on economics with a personal research focus on gender and human rights.

Studying in Brussels gives you unparalleled opportunities to network, intern and attend events and conferences, and I felt that this exposure would make me a stronger candidate in the competitive development job market.

What have you particularly enjoyed?

The teaching has been truly inspirational. I'm impressed that not one of my professors has come from the same country and most have hands-on experience doing what they teach. For example, my Law and Development professor was instrumental in helping establish the rule of law in Afghanistan. It really helps you to grasp the subject matter when your teacher has 'walked the talk'.

What about your employment prospects?

I'm optimistic as I know that the BSIS graduate placement rate is very high. There are already numerous jobs on the horizon that I aim to apply for. At the moment, I'm applying for a United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) internship for the summer and I'm also organising a field research opportunity in one of the Central Asian republics. After this, I would like to stay in Europe and get a job in the development field, ideally for an international NGO dealing with women's rights and economic empowerment issues.

International Development MA

Attendance: One year full-time (90 ECTS), two years full-time (120 ECTS), or two years part-time.

Start: September or January.

Fees: See p48.

Entry requirements: A first or upper second class honours degree in a relevant subject or equivalent (see p51).

International development is an exciting field of study at the forefront of international affairs, exploring questions of poverty, inequality, social orders and global justice. The MA in International Development is a unique interdisciplinary programme taught by academics, practitioners and policymakers to understand the multifaceted political, economic and legal processes that shape development. BSIS is an attractive home for development studies not just because of its experience and expertise in international studies, but also because of its location in Brussels, the site of various development institutions and agencies at the core of the field.

The MA in International Development seeks to contribute to a critical understanding of contemporary issues in development and provides practical tools for a future engagement. It considers theoretical, practical and ethical issues by interrogating development discourses, objectives and effects, and by seeking to understand forms of inclusion/exclusion and intervention in societies. Issues covered include economic development, poverty eradication, legal empowerment, public-private partnerships, social entrepreneurship, trade and privatisation, informal economies and finance, and technological initiatives. The MA in International Development is offered jointly by the School of Politics and International Relations, Kent Law School and the School of Economics to provide you with an interdisciplinary approach to development and to allow you to specialise in your field of interest, such as development economics, development and migration, development and conflict, or human rights. You can choose between an economic stream and a politico-legal stream, complemented by a wealth of elective modules from various departments.

BSIS attracts an exceptionally diverse and active student body that shares an enthusiasm for engagement in global affairs. Our students come from Europe, Africa, Asia and the Americas; many have spent extended periods abroad and/or worked for development institutions. An important forum is the International Development Group, which meets regularly to discuss personal experiences, debate issues in development, invite guest speakers, attend conferences and workshops, and also to organise conferences.

The programme is suitable for students seeking to understand the field of international development as well as for practitioners who have already substantive experience. It provides conceptual tools and practical skills for a variety of careers in international affairs.

After their studies at BSIS, our students engage in careers in international affairs, including international organisations, non-governmental organisations, international business and research institutions across the globe.

Course content

- Politics of International Development
- Development: Theory and Practice
- Two modules chosen from: Law and Development; International Economics; Theories of Conflict; Global Climate Change and Sustainable Development; Migration: Conflict, the State and Human Rights
- Two modules chosen from: Project Appraisal; Development Economics; International Conflict Management; International Political Economy; International Economic Law; International Migration Law; International Human Rights Law
- Dissertation

Assessment

Assessment is by coursework plus the dissertation.

International Political Economy MA

Attendance: One year full-time (90 ECTS), two years full-time (120 ECTS), or two years part-time.

Start: September or January.

Fees: See p48.

Entry requirements: A first or upper second class honours degree in a relevant subject or equivalent (see p51).

The global economy is contested social and political terrain – more than ever before in history. From the economic 'cold war' between the US and China, social movements opposing globalisation, the turmoil of stock markets across the world to the stand-off between the needs for economic growth, the preservation of the environment and social justice, questions of international political economy are high on the political agenda. Core issues concerning the relationship between the state, market and society – the ways in which different social and economic priorities are managed through policies – have become part of a worldwide debate.

Understanding the emergence of the new global social and economic order is crucial for anyone who wishes to become involved in today's politics at

“Taking a truly interdisciplinary approach, the passionate and knowledgeable professors create an environment where students can grasp an understanding of the relationship between politics and economics, and think critically about the market and its place in the global arena.”

Keisha Lynne Ellis
Bahamian
MA International Political Economy

national or international level. Our MA programme in International Political Economy draws on the 'political sociology of world society' approach, which informs much work in international relations at Kent and at BSIS, to offer a highly integrated interdisciplinary perspective on the global economy. It is co-ordinated closely with the LLM in International Economic Law. You also have the advantage of being able to select from elective modules offered in related fields such as international relations, European public policy and migration studies. The programme provides a balance between technical understanding, policy relevance and historical (and philosophical) context, building close links between political practice and academic analysis. You therefore acquire the knowledge, conceptual tools and analytical skills appropriate for the development of careers in international organisations, governmental and non-governmental organisations in the fields of international trade and finance, political lobbying and advocacy firms, and international business.

We work in co-operation with Brussels-based international institutions, such as the Economics and Security Committee of NATO Parliamentary Assembly, the European Commission and the office of the United Nations Development Programme. Officials from these institutions involve our students in their work or serve the programme as lecturers.

Course content

- International Political Economy
- State, Market and Society
- At least two modules chosen from: Politics of International Development; International Relations Theory; International Public Policy; Corporate Governance; International Economic Law; The Politics of Globalisation; Development Economics; International Economic Regulation; International Economics
- Free electives from an extensive list of modules offered each term, including: Foreign Policy Analysis; Political Strategy; Migration: Conflict, the State and Human Rights; EU Public Policy
- Dissertation

Assessment

Assessment is by coursework plus the dissertation.

International Relations MA

Attendance: One year full-time (90 ECTS), two years full-time (120 ECTS), or two years part-time.
Start: September or January.

Fees: See p48.

Entry requirements: A first or upper second class honours degree in a relevant subject or equivalent (see p51).

In the post-Cold War globalising world, there is an increasing need for more sophisticated ways of understanding the dramatic changes taking place. The MA in International Relations addresses that need. It is our most flexible programme and also our most popular, allowing you maximum scope to construct a degree that suits your special interests. The backbone of the programme is formed by the module International Relations Theory, which provides you with the necessary tools to analyse contemporary international developments and to reflect on them critically. We offer a wide choice

of modules drawn from a broad spectrum of subjects from the global to the local, from diplomacy to war, from old to new security.

Students on this programme can opt to spend a term studying at the University's Canterbury campus. The programme is also available as a two-year Master's with the first year spent in Brussels and the second year in Canterbury.

Course content

- International Relations Theory
- Fundamentals, Dissertation and Research
- Four other modules chosen from an extensive list of electives
- Dissertation

Assessment

Assessment is by coursework, examinations and the dissertation.

Migration Studies MA

Attendance: One year full-time (90 ECTS), two years full-time (120 ECTS), or two years part-time.
Start: September or January.

Fees: See p48.

Entry requirements: A first or upper second class honours degree or equivalent (see p51).

Migration is one of the key phenomena in the world today, but is one that can only be understood if examined analytically. In this programme, you examine migration from a wide range of perspectives: from a human rights perspective, from the perspective of a state concerned about controlling its borders, or you can explore the reasons behind the movement of people. When we think about integration, the most fundamental question is, perhaps, defining what we mean by integration. Governments and migrants often have different answers. In this programme, you examine these perspectives and more from a theoretical and policy approach to gain an in-depth, analytical understanding of the issues surrounding migration and integration.

In the MA in Migration Studies, you look broadly at why people migrate and how they integrate. What are governments' reactions to different types of migration? How can we explain these reactions? You study a wide variety of topics in migration ranging from human trafficking and irregular migration to highly skilled migration and political transnationalism. By examining these topics from different actors' perspectives, you can gain a more thorough understanding of the phenomenon. In integration, you look at different philosophical approaches to integration, including assimilation and multiculturalism, as well as different national policymakers' approaches to integration. The French approach to integration differs from the British and both differ from the American. How do these approaches link to national identity? Does citizenship (or naturalisation) policy play a role?

The MA in Migration Studies offers an interdisciplinary perspective on migration. You gain an in-depth understanding of the broader field of migration while specialising in a particular migration issue (for instance, human trafficking, asylum or forced migration, or integration and citizenship), and examine the links between migration and fields ranging from development economics and conflict analysis to human rights law or international migration law.

The programme brings together theory, policy and the examination of cases, and is suitable either for students who have recently completed their undergraduate studies or those who have some experience working with migrants/refugees or on migration issues.

Brussels is an ideal location for the study of migration. The Brussels campus has an international student body, with over 65 nationalities represented among its 220 postgraduate students. There are numerous migration-related policy briefings and conferences – for instance, at think tanks or the European Parliament. Brussels is also characterised by numerous NGOs, interest groups and international organisations' EU liaison offices. All of these serve to enhance your student experience.



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“The LLM in Public International Law offers a comprehensive specialisation in international law, firmly rooted in the traditions of the internationally renowned Kent Law School and BSIS. The approach to law as a social science does not preclude the teaching skills and knowledge necessary to become a good lawyer – quite the contrary. We believe that good lawyers are critical lawyers, and this degree offers students the chance to become both.”

Professor Harm Schepel
Professor of Economic Law

Course content

- Fundamentals, Dissertation and Research
- Migration: Conflict, the State and Human Rights
- Theories of Migration: Integration and Citizenship
- Optional modules from a selection, including: Identity, the State and Belonging; Humanitarian Issues in Forced Migration; International Migration Law; Law and Development.

Assessment

Assessment is by coursework plus the dissertation.

Political Strategy and Communication MA

Attendance: One year full-time (90 ECTS), two years full-time (120 ECTS), or two years part-time.

Start: September or January.

Fees: See p48.

Entry requirements: A first or upper second class honours degree in a relevant subject or equivalent (see p51).

Politics is the art of expanding the range of the possible – via apt strategy and skilful communication. Brussels has emerged as the largest centre for international media, measured in the number of foreign correspondents. It is also home to thousands of political lobbyists, public relations specialists, political strategists or corporate communications advisors.

Taught by highly research-active academics and experienced practitioners, this MA programme covers all the leading vocational aspects of the academic study of politics and international relations: political communication, political leadership, strategy, crisis management, political branding and public relations. In addition, you have access to a variety of modules on political, legal and social aspects of the EU, international organisations and NGO activity. You work and learn with a very cosmopolitan body of academics,

practitioners and fellow students. The programme offers you an excellent postgraduate learning experience based on small-group teaching, enhancing your employability and helping to further your career ambitions.

Course content

- Political Communication
- Political Strategy
- At least one module chosen from: Negotiation and Mediation; International Public Policy; EU Public Policy; Constitutional Law of the European Union; European Foreign and Security Policy; Conflict and Security, Europe in the World; Development: Theory and Practice
- Free electives from an extensive list of modules offered each term
- Dissertation

Assessment

Assessment is by coursework plus the dissertation.

International Law with International Relations LLM

Attendance: One year full-time (90 ECTS), two years full-time (120 ECTS), or two years part-time.

Start: September or January.

Fees: See p48.

Entry requirements: A first or upper second class honours degree in law, political science, international relations, sociology, history, gender studies or a related subject (see p51). We also consider applications on the basis of relevant work experience.

The LLM in International Law with International Relations taught in Brussels uniquely taps into the synergy between international law and international relations to address diverse topics of contemporary concern. Its module diversity and highly praised participative teaching methods enable you to obtain a detailed understanding of the role and potential of international law in

international affairs. It covers theories of international law, international human rights law, international humanitarian law and theories of international relations.

The programme's interdisciplinary approach is particularly suited to those who are already involved in, or hoping to work for, international organisations, non-governmental organisations, foreign affairs departments and international law firms. Indeed, many of our alumni have been working for such prestigious organisations as the International Criminal Court, the three UN war crimes tribunals (International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) and International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR), and Special Court for Sierra Leone), and the War Crimes Chamber for Bosnia and Herzegovina.

This LLM programme helps transfer the knowledge you have learned from other areas to analyse a diverse range of issues relating to international law. It enhances your legal knowledge, critical awareness and research skills, and awards you with a qualification which is highly rated internationally. By pursuing this programme in Brussels, you have the opportunity to study international law and international affairs in a highly dynamic, cosmopolitan and multilingual environment with the location providing the possibility of gaining experience within one of the many EU institutions, international governmental or non-governmental organisations.

Students on this programme can opt to spend a term studying at the University's Canterbury campus.

Course content

- Legal Aspects of Contemporary International Problems or Public International Law
- International Human Rights Law or International Criminal Law
- Two modules drawn from MA programmes in Politics and International Relations or Migration Studies offered by BSIS
- Optional modules from a selection, including: Law of Armed Conflict; Law of International Organisations; International Law of the Sea; International Diplomatic Law; International Migration Law; European Migration Law; International Economic Law; International Economic Regulation; Law and Development; Corporate Governance; Constitutional Law of the European Union
- Dissertation

Assessment

Assessment is by coursework plus the dissertation.

International Economic Law LLM

Attendance: One year full-time (90 ECTS), two years full-time (120 ECTS), or two years part-time.
Start: September or January.
Fees: See p48.

Entry requirements: A first or upper second class honours degree in law, political science, international relations, sociology, history, gender studies or a related subject (see p51). We also consider applications on the basis of relevant work experience.

The current economic and financial crisis affecting much of the industrialised world demonstrates both the potential and limitations of international economic and financial regulation in our rapidly globalising world. The LLM programme in International Economic Law at BSIS is distinct in providing critical approaches to the international economic order. This caters for the needs of those who are already involved in, or aspiring to lead, business, international and national trade-related agencies.

This programme is designed to enhance your legal knowledge, critical awareness and research skills through an integrated, interdisciplinary approach to global economic governance, which is informed by law, political science, sociology and economics. It provides analytical training suitable for a career in a variety of international organisations, international law firms, governmental agencies and non-governmental organisations in the fields of trade and finance, and international business.

Course content

- International Economic Regulation
- International Economic Law
- Corporate Governance
- Two modules drawn from the MA programmes in Politics and International Relations or Migration Studies offered at BSIS
- One module chosen from: Legal Aspects of Contemporary International Problems; Public International Law; Law and Development
- Dissertation

Assessment

Assessment is by coursework plus the dissertation.

Public International Law LLM

Attendance: One year full-time (90 ECTS), two years full-time (120 ECTS), or two years part-time.
Start: September or January.
Fees: See p48.

Entry requirements: A first or upper second class honours degree in law, political science, international relations, sociology, history, gender studies or a related subject (see p51). We also consider applications on the basis of relevant work experience.

The LLM in Public International Law primarily examines current international events and theoretical bases of international law. As with other LLM programmes, it is particularly suited to those who are already involved in, or aspiring to work for, international organisations, non-governmental organisations, international law firms and foreign affairs departments.

The programme helps you acquire the knowledge, conceptual tools and analytical skills appropriate for a variety of legal, diplomatic or policy-related careers in international affairs, including in international organisations, international tribunals, foreign services, non-governmental organisations and international business. It provides you with a contextual approach to international law and politics, and modules are taught by internationally renowned experts whose names appear frequently in distinguished journals on international law.

You will be able to gain a systematic understanding of the institutional structures, key legal principles and theories of international law, as well as more broadly based communication skills of general value to any employment. This LLM also allows you to focus on specific areas of international law, such as women's rights, use of force and terrorism, transitional justice, international environmental law, the problem of so-called "odious debt", law of the sea, space law, refugee law and migration law.

Students on this programme can opt to spend a term studying at the University's Canterbury campus.

Course content

- Legal Aspects of Contemporary International Problems
- Public International Law
- International Human Rights Law
- Three modules chosen from: Law of Armed Conflict; International Law of the Sea; Law of International Organisations; International Diplomatic Law; International Economic Law; International Migration Law; European Migration Law; Constitutional Law of the European Union; International Economic Regulation; International Criminal Law
- Dissertation

Assessment

Assessment is by coursework plus the dissertation.

Student profile



AIOFE HOULIHAN PhD LAW

What attracted you to BSIS?

I initially studied for an LLM in International Law with International Relations at BSIS and was impressed by the School's interdisciplinary approach. The reputation of the academics, the quality of the teaching and the range of courses on offer were also very important. Brussels is the international capital of Europe so being in close proximity to the main European institutions and stakeholders was a major attraction in terms of my professional development.

What have you particularly enjoyed?

The student body is very international and you often share classes with students from other courses, which makes for some lively debates. The teaching here is excellent and the staff are very knowledgeable and accessible. External practitioners often contribute to the classes too, which means you gain a sound knowledge of current policy.

I'm now combining PhD study in International Economic Law with work as a lobbyist for a public affairs consultancy – this allows me to bring a useful perspective to my studies as well as to the wider research community. I also have an amazing supervisor who is wonderfully supportive and encouraging.

What about the resources available?

Access to online legal resources is very good at BSIS and the resources available in the city more generally are exceptional. The institutions' library collections, in particular, are incredibly strong and up-to-date, and you can gather primary data for your research by visiting the institutions and following the meetings – a real advantage of studying in Brussels.



TAUGHT MODULES

Below is a selection of the modules currently offered on the taught postgraduate programmes.

Conflict and Security

Convenor: Dr Elise Féron

Conflict Prevention

Convenor: Dr Elise Féron

Constitutional Law of the European Union

Convenor: Kieran Bradley

Corporate Governance

Convenor: Professor Harm Schepel

Development Economics

Convenor: Professor Roger Vickerman

Development: Theory and Practice

Convenor: Dr Tugba Basaran

Economics of European Integration

Convenor: Professor Roger Vickerman

Environmental Law and Diplomacy

Convenor: Johannah Bernstein

EU Public Policy

Convenor: Dr Tom Casier

European Foreign and Security Policy

Convenor: Dr Eva Gross

European Migration Law

Convenor: Dr Sergio Carrera

European Social Policy and the Role of Organised Civil Society

Convenors: Dr Jeremy Kendall and Dr Margarita Leon

Europe in the World

Convenor: Dr Tom Casier

Foreign Policy Analysis

Convenor: Professor John Groom

Global Governance and International Organisation

Convenor: Professor John Groom

Histories of International Conflict

Convenor: Dr Michael Palo

Humanitarian Issues in Forced Migration

Convenor: Dr Ilse Derluyn

Identity, the State and Belonging

Convenor: Dr Amanda Klekowski von Koppenfels

International Criminal Law

Convenor: Dr Yutaka Arai

International Economic Law

Convenor: Professor Harm Schepel

International Economic Regulation

Convenor: Professor Harm Schepel

International Economics

Convenors: Professor Roger Vickerman, Professor Miguel Leon-Ledesma and Dr Matloob Piracha

International Human Rights Law

Convenor: Dr Yutaka Arai

International Law of the Sea

Convenor: Professor Erik Franckx

International Migration Law

Convenor: Dr Bernard Ryan

International Political Economy

Convenor: Dr Paul Cook

International Relations Theory

Convenor: Dr Tom Casier

International Relations Theory for Lawyers

Convenor: Dr Tom Casier

Islam, Conflict and the State

Convenor: Dr Marat Terterov

Law and Development

Convenor: Professor Harm Schepel

Law of Armed Conflict

Convenor: Dr Yutaka Arai

Law of International Organisations

Convenor: Professor Erik Franckx

Legal Aspects of Contemporary International Problems

Convenor: Professor Wade Mansell

Migration: Conflict, the State and Human Rights

Convenor: Dr Amanda Klekowski von Koppenfels

Negotiation and Mediation

Convenor: Dr Juan Diaz

Political Communication

Convenor: Dr Anya Topolski

Political Strategy

Convenors: Dr Albenaz Azmanova, Dr Jamie Shea, Russell Patten and John Robinson

Political Theory

Convenor: Dr Albenaz Azmanova

Politics in the New Economy

Convenor: Dr Albenaz Azmanova

Politics of International Development

Convenor: Dr Tugba Basaran

Project Appraisal

Convenor: Professor Roger Vickerman

Public International Law

Convenor: Nicole Roughan

Security and Liberties

Convenor: Dr Tugba Basaran

State, Market and Society

Convenor: Dr Albenaz Azmanova

The Cold War

Convenor: Dr Michael Palo

Theories of Conflict

Convenor: Dr Elise Féron

Theories of Migration: Integration and Citizenship

Convenor: Dr Amanda Klekowski von Koppenfels

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RESEARCH DEGREE PROGRAMMES

Our cosmopolitan environment, interdisciplinary approach and firm theoretical grounding make the Brussels School of International Studies an ideal place to undertake a PhD degree by research and thesis.

Programmes

- International Relations PhD
- International Conflict Analysis PhD
- Migration Studies PhD
- Law PhD

Studying for a research degree

A PhD, also known as a doctorate, is awarded for a substantial piece of supervised research that is worthy of publication and that makes an original contribution to knowledge in a particular field. A PhD is a requirement for a career as an academic or researcher. In addition, it has become a qualification valued by many employers who recognise the skills and commitment a PhD requires. Research students benefit from having a supervisory committee including a main supervisor to guide and support their research.

Your supervisor

Your main supervisor will have experience related to your chosen field of research. His/her role is to oversee your progress, give you advice and feedback on your work, share any special areas

of expertise and provide advice on further training opportunities. You will have regular meetings with your supervisor for informal discussion as well as formal feedback on your work.

Your supervisory committee

All research students are assigned a supervisory committee composed of a main supervisor and other members of academic staff. This system enables you to gain formal access to a broader level of knowledge and support. All candidates for research degrees are expected to present work to their supervisory committee at regular intervals. Members of the supervisory committee provide full feedback on the material presented and ensure research supervision of the highest standard.

Academic progress

Your progress is carefully monitored by the supervisory committee to ensure that you are well supported and on track to produce a thesis of value to the academic community. Records of formal supervisory meetings are maintained and you will be reviewed at key stages of your degree including induction, probation, annual and submission reviews.

Research training seminar

PhD candidates are expected to attend the research training seminars, which provide the opportunity for postgraduate students to meet fellow students and staff members to exchange new ideas and discuss work in progress. These are formal seminars run mainly by students with staff participation. Each term, every PhD student is required to present a piece of work which might be a research outline, the results of a bibliographic search or a field trip report. The seminar provides candidates with experience of presenting their ideas, defending points and gaining a wide range of feedback on their work.

Along with other similar experiences, such as presenting papers at conferences, the seminar helps to prepare you for the viva voce (oral) examination, where you defend your thesis in front of a panel of examiners. This viva takes place following the submission of your thesis and represents a key part of the PhD assessment process.

Developing skills

Within your academic programme, you gain specialist knowledge in your field and develop your research and analytical skills to the highest level. In addition, all research students have access to transferable skills training co-ordinated by Kent Graduate School. All new PhD students complete a skills review which they are required to complete online following attendance at an introductory workshop provided in Brussels by Graduate School staff members.

The Transferable Skills Training Programme is comprised of a suite of online training workshops, and PhD students also have the opportunity to visit the Canterbury campus to attend workshops which take place there.

Transferable skills training enhances your career prospects by helping you to develop a range of skills in communication, team-work, research management, career management and personal effectiveness. The skills training offered at Kent is in line with the requirements laid down by the UK Research Councils and is compliant with the Researcher Development Framework.

For further information, see www.kent.ac.uk/graduateschool/skills

Entry requirements

Applicants to PhD programmes must have at least a Master's-level degree. For further information on general entry requirements and the application process, see p51.



PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND SUMMER COURSES



We understand that many people who are working in the various institutions, organisations and government departments in Brussels are not able to commit to even a part-time programme of study. With this in mind, the School has recently developed a suite of professional education programmes and summer courses.

The Executive Programme

This programme enables you to take only the module, or modules, that are of most interest to you, or of most direct relevance to your work or career. You may choose from any of the modules offered at the School at any given time, and receive a certificate of completion for that module. The course fee is on a pro-rata basis (the normal programme fee, divided by seven).

The Executive Programme allows you to accumulate sufficient credit to be awarded a formal qualification such as the Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma or even, in exceptional circumstances, the Master's (LLM or MA) in the specialism you have chosen.

Assessment

Students following the Executive Programme must demonstrate, through the normal assessment procedures for each module, successful mastery of the learning outcomes for each module. Assessment methods vary between modules – some are assessed entirely on the basis of coursework and research papers; others through a mixture of papers and a final examination.

To be awarded credit for the module, you must achieve the minimum pass grade. The eventual award of any qualification will be made according to the normal assessment conventions. You must also ensure, in consultation with your individual supervisor, that you have taken the appropriate range of compulsory and elective modules to satisfy the programme requirements.

Intensive training programmes

The University of Kent offers a series of intensive training programmes designed to meet the needs of professionals working in Brussels. These courses, which normally last three days, aim to deepen the knowledge of those professionals who have a firm understanding and experience of EU affairs, by looking at EU external relations as well as the issue of energy security. The training programmes seek to combine academic expertise in different fields of European Studies (public policy, law, economics, political science) with the expertise of practitioners, both within and outside the EU. The sessions are highly interactive and make use of cases, discussions, simulations and exercises.

Summer courses

The University's Brussels staff run a number of short Summer Schools in Brussels, orientated towards EU politics and legal framework, for undergraduates studying on the Canterbury campus. We also arrange Summer Schools for US universities on similar themes.

Further information

If you are interested in taking one of our professional or summer courses, please contact Admissions by email at ukbapplications@kent.ac.uk

“The Executive Programme at BSIS allowed me to take the modules I needed in order to develop my career.”

Maria Kozarova
Directorate General for Regional Policy,
European Commission

STAFF PROFILES

The University of Kent, Brussels is proud to count among its distinguished faculty members those featured over the following pages. To browse the profiles of staff in full, please visit www.kent.ac.uk/brussels/BSIS/staff

Dr Yutaka Arai

LLB, LLM (Keio University, Tokyo), LLM, PhD (Cambridge)

Dr Arai is Senior Lecturer in International Law at the University of Kent. Dr Arai's LLB and first LLM were awarded by Keio University in Tokyo, Japan, after which he studied at the University of Cambridge where he was awarded an LLM in International Law and then a PhD for his research on the jurisprudence of the European Convention on Human Rights. Dr Arai has published widely in European international law journals and has been particularly concerned with human rights law in its widest sense. His current research includes a study of the jurisprudence of the UNHCR and of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. He is also studying the current ad-hoc United Nations International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda.

Key publications

His recent writings include chapters on restrictions on rights, Articles, 13, 16, 17 and 18 of the ECHR, in Van Dijk, Van Hoof, van Arjen and Zwaak (eds), *Theory and Practice of the European Convention on Human Rights* (4th edition, Intersentia, 2006); chapter 11 (on Article 10) in Harris and O'Boyle, *Law of the European Convention on Human Rights* (Oxford University Press, 2008); and *The Law of Occupation: Continuity and Change of International Humanitarian Law, and its Interaction with International Human Rights Law* (Martinus Nijhoff, 2009).

Dr Albena Azmanova

PhD (The New School for Social Research, New York)

Originally from Bulgaria, Dr Azmanova participated in the organisation of the anti-communist student revolts in 1989. She completed her doctoral work in political science in New York, for which she won the Hannah Arendt prize of the New School. She has specialised in EU law at the Institut des Hautes Etudes Européennes in Strasbourg and has taught modern political theory in New York (the New School), Paris (Sciences Po.) and Brussels (Vesalius College). Her research and teaching focus on political transitions, social justice, the

metamorphosis of capitalism and the transformation of the left-right ideological divide. In parallel to her academic activities, Dr Azmanova has worked as political consultant to international institutions, such as the Council of Europe, the United Nations, the European Commission and the European Parliament.

Key publications

The Scandal of Reason: A Critical Theory of Political Judgment (Columbia University Press, 2011, forthcoming); 'Against the politics of fear: on deliberation, inclusion and the political economy of trust', *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, vol 37, 2 (2011), and 'Capitalism reorganized: social justice after neo-liberalism', *Constellations: An International Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory*, vol 17, 3 (2010).

Dr Tugba Basaran

PhD (Cambridge)

Tugba Basaran is Lecturer at the School of Politics and International Relations and convener of the Master's in International Development. She has studied at the University of Cambridge (PhD), Free University of Berlin (MA) and was a Visiting Fellow at Sciences Po., Paris. Her research focuses on liberties and exclusion in liberal democracies. It is located at the intersection of critical security studies, socio-legal studies, political geography and political theory. She is a member of the editorial team for the journals *International Political Sociology* and *Cultures & Conflicts*.

Apart from her academic work, Tugba Basaran has ten years' professional experience in international co-operation and development. She has worked for various international organisations, research institutes and as international project manager in Latin America and the Caribbean, South-East Europe and Asia. She continues to be active as microfinance consultant and civilian personnel for peace operations and elections. She is an invited expert on issues related to security, borders and development.

Key publications

She has recently published *Security, Law and Borders: At the Limits of Liberties* (Routledge, 2010).

Kieran Bradley

Kieran Bradley is Head of the Legislation Unit of the European Parliament's Legal Service. He has previously served as a référendaire at the European Court of Justice, and as an administrator on the secretariat of the European Parliament's Committee on Legal Affairs.

In spring 2000, he became the first Distinguished Lecturer on European Law at Harvard Law School, and he has also taught courses on EC law at various other universities and higher level educational institutes, such as the Autonomous University of Barcelona, the East-West Forum (Academy of European Law, Fiesole), and the College of Europe (Natolin Campus, Warsaw). He has also taught at the National University of Singapore, the University of Melbourne, Australia and, since 2005, the Central European University in Budapest, Hungary.

In 2003-2004, he served on both groups of legal experts advising on the drafting of the Constitution for Europe. He has published extensively in a number of areas of EC law, particularly institutional law.

Dr Sergio Carrera

BA (Salamanca), LLM, PhD (Maastricht)

Dr Carrera is Head of Section, Justice and Home Affairs and a Research Fellow at the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS). He holds a PhD on immigration, integration and citizenship from Maastricht University, an LLM in European, Comparative and International Law from Maastricht and a BA in Law (Specialisation in European Union Law) from the Universidad de Salamanca.

Key publications

His recent CEPS publications include: *Undocumented Immigrants and Rights in the EU: Addressing the Gap between Social Sciences Research and Policymaking*; *The Externalisation of the EU's Labour Immigration Policy: Towards Mobility or Insecurity Partnerships?*; *Civic Integration of Third-Country Nationals: Nationalism versus Europeanisation in the Common EU Immigration Policy*; and *In Search of the Perfect Citizen? The Intersection between Integration, Immigration and Nationality in the EU*.

Dr Tom Casier

PhD (KU Leuven)

From 1988 to 1999, Tom Casier worked at the University of Leuven (KU Leuven), first as a Researcher of the Belgian 'National Fund for Scientific Research', later as post-doctoral researcher and co-ordinator in European Studies. In the following years, he worked as Lecturer at the European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA) in Maastricht and as Lecturer in International Relations at EHSAL (HUB) in Brussels, where he established the MA programme in European Business. In 2003, he became Assistant Professor and founding Director of the MA in European Studies at Maastricht University.

Currently, he is Director of Research Studies and Convener of the MA in International Relations and the MA in European Public Policy. He has been teaching courses in the fields of International Relations, EU External Relations, European Integration, Foreign Policy Analysis, and Russian Politics and Foreign Policy.

His research interests include EU-Russia relations, Russian and EU foreign policy, and European Neighbourhood Policy/Eastern Partnership. Currently, he is completing the book, *Europe and the World: Redefining Europe's Role in a Changing World* with Sophie Vanhoonacker (Palgrave, forthcoming).

Key publications

Some recent publications include: 'To adopt or not to adopt: explaining selective rule transfer under the European Neighbourhood Policy', *Journal of European Integration*, vol 33, 1 (January, 2011): 37-53; 'The rise of energy to the top of the EU-Russia agenda: from interdependence to dependence?' *Geopolitics*, vol 16, 3 (2011, forthcoming); 'The European Neighborhood Policy: assessing the EU's policy towards the region', in F Bindi (ed), *The Foreign Policy of the European Union: Assessing Europe's Role in the World* (Brookings Press, 2010), 99-115; 'Putin's policy towards the West: reflections on the nature of Russian foreign policy', *International Politics*, vol 43, 3 (2006).

Dr Elise Féron

PhD (Lille)

Dr Elise Féron is Senior Lecturer in International Conflict Analysis, and a researcher at the Conflict Analysis Research Center (CARC, University of Kent). She is also associated researcher and invited professor at the Université Catholique de Louvain (Belgium), the Université Nationale du Burundi, and the Université Lumière de Bujumbura (Burundi).

Her research interests include community and minority conflicts, gender and conflicts, and diaspora politics. She has been the general co-ordinator of a research project funded by the 6th Framework Programme of the European Commission called PEACE-COM – Peace processes in community conflicts: from understanding the roots of conflicts to conflict resolution (2004-2007), and is currently the research director of INFOCON – International Civil Society Forum on Conflicts (2008-2011), a project whose main objective is to assess the role and impact of various diasporas in conflict escalation and maintenance, but also in conflict prevention and resolution.



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Key publications

Abandonner la Violence? Comment l'Irlande du Nord sort du conflit (Payot, 2011); 'Management of violence and mediation practices at urban interfaces in Northern Ireland' in Jacques Faget (ed), *Mediation in Political Conflicts: Soft Power or Counter Culture?* (Hart Publishing, 2011); 'L'impact de l'eupéanisation sur les conflits communautaires', *Grande Europe*, Documentation Française, n°28, January 2011.

Professor AJR Groom

PhD (Tampere)

Professor AJR Groom was previously Head of the School of Politics and International Relations, and is Emeritus Professor of International Relations at the University of Kent.

He was educated at University College London, Lehigh University and the Institut Universitaire de Hautes Etudes Internationales in Geneva from which he received his doctorate. He received a Doctorate honoris causa from the University of Tampere in Finland in May 2000. He is an Honorary (Guest) Professor of Renmin People's University in Beijing and teaches regularly at Sciences Po. Paris and Lille and the Diplomatische Akademie in Vienna. He is Visiting Professor in Politics at Canterbury Christchurch University.

He has been particularly active in professional associations having been the Founder and, for ten years, Chairman of the European Standing Group for International Relations, Chairman of the British International Studies Association (BISA) and Vice-President of the International Studies Association (ISA). He was a member of the Executive Committee of the European Consortium for Political Research and is currently Executive Secretary of the World International Studies Committee (WISC).

Key publications

He has published 16 books and over 160 articles and chapters in the fields of international relations, international organisation, conflict and strategic studies, European international relations, and British foreign and defence policy. He is Editor of *Global Society*.

Dr Amanda Klekowski von Koppenfels

AB (Harvard), MAGES and PhD (Georgetown)

Dr von Koppenfels' broad interests are in the area of the political engagement of migrants, both in their home countries and in the countries in which they are living. She is currently conducting fieldwork in Europe on migrant transnationalism. Prior to coming to BSIS, she worked at the International Organisation for Migration as a research officer in Geneva, where her research focus was on the trafficking of human beings for sexual exploitation. She has also taught in the Research Group for Migration at the Institute for Political Science at the University of Münster (Germany). She was a Visiting Professor of Migration and Integration at the University of Vienna, Institute for Political Science, Research Group Politics of Inclusion and Exclusion in autumn 2010.

Dr von Koppenfels' interests include ethnically privileged migration, citizenship, in particular the post-war evolution of German citizenship policy, human trafficking and regional consultative processes. She has recently consulted for the International Organization for Migration, among others.

Key publications

Her recent publications include: 'From Germans to Migrants: Aussiedler Migration to Germany' in Takeyuki Tsuda (ed), *Diasporic Homecomings* (Stanford University Press, 2009) and 'Migration and human rights in Germany' (with Felicitas Hillmann) in Ryszard Cholewinski, Paul de Guchtenaire and Antoine Pecoud (eds), *Migration and Human Rights: The United Nations Convention on Migrant Workers' Rights* (Cambridge University Press, 2009).

Professor Wade Mansell

BA, LLB, LLM (Victoria University of Wellington)

Wade Mansell is a barrister and solicitor (New Zealand) and Senior Lecturer in Law. He joined Kent Law School having previously taught in Wellington and London. He is the convenor of the Public International Law courses at both undergraduate and postgraduate level and is the convenor of the LLM in International Law with International Relations at BSIS. He regularly supervises postgraduate research students. He has published in the areas of public international law, human rights, development and international debt, torts and in the sociology of law.

Current research includes a study of the so-called right to democratic governance and a wider project of a critique of international law in relation to North/South issues. All work is concerned with the interplay of law and politics (and power) and with wider questions of distributional justice. Critical legal scholarship is central in this research.

Key publications

His two co-authored books, *The Wrongs of Tort* (with Joanne Conaghan; Pluto, 1993) and *A Critical Introduction to Law* (with Belinda Meteyard and Alan Thomson; Cavendish, 1995), have been

republished in second editions. With Joanne Scott of the Faculty of Law, Cambridge, he has written on development, trade and regional policy.

Dr Michael Palo

PhD (University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana)

Dr Palo is an Associate Professor of History at Vesalius College of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel. He received a BA in History (1966) and an MA in History (1969) from Queens College of the City University of New York and a PhD in History (1978) from the University of Illinois (Champaign-Urbana).

Dr Palo has served as director of study abroad programmes in France for Illinois State University (Grenoble) and for the University of Notre Dame (Angers, September). He is a member of the American Historical Association, the Association Belge d'Histoire Contemporaine/Belgische Vereniging voor Nieuwste Geschiedenis, and Phi Alpha Theta, the International History Honor Society. His fields of interest include 19th- and 20th-century diplomatic history, the history of the world wars, Belgian history, historiography and contemporary international relations.

Key publications

His publications include: 'The Question of Neutrality and Belgium's Security Dilemma during the First World War: The Search for a Politically Acceptable Solution', *Revue belge d'histoire contemporaine/Belgisch Tijdschrift voor Nieuwste Geschiedenis* (Ghent), vol XXIX, nos 1-2: 227-304; and an article entitled "'Dad, what did you do in the war?" A postmodernist classroom exercise', *The History Teacher* (Long Beach, California) 33, 2 (February 2000): 193-212.

He is currently working on a textbook that will take an interdisciplinary approach to the study of international relations and conflict from 1815 to the present.

Professor Harm Schepel

Drs (Amsterdam), LLM (Oñati), PhD (EUI Florence)

Harm Schepel is Professor of Economic Law at Kent Law School. He specialises in international and European economic law and regulation, and co-directs the Kent Centre for European and Comparative Law. He also serves on the Board of Editors of the *European Law Journal*.

He holds a degree in International Legal Studies from the University of Amsterdam, and an LLM magna cum laude from the International Institute for the Sociology of Law in Oñati, Spain. His doctorate degree is from the European University Institute, Florence, where his dissertation was awarded the EUI Alumni Prize for the Institute's best interdisciplinary thesis on comparative and European issues. His monograph *The Constitution of Private Governance* (Hart Publishing, 2005) was a runner-up for the 2005 Peter Birks Prize for Outstanding Legal Scholarship, awarded by the Society of Legal Scholars. Prior to joining KLS in 2000, he was attached to the Zentrum für Europäische Rechtspolitik at the University of Bremen, Germany and held a Marie Curie Fellowship at the ULB's Centre de Théorie Politique.

Key publications

'The Empire's Drains: Sources of Legal Recognition of Private Standards under the TBT Agreement', in Ch Joerges and E-U Petersmann (eds), *Constitutionalism, Multilevel Trade Governance and Social Regulation* (Hart Publishing, 2006); 'The Public/Private Divide in Secondary Community Law', *Cambridge Yearbook of European Legal Studies*, 8 (2006): 259-272; *The Constitution of Private Governance* (Hart Publishing, 2005); *In Lawyers' Circles: Lawyers and European Legal Integration* (co-editor; Reed Elsevier, 2004); and 'The Enforcement of EC Law in Contractual Relations: Case Studies in How Not to "Constitutionalise" Private Law', *European Review of Private Law*, vol 12, 5 (2004): 661-675.

Dr Jamie Shea

MA (Sussex), DPhil (Oxford)

Currently Deputy Assistant Secretary General, Emerging Security Challenges at NATO, Shea received a first-class honours degree from the University of Sussex in Modern History and French before reading for a doctorate at the University of Oxford, which he completed in 1981. His thesis was titled 'European Intellectuals and the Great War 1914-1918'.

He started his career in NATO as Administrator in the Council Operations Section of the Executive Secretariat, then became Head of Youth programmes before moving on to head up External Relations Conferences and Seminars. In 1988, he became Assistant to the Secretary General for Special Projects where he was responsible for speechwriting and ghost writing articles, press





releases, book chapters and official communiqués as well as advising the Secretary General on political and military issues and on his public communications strategy.

In 1993, he became NATO spokesman and Deputy Director of Information and Press and then in 2003, he was appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary General for External Relations, Public Diplomacy Division. In September 2005, he was appointed Director of Policy Planning in the Private Office of the Secretary General responsible for advising and assisting the Secretary General, senior NATO management and the Council in addressing strategic issues facing the Alliance.

NATO created its new Emerging Security Challenges Division in August 2010 to deal with a growing range of what the alliance calls “non-traditional risks and challenges”, including terrorism, the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMD), cyber defence and energy security. Dr Shea leads the division, which will also provide NATO with a strategic analysis capability to monitor and anticipate international developments that could affect allied security.

Dr Marat Terterov

DPhil (Oxford)

Dr Marat Terterov, who is originally from Odessa, is the founder and Principal Director of the European Geopolitical Forum, a new internet-based knowledge hub dedicated to objective debates on key developments in the wider European geopolitical discussion. He holds a DPhil (PhD) in political science from St Antony's College, University of Oxford.

His current areas of professional interest cover energy policy, security and issues related to global governance, which are based on over 15 years of professional experience in these spheres. He is actively engaged in wider-Eurasian decision making advisory circles, as well as the corporate world, and is a visiting lecturer at BSIS. He speaks English, Russian and is conversant in Egyptian Arabic.

Key publications

Dr Terterov has written/published widely on the political and economic affairs of European, former-USSR and Middle Eastern countries from the perspective of their geopolitics and international relations.

Professor Roger Vickerman

MA (Cambridge), DPhil (Sussex), Dr h.c., AcSS, FRSA, FCILT

Educated at the Universities of Cambridge and Sussex, and holder of an Honorary Doctorate from the Philipps-Universität, Marburg, Professor Vickerman is an Academician of the Academy of Social Sciences, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and a Chartered Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport.

His research focuses on the relationship between transport (especially infrastructure), regional development and integration in the European Union. He is particularly known for his studies on major infrastructure projects, particularly the EU's Trans-European Networks. He is currently working on questions relating to public-private partnerships, regulation in transport and the ex-post analysis of ERDF and Cohesion Fund expenditure on transport. He is a member of the Analytical

Challenge Panel to HS2 Ltd, which advises the UK Government on the development of high-speed rail. He has served as a member of the Standing Committee on Trunk Road Assessment (SACTRA), as an adviser to Committees of both the House of Commons and House of Lords in the UK Parliament and acted as a consultant to the European Commission, various UK government departments, and regional and local government authorities.

Key publications

He is the author of six books (including the textbook *Principles of Transport Economics*, with Emile Quinet) and over 150 chapters, journal articles and reports. He sits on the editorial boards of several journals in both transport and regional science and is Editor in Chief of *Transport Policy*.



STUDYING AT THE BRUSSELS SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

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ABOUT THE BRUSSELS SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Kent is the only UK university with a campus in Brussels. The University's Brussels School of International Studies is a specialist postgraduate school offering interdisciplinary teaching and research opportunities in the area of international affairs.

Interdisciplinary study

Drawing on the expertise of the University of Kent's School of Politics and International Relations, School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research, Kent Law School, School of Economics and School of History, BSIS offers a truly interdisciplinary approach to international studies. Not only does each degree pathway contain a wide choice of courses among its required subjects, but programmes also provide the opportunity to enrol on optional courses extending across such disciplines as political science, law, sociology, history and economics.

For more information about the academic schools that offer programmes in Brussels, see p17.

International profile

The variety of programmes available at the School, ranging from migration and conflict studies to law and international relations, is complemented by the diversity of the student body, with some 220 students drawn from over 65 countries. This lends an enormous amount of perspective and richness to the student experience.

We also have excellent links with many organisations based in Brussels, which greatly enhance the teaching on our courses and your opportunities for research, internships and future employment (see p40).

Expert teaching

The University of Kent particularly prides itself on rigorous teaching, informed by world-class research. This tradition continues in Brussels and is enhanced by the specialised and interdisciplinary nature of the studies offered here.

In addition to Kent's permanent faculty members, BSIS is able to exploit its ideal position in the 'capital of Europe' by employing practitioners working at the cutting edge of their respective fields to share their up-to-the-minute perspective, knowledge and expertise with our students.



Modern city campus

The University has its own purpose-designed campus close to the centre of Brussels. Facilities include academic offices, a student common room, a range of seminar rooms and lecture spaces, as well as access to IT facilities, reference books and a journals collection.

The premises overlook the campuses of our partner universities, Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) and the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB). BSIS students have full access to all the facilities on these campuses including libraries, public computers, bars, cafés and sports facilities (see p42-44 for more details).

University of Kent

The University of Kent was granted its Royal Charter in 1965 and has subsequently achieved prominence as one of Britain's most innovative and research-intensive universities, with particular strengths in (among many other subjects) international relations and law.

The University's main campus is located in the historic city of Canterbury, easily reached from Brussels by train, and is organised around five 'colleges'. If you are pursuing a postgraduate degree at the University, you will automatically become a member of Woolf College, Kent's graduate-only college. BSIS students also benefit from the support of the Graduate School, which is dedicated to enhancing postgraduate activity at Kent. The Graduate School co-ordinates a comprehensive programme of Transferable Skills

Training and provides many opportunities for postgraduate students from all Kent's locations to meet and socialise.

Brussels students have full use of the facilities in Kent – including the outstanding Templeman Library – and many choose to travel there to make use of Kent's facilities for their research, for conferences and also for our annual football (soccer) match between the two campuses.

Accreditation

All degrees and certificates awarded for study on any programme at the Brussels School of International Studies are awarded by the University of Kent and are conferred by the University at its normal Congregation ceremonies held in Canterbury Cathedral.

The delivery of programmes both in the UK and at the University of Kent campus in Brussels remains subject to routine audits by the UK Quality Assurance Agency to ensure the highest national and international standards.

Master's degrees obtained from Kent are suitable for entry to the PhD programmes in the UK or the US (provided the candidate has performed to an appropriate level). The Master's degrees obtained at BSIS are of the highest standard, comparable to any obtained in the US or UK.

STUDYING IN BRUSSELS

One of the main advantages for any student at the University of Kent's Brussels School of International Studies is the ability to study in Brussels, the 'capital of Europe'. The campus is located close to the heart of Brussels, the political and diplomatic power centre of the continent.

Access to international institutions

Brussels is not only home to the European institutions – including the European Commission, European Council and European Parliament – but it also hosts the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO), the Supreme Headquarters of the Allied Powers of Europe (in nearby Mons), nearly 700 multinational corporations and over 1,000 international organisations. These institutions make Brussels the hub of one of the largest and most diverse diplomatic communities in the world, and ensure that the Brussels policy environment and political culture is enriched by a profusion of NGOs, think tanks, interest groups and the world's largest international press corps.

During your studies in Brussels, you interact with these international institutions through guest lectures, workshops, policy review committees, and specially arranged tours. In addition, we host seminars, conferences and high-level guest speakers, which draw on Brussels' role as the policymaking centre of Europe and one of the world's diplomatic focal points. These events, combined with those hosted by other institutions in Brussels, give you an unparalleled opportunity to explore both Europe and the wider foreign policy world.

In addition, current and former students have held internships and jobs at all major EU institutions, NATO, Hill and Knowlton, Ogilvy and Mather, Weber Shandwick and the American Chamber of Commerce in Brussels. Following their studies, our alumni have found employment in Brussels in international companies and organisations, such as the International Crisis Group, Care International, Europe Analytica, the EastWest Institute, the International Organisation for Migration, the Centre for European Policy Studies and Corporate Social Responsibility Europe. For further information on internships and employment opportunities, see p40.

Excellent language-learning opportunities

The possibility of learning new languages during your postgraduate studies can be essential for building a future career in international affairs. In a cosmopolitan city such as Brussels, there are many opportunities for language learning. A private tutor offers French classes on the campus, which are organised according to student ability.

For more formal language classes, in French, Dutch or many other languages, you can choose to study

at our partner institution the VUB, whose campus is next to ours. For more information, please visit www.vub.ac.be/english/infofor/prospectivestudents/languagecourses.html

As a community with many expatriates (about a third of the city's total population), Brussels is filled with speakers of many languages and there are many private schools and agencies offering language courses.

Superb location

The Brussels campus is a 15-minute drive from the city centre and there are excellent metro, bus and tram links which make travel around the city easy. Brussels is also located close enough to many European cities to allow convenient travel for day and weekend excursions. Destinations such as London, Paris, Amsterdam and Cologne are all around two hours away by high-speed train.

Cultural capital

Brussels also offers a huge range of cultural sites and activities, including interesting architecture, music and film festivals, exhibitions ranging from contemporary art to medieval crafts, and a great number of cafés, restaurants and bars serving up both international and traditional Belgian fare. There is no shortage of places to sample the world-class chocolates and hundreds of varieties of beers for which Belgium is renowned. Brussels is also an excellent place to shop, offering everything from large gallery shopping centres to local weekly markets.

As well as being a regional, federal and European capital with its own offerings such as museums (more than 80), galleries, theatres and exhibitions, Brussels is ideally positioned to reach Europe's other popular cultural and historical landmarks.

We also organise annual field trips for our students to locations of historic and political importance, such as Waterloo, Normandy, the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia in The Hague and the International Organisation for Migration in Geneva.

“My time at BSIS was invaluable, giving me the opportunity to become involved in the areas that interested me. If you want to study international issues, doing so in Brussels gives you a clear advantage.”

Erin Lynch
American
LLM International Law with International Relations



STRUCTURE OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR



The University operates the same teaching year in Brussels as it does on its main campus in Canterbury. It is comprised of two 12-week teaching terms and one six-week teaching term. Teaching term dates are therefore harmonised, which facilitates the movement of staff and students between the centres.

Hours of study

All taught Master's programmes consist of a total of 1,800 hours of study. Each module represents 180 hours of study. You have classroom contact with each of your teachers (in lecture/seminar format) for at least two hours a week for each course. A further 13 hours of private study is required for each module each week. You spend the balance of the hours attending a range of academic activities and working on your dissertation.

Mode of study

Full-time

The majority of students reading for the MA or LLM programmes at BSIS are full-time students. As a full-time student, your programme will last for 12 months, carrying a total of 90 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) credits. You select three modules per term from your programme's pathway. You also attend the preparatory Fundamentals, Dissertation and Research lectures and seminars – these provide the necessary foundation and tools to enable you to construct a line of enquiry, create a research design, understand the different kinds of arguments you can make when writing a

dissertation and discern the appropriate methodology and conceptual framework that flows from that choice of argument. This allows you to conduct independent research and scholarship at the level appropriate for a graduate school in all of the taught fields of study.

120 ECTS credit option

All taught Master's programmes are also offered in a 120 ECTS credit format, which comprises nine taught modules plus a dissertation over two years. For some programmes, a two-year Master's with the first year spent in Brussels and the second year in Canterbury is also available (see under Mobility of study location on the opposite page). For further details, please contact Admissions at ukbapplications@kent.ac.uk

Part-time

There is considerable flexibility in teaching arrangements to accommodate the needs of students who wish to combine employment or other commitments with a part-time degree programme. Part-time students complete the normal curriculum of six modules over a period of 24 months, in a sequence to be arranged in consultation with their programme convenor. Fundamentals, Dissertation

and Research is taken during the second year of study; the dissertation is submitted at the end of this second year, which permits part-time students two summer recesses in which to complete it.

As most modules consist of a one-hour lecture and a one-hour seminar each week, in addition to the reading and preparation which is done on an individual basis, part-time students are able to consolidate substantially the amount of time they spend on campus. Many of the University's modules are offered in the evenings, with a one-hour lecture followed by a one-hour seminar, enabling part-time students who are studying and working concurrently to fit the programme conveniently into their schedules.

Term dates

2011/12

Term 1	Mon 26 Sep – Fri 16 Dec 2011
Term 2	Mon 16 Jan – Fri 6 Apr 2012
Term 3	Mon 7 May – Fri 15 Jun 2012

2012/13

Term 1	Mon 24 Sep – Fri 14 Dec 2012
Term 2	Mon 14 Jan – Fri 5 Apr 2013
Term 3	Mon 6 May – Fri 14 Jun 2013

2013/14

Term 1	Mon 30 Sep – Fri 20 Dec 2013
Term 2	Mon 20 Jan – Fri 11 Apr 2014
Term 3	Mon 12 May – Fri 20 Jun 2014

Table 1: Normal full-time academic cycle

Term 1: Sept-Dec	• Three modules	• Guest seminars	• Workshops	
Term 2: Jan-March	• Three modules	• Guest seminars	• Workshops	• Student conference
Term 3: April-June	• Examinations	• Dissertation supervision		
Summer recess	• Dissertation writing			
September	• Submission of dissertation			
	• Examiners meeting and formal completion of programme			

Table 2: Part-time academic cycle

	Year 1	Year 2
Term 1: Sept-Dec	• One module or two modules	• Remaining one or two modules
Term 2: Jan-March	• One module or two modules	• Remaining one or two modules
Term 3: April-June	• Examinations	• Examinations
Summer recess	• Initial dissertation preparation	• Dissertation supervision
	• Initial dissertation preparation	• Dissertation writing and submission

Table 3: Full-time January students

Term 1: Jan-March	• Three modules plus other academic activities
Term 2: April-June	• Dissertation supervision plus other academic activities
Summer recess	• Students may work on the dissertation, or undertake summer internship
Term 3: Sept-Dec	• Three modules plus other academic activities
Jan	• Examinations
April	• Submission of dissertation
June	• Examiner meeting and formal completion of the programme

Date of entry

Taught programmes

Both full-time and part-time students may begin the MA and LLM programmes in either September or January. Although the majority of students begin their programmes in September, some students may wish to take a few months away from their studies between the completion of their undergraduate degree and the commencement of graduate studies, in which case beginning in January is a practical alternative. Part-time students may also find it convenient to have the opportunity to begin in January.

Applicants considering a January start should note, however, that both the rhythm of the academic year and the overall duration of the programme is different from that of students who opt to begin in September. However, students who begin in January have more opportunity to undertake an internship over the summer recess without pressure of other programme commitments.

For students who begin in September, the 12-month programme is organised as shown in Table 1, above. Part-time students beginning in September would follow the programme outlined in Table 2, above.

By contrast, for a student who begins in January, the programme extends to 18 months in order to accommodate the examination cycle. You must sit the examinations as a precondition for being permitted to progress to the dissertation. The programme for January entry is shown in Table 3, above.

If you choose to begin the programme in January, you should also note that for purposes of some scholarships and loan schemes, the period of registration will be from January to May, followed by an unregistered period from June to September, followed by a second period of registration from September to March. Applicants should note that the months in which they are unregistered may be unsupported by their financial aid.

Research programmes

Research students may begin their programme at the start of any month by mutual agreement.

Mobility of study location

The harmonised structure of the teaching year means that students reading for either the MA in International Relations, the MA in International Conflict and Security, or the LLM in International Law with International Relations (the three programmes which are also offered at the

Canterbury campus) may choose to spend a term in Canterbury. Likewise, a student from Canterbury may choose to spend a term in Brussels while, for example, pursuing an internship.

Some programmes, such as the MA in International Relations, are available as a two-year Master's with the first year spent in Brussels and the second year in Canterbury. We are also currently developing two-year programmes with a second year in Washington or Beijing or Brasilia.

For further information regarding mobility of study location, please contact Admissions at ukbapplications@kent.ac.uk

FLEXIBLE STUDY

Teaching at our Brussels campus is designed to be flexible, allowing you to combine your studies with other commitments. Our programmes are offered on a full- or part-time basis, with start dates in January and September, and we have recently developed a programme of professional education (see p27).

INCOMING STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

We recognise that preparing for postgraduate study in another country – as is the case for the great majority of our students – can be both exciting and daunting. With this in mind, we provide incoming students with many support services and resources in order to answer questions, address concerns and make the transition to Brussels and your studies with us as smooth as possible.

Incoming student list-serve

The incoming student list-serve is created for each incoming class in order to disseminate useful information, facilitate contact between students and provide a forum for asking general questions. Information on housing, student visas, health insurance, enrolment, Welcome Week and many other topics useful in preparing for the move to Brussels is sent regularly through the list-serve. Notices of flat-shares and apartments for rent in Brussels are also sent to incoming students through the list-serve. The list-serve also enables you to introduce yourself to your future classmates in order to get to know them before the start of term and to arrange flat-shares.

BSIS Survival Guide

The BSIS Survival Guide has been put together by the BSIS Junior Common Room (JCR) (see p46) and Admissions staff to provide as much information as possible to assist you in the relocation process and to help you settle in Brussels as quickly as possible. The Guide is sent to you through the list-serve several months before the start of your studies to give you time to consult it while preparing for the move to Brussels.

The Guide is highly practical and informative, covering such topics as health insurance, the search for accommodation, transport in Brussels, registration at the local commune, medical facilities and banking. It also includes campus maps of our two partner universities, the VUB and the ULB, as well as English translations of the most commonly used terms when searching for housing.



Suggested reading list

To allow you to familiarise yourself with the essential texts for any programme of international studies, a suggested reading list is sent to you in the months before the term begins, also through the list-serve. The list contains core readings in the fields of international relations and international law which are relevant to all of the programmes offered at BSIS, some of which may also be part of the syllabus of some modules.

This list proves especially useful if you have not studied international relations as part of your undergraduate degree, or if it has been several years since you studied the subject.

Tuition payment handbook

Planning finances early is always a good idea. To allow you to plan for the payment of your tuition, a tuition payment handbook is sent through the list-serve which outlines the methods and modes of payment available. You may choose from one of several payment plans so that you know in advance when each payment instalment is due.

Current Student Liaison Programme

It is often helpful for postgraduate study to gain the perspective of a current BSIS student. The Current Student Liaison Programme connects you with current students who have gone through the process and have volunteered to share tips and insight. Incoming students have often found it useful to correspond with someone following their programme, someone with a similar undergraduate degree, or someone from their home country.

Welcome Week

To help you settle into Brussels as quickly as possible and prepare you for academic study at the University, a programme of administrative, academic, practical and social orientation events is held the week before the start of term. Participation in Welcome Week enables you to start the academic year smoothly and effectively and provides you with the required practical and academic tools to begin your programme in the best conditions.

MOVING TO BRUSSELS

The majority of students studying on our Brussels campus come from outside Belgium. While studying abroad – and especially studying international affairs abroad – provides a unique and horizon-broadening experience, we recognise that the prospect of taking care of practical issues such as visas, housing and transport can be a little daunting.

Below, you will find information on several key practical issues which international students should consider when planning for their studies with us.

Visas and residency

If you are not a resident of the European Union or of a Schengen country, you will require a visa to study in Belgium. There are several exceptions to this requirement (ie dual nationality, diplomatic passport etc); prospective students who are unsure if they will require a visa are asked to check with their local Belgian consulate or embassy. American students should be aware that a visa application will require an FBI background check; as this will add extra time to the process, it is important to apply early. Visa-related and other useful information can be found on Belgium's Federal Public Service website at: <http://diplomatie.belgium.be/en>

Accommodation

While we do not provide on-campus housing, Brussels offers many options for students looking to secure affordable accommodation. One element that makes the search for housing easier is the flexibility of the Brussels housing market. As there are many students and people working as stagiaires at the European Parliament, NATO and other institutions, there are usually people leaving their apartments who are looking for others to take over their leases.

The prices tend to be reasonable due to this large availability. Studio apartments with all charges included (water, electricity, gas, tenant charges) can be found for €400-550 per month, and a one-bedroom all-included for around €500-650 per month. Students who arrange flat-shares – frequently done through the incoming student list-serve in the months before the start of the term – are often able to reduce costs even further. Notices of available apartments, many of which are being vacated by outgoing BSIS students, are also sent to incoming students through the list-serve.

You can usually locate an apartment within a few days of arrival. One of the best ways to do so is to walk around a neighborhood that you like and write the phone numbers of listings posted on doors of buildings. This is quite a common practice in Belgium, and students find that the majority of people speak at least some English. As the University of Kent's facilities in Brussels are conveniently located in the student district between the VUB and ULB campuses, much of the housing within a short walking distance of the University is designed for students in layout and price.

Transport links

Brussels has an excellent public transport system which makes it easy to get around the city quickly. Buses, trams and metros run on a regular schedule and are generally very reliable.

To ride any bus, tram or metro, you need to purchase a ticket. Single 'jump' tickets can be purchased on any bus or tram. When riding the metro, you can purchase a single 'jump' ticket in the station where you take the metro, either from the ticket windows or from the automated machines (which have an English language option). Monthly and annual passes can also be purchased at a reduced cost.

Brussels also offers connections to many European destinations via the Eurostar, Thalys, TGV and Inter-City Express train services. Students wanting a weekend outside Brussels can take advantage of these connecting services to travel to Bruges, Paris, Amsterdam and Cologne, among others.

Air travel in and out of Brussels also makes travel easy. Most international flights go through Brussels-National at Zaventem, easily accessible by the Airport-Express bus or by one of the trains that stop in Gare Centrale and Gare du Midi (both of which are on a metro line). Low-cost carriers have made Brussels South Charleroi Airport a hub. Ryanair, for example, offers direct flights from Charleroi to cities such as Dublin, Stockholm, Venice and Malaga.

Living costs

In planning for study in Brussels, it is useful to have a guide to approximate living costs. Luckily, Brussels is still a relatively easy city to live in on a budget. You should be able to live within the limits set out in the table below, but some students may spend more or less than indicated.

Average costs per week		From	To
Accommodation	Accommodation (including utilities)	€90.00	€150.00
Study costs	Books and materials	€5.00	€20.00
Essential living costs	Food	€35.00	€65.00
	Clothes (essential replacements) and laundry	€6.00	€25.00
	Personal items (including toiletries)	€5.00	€15.00
Socialising costs	Socialising (including sport)	€25.00	€70.00
	Phone	€7.00	€20.00
	Travel (local)	€0.00	€10.00
Total	Unexpected costs (including health or dental care)	€10.00	€20.00
		€183.00	€395.00

“BSIS staff’s genuine interest in my progress as an applicant and as an incoming student confirmed my decision to attend. I now see that the effort and accessibility that I first experienced via email is real, live and ongoing.”

Brooke Storer
American
MA International Relations

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

At the University of Kent, we are committed to enhancing the employability of all our students, equipping you with the right skills to successfully enter the competitive world of work.

The location of our Brussels campus in 'the capital of Europe', our multidisciplinary approach, our standard of academic excellence and the unparalleled internationalism of our student body provide you with a unique educational and life experience, opening up numerous career paths within the international arena.

Graduate destinations

Kent has an excellent record for employment: 96.6% of our postgraduate students who graduated in 2009 found a job or further study opportunity within six months. Graduates of BSIS enjoy a very high success rate in pursuing their chosen careers shortly after graduation. Some who pursue internships during their studies are offered contracts immediately after graduation and opt to remain in Brussels. Others have joined their home country's diplomatic service, entered international organisations, or have chosen to undertake a 'stage' at the European Commission, or another EU institution.

Many of our students, however, venture further afield. Recent BSIS graduates, for example, have helped to set up elections in Afghanistan; others have monitored elections in Iraq, throughout the Balkans and in Africa. A large number of BSIS graduates have either joined or have themselves started NGOs and charities focused on these or other regions. Others have returned home well-equipped to pursue careers in international commerce, finance, government and law.

For all these reasons, the BSIS alumni base extends from the United Nations to BP, from the US Department of Homeland Security to the ICTY at The Hague, spanning a variety of activities and professions.

Benefits of advanced study

Employers recognise that a postgraduate qualification demonstrates a wide range of skills. During your studies at BSIS, you acquire a high level of academic knowledge and specialist skills within your subject area. We also help you to develop general skills that are essential to the world of postgraduate employment, such as the ability to adapt to challenges, analyse complex real-world problems and develop original ideas.

By studying in Brussels' richly international environment, you are able to enhance your cultural awareness as well as acquire additional language skills, which are invaluable assets for many employers.

Transferable skills training

Transferable skills are those which, once learned, can be used in different contexts. They include IT and information management skills, interpersonal skills, team-working and leadership skills, and an understanding of business and commerce.

An increasing number of employers have identified the importance of these skills as a complement to academic knowledge. At BSIS, we help you to gain these skills through your academic studies and also through participation in University-wide initiatives, such as Kent Graduate School's Transferable Skills Training Programme (see p26).

Internships in Brussels

We have fostered excellent relations with the Brussels community, which creates many opportunities for students to pursue internships. Through agreements with prestigious employers, the University is able to offer around 20-30 high-quality internships per year that are dedicated exclusively to our Brussels students. In addition, BSIS students and alumni comprise a tightly knit network through which internship opportunities pass frequently.

Some of these internships are paid (non-EU students have the right in Belgium to apply for a work permit allowing them to work 20 hours a week) and others are voluntary. These internships offer great exposure, the chance to build a network and the opportunity to collect primary material for your dissertation.

Careers advice

The School has a dedicated careers adviser who provides advice and coaching services to students through workshops, seminars and individual meetings. Working with our career adviser during the academic year will maximise your potential to identify and obtain employment after graduation, in Brussels or elsewhere.

Many of the organisations and their human resources personnel here in Brussels are familiar with the University, which can be beneficial in the application process. There is also a large number of alumni still in Brussels, who often send notices of positions through the list-serve network to which all current BSIS students are subscribed.

The BSIS Alumni Network

BSIS students and alumni have created a lively and thriving network that communicates on many levels to keep alumni in touch with each other, with the University, with current students and with developments in the many fields of international affairs studied at the School. This work includes co-ordinating reunions and receptions throughout the world (with a particularly active chapter in Washington, DC), maintaining a website and running an active email list of opportunities and ideas.

Building on this success, the Alumni Forum is being established, which will meet four times a year to bring together alumni and students to discuss current affairs. Alumni have also agreed to be contacted by students, to share their experiences in their respective fields and to help where possible with internships and employment.

Further information

For more information on the careers help we provide at the University of Kent, visit our Employability webpage at www.kent.ac.uk/employability

"BSIS is a perfect place to start a career if you want the right combination of academic rigour and professional opportunity. My network at the School helped me get a stage with the European Environmental Bureau and I now work in Washington, DC on global warming policy for an Amsterdam-based NGO – I wouldn't have secured this position were it not for my experience at BSIS."

Kyle Ash
American

LLM International Law with International Relations, now Senior Legislative Representative, Greenpeace USA

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ACADEMIC FACILITIES AND LEARNING RESOURCES

For anyone pursuing an advanced degree in one of the many fields of international affairs or international law, the opportunities for academic development and achievement in Brussels are unparalleled.

By studying here – the headquarters of the European Union, NATO and SHAPE, as well as hundreds of NGOs – you have access to numerous archives, scholars, experts, practitioners and conferences that thrive among the institutions of this city. As a student on our Brussels campus, you have access to at least ten nearby general and specialist university, government and private libraries suitable for postgraduate study. All of these libraries have substantial holdings in English and an up-to-date research guide on making use of them is provided when you register for your degree. This guide also details the extensive online services to which you have access via Kent and our partner universities, the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) and the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB).

University library facilities

Our Brussels students have the same access as students of the VUB and ULB to facilities on the main VUB/ULB campuses. Although these Brussels universities share a large campus area, they are distinct universities, so there are two libraries, two computing centres and two of most other student services. The University of Kent has special agreements with these universities, so our students in Brussels have access to all of these facilities.

The ULB Library catalogue, CIBLE, can be consulted online at www.bib.ulb.ac.be. The ULB Library consists of four main libraries and a number of specialised libraries around the campus. The libraries of most interest are the law library, the library for human sciences and the library at the Institute for European Studies. Approximately two million books and journals are housed in these libraries.

The VUB Library catalogue is available online at www.vub.ac.be/BIBLIO/index_en.html. The Library contains some 400,000 volumes. Most of these can be found at the central library; the remainder is decentralised in various departments and faculties around the University.



Other libraries and research resources

If you are unable to travel to the library where the resources you require are stored, the inter-library loan systems of the VUB and ULB libraries give you the opportunity to have resources delivered for a short time to the campus. However, there are many libraries relevant to international relations only a short metro-ride from our Brussels campus. Among these are: the Central Library of the European Commission, the Library of the Embassy of the United States of America and the Library of the Catholic University of Brussels. You can also make use of the Royal Library and the Library of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Belgium, both easily accessible in central Brussels.

You are encouraged to join local think tanks such as the Royal Institute for International Relations of Belgium, Friends of Europe, the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS) and BRUEGEL, and regularly attend their meetings to complement your research.

You can also take advantage of specialised libraries in Canterbury and London (easily reached by train) for research work, or for the preparation of your dissertation. As a student at BSIS, you are registered as a student of the University of Kent, which gives you access to the facilities at the main campus in Canterbury where the Templeman Library has strong holdings in the area of politics and international relations. It also houses the library of the Conflict Research Society – a specialist library in mediation.

There are also many regional and specialist libraries in London and other centres which all members of the School of Politics and International Relations can use, subject to conditions, such as the Chatham House library at the Royal Institute of International Affairs in London. The School has produced a library guide that provides both a full introduction to international relations resources at the University's main library and a near comprehensive list of library resources in London for students of international relations.

There are also a modest number of books held on our Brussels premises to augment the books that can be found in the local libraries, the catalogue of which is available online.

Electronic information services

As a student on the Brussels campus, you have a personal password identifier that enables you to have remote access from Brussels to many of the online information services available through the Templeman Library gateway. There is an extensive and rapidly increasing range of electronic sources available to students, including online databases (Web of Science, Social Science Citation Index, International Bibliography for the Social Sciences,

“I have found the electronic and physical scholarly resources available in Brussels to be world-class.”

Milo Jones
American
PhD International Relations

UnCover) and full text journal services (Academic Press, Blackwell, Cambridge University Press, Carfax, Kluwer Academic Publishers and Oxford University Press), many of which can be accessed remotely from Brussels.

You also have access to the Electronic Law Library, which is an award-winning portal constructed by the law librarian at the University of Kent. It offers:

- full-text access to articles of some 1,000 law journals
- Justis, which contains law reports, including reports on human rights
- Butterworths, which includes Halsbury's Law Direct, Legislation Direct, All England Direct and Law Direct
- LexisNexis, which contains UK case law and legislation, and a full-text journal retrieval system
- Westlaw, which contains UK case law and legislation
- Lawtel, which includes Human Rights Interactive, full-text legislation, case law and transcripts
- Current Legal Information for current law databases and a journals index
- Index of Legal Periodicals
- Zetoc, which provides online search of contents pages of some 20,000 journals held in the British Library
- Clover Newspaper Index, with an index to articles published in newspapers since 1987.

Computing facilities

Once you have enrolled online, you will receive a Kent login and computing account to be used as part of Kent's webmail system. You have access to several computers on our campus premises, which allow you to check your email between lectures, and there is a high-speed Wi-Fi service throughout the building.

To provide sufficient computer access for all, you have full access to the public computers and printers on the VUB and ULB campuses, which comprises hundreds of desktop computers (Mac and PC), terminals and workstations. The VUBnet, for instance, uses Cray, Sun and Silicon Graphics processors, with fibre-optic links and ethernet cabling to provide very fast internet access. Some computer rooms are open 24 hours a day.

Further information

For more information on the facilities at BSIS, see www.kent.ac.uk/brussels

For more information on the VUB and ULB, including their extensive learning resources, go to www.vub.ac.be or www.ulb.ac.be

“The resources available both at the School and at the nearby partner universities proved excellent tools for my studies and for enhancing my skills in academic research.”

Daniel Trup
British

LLM International Law with International Relations, now works for the Special Prosecutors Office of Kosovo



LEISURE FACILITIES AND SUPPORT SERVICES

As a student at the Brussels School of International Studies, you benefit from access to a range of cultural activities, leisure and sports facilities and personal support services during your time in Brussels.

Arts and culture

Cultural activities on the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) and the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) campus include: art workshops; a student orchestra and choir; concerts; films; exhibitions; theatre; literary and poetry readings; and numerous student organisations. In addition, the city of Brussels has an active arts scene, including concerts, exhibitions and drama.

Sports facilities

The extensive sports facilities on the VUB campus include: a 25-metre swimming pool; a football pitch, rugby pitch and athletics track; sports halls for indoor soccer, basketball, badminton and tennis; a martial arts hall, squash courts and a climbing wall.

There is also a fitness centre on the VUB campus, which offers a discount to BSIS students. Its facilities include a modern gym and cardio area, relaxation areas, a solarium and a dance hall.

Advice and support

University is a place of study, but it should also be a place where you feel at home. BSIS staff provide ongoing advice and support during your studies as well as useful information on housing, student visas, enrolment, orientation and practical tips on preparing for and arriving in Brussels. All new students are encouraged to attend a Welcome Week before their studies begin (see p38-39).

Students in Brussels also have access to a wide range of additional support services available at the VUB/ULB.

Health centre

Both the VUB and ULB have a medical service on campus, providing preventive, emergency and general health care.

For information more about the VUB Health Care Centre, please see www.vub.ac.be/english/infofor/prospectivestudents/healthcentre.html

The ULB Medical Service can be contacted by telephone on 02 650 29 29.

Legal advice

Info-Droit ULB, the legal advice office of the ULB, can advise on a range of legal questions ranging from rental contracts to family allowances and taxation.

You can also contact FORSTIS (Foreign Student Help Service) at the International Relations and Mobility Office on the VUB campus for advice and information. See www.vub.ac.be/english/home/international.html

Student counselling

A Centre for Social, Legal and Relational Problems is available at the VUB, where psychologists and social workers are available to help students with social, personal and relational problems. The VUB can also provide counselling assistance. At the ULB Psycampus, you can get in touch with a psychologist, a psychiatrist and a social worker.

Disability support

Disability support is provided by the University of Kent's Disability and Dyslexia Support Service, based on the Canterbury campus, in co-ordination with the VUB's services. For more information, visit www.kent.ac.uk/ddss

“The staff in Brussels are always available if you have any concern or problem. That’s a very big plus for the School.”

Claudia Nocente
Italian
MA International Conflict and Security



STUDENT ACTIVITIES



“When deciding where to undertake my Master’s degree, I asked myself where I could maximise my time, dedication and efforts. The answer was easy – Brussels! I chose BSIS because it provides students with the opportunity to study international law with international relations not only in the ‘capital of Europe’ but in an institution that enables you to learn far beyond the textbook.”

Sue Basu
Canadian
LLM International Law with International Relations

In addition to your academic work, there are many opportunities for you to get involved in student activities outside the classroom.

On the following pages, there are details of some of the many initiatives which have been founded by past BSIS students and which still thrive today.

BSIS Journal

The *BSIS Journal of International Studies* is run by the students and the faculty, and was first published in 2003. Its mandate is to establish a platform for discussion in the field of international studies for students, alumni and associates of BSIS.

Published articles are in-depth, high-quality contributions to the disciplines of all programmes offered at BSIS. Submissions are open to all current and graduate students of BSIS, as well as scholars related to the School.

The diversity of the BSIS scholars and their topics is reflected in the journal, which has published three volumes. Edited by current students who are selected each year by the Board of Editors, the journal is published annually in an electronic version and is available at www.kent.ac.uk/brussels/journal/index.htm

Guest lectures

BSIS invites practitioners from the Brussels community to give guest lectures several times a month. These lectures are an important part of the programme for several reasons. Events of international significance occur throughout the academic year that could not possibly have been anticipated in advance and so are not included in the teaching curriculum. Guest lectures offer a forum in which these events can be discussed. A range of different politicians, diplomats, journalists and others are able to discuss in depth a wide range of specialist issues, often illuminating issues with much greater clarity than the media. The insights of such practitioners often help staff to identify for students those features of international relations which are embedded within current events, forging an excellent link between theory and practice.

A guest lecture committee works in conjunction with BSIS administration to select speakers for presentations. These lectures are an excellent way of hearing the perspectives of those working in the field on current issues. BSIS is proud and grateful to have hosted, among many others:

- Howard Chase (Director of European Government Affairs, BP)
- Lord Hannay of Chiswick (former UK Ambassador to UN)

- Ambassador Vladimir Chizhov (Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the European Union)
- Senator Alain Destexhe (Vice President of the Committee on Foreign Affairs)
- Gareth Evans (President Emeritus of the International Crisis Group)
- Professor Igor Ivanov (former Russian Foreign Minister)
- General Sir Mike Jackson (former Head of the British Army)
- Judith Kumin (Representative of the UNHCR in Brussels)
- Edward Mortimer (Executive Office of UN Secretary-General)
- Mehmet Ogutcu, Director of International Communications, BG Holding Group)
- Ambassador Vladimir Rakhmanin (Deputy Secretary General, Energy Charter Secretariat)
- Ambassador Dmitry Rogozin (Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to NATO)
- Dr Jamie Shea (Deputy Assistant Secretary General, Emerging Security Challenges Division, NATO)
- Ambassador Oda Helen Sletnes (Permanent Representative of Norway to the European Union)
- Steffan Weber (Secretary General; EU-Arctic Forum, European Parliament)
- Aidan White (Secretary General of the International Federation of Journalists)
- Ambassador Kostiantyn Yeliseiev (Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the European Union).

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International Dinner

For over 20 years, an annual formal High Table Dinner has been held to mark the end of the teaching year, to which a guest is invited. The guest is normally a diplomat, politician or senior member of an international organisation. This tradition has continued at BSIS. A committee of students chooses the venue and plans the event, often organising the evening around a particular international theme. The Dinner is always well attended by students, staff, alumni and their guests, and is one of the most anticipated events of the year.

Environmental Forum

The Environmental Forum (EF) was established in 2006 by a group of students interested in doing their part to educate and advocate for environmental rights. EF's mission is to help create awareness within the BSIS community about environmental concerns and publicise ongoing events within Brussels and beyond, which relate to the environment. EF produces an e-newsletter *EnviroMENTAL*, which includes a campus focus, tips on a more environmental lifestyle, recent relevant articles and upcoming events. Events on campus have included screenings of the documentary film, *An Inconvenient Truth*, and a fair trade coffee and tea day.

Meetings are an open forum for discussion about environmental issues and a chance to brainstorm new initiatives. EF looks forward to continuing to challenge peers and faculty to make environmentally friendly choices, and to creating partnerships within the VUB and ULB to support in-house initiatives.

International Justice Forum

International Justice (IJ) is a research-oriented working group that focuses on the concept of justice and the application of justice within the international arena. It was formed to study both the theoretical concept of justice and how the concept of justice is utilised within the international system by both the state and non-state players.

Members of the international justice group examine theory, delving into case studies such as: German genocides and the Nuremberg Trials, Rwanda and Burundi history and the interrelated genocides, atrocities and truth commissions in Cambodia, the Japanese American migration history and World War II internments, as well as concepts such as environmental justice, child soldiers, and the North-South divide. Planned events include viewings of documentaries, such as *Ghosts of Rwanda*, *S21 the Khmer Rouge Killing Machine* and *Auschwitz – Inside the Nazi State*. There are also organised field trips – for example, IJ has visited Auschwitz and The Hague in recent years.

Junior Common Room (JCR)

The Junior Common Room (JCR) is a self-governing body of student members whose aim is to promote the interests and welfare of students at BSIS and to represent the interests and concerns of its members to the academic and administrative staff. Through the JCR, you have access to a wide range of benefits including guest lectures, discounts, social and athletic events, networking events and more.

The JCR has a Constitution which delineates its purpose, structure, responsibilities and duties, as well as rules for the election of its representatives.

Representatives are elected at the start of each term, with positions rotating so that some new representatives are elected in September and some in January. The elected body of the JCR consists of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Social Secretary, Sports Representative, Victualler, Welfare Officer and one representative from each BSIS programme.

Migration Studies Forum

The mission of the Migration Studies Forum is to take the topic of international migration outside the classroom. Members have attended events held at the European Commission, the UN, the Centre for European Policy Studies and the Cervantes Cultural Centre. The Migration Studies Forum has also organised a visit to the offices of the International Organisation for Migration in order to discuss several key programmes with staff there. The Forum is open to any student interested in international migration.

Strategic Affairs Forum

The Strategic Affairs Forum is a discussion group for a broad range of issues such as geopolitics, terrorism, military matters and global economic issues, among others. The Forum first met in September 2007 and our goal is to have lively discussion on relevant issues that have a long-term impact on global events.

The Forum is not restrictive and all students interested in the discussion topics are welcome to participate. At the end of each meeting, there is a small social event, so that discussion can continue and other topics can be addressed.



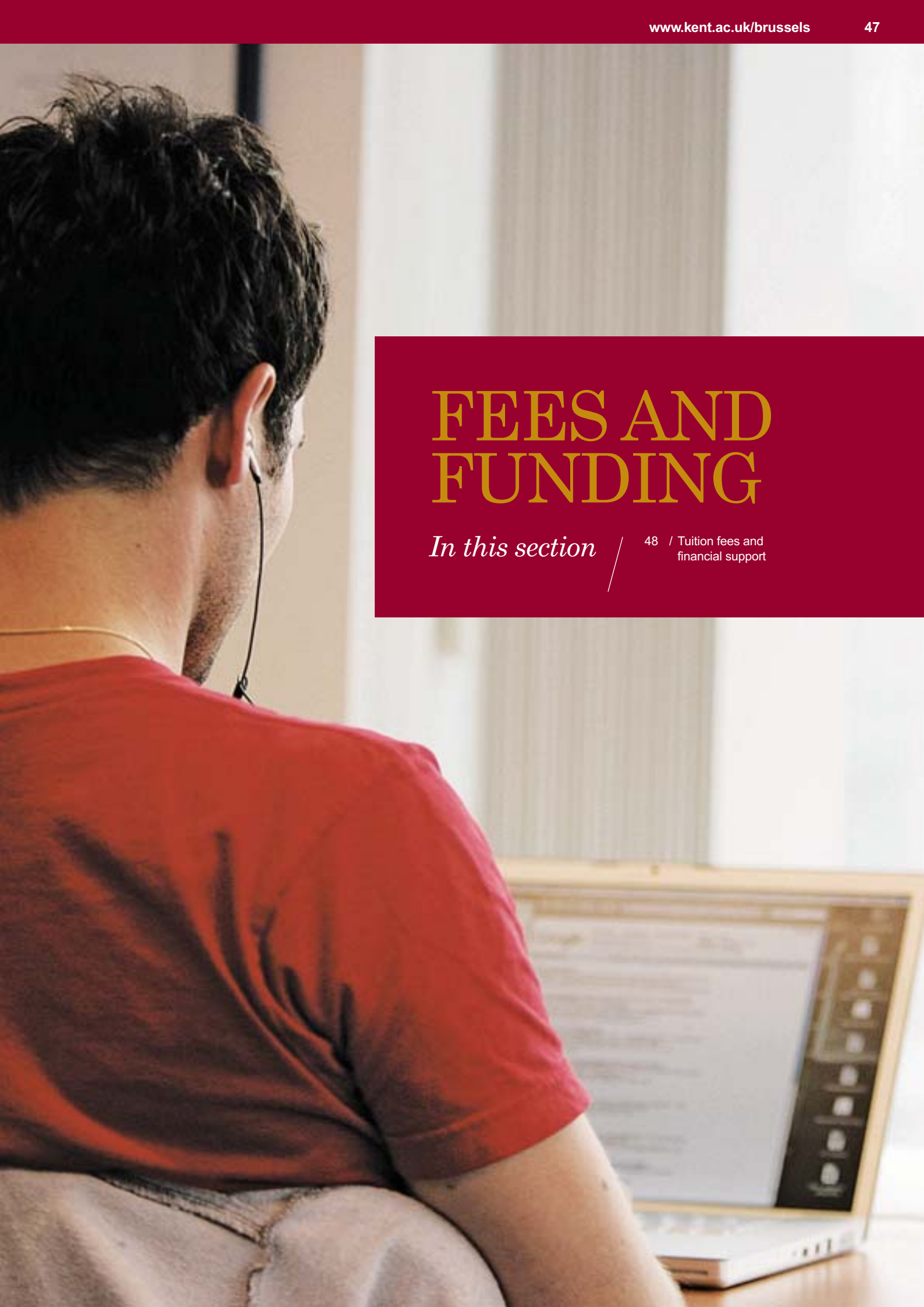
“For me, studying at BSIS was very rewarding and has prepared me well for the challenges that I currently face in my career. I am now working as a foreign service officer for Citizenship and Immigration Canada and am awaiting notification of my first international posting.”

Hugo Genest
Canadian
MA International Conflict and Security

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TUITION FEES AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT



The annual tuition fees for 2011/12 are listed below. Programmes in Brussels are charged in euros rather than sterling and there is only one fee regardless of student origin.

Fees are correct for 2011/12: fees for 2012/13 may be subject to an increase. For the most up-to-date information on tuition fees, see www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/fees

Payment of tuition fees

BSIS students have several options for payment. Tuition fees paid in full at registration attract a 2% discount. BSIS also makes available two structured tuition fee payment plans, which are interest-free and allow students to spread their fee payments over the duration of their studies. Students sign up for a selected payment plan and hand this plan to the BSIS Finance Officer during Welcome Week.

University of Kent, Brussels scholarships

The University of Kent awards seven doctoral research scholarships and seven annual taught Master's scholarships for students studying at the Brussels campus. Four of the doctoral scholarships are in politics and international relations, two in law and one is in migration studies. Of the Master's scholarships, six are in politics and international relations and one is in law. There is currently no Master's scholarship in migration studies. For further information, see

www.kent.ac.uk/brussels/fees/scholarships.html

Financial support

General schemes administered by the University of Kent are outlined below. Please note, however, that students are eligible to apply for Canadian Government Student Loans, Fulbright and Jean Monet Scholarships, and a variety of EU state education funding initiatives. BSIS is also a participating member of the Erasmus Exchange Scheme. In addition, students legally registered in Belgium are eligible for a work permit allowing them to work for up to 20 hours a week.

UK and EU students

Professional and Career Development Loans

Professional and Career Development Loans are bank loans administered by the Young People's Learning Agency that can be used to help pay for work-related learning. You can borrow between £300 and £10,000 to help support the cost of up to two years of learning. For further information, see www.direct.gov.uk/adultlearning

Brussels School of International Studies Tuition Fees

Course	Award	Fee (€)
UK and EU students		
All full-time programmes	MA/LLM/PhD	15,475
All part-time programmes	MA/LLM/PhD	7,735
International (non-EU) students		
All full-time programmes	MA/LLM/PhD	15,475
All part-time programmes	MA/LLM/PhD	7,735

US and Canadian students

US Federal and private loans

US students may be eligible for Federal or private loans when attending the University of Kent. Candidates are invited to verify the eligibility of their chosen programme by checking with our Foreign Loans Unit at foreignloans@kent.ac.uk

Fulbright Commission awards

The Fulbright Commission has awards available for US citizens who wish to undertake postgraduate study at the University of Kent. For further information, see www.kent.ac.uk/scholarships/postgraduate/international/fulbright_commission.html

Canada Student Loans

Students from Canada may be interested to note that we accept and process Canada Student Loans. For further information, please contact our Foreign Loans Unit at foreignloans@kent.ac.uk

Students from Singapore

A postgraduate scholarship scheme is available for Singapore citizens aiming to study for a Master's degree by research. For further information, see www.kent.ac.uk/scholarships/postgraduate/international/singapore_citizens.html

Students from developing countries

Overseas Bursary Committee

The Overseas Bursary Committee is normally able to offer one or more awards each year to overseas students who are unable to complete their education in their own countries because of religious, political, social or cultural persecution. For further information, see www.kent.ac.uk/brussels/fees/financialassis.html

Additional sources of funding

European Commission

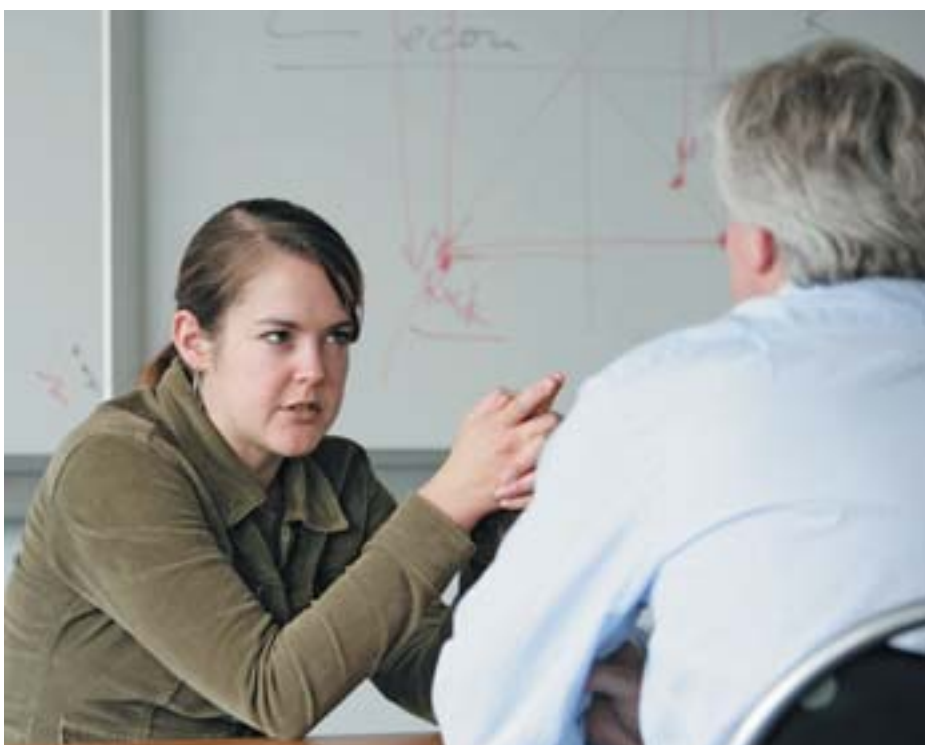
The European Commission has launched a pilot project in which it offers scholarships for students from Russia and the European Neighbourhood countries intending to enrol for an MA programme on the European Union. For further information, see www.kent.ac.uk/brussels/fees/financialassis.html

Grants Register

The Grants Register is an annual publication, containing details of over 4,000 awards from 80 countries. For details of how to access the Register, see www.kent.ac.uk/scholarships/postgraduate/grants_register.html

Further information

For more up-to-date and detailed information on the financial awards listed here, see www.kent.ac.uk/scholarships/postgraduate



“I feel privileged to have been awarded one of the University of Kent, Brussels scholarships, which has enabled me to live in Europe and pursue my Master’s degree studies in International Development.”

Kseniya Kniazeva
Russian/American
MA International Development



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

Below, you will find information on entry requirements and application procedures for all our postgraduate degree programmes in Brussels.

Entry requirements

All applicants for the MA and LLM programmes at the Brussels School of International Studies must possess a Bachelor degree or equivalent. Applicants to the PhD programme must have at least a Master's-level degree. The Bachelor degree should normally be at least equivalent to an upper second class honours degree (at least a 3.0 GPA under the American system). Applicants with degrees from other educational systems are asked to contact the School if they are unsure about the equivalence of their degree.

Suitable first degrees include, but are not limited to: Anthropology, Economics, History, International Relations, Law, Political Science, Psychology and Sociology. We encourage diversity and the many insights into the disciplines that those with other academic backgrounds can bring. We also recognise that those with different specialisations often become involved in international affairs through the course of their careers and wish to gain insight and experience through academic study.

English language requirements

The University of Kent requires all non-native speakers of English to reach a minimum standard of proficiency in written and spoken English before beginning a postgraduate degree.

The minimum English language test scores are listed below:

- a minimum British Council International English Language Test (IELTS) with a score of 6.5
- a TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) with a score of 600 or above (including 4.0 in the Test of Written English) for the paper-based exam; or a score of 90 or above (including a minimum of 20 in reading and writing) for the internet-based exam
- grade C in the Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English
- grade B in the Cambridge Advanced Certificate in English.

Please note that the minimum English language test scores for LLM programmes are slightly higher. For further information, see www.kent.ac.uk/courses/postgrad/international/english.html

Only English language tests taken up to a maximum of two years prior to the date of registration will be accepted for admission to the University. Exceptions are sometimes made for students who have completed their undergraduate education entirely in English.

Application materials

There is no application fee. A complete application will consist of the following:

The application form

You can apply for any of the programmes by completing the online application form at www.kent.ac.uk/brussels/BSIS/admissions or by requesting a paper copy from the Admissions Office (see p52 for contact details). If you choose to apply online, please be sure to select the Brussels campus, as the application is used for all programmes and campuses of the University of Kent.

An official university transcript

You do not need to wait until your final transcript is issued before applying to the University. The University recognises that making appropriate arrangements to study in a different country takes time and preparation, and we hope to provide you with an indication of your chances of acceptance as early as possible. You are therefore encouraged to send an unofficial copy of the transcript, showing the courses and grades awarded to date. This will give the Admissions Board an early indication of your abilities and on this basis the Board may decide to make a conditional offer to you; such an offer is conditional upon receipt of the official transcript with an acceptable result (see under Entry requirements, left).

Two letters of reference

For online applications, email addresses of referees must be provided as referees will be asked to submit references via our secure website. References not submitted by the approved electronic route must be made in writing on official letterheaded paper. References must be originals and must be in English. Photocopies and translations will be accepted only if they have been certified as true copies by the issuing authority or by a certified translator. The envelopes must be signed across the seal by the referee. References may be sent to Admissions in Brussels directly by the referees, or may be collected by you and included in an application package as long as the referees' envelopes remain sealed. Referees listed on applications made online will receive an automated email requesting a reference.

Letters of reference should be from those who have known you in an academic capacity and are familiar with your academic abilities. Ideally, a reference letter will discuss: how well and in what capacity the referee knows you; a statement on your academic performance and how this reflects

your potential; your ability to work with others, particularly in a multicultural environment; and your potential to make a contribution to international affairs.

The University recognises that many applicants are mid-career professionals for whom it may be some years since they studied at a University and that such applicants may experience difficulties in obtaining academic references. In such cases, letters of reference from employers may be accepted, provided the referees are supervisors or others in positions more senior than you.

Evidence of English language ability

Where English is not your normal working or mother tongue, evidence of competence in written and spoken English must be included (see under Entry requirements, left, for acceptable evidence).

Research proposal

If you are applying for the PhD programme, it is strongly recommended that you contact BSIS in the first instance so that you have an opportunity to discuss your study plans with a member of academic staff.

You should then submit a brief research proposal of approximately 3,000 words which outlines the research project which you wish to undertake. The topic of the proposal is assessed for its content and its merit, but also within the context of the supervisory skills available within the University. While there is a wide range of expertise available, it is sometimes the case that an applicant's proposal falls outside the range of specific subject knowledge in the University, or that the member of staff with expertise in the applicant's chosen research field has already taken on the maximum number of PhD candidates he or she may supervise.

Personal statement

You are encouraged to send a letter of introduction with the application to provide information about yourself that you feel is relevant to your application and that the Admissions Board should take into consideration. Letters of introduction normally include: relevant academic or professional experience, your career goals and personal objectives, reasons for wishing to undertake the programme of study and reasons why you wish to study at BSIS. You may also send a curriculum vitae with the application package if you wish.

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Application procedures

As we work on a rolling admissions basis, there is no official deadline for applications. However, you are strongly encouraged to apply as soon as possible, especially if you will require a visa to study in Belgium. You are welcome to upload your supporting materials onto the secure online application form. If your application is successful, you will be asked to submit official copies of your application materials for verification purposes. Please ensure that all application materials, including transcripts and letters of reference, are sent to:

Admissions,
University of Kent, Brussels,
Boulevard de la Plaine 5,
1050 Brussels,
Belgium

Admissions will acknowledge receipt of all application materials as quickly as possible and will inform you when the application file is complete. If you have not received an acknowledgement within a reasonable amount of time, you are encouraged to contact Admissions. Packages sent by registered post or by courier are normally the most secure. Please note that application materials which are sent to the Canterbury campus will be forwarded to Admissions in Brussels, but this will delay the admissions process.

Applications to all programmes are reviewed by the Admissions Board. The Board reviews the content of each application independently and then confers about the merits of each candidate. If the Board believes additional information about you is required before a decision can be reached, the Board may contact the referees to provide additional information and/or may contact you for a telephone interview.

The Admissions Board then makes a recommendation to the University. The formal decision to admit a student is taken by the Faculty Graduate Studies Committee of the University on the recommendation of the Admissions Board. Only the Graduate Office in Canterbury is empowered to make the formal offer of a place at the University, though you will be informed of a positive recommendation by the Admissions Board.

Admissions attempts to keep you informed of the status of your application throughout the admissions process. It is strongly recommended that as soon as you have received word of a positive recommendation from the Admissions Board, you contact your local Belgian consulate or embassy about obtaining a student visa as this process can be quite lengthy.

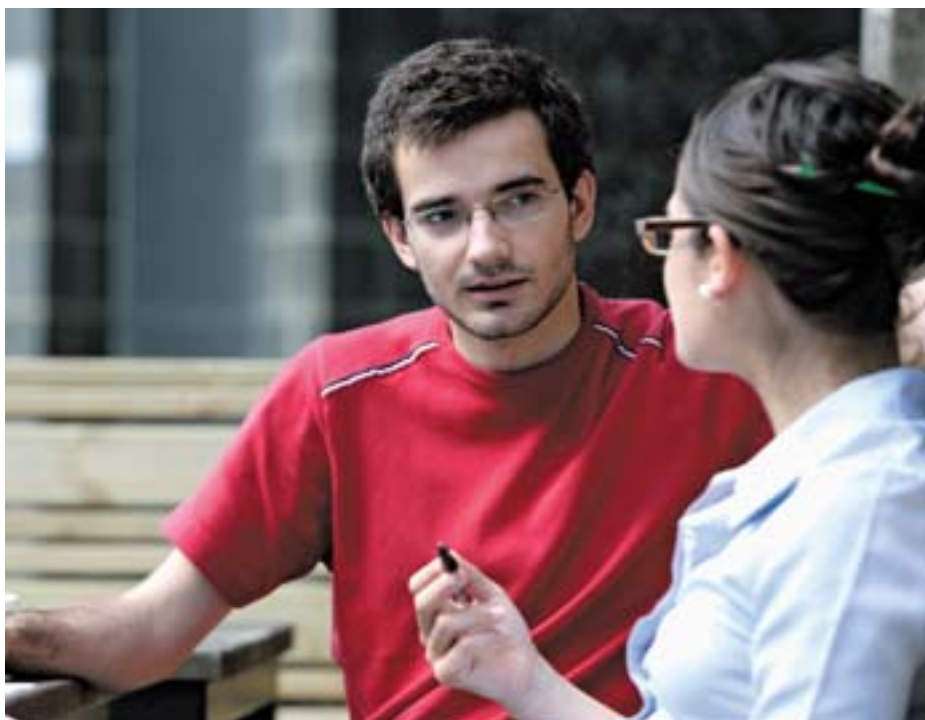
Once you have accepted a place at the University, your email address is placed on a mailing list enabling you to get in touch with other students, as well as receive advice from the Admissions staff on housing, living in Brussels and the Belgian visa process. You are also able to enrol online, claim a University of Kent email account and access course reading material online. For more information on the process of preparing for the move to Brussels and the start of your studies once you have been accepted, please see our Incoming Student Support Services section on p38.

Contacting Admissions

For any application or admissions queries, or for further information about our University and our programmes, please contact Admissions at ukbapplications@kent.ac.uk, or at one of the following telephone numbers:

Belgium: +32 2 641 1721
USA: +1 202 657 6850
UK: +44 20 7193 6010
Hong Kong: +852 8197 9075

Please note that all of these numbers will be answered from 10:00 to 17:00 Brussels time.



“One of the best things about BSIS is the easy access to staff – their friendliness and accessibility are major pluses to studying here.”

Joanna Parkin
British
MA Migration Studies

COME AND VISIT US

If you are able to travel to Brussels, we encourage you to visit our campus. Our staff members are happy to meet with you, give you a tour of the facilities, answer any queries you may have and, when possible, arrange a meeting with a member of academic staff.

If you wish to visit the Brussels School of International Studies, please contact one of our admissions staff (see Contacting Admissions on the opposite page for details) to arrange an appointment.

Our facilities are located on the third floor of Boulevard de la Plaine 5, just across the street from the campus of the VUB. When visiting us, please ring the bell marked 'Kent' to the right of the door near the elevators. BSIS staff will open the doors for you, allowing access to the elevators.

Travelling to the Brussels School of International Studies

By rail

The Etterbeek train station is 50 metres from the BSIS campus and provides regular connections with Schuman, Brussels North and Brussels Midi stations.

By road

The VUB/ULB campus is situated at the Generaal Jacqueslaan/Avenue Général Jacques, near the

Waversesteenweg/Chaussée de Wavre and the Kroonlaan/Avenue de la Couronne. From the Brussels Ring Road through Route E411 to the Boulevard de la Plaine, which is one of the main boulevards alongside the campus. The BSIS campus is across the street from the main VUB administrative building and library.

By tram

Take the 7 or 25 and alight at the Etterbeek stop, from which our campus is a five-minute walk.

By metro

The Brussels campus is a short walk across the VUB Etterbeek campus from the Petillon Metro station.

By bus

Take bus 95 and alight at the Etterbeek stop.

Campus map

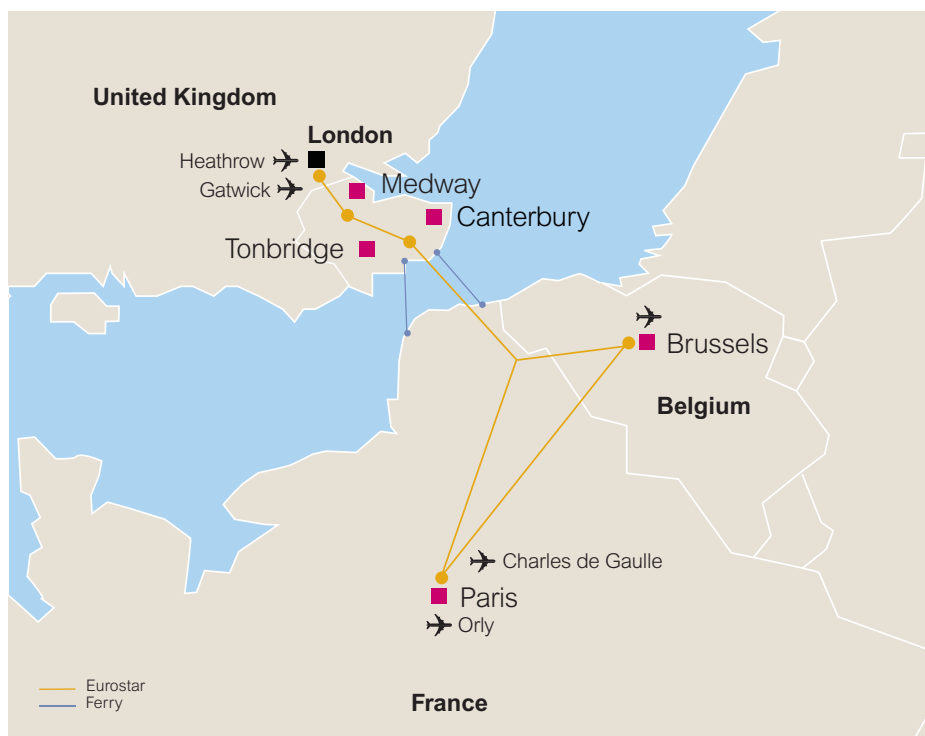
www.kent.ac.uk/brussels/studying/maps-and-directions/our-location.html

The University will use all reasonable endeavours to deliver courses and other services in accordance with the descriptions set out in this prospectus. However, the University does not provide education on a commercial basis. It is also largely dependent on charitable and public funds which the University has to manage in a way which is efficient and cost effective in the context of the provision of a wide range of courses and services to a large number of students. The University therefore reserves the right to make variations to the contents and method of delivery of courses and other services, to discontinue courses and other services and to merge or combine courses, if such action is reasonably considered to be necessary by the University. If the University discontinues any course, it will use its best endeavours to provide a suitable alternative course.

All students will be required as a condition of enrolment to agree to abide by and to submit to the procedures of the University's Regulations as amended from time to time. A copy of the current Regulations is available online at www.kent.ac.uk/regulations).

Data protection and consent to process

For the University to operate efficiently, it needs to process information about you for administrative, academic and health and safety reasons. Any offer this institution makes to you is subject to your consent to process such information and is therefore a requirement before we can register you as a student.



ONLINE VIDEO

To find out what our students think, see our online video at www.kent.ac.uk/brussels/video



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