

# SHORT-TERM STUDY AT KENT

*Study abroad opportunities for  
international students*



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## Kent calendar

<b>Welcome Week</b>	17 September – 21 September 2018
<b>Autumn term</b>	24 September – 14 December 2018
<b>Spring term</b>	14 January 2019 – 5 April 2019
<b>Summer term</b>	6 May 2019 – 14 June 2019



# WELCOME TO KENT

**The UK is the number one study abroad destination for many students from around the world. Studying at Kent, the UK's European university, expands your horizons, enhances your studies and gives you the chance to explore an exciting new destination.**

The University of Kent has a gold rating in the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF). Based on the evidence available, the TEF Panel judged that the University of Kent delivers consistently outstanding teaching, learning and outcomes for its students. It is of the highest quality found in the UK.

## Embark on a life-changing experience

Our international students receive an unparalleled experience which includes exciting welcome events, a 'Buddy Scheme' and an array of international events throughout the year. Studying abroad is about developing your self-confidence and having fun. It enables you to gain an understanding of another culture, make lifelong friends from

a wide variety of backgrounds and benefit from what is truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

## Location

The University of Kent has two UK campuses, Canterbury and Medway, and five study centres across Europe. The short-term study courses in this brochure are based at our Canterbury campus. Our summer schools take place at our locations in Kent and Europe, see [www.kent.ac.uk/summerschools](http://www.kent.ac.uk/summerschools)

## Enhance your prospects

In a competitive global job market, employers value graduates with study abroad experience who have proved that they can succeed in a different environment. A year or a semester at Kent shows employers

that you are independent and will make the most of every opportunity. Our academic schools produce world-leading research and this underpins all of our teaching, so you can be sure that you are benefiting from first-class theories and techniques. A period of study at Kent enhances your education and makes an impressive addition to your CV.

## Your choice

You can choose from a wide range of subjects at Kent and your studies with us will provide you with different perspectives. If you are planning to go to graduate school, experience of studying abroad will prepare you for the more independent nature of postgraduate studies. Spending a year or semester abroad doesn't have to delay your expected graduation date. With careful planning, you can complete your studies in the same time as you would if you stayed at home for your full degree.

So, what are you waiting for?

*"My experience at Kent was everything that I wished it to be. The campus and the people there were very welcoming... I really felt as if it became my home for three months."*

**Hannah Cranville**  
United States





### DID YOU KNOW?

Canterbury city centre, with its world-famous Cathedral and a lively mix of bars, restaurants and shops, is only a 25-minute walk or a short bus ride from the campus.

# A STUNNING LOCATION



**Our Canterbury campus is set in lovely parkland overlooking the world-famous Canterbury Cathedral, part of a World Heritage site.**

Canterbury has a rich social life, as you'd expect from a city with nearly 30,000 students. Its lively clubs, bars, restaurants, pubs, cinemas and sports facilities make it a vibrant place to live. The city hosts cultural festivals throughout the year and the Marlowe Theatre attracts top London shows on tour. Students from around the world fall in love with Canterbury's cosmopolitan charm.

*"There's no lovelier place in the world than Canterbury."*

**Virginia Woolf**

## The local region

Situated in the south-east corner of the UK, the county of Kent is known as the 'Garden of England' with its many villages, castles, orchards and vineyards. The county offers miles of scenic coastline, and the nearby seaside town of Whitstable offers a variety of water sports.

## Visit London

Kent is on London's doorstep. In less than an hour by train you can be in central London and enjoy all that the capital city has to offer. The University of Kent is an increasingly popular location for students keen to enjoy the bright lights and attractions of the UK's capital without the high living costs.

## Explore Europe

Canterbury is the closest UK city to mainland Europe and therefore the perfect location from which to explore other European cities. You can reach Paris and Brussels in just under two hours by train. As the UK's European university, Kent has study centres in Paris, Brussels, Rome and Athens; it offers summer schools in Paris and Brussels. For more information visit [www.kent.ac.uk/summerschools](http://www.kent.ac.uk/summerschools)



# CAMPUS LIFE

**On our Canterbury campus you have access to all of the University's resources, with everything you need to enjoy student life and help you in your studies.**

Campus life is ideal for students from overseas as it provides a self-contained environment with everything in one place. The result is a lively and memorable experience. You have access to all the University resources and are only ever a few minutes away from your classes. In your spare time, you can enjoy the campus cinema, theatre and a range of bars and restaurants. The campus has a sports centre, shops, a bank and cash machines, and an award-winning student nightclub. The city centre is only a 25-minute walk away and there's a frequent bus service between campus and the city centre. You can take a virtual tour of the University at: [www.kent.ac.uk/hospitality/virtual-tours/student](http://www.kent.ac.uk/hospitality/virtual-tours/student)

## Accommodation

Students have the option of living in campus accommodation, which is no more than a few minutes' walk from all the central facilities. You share a student apartment or house, or live in college, giving you the opportunity to make new friends from around the world.

All students, no matter where they live, belong to one of Kent's colleges. Each has its own living,



social, teaching and study facilities and is made up of students from different disciplines and of different nationalities. College Masters are part of a network of people, including course advisers, who have a responsibility for student welfare.

## A cosmopolitan community

With 158 nationalities represented at the University, Kent Union runs many national or regional societies such as the African-Caribbean Society, the Chinese Society and the Hispanic Society, as well as societies covering leisure interests such as anime, music, drama, photography and all kinds of sport.

A multi-faith university, we have chaplains from Anglican, Buddhist, Catholic, Jewish, Methodist, Muslim, Pentecostal and Quaker traditions, and our student societies celebrate a wide range of festivals throughout

the year, including Chinese New Year, Thanksgiving, Diwali, Holi and the annual week-long Worldfest celebration. We also have a Multicultural Events Fund: students can apply for funding to run an event of their choice.

## Excellent facilities

Our excellent facilities are available to all our students. Academic resources include a multimillion-pound library offering 24-hour access in term time to over a million books, periodicals and journals, plus state-of-the-art laboratories and access to over 1,000 PCs across campus. Social facilities are equally good, with a theatre, concert hall, nightclub and cinema on campus. The University provides a range of high-quality catering facilities offering national and international cuisine, from traditional dining halls to cafés, bistros and bars. A wide variety

of food is available, ranging from snacks to cooked meals, including vegetarian and halal options.

## Sport

At Kent, you have the facilities to get involved in a wide range of sports. We have a modern well-equipped fitness suite as well as a dance studio, a world-class 3GX pitch, 3G football pitch, astro pitch, indoor and outdoor tennis courts, squash courts and two sports halls, plus a huge range of sports societies.

## Language tuition

Our Centre for English and World Languages provides support for students for whom English is not their first language. If necessary, our courses can help you to develop your English language and study skills so that you meet the level of

proficiency required for your chosen course of study. You can find out more at [www.kent.ac.uk/cewl](http://www.kent.ac.uk/cewl)

## Student Learning Advisory Service

The Student Learning Advisory Service (SLAS) offers training and information on writing essays, note-taking, time management, dealing with exams, writing dissertations and many other skills. For more details of the support we offer, see [www.kent.ac.uk/learning](http://www.kent.ac.uk/learning)

## Kent Union Advice Centre

Kent's student union has trained members of staff who can offer specialist advice on a range of matters including immigration, visas, safety and welfare. Find out more at [www.kentunion.co.uk/welfare/advice-centre](http://www.kentunion.co.uk/welfare/advice-centre)

## Health care and personal support services

Kent has a medical centre, a nursing service and a pharmacy. There is a day nursery for children. The Student Support and Wellbeing Service provides assistance on a wide range of matters, including counselling for mental health issues and support for students with disabilities or specific learning difficulties such as dyslexia. The Chaplaincy Team serves all the main Christian denominations and the Buddhist, Muslim and Jewish communities on campus. At Kent, you also have access to our award-winning careers service.

## A life-changing experience

With great facilities and stunning locations, your time at Kent can provide an experience you'll remember for the rest of your life.



*“Studying abroad at Kent was definitely the best part of my life. The University of Kent has everything that students want to have and do – beautiful campus, quality education, friendly atmosphere, fabulous parties. I took the JYA English PLUS programme which was ideal for me. The experience at Kent made me confident and more open-minded.”*

**Shin Akutagwa**  
Japan

# WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY...



“I had a fantastic experience at the University of Kent. Staff are always available to answer questions and are eager to help. Kent Law School’s dedicated lecturers enable the students to explore material for themselves and form their own opinions. They encourage class discussion.

“Student life is buzzing, with many cafés and restaurants on campus. There’s even a theatre, the Gulbenkian. The University of Kent has all the elements necessary for a successful exchange; it’s up to you to seize the opportunities and face each situation with an open mind.”

**Jessica Ho-Wo-Cheong**  
Canada



“During my time studying at the University of Kent, I really learned a lot, not only from the lectures and workshops but also through interactions with the local people and classmates from other countries. The experience of overseas study has enabled me to be open-minded and broadened my horizons.

“There is an old saying in Chinese that the two most important ways of learning are to read hundreds of books and go to a lot of different places. I think my studies in Kent helped me with both of these aspects. To sum up, I enjoyed the learning process and the experience of travelling here.”

**Ma Yan**  
China



“I always look back fondly on my experience at Kent where I grew so much. I work in the study abroad office at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia, where I advise students. It is truly rewarding helping students to gain such a life-changing experience. Additionally, gaining a global perspective is such a relevant and valuable part of university education today.

“I think back to my study abroad days when I was helped so much by the team at Kent, and I hope to provide the same support for our incoming students that I experienced.”

**Elizabeth Sharett**  
United States





“I chose the University of Kent as the place to do my exchange programme because it truly is ‘the UK’s European university’. I have learned so much about Europe, especially the economy, which helps with my course, and socialising with European friends has helped me to understand European culture too. One of the things we did was to each cook the signature dish from our own country and bring it to an international picnic.

“I’m also learning more about the UK, while improving my English. My exchange period at Kent is so far one of the best six months of my life.”

**Annisa Nursetyautami**  
Indonesia

“Students are encouraged to be active and participate during seminars. The variety of cultures is extremely helpful, and sharing different experiences is beneficial for everybody. Sports facilities are very well-equipped and I spent a lot of time playing inline hockey or tennis.

The time I spent at Kent was a remarkable experience which will be very useful for my professional development.

I also enjoyed spending time with British people and discovering their way of life and their cultural heritage.”

**Martin Fott**  
Germany

“I chose Kent because of its reputation for high-quality education and student life. Indeed, Kent was much more than I expected. All of the modules were well organised, and my lecturers were very dedicated to teaching and delivering knowledge. If you are an international student, you do not need to worry about your English, because the Centre for English and World Languages and the Student Learning Advisory Service are always there to help you improve your English skills. And the Buddy Scheme is absolutely perfect – new students can take part in many exciting activities together with a buddy. I feel Kent is truly my home away from home.”

**Trang Pham**  
Vietnam



# ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

**The University of Kent has a gold rating in the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) (see p3). In the National Student Survey 2016, Kent was ranked 1st in London and the south-east, and received the 4th highest score nationally for student satisfaction.**

Based on our excellent performance in the most recent Research Excellence Framework, Kent was ranked joint 17th\* in the UK by the *Times Higher Education* (THE). In terms of research intensity, we outperformed 11 of the 24 Russell Group universities, which means that you are taught by leading experts in your field.

## Inspirational teaching

At Kent, all of our academic schools produce world-class research and our teaching is designed to put you in touch with the latest ideas. A number of our academics have received National Teaching Fellowships.

One of the exciting things about studying at Kent is the way in which you are encouraged to express your own views and develop your own academic skills. As well as attending lectures, you take part in seminars (small groups that encourage informal discussion).



Teaching may also include workshops or guided research. If you are taking a science or a technical subject, you spend time in laboratory sessions or practical classes. Language students take conversation classes and have language laboratory sessions.

## Wide range of subjects

Within our short-term programmes, Kent offers modules in a range of academic subjects. You can take modules across more than one subject or specialise in a particular subject and choose modules only in that subject area. All the modules on our short-term programmes are also offered on Kent's undergraduate degree courses. For more information see: [www.kent.ac.uk/courses/short-term](http://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/short-term)

## Internationally recognised credits

All Kent's study programmes divide into a number of modules, with a rating of 15, 30 or 45 credits. Your marks and your academic credits can be transferred to your record at your home university. For more details, please visit [www.kent.ac.uk/courses/short-term](http://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/short-term)

*"I wanted the opportunity to study abroad and Kent came highly recommended by many other Canadian graduates due to the high calibre of its law professors and law clinic."*

**Sarita Samaroo-Tsaksiris**  
Canada

\*of 122 universities, not including specialist institutions.

# CHOICE OF SHORT-TERM STUDY PROGRAMMES

**Kent's short-term study programmes allow students from different educational systems to study and gain academic credit from a leading British university.**

We offer short-term programmes that allow international students to spend a term or year at Kent. Our range of programmes, outlined below, is designed to suit your academic ability, your level of proficiency in English and the amount of time you would like to spend abroad.

## English and Academic Skills for Exchange Students

For exchange students who wish to familiarise themselves with the main features of academic English and study skills before they begin their exchange term/year at Kent. This week-long course is held in mid-September. For details, email [cewl@kent.ac.uk](mailto:cewl@kent.ac.uk)

## Erasmus exchange

For students from our partner universities in Europe. You spend a term or a full academic year at Kent and can choose your modules from a wide range of subjects. See pp16-17 for more information.

## International exchange

For students from our partner universities outside of Europe. You spend a term or a full academic year at Kent and can choose your



modules from a wide range of subjects. See pp16-17 for more information.

## Non-exchange programme

For fee-paying, short-term students who are not part of an exchange programme. You spend a term or a full academic year at Kent and can choose your modules from a wide range of subjects. See pp18-19 for more details on tuition fees and how to apply.

## JYA English PLUS

JYA (Junior Year Abroad) English PLUS is for students who need to improve their English language skills before spending a term or year studying academic modules. For more details see p14.

## Summer schools

Kent offers a variety of summer schools at our locations in Kent

and Europe, covering a wide range of subjects. See [www.kent.ac.uk/summerschools](http://www.kent.ac.uk/summerschools)

## Choosing modules

We offer a wide range of academic modules, which makes it easy to find something to suit your interests and level of knowledge. Please see [www.kent.ac.uk/courses/modules](http://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/modules)

## Terms

For the dates of each term, please see the Kent calendar on p2.

*“People here are willing to help you whenever you have a problem; they are kind and friendly. The events prepared by the University are very interesting and useful.”*

**Maria Catalan**  
Italy



# JUNIOR YEAR ABROAD (JYA) ENGLISH PLUS

**JYA English PLUS has been designed to meet the needs of students whose first language is not English. It offers a combination of language training, study skills and the opportunity to study academic modules from across the University.**

JYA English PLUS is offered as a full-year programme (April to April) or a part-year programme (eight months from April to December). It is made up of the following elements.

## 1 British and Academic Culture

An optional two-week course to help you become accustomed to your new study and learning environment.

## 2 Pre-sessional studies

This focuses on developing your English language and study skills so that you can meet the level of proficiency required to make the most of your academic studies. You learn how to navigate the UK

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**Shin Akutagawa**  
Japan



university and assessment system, while improving your English language skills. You have the opportunity to join our summer social programme, run by our student ambassadors. It includes trips to local places of interest, weekly social evenings, karaoke and much more. You can also join Kent Sport and have access to all of the University's sporting facilities.

At the end of this course, you are assessed on your language skills. This helps to determine which modules you should follow in the academic term.

## 3 Kent academic term(s)

Once you have taken your language assessment, we give you advice to help you choose your academic modules. We offer a wide range of modules from academic schools

across the University, making it easy for you to find something to fit your interests and level of knowledge. If you would like to browse through some of the Stage 1 modules on offer, please refer to our online catalogue at [www.kent.ac.uk/courses/modules](http://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/modules)

Please note that modules are subject to change.

## Credits

### Full-year programme

120 credits in total (60 credits during the autumn term and 60 credits during the spring term).

### Part-year programme

60 credits in total, taken during the autumn term.

### Schedule for the full-year programme, Canterbury campus

Mid-April	Arrival
Mid-April	Optional two weeks of British and Academic Culture
May – early September	17 weeks of pre-sessional studies
Mid-September	General and academic orientation along with other Kent undergraduate students
Late September – mid-December	First term of academic study
Mid-December – mid-January	Winter break
Mid-January – early April	Second term of academic study
Early April	Programme completed

### Schedule for the part-year programme, Canterbury campus

Mid-April	Arrival
Mid-April	Optional two weeks of British and Academic Culture
May – early September	17 weeks of pre-sessional studies
Mid-September	General and academic orientation along with other Kent undergraduate students
Late September – mid-December	One term of academic study
Mid-December	Programme completed

# OUR PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

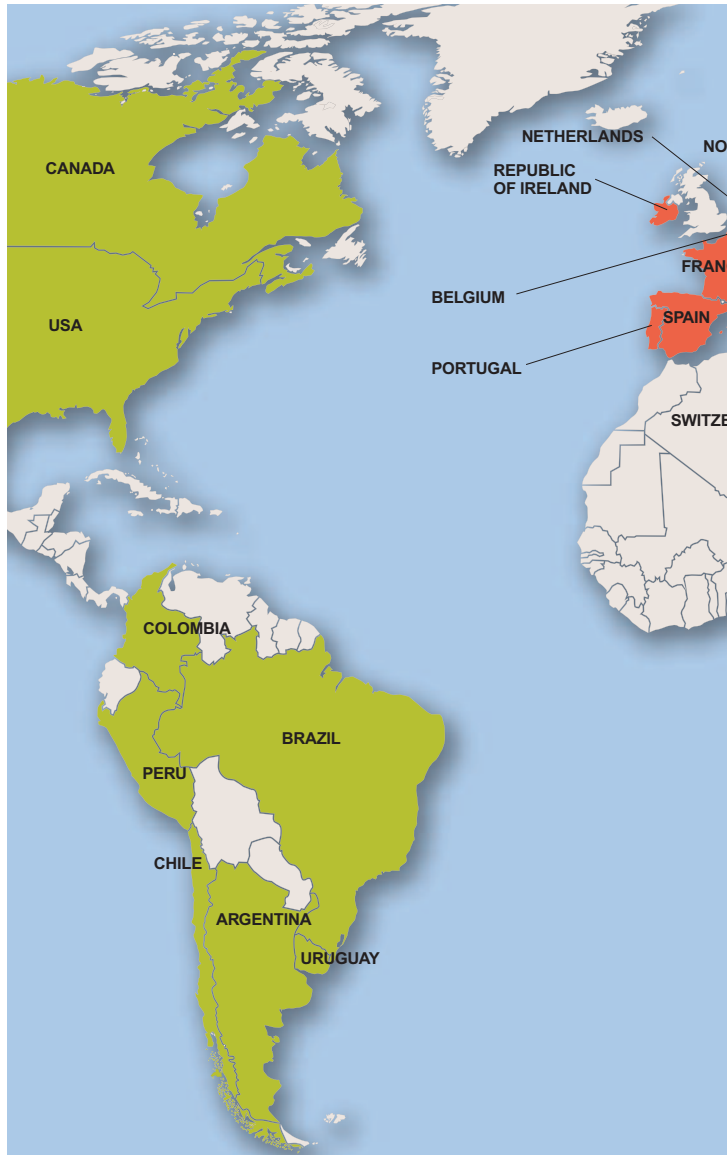
**Kent has exchange agreements with many universities around the world and can make similar arrangements with other reputable universities.**

If you come to Kent under an exchange agreement, you are an 'exchange student' and pay tuition fees to your home university. In order to gain credits for your year abroad, your university needs to approve the details of your year at Kent, including the modules you have chosen.

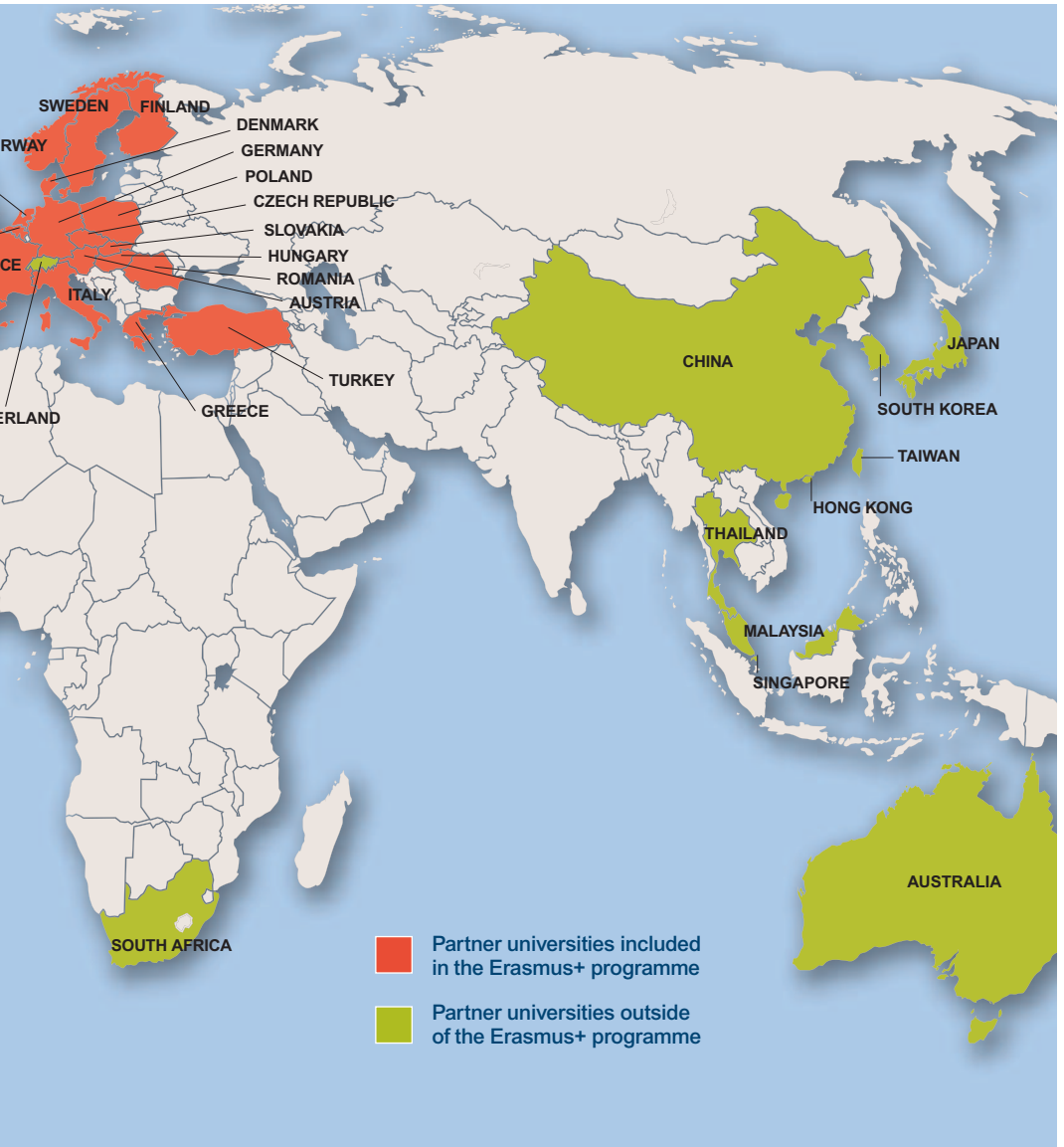
It is your responsibility to liaise with your home institution about the transfer of the academic credits you gain at Kent. Please contact your university's study abroad office for details.

## Non-partner universities

If Kent does not have an exchange agreement with your university, you can apply as a non-exchange student and pay fees directly to Kent. See pp18-19 for more details on tuition fees and how to apply.







# ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND FEES

## General academic requirements

For entry on to a short-term programme we normally require a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or above (out of 4.0) or its equivalent. However, each application is considered on an individual basis.

## English language requirements

If you are applying from overseas, you must provide satisfactory evidence of your proficiency in written and spoken English to show that you can take full advantage of the teaching we offer. To find out more, visit [www.kent.ac.uk/ems/eng-lang-reqs](http://www.kent.ac.uk/ems/eng-lang-reqs)

## Fees and living costs

If Kent has an exchange agreement with your home university (see p16), you can continue to pay your tuition fees to your home university.

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

The table below indicates the fees for the academic year 2018/19. For the most up-to-date information, please see [www.kent.ac.uk/fees](http://www.kent.ac.uk/fees)

Each student has different personal circumstances, so to help you estimate your living costs, go to the online calculator at [www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/livingcosts.html](http://www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/livingcosts.html)

*“I had an amazing time and met people from around the world. I particularly enjoyed campus life and the feeling of living in a diverse community.*

*“As an architecture student and history lover, I thoroughly enjoyed the medieval streets of Canterbury. It was lovely to walk around such a historic place and feel like you have gone back in time. The friends I made will remain my friends for ever.”*

**Alexandra Cooper**  
Uruguay

Programme	Study dates	Tuition fees	Application deadline
Exchange	Sept to Jun	*	30 Jun
Non-exchange	Sept to Jun	£15,200	30 Jun
Fall Semester	Sept to Dec	£5,700	30 Jun
Spring Semester	Jan to Jun	£9,500	30 Nov
JYA English PLUS (part-year)	Apr to Dec	£10,900	15 Feb
JYA English PLUS (full-year)	Apr to Apr	£15,200	15 Feb

\*Tuition fees are paid to your home university.

# HOW TO APPLY

## If your home university has an exchange agreement with the University of Kent, please liaise directly with its study abroad office when you apply.

If your university does not currently have an agreement with Kent, we consider direct applications for short-term study. Please bear in mind it is your responsibility to liaise with your home institution about transferring credits for your study at Kent.

## Direct applications

If you wish to apply directly, please submit an online application at [www.kent.ac.uk/courses/short-term/apply](http://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/short-term/apply)

As part of your application you need to include the following documents.

### 1 A copy of your passport

This is mandatory; you **will not** be able to submit your application without this.

### 2 A provisional module registration form (not required for JYA English PLUS applicants)

You can download this form from our website at: [www.kent.ac.uk/courses/short-term/apply](http://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/short-term/apply)

- Please ensure that you have chosen modules according to the specification of your particular programme (see [www.kent.ac.uk/courses/modules](http://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/modules)).

- On your provisional module form, fill in your preferred modules, and some alternatives (in case your first choices are not available).
- If you wish to transfer academic credits, please check that your chosen modules will be accepted by your home university.

### 3 Proof of academic achievements

You need to provide, in English, full, certified transcripts of your current programme of study and your results to date from your home institution.

### 4 Academic reference

You need to include a report, in English, from a teacher who is familiar with your academic work at your present university or college.

## Visa and immigration

The need to obtain entry permission before arriving in the UK is determined by your nationality. Please ensure that you allow enough time to make your visa application. For more details, see [www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa](http://www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa)

If you plan to study in the UK for less than six months and do not intend to work, then, depending on your nationality, you can enter the UK on a short-term study visa. However, please note that you cannot switch from a short-term study visa to a Tier 4 Visa while in the UK.

## More information

If you need more information or have any queries, please contact us on:

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[www.kent.ac.uk](http://www.kent.ac.uk)

[www.kent.ac.uk/global/partnerships](http://www.kent.ac.uk/global/partnerships)

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For the University to operate efficiently, it needs to process information about you for administrative, academic and health and safety reasons. Any offer we make to you is subject to your consent to process such information and is a requirement in order for you to be registered as a student. All students must agree to abide by the University rules and regulations at: [www.kent.ac.uk/regulations](http://www.kent.ac.uk/regulations)

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see our website:

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