University of Kent WebChats

Thank you for joining us, we will be starting shortly

Student Webchats



Welcome (back) to Kent

- The whole University community is looking forward to welcoming you to our campuses in September
- Autumn term is going to be a transition between fully online (last year) and 'fully' face-to-face (Spring term)
- We are determined to provide the best possible opportunities for your education and social interactions



Welcome week (Sept 20-26)

- Creating a 'buzz' on campus with a focus on social activities
- Arrivals from 15-19 Sept in booked slots small scale events and 'Friends and Family Pit Stops' at College catering outlets for free refreshments
- Registration and many other 'transactional' activities will take place online
- All 'need to know information' will be online, but there will be lots of people on campus to help you
- Information Hubs at 7 locations across campus signposting, directing and answering queries
- Lots of tents, lots of outside space!







Teaching and learning in the Autumn term

- Covid-19 has not gone away, and not all of our community will be fully vaccinated before the start of the Autumn term
- We are determined to keep you and our staff as safe as possible, while ensuring you have the best possible educational and social experiences
- Restrictions have mainly been lifted, but the capacity of many of our lecture theatres is restricted (to ~80%) due to ventilation requirements
- Small group teaching (seminars, lab classes, performance work) will be face-to-face
- Some lectures will continue online, but with opportunities for you to discuss topics and issues with staff and other students both online and face-to-face
- Precise mix of online and face-to-face will depend on your course, but you should be getting some face-to-face tuition each week of the term
- Exams in 2022 will be online by default, but some exams will be paper-based due to accreditation or other academic requirements

International students

- We recognise that travel remains challenging
- If you are coming to the UK from a red-list country, the University will pay for your stay in a Managed Quarantine Hotel
- If you wish to study remotely, this might be possible depending on your course and any visa requirements
- Check with your student support team in the first instance
- Apply for remote study:

https://www.kent.ac.uk/msao/forms.html



Check your tech!

- You'll need a laptop / desktop computer that meets requirements (there may be financial support available)
- Activate your IT account and set up MFA to get access to your email and Kent systems
- Get connected to **eduroam** Wi-Fi before you come to campus
- You get free software including Office 365!







Library Services



- Don't buy books yet check your library first!
- Our libraries have great resources, lots of places to study and cafés!
- Templeman Library, Canterbury is open daily and 24/7 from 27 September
 - > Search Templeman Library on kent.ac.uk
- Drill Hall Library, Medway is open Mon-Fri 8am-midnight (from 9am weekends) from 13 September
 - > Search Drill Hall Library on campus.medway.ac.uk



Your Digital Library



Your library e-resources are digitally available 24/7.

- This includes a huge range of high-quality digital resources such as:
 - e-books
 - e-journals
 - Databases
 - Newspapers
 - and multimedia
- > Search Digital Library



Studying on campus



- Need a place on campus to join an online lecture?
- Library study spaces Templeman Library
- Study Hubs & spaces across campus
- > www.kent.ac.uk/guides/where-to-study-oncanterbury-campus

><u>www.kent.ac.uk/guides/study-space-and-pcs-</u> on-the-medway-campus



IT and Library Support



We're here to help you get online, connect your devices, access software and library e-resources.

Contact us:



online chat

email



Or visit the IT and Library Support Desk on

Floor 1, Templeman Library.

- Search IT and Library help
- kent.ac.uk/library-it/students



Welcome to the 2021/22 Academic Year!





Lupe Sellei VP Academic Experience at Kent Union union-academic@kent.ac.uk

Who are Kent Union & what does Kent Union do?

We are a charity, independent of the university, here to act as the voice of all Kent students.

Your Students' Union is run by students for students.

Students can actively shape the direction of the students' union by voting in elections, talking to your student representatives, getting involved in campaigns or even standing to become a student representative yourself.

Contact: kentunion@kent.ac.uk

What do I focus on?

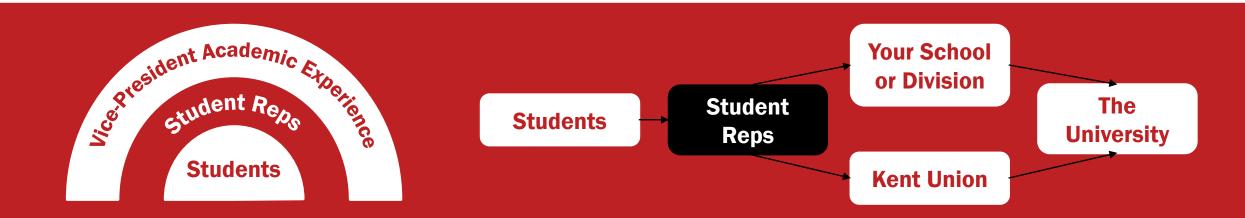
- Academic interests
- Academic societies
- Academic Reps and the Student Voice
- Academic communities
- Medway

Opportunities for change

- Student Voice forums
- Kent Union Parliament
- Changelt platform
- Your Divisional support teams
- Student Reps
- Mid-module and End of term feedback

Student Reps – our key academic volunteers

Student Reps are volunteers who dedicate some of their time across the academic year to represent and support their peers. Any student can become a Student Rep to ensure our team of incredible reps are diverse and bring a wide variety of skills to their roles.



Core role description

- To be an **active member of your Student Rep team**, regularly communicating with each other.
- Be a first point of contact for students to answer questions and to actively listen to their feedback or concerns.
- **Practising inclusivity**, ensuring that you represent all students and considering the different experiences.
- Attend termly meetings of Student Voice Forum a forum for staff and students to discuss issues and ideas to improve the student academic and co-curricular experiences.

But also...

 Lead on campaigns for change in your course and wider University experience.

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- Attend University meetings to represent student views and shape teaching/assessments.
- Research specific aspects of the student experience and write reports/papers to inform discussions and decision-making.
- Contribute to organising academic community events in your school, department or division.

Useful email addresses



- Not sure where to go: studenthelp@kent.ac.uk
- Accommodation: <u>Accomm@kent.ac.uk</u>
- Administration Canterbury: <u>CSAO@kent.ac.uk</u>
- Administration Medway: <u>MSAO@kent.ac.uk</u>
- Your School: Search for your School name on <u>www.kent.ac.uk</u> find contact info on their webpages
- Support and wellbeing: wellbeing@kent.ac.uk
- Advice from Kent Union: advice@kent.ac.uk
- Advice from GK Unions: (Medway) : <u>Advice@gkunions.co.uk</u>
- SLAS: learning@kent.ac.uk or learning@kent.ac.uk





Division Support email addresses



- Arts and Humanities: artshumssupport@kent.ac.uk
- Natural Sciences: <u>NATSugandpgt@kent.ac.uk</u>
- Computing, Engineering and Maths: <u>CEMSugandpgt@kent.ac.uk</u>
- Kent Business School: <u>KBSugandpgt@kent.ac.uk</u>
- Human and Social Sciences: <u>HSSsupport@kent.ac.uk</u>
- Law, Society and Social Justice: lscience.com
- Digital and Lifelong Learning: <u>dall@kent.ac.uk</u>





Useful Links



- Library: https://www.kent.ac.uk/library
- Kent Union: https://kentunion.co.uk/welfare
- Wellbeing Events: https://www.kent.ac.uk/student-support#event_listing_with_date
- Events Calendar: https://www.kent.ac.uk/calendar
- Careers & Employability: https://www.kent.ac.uk/ces/
- Online Learning: https://www.kent.ac.uk/elearning
- SLAS: https://www.kent.ac.uk/learning
- FutureLearn Campus: https://www.futurelearn.com/campus/the-university-of-kent





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