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**Kent**

# POSTGRADUATE GUIDE 2023.



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# WE STAND FOR AMBITION.



**TAKE YOUR  
AMBITION  
FURTHER.**



**38th**

IN THE *TIMES HIGHER  
EDUCATION (THE)* RANKINGS  
BASED ON REF 2021 RESULTS

**250+**

CLUBS AND  
SOCIETIES

**NETZERO**  
COMMITTED  
BY 2040



**150+**  
NATIONALITIES  
ON CAMPUS

**60 mins**  
TO LONDON  
BY TRAIN

Here at the University of Kent we understand your passion to progress. Whether gaining advanced skills or joining a global academic research community drives you, our networks and facilities will help you achieve your ambition. We inspire each other to do outstanding things at Kent and that, in turn, empowers our graduates to do outstanding things in the world. It's something we're very proud of.

### A progressive community

Whether you're looking to move up in your career, change career or want to secure a more rewarding first job, you'll be welcomed into our creative and inclusive community. Our postgrads work hard to achieve their goals, they support each other and we support them, ensuring they gain the specialist and professional skills they need to excel.

Through your studies, you'll further develop your critical thinking and communication skills, and develop skills in negotiation that will help you to succeed both as a collaborative teamworker and as a leader.

### Our inclusive academic environment

We aim for engaging, challenging, encouraging – a learning environment where your voice is heard. We encourage interdisciplinary conversations so, as you become a specialist, you'll also be aware of how your area intersects with others. Outstanding academics who share your passion will work with you, guiding you towards new ideas in your field. You'll be inspired, challenged and supported as your knowledge grows.

You have access to outstanding academic facilities and online resources, as well as superb careers advice and wellbeing support.

### Influential research

Our reputation for world-leading research was confirmed by our outstanding results in the Research Excellence Framework 2021. For you, this means that you'll be joining a community that pushes boundaries, that is ambitious, innovative and intent on making a positive difference to people's lives.

You'll learn from leading thinkers whose work informs their teaching and who understand what it takes to produce world-leading research.

# A-Z COURSES.

Whether you're returning to study after a break or a recent graduate, at Kent you'll find the right course for you.

## A

Actuarial Science\*  
Advanced Computer Science  
American Literature and Culture  
Analysis and Intervention in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities  
Ancient History  
Applied Behaviour Analysis  
Architectural Conservation  
Architectural Practice – ARB Part 3  
Architectural Visualisation  
Architecture and the Sustainable Environment  
Architecture – ARB/RIBA Part 2  
Artificial Intelligence  
Autism Studies

## B

Biomedicine  
Biotechnology and Bioengineering  
Biotechnology and Business  
Business Analytics\*

## C

Cancer Biology and Therapeutics  
Cognitive Psychology / Neuropsychology  
Comparative Literature  
Computer Science

Computer Science (Artificial Intelligence)  
Computer Science (Cyber Security)  
Conservation Biology  
Conservation and International Wildlife Trade  
Conservation and Rural Development  
Conservation Project Management  
Creative Producing  
Creative Writing  
Criminology  
Curating  
Cyber Security

## D

Development Economics  
Developmental Psychology  
Digital Marketing and Analytics\*

## E

Economics  
Economics and Econometrics  
Economics Conversion programme  
English and American Literature  
Ethnobotany  
Experimental and Theoretical Linguistics

## F

Film  
Finance\*  
Finance and Management\*  
Finance, Investment and Risk\*  
Financial Economics  
FinTech\*  
Forensic Osteology and Field Recovery Methods  
Forensic Psychology  
Forensic Science

## H

Healthcare Management\*  
History and Archaeology of the Greek and Roman Worlds  
History and Philosophy of Art  
Human Resource Management\*

## I

Infectious Diseases  
Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities  
International Business and Management\*  
International Conflict Analysis  
International Conflict and Security  
International Development  
International Migration

International Multimedia Journalism  
International Relations  
International Social Policy

## J

Journalism

## L

Law Individualised programme of legal studies  
*Subject pathways*  
• Criminal Justice  
• Human Rights Law  
• Intellectual Property Law  
• International Commercial Law  
• International Criminal Justice  
• International Environmental Law  
• International Law  
• International Law with International Relations  
• Law and Health  
Leadership and Management\*  
Logistics and Supply Chain Management\*

## M

MBA (Master of Business Management)  
Marketing\*  
Medieval and Early Modern Studies  
Modern History

## O

Organisational and Business Psychology

## P

Peace and Conflict Studies  
Philosophy  
Physical Acting  
Political Psychology  
Political Strategy and Communication  
Positive Behaviour Support  
Postcolonial Studies

## R

Reproductive Medicine: Science and Ethics

## S

Security and Terrorism  
Social Anthropology: Humanitarian and Environmental Crises  
Social Psychology  
Social Work  
Sociology  
Statistical Data Science\*  
Strategic Project Management\*

## T

Theatre Making

## U

Urban Planning and Resilience

\*Available with a placement option.

## Did you know...

- 1 Most of our Master's programmes take one year to complete.
- 2 You may be able to start your Master's in September or January.
- 3 A PhD (a doctorate) usually takes three to four years of full-time study.

## Looking for a career change?

We offer conversion Master's in computing, business, law, psychology, economics and journalism.

For details of all our courses, including research Master's and PhDs.



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# CHALLENGE YOURSELF.

Postgraduate study expands your mind and your options. You'll become a critical, creative and strategic thinker with high-level research, planning and communication skills – exactly the attributes all forward-thinking organisations look for.

Whether you have a definite career plan or are still deciding on your future path, have clear goals but are unsure how to reach them, are looking to switch careers or doing well in your career but want to go further, we'll support you as you make important choices for your future.



## Helping you to get ahead

### 1 Award-winning Careers and Employability Service

Personal guidance and advice on career planning, interview technique and assessment centres

### 2 Accredited programmes

Many subject areas offer professionally accredited programmes

### 3 Volunteering and paid work opportunities

A chance to gain valuable and rewarding experience

### 4 Networking and skills training

A package of extra-curricular activities run by our Graduate and Researcher College includes skills development training tailored to taught Master's or research students

### 5 Industry placements

Many of our programmes offer placement/industry options or you may be able to spend time studying or undertaking research abroad

### 6 Advice for entrepreneurs

If you have a business idea, contact our ASPIRE centre for advice and support.



Soon after submitting my dissertation, I started working as an analyst with Arum. My role specialises in helping clients to solve debt challenges and providing support across collections, recoveries and credit. I love how hands-on it is.



Vrnda Vinod  
Business Analytics MSc



# MEET ELYSIA.



**Elysia Barker-Davies chose Kent's taught Master's in Conservation Biology because she wanted to become a better conservationist and develop her career. She thought the mix of ecological and social science would help her to do that, and it has. She's now working on the pioneering Wilder Blean project.**



**Lots of people are excited by change but some fear it. You have to listen to their concerns and explain the benefits. It's super fun but also challenging.**



**Elysia Barker-Davies**  
Conservation Biology MSc alumnus,  
Wilder Engagement Manager

I work at Kent Wildlife Trust as the Wilder Engagement Manager. A huge part of my role is working with communities on conservation projects, which for me is one of the most exciting elements of conservation – after all, the people are the custodians of these lands.

Wilder Blean is an ambitious project. It's part of a massive change in how we manage our woodlands in the UK and we need to get people on board with it. One big part of the project is introducing bison into Blean. Bison are 'ecosystem engineers' whose natural behaviour changes their environment and allows other species to thrive. I hope the chance to see these giant creatures in our local woods will excite people.

The day the bison were released into the woods was amazing. Leading up to it there was a lot of excitement and anticipation but on the day we were all quite emotional. We'd been working on the project for such a long time; to see it become reality was wonderful.

The ecological and climate crises we're facing require a range of tactics and one tactic is definitely Wilding. At Kent Wildlife Trust, we are also working on multiple farm cluster projects, collaborating with farmers to see how we can better manage lands for nature while maintaining food production. I think people are tired of the status quo; we need to think differently.

If you want to work in conservation, I'd say get as much experience as you can and learn from the people you work with. Just immerse yourself in conservation.



SEE OUR TAUGHT  
MASTER'S COURSES  
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# FAQS.

## How to apply?

It's simple: find your course on our website, then apply directly online. Any questions, contact our friendly team at [information@kent.ac.uk](mailto:information@kent.ac.uk).

## Can I get funding?

We have a wide range of bursaries and scholarships. To see whether you're eligible visit: [kent.ac.uk/scholarships](http://kent.ac.uk/scholarships)

## What online resources do you have?

All lectures are recorded and accessible online. See [kent.ac.uk/elearning](http://kent.ac.uk/elearning) for details. Our libraries also have fantastic digital resources.



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## Can I study part-time?

On lots of courses you can. Go to [kent.ac.uk/pg](http://kent.ac.uk/pg) and search courses by study mode for a list of part-time degrees.

## How much are your tuition fees?

Tuition fees vary depending on the type of course. You can find the tuition fee for your course on our course pages [kent.ac.uk/pg](http://kent.ac.uk/pg).

## Are there childcare facilities?

Yes. For details on Oaks Nursery based on our Canterbury campus, visit [kentunion.co.uk/oaks](http://kentunion.co.uk/oaks)

For information on Busy Bees nursery just 10 minutes from our Medway campus, visit [busybeeschildcare.co.uk/nursery/chatham](http://busybeeschildcare.co.uk/nursery/chatham)



## GETTING TO CAMPUS

You can get to Canterbury or Medway from London in under an hour, with both campuses easy to reach by bus, cycle or on foot from local railway stations.

Parking may be available for commuting students.



## STUDENT SUPPORT AND WELLBEING

There's lots of support on hand: our Student Learning Advisory Service offers help with study, writing and research skills and our wellbeing team are on hand if you need emotional or mental health support or you have a disability.



## UNIVERSITY ACCOMMODATION

Decide where you'll feel most at home and find out how you can secure a guaranteed room offer. Canterbury accommodation is on campus; Medway accommodation is set on the riverside, just a 10-minute walk from campus.



EXPLORE OUR ACCOMMODATION  
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## Employability and Careers support

We can help you find your dream job or discover what career would suit you.



FIND OUT MORE ABOUT CAREERS  
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# OUR RESEARCH.

**Our research changes lives. It protects the environment, influences policy, solves problems for businesses and supports the most vulnerable. As part of our brilliant research community your work can have ground-breaking impact.**



RESEARCH PROJECTS  
AT KENT ↪ SCAN ME

“We were absolutely delighted with the University’s very strong performance in REF2021. It was particularly encouraging to see the recognition given to the impact of our research on society. This success was very much a collective effort, grounded in a positive and inclusive research culture, in which the contributions of all those within our research ecosystem are highly valued.”

**Shane Weller, Deputy Vice-Chancellor – Research and Innovation**

At the heart of our research and innovation activity is our commitment to delivering significant cultural, social and economic benefits to communities regionally, nationally and internationally. We have wide-ranging research strengths – recognised in our strong results from the REF2021 research evaluation exercise – with particular areas of excellence in:

- Creativity, Culture and Heritage
- Cyber Security, Digital Technology and Communication
- Health, Social Care and Wellbeing
- Social justice, Inequalities and Conflict
- Sustainability, Environment and Natural Resources.

Alongside this we have invested particularly in three multidisciplinary Signature Research Themes across the University: Positive Environmental Futures, Future

Human, and Migration and Movement. See p14, p20 and p28 for details.

## Our research culture

All members of our community play an active role in our positive and inclusive research culture. Our students are able to shape their own research and professional careers in an environment that encourages research excellence and the commitment to making change.

## Our partnerships

Our links with business and industry give students the opportunity to share knowledge and exchange ideas, leading to positive outcomes for our partners and valuable experiences for our students.

## World-leading research

The 2021 Research Excellence Framework (REF) confirmed Kent’s reputation for world-leading research across the arts and humanities, sciences, and social sciences.

## Research quality rankings

Rankings produced by the *Times Higher Education (THE)* based on the REF results reflect Kent’s excellent performance.

**1st** in the UK for research in History

**2nd** in the UK for research in Law

**3rd** in the UK for research in Social Work & Social Policy

## A further five of our subject areas were ranked in the top 10

Architecture; Classics; Philosophy; Theology; Music, Drama, Dance, Performing Arts, Film and Screen Studies.

## A further seven were ranked in the top 25

Anthropology, Biological Sciences, Computer Science, Economics & Econometrics, English Language & Literature, Modern Languages & Linguistics, Geography & Environmental Studies.



# ANOTHER BITE OF THE CHERRY.

**Two Kent experts in the biology of ageing are on a mission to improve the sustainability of cherry farming.**

Having worked together earlier in their careers Dr Marina Ezcurra and Dr Jenny Tullet were keen to work together again. Looking for new ways of using their knowledge of genetics and molecular biology, they had been thinking about how natural compounds could be used to benefit society.

A colleague introduced them to Kent cherry grower Michael Dalloway. Kent produces 90% of the UK's cherries but Jenny and Maria were shocked to learn how much 'imperfect' fruit ends up being sent to landfill. "We just thought, 'this is ridiculous, we have to do something about this'. Michael was driving around picking up 'waste' cherries to make his cherry juice, so we wanted to use our expertise to help show how nutritious this juice is, to help people understand that 'damaged' fruit can still have health benefits and stop so much of it being wasted."

Jenny and Marina are enjoying working together again: "If you'd told us a year ago that we'd secure £300,000 in funding for a research project focusing on Kent cherries, we probably wouldn't have believed it!



It's been great though, really nice to get back together. We get along very well and have always enjoyed working collaboratively. We share a lab; it's fun!"

Work began in August 2022 and although it's very early days, the data already looks promising. "The project addresses so many key issues of our time: it could help farmers make the most of the crops they produce; educate people about nutrition; create new natural foodstuffs; and possibly identify a natural compound that could ameliorate the effects of ageing. That would be fantastic... and all through cherries, which are so tasty!"

Alongside their research, both Jenny and Marina teach undergraduate and postgraduate students, involving them in their live projects. So, they can add 'inspiring the next generation of scientists' to their list of successes too.



## Positive Environmental Futures...

is building an innovative, creative and inclusive community that is actively focused on addressing real-world challenges and finding solutions to the urgent environmental issues facing the world today.

# YOUR LIFE AT KENT.

**Stimulating, challenging and inspiring, that's life at Kent. A community that is international and diverse, full of ideas and looking for solutions. You'll discover new ways of seeing the world; your goals and ambitions may not change, but how you choose to achieve them might.**

## Graduate and Researcher College (GRC)

The GRC brings together people with a wide range of experience and expertise to help you make a successful transition to postgraduate life and to support your development. We work with you and colleagues across the University to develop resources and support to help you reach your goals.

## Making connections

We know how important it is to feel part of a community and the value of having networks to support and stimulate your work. Meeting with people from different backgrounds and at different stages of their careers is inspiring. Hearing their stories and sharing ideas opens up different ways of thinking about your subject and your future.

The GRC offers an extensive programme of workshops and events through which you can make connections and learn with students

from across the University, as well as social and community-building events. We also offer a range of tailored support, including PhD Buddying and Mentoring, and one-to-one coaching to help you reflect on your goals and develop ways of achieving them.

## Expanding knowledge and skills

We run over 160 lectures, workshops and training events each year to support your development and deepen your learning experience here at Kent.

## Research students

Our Researcher Development Programme provides a flexible range of training to expand your research skills and support your professional development for future work.

## Taught students

Our Global Skills Award Programme will deepen your understanding of key social issues and build up your skills for taking your career forward.

## Get involved

From student-led activities and newsletters, to getting your ideas on our programmes and activities, we're committed to working with you and getting your views heard across the University.

## Study space

Our Postgraduate Study Hub at the Canterbury campus is open 24/7. With study areas, a lounge and a kitchen, it's great for focused study, with company on hand when you need a break. You'll also find other study hubs and places to socialise and relax around our campuses.

## Our libraries

Our libraries offer silent, individual and group study spaces with expert staff on hand to help with literature searches, referencing and lots more. Open seven days a week throughout the year and with extensive online resources, you'll find you can fit your studies around other commitments, wherever you prefer to study.



## Just ask

As a graduate, we know that you're motivated and have the intellectual and practical skills to succeed. From time to time though, you might need more support. And when you do, we'll be there.

- 1 Academic staff can offer advice on module choices and discuss dissertation ideas with you.
- 2 The Student Learning Advisory Service provides help with study and research skills and can be particularly useful if you are returning to study after a break.
- 3 Kent's Wellbeing team can help if you have a disability or need support with your emotional or mental health.
- 4 The student union runs an advice service to help with academic or personal issues; a Campus Pantry where you can pick up food and toiletries if you're finding it hard to make ends meet; and a Freecycle scheme to provide essential items for your flat, usually donated by other students.
- 5 Over the summer there are a range of social and academic support events specifically for postgrads.



**The GRC staff are really supportive and helpful. I recently completed the Global Skills Award and found the programme fascinating and insightful.**



Lucas Steinbach,  
Security and Terrorism MA





Being a mature student with additional responsibilities (I have young children), a full-time course was always going to be challenging. I've found the support available incredible.



Loveness Mshipe-Williams  
Social Work MA



### Take a break

Postgraduate study, while exhilarating, is also intense and demanding. When you need a break, there's lots to do at Kent.

### Join in

There are hundreds of student societies you could join, including national and political groups, dance, chess and debating societies, mindfulness and environmental groups. Why not get involved with Kent's Community Oasis Garden? You'll learn about growing food sustainably and discover that getting your hands dirty is great for emotional wellbeing.

Kent Union runs a 'Buddy Scheme', a great way to meet someone who shares your interests.

### Make music

If you're a musician, you could become a member of our Chorus, Symphony Orchestra, Concert and Big Bands, Chamber Choir or one of the many other ensembles.

### Stay fit (or get fit!)

Keeping active has a positive effect on your wellbeing. So take advantage of the sports facilities at our Canterbury campus. These include: a fitness suite, indoor and outdoor tennis and netball pitches, and Astro and grass pitches. There's fitness classes too. Everyone is welcome.



### Work part-time

Many of our students supplement their income by working part-time.

The Kent Postgraduate Student Ambassador Scheme offers experience in teaching and working with children and young adults. [kent.ac.uk/ambassadors](http://kent.ac.uk/ambassadors)

We also employ students to work at large events and small group visits.

If you're planning to live in University accommodation, you can apply to become a Residential Life Assistant, supporting undergraduate students. In return, you receive a discount on your accommodation fees.

Kent Union's Jobshop can help you find part-time or temporary work in the community.

### Volunteering

Volunteering is very rewarding and gives you the chance to get to know your local community. As a volunteer, you can also gain 'employability points', giving you the chance to apply for exclusive internships, work placements, training and more. [kent.ac.uk/employability-points](http://kent.ac.uk/employability-points)

### Your student union

Ben Bradley is Vice-President for Postgraduate Experience at Kent Union. As a recent Master's student, Ben understands postgrad life and wants to ensure yours runs smoothly. His aim is to maintain Kent's unique community spirit, while improving the postgraduate experience for all students.

"Kent Union is here to help you settle in to life at Kent and ensure you get the most out of your time here, both academically and socially.

"We love how diverse our postgrad community is. There's a place for every student, with dedicated communities for mature and part-time students; LGBTQ+; women; BAME; faith groups; and many more.

"We want to make sure that however you want to spend your time, there's something here for you. My advice is to get to know your campus in the early days before your studies are in full swing; join societies and sports clubs, you might be surprised at how many postgrad students are involved.

"And look out for our drop-in sessions, coffee mornings, craft days and opportunities to socialise online."

# EVERY BREATH YOU TAKE.

**John Dickinson's research on asthma and breathing issues in elite athletes led to him working with Team GB swimmers, as well as top football clubs including Arsenal, Liverpool and Manchester United. Discover how his research is changing lives.**

## Getting started

In 2003, interest piqued by an article on breathing muscle trainers, recent graduate John Dickinson contacted the academic behind the story to see if there were any related PhD opportunities. Six months later, he was testing the British Olympic team for asthma.

Almost 20 years on, John's research has led to major advances in our understanding of the diagnosis and management of asthma in elite athletes. "Asthma prevalence in the general population is about 10%, but we've found that in elite athletes it's much higher: 70% in the British swimming team and between 25% and 30% in rugby and football.

"We've discovered that a lot of athletes who have asthma are told they don't and vice versa, and also that other respiratory problems, such as breathing pattern disorder, are missed. We're able to give athletes a secure diagnosis, which means they and their team can address the correct issue. Often training becomes easier and ultimately their performance improves."



People think athletes are super healthy but they push their bodies to the limit, which can lead to breathing issues.



Professor John Dickinson  
School of Sport and Exercise  
Sciences

## Working with WADA

Following stories suggesting that using asthma inhalers gave athletes an unfair advantage, John was asked by the World Anti-Doping Association to investigate. "The worry was that athletes who needed to use inhalers would be reluctant to do so. For me, it wasn't just about elite athletes, it was also about kids avoiding using their inhalers because they were seen as a bad thing and by doing that damaging their lungs. So to be able to show that normal inhaler use doesn't give you 'super lungs' but does ensure you have healthy lungs was rewarding."

## Changing lives

A pioneer in the field, John is now a recognised expert who believes his work, including his latest project investigating breathing pattern disorder, can help all of us, not just those at the top of their game: "My hunch is that a lot of people try exercise but get breathless and stop. Our research has shown what a healthy breathing pattern looks like, so it might be possible to devise some general principles around breathing, which could help people stay active."

## Inspiring the next generation

At Kent, John teaches students at all levels. "I bring my experiences to my teaching, to illustrate how what students learn relates to real-world situations. When I can, I involve students in my research, it's really valuable experience for them. I love seeing students move on to careers they're excited about: one of our students now works with racing car drivers, while another works at the English Institute of Sport."



## Future Human...

explores the use of science and technology for future human development by creating a broad and interdisciplinary understanding of the opportunities, limits, challenges, and risks of using science and technology to overcome the limits of our bodies.



# CANTERBURY.

Canterbury is a fascinating place to live. Historic with medieval alleyways, cobbled streets and a world-famous cathedral. Contemporary with cafés, pubs, rooftop bars, independent shops, restaurants, a theatre and cinema.

Our library is open 24/7 with study spaces to suit everyone



Excellent facilities support your studies



Our green and beautiful land – and the great view



OUR CAMPUS



Our Canterbury campus provides superb facilities to support your studies. There are also cafés, bars, a cinema, a theatre, bookshop, convenience store, even a nightclub and plenty of green spaces, woods and fields where you can walk, cycle or just relax.

We asked student Maria-Lore Haag for her 'best of' list.

### Best place to study

On-campus for focused study it's the Library's silent area; if I need support, my friends and I book a study room. Off-campus, I head to the Chocolate Café in Canterbury. The view of the cathedral inspires me!

### Best place to relax

On Eliot slopes you can see the city but nature's all around you; it has a very calming energy. Off-campus I love Dane John Gardens bordered by the old city walls.

### Best place to eat?

Campus: Origins' veggie burger; Hut-8's wraps; Dolche Vita's curry. Canterbury: Posillipo, great Italian food.

### Best student hack?

Always carry your student ID; you'll get lots of discounts!

### Key to postgraduate happiness?

A good community of friends and a steady routine.

London, always different and amazing things to do



Whitstable, beautiful town by the sea; delicious oysters.



Margate, sand, sea, art, cafés, vintage shops, amazing sunsets



THE BEST TRIPS!





# MEDWAY.

Medway is a great place to study with fantastic transport links and lots to do in the local towns of Rochester and Chatham. Explore the area's history, relax in the cafés and bars, the cinema or theatre. For green space, visit a countryside park or take a riverside walk.



Our Medway campus provides exceptional facilities for our professionally focused courses. There are cafés in the Drill Hall Library and in our Student Hub. The Hub also hosts evening events and is a great place to meet friends; it also houses the student union offices. The campus has two sites, Pembroke, home to the excellent Drill Hall Library and The Historic Dockyard Chatham.

We share the campus with two other universities, so you get to mix with a wide range of people.

We asked student Lupe Sellei for her 'best of' list.

### Best place to study

The Drill Hall Library quiet study space is my favourite. It is very calming and seeing so many other people working super hard motivates me.

### Best place to relax

The pier in Pier Quays. You can watch the boats, chill on a bench and take in some fresh air. Indoors, the social space in the Rochester Building is a good option.

### Best place to eat

Taco Bell in Pier 5! I would highly recommend getting a crunchwrap supreme and the cinnamon twists.

### Hidden gem

The Great Lines Heritage park. Walk to the Chatham Naval Memorial, take a seat and enjoy the amazing view.

### Key to postgraduate happiness

It's very easy to get wrapped up in work, so make sure you take some time off to enjoy.

London, 50 minutes by train; enjoy the art and museums



Dover, walk along the white cliffs and visit Dover Castle



Bluemwater: 300 stores, an urban beach, boating on the lake



THE BEST TRIPS!





At BSIS, you get the best teaching experience and the right opportunities to develop your career.



Dario Sabbioni  
BSIS graduate now a diplomat for the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

# BRUSSELS.

**Studying in Brussels, home to NATO, the EU, the European Commission and many NGOs, you'll take part in discussions that influence global, economic, legal and political strategy. It's the ideal place to build international networks.**

## Brussels School of International Studies (BSIS)

At BSIS, we offer courses in the fields of international relations, conflict, development, migration and law. We have built up contacts that give our students excellent networking opportunities. Alongside your studies, you attend guest lectures and conferences with diplomats, politicians and business leaders from around the world. There are many internships available in Brussels, and we can help you with applications and interview practice. We also work with a career and advice coaching organisation to further develop your skills.

All teaching is in English and you have access to first-class facilities at BSIS as well as the Vrije Universiteit Brussel. You also have digital access to library and other study resources at Canterbury and Medway.

## Brussels, 'capital of Europe'

Brussels has an international feel, with a third of its inhabitants from outside of Belgium. A lively city, where stunning 17th-century architecture sits alongside modern 20th-century buildings, its many cafés and restaurants make it easy to meet friends.

We asked student Sj Joshi to recommend her favourite places.

### Best place to study

VUB library, Serra (Café with free wifi), Llyod café eatery (free wifi), BSIS seminar rooms.

### Best day trip

Knokke Beach. It's an hour and a half by train, to this cute almost boutique town with a beach, good waves and paninis! Or Ghent when it's not sunny enough for the beach.

### Hidden gem

Abbaye de la Cambre, great park and absolutely beautiful church.



↳ SCAN ME

# PARIS.

**There is no better place to study the arts than Paris. A cultural centre for centuries, it is still a hub of contemporary creativity.**

## Paris School of Arts and Culture

We offer courses in creative writing, art history, film, and history. Regular seminars and talks in collaboration with partners including Columbia University Global Centers, University of London Institute in Paris and the American University of Paris help to integrate you into the student community in Paris.

Based in historic Montparnasse, you are taught in English by academics who bring theory to life in guided trips around the city. Through your studies you become familiar with the city's libraries, museums, archives and galleries, you have all you need to excel.

Stimulating and easy to navigate, Paris is the perfect city for 'urban explorers'.

We asked student Seb Jones to share some of his discoveries.

### Best place to study

The library at Reed hall, the American library and the bibliotheque nationale all have excellent facilities if you require quiet places and bookcases.

### Hidden gem

The open mic nights and writing workshops from Paris Lit Up. Run by PSOAC alumnus Leah Soeiro and her partner Ed Bell, this is the best place to be on any Thursday evening for performances from well-known and undiscovered talents. Poetry, music, and other louche happenings supported by a welcoming community.

### Best day trip

Make use of the excellent rail network and head to La Rochelle; it's only three hours away by train. If castles don't interest you perhaps try the northern coast. Eat unpronounceable fish soup and gaze at a desolate stretch of grey ocean (fun!). Closer to home are the gardens at Giverny or Versailles.



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# MAKING A DIFFERENCE.



## Migration and Movement...

aims to expand understanding of migration beyond the movement of people, to include the migration of pathogens, monies, technologies, cultures, scriptures, coffee, drugs, medicines, labour, and ideas.



**Kent academic Dr Bridget Ng'andu combines her passion for research and teaching with her passion for social justice and is a founding member of the charity Social Workers Without Borders (SWWB). Whether talking to today's social workers or teaching tomorrow's, her hope is to create a culture where the powerless have a voice.**



I have always been interested in research as a way of finding out how we can make a difference in practice.



Dr Bridget Ng'andu  
Lecturer in Social Work

In 2014/15 Bridget Ng'andu was teaching social work at Ruskin College and watched as the numbers of people migrating to Europe began to rise. As a social worker, she had worked with many unaccompanied young asylum seekers so understood the human stories behind the headlines. With the skills to help, Bridget and a colleague decided to go to Calais to offer support to young asylum seekers, the first of many trips.

On her visits to Calais, Bridget found that many of the volunteers were practising social workers and wanted to understand why. In 2017, she joined the University of Kent, attracted by the research taking place there and the opportunities that might offer for her own work. "Once at Kent, I secured funding and began talking to practitioners in the UK volunteering with SWWB. I found that many working in local authorities were frustrated by the bureaucratic nature of their jobs and found volunteering gave them more job satisfaction than their day-to-day work.

"It also became clear that they were worried about how volunteering with asylum seekers would be viewed by colleagues. I wanted to explore this further by talking to more practitioners about how the system and culture around working with asylum seekers and refugees can be changed. I was particularly interested in talking to practitioners in Kent as migration is such a big part of the national conversation and relevant to Kent's story."



The hope is that this research will eventually lead to changes in attitude and policy, but Bridget believes educating students could have a more immediate impact on practice. "At Kent, we embed issues around working with asylum seekers and refugees in our UG and PG courses. Giving students a better understanding of how to work in this area will help them in their own practice and hopefully make it easier for colleagues to discuss the issue. Leading on this gives me a chance to have a really positive impact and that is very rewarding."

Giving people the chance to talk about their experiences is something that Bridget is also keen to do: "I am very conscious that practitioners get a huge voice, while refugees and asylum seekers don't. In the future I would like to rebalance that, so that rather than being talked about, refugees can tell their own story."

Bridget's research is supported by Kent's Migration and Movement signature research theme, which has also supported Refugee Tales. This project has been giving refugees and asylum seekers a voice since 2015 by publishing their stories and organising an annual walk where refugees and supporters walk and talk. Kent's engagement led to the University hosting The Walk, featuring the 3.5m tall puppet Little Amal (pictured above), which highlighted the urgent needs of young refugees.



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**Funding your studies is an important part of your decision-making, so start researching options early. Kent's multimillion-pound scholarship fund and memberships of key consortia gives you a number of options.**

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- Consortium for the Humanities and the Arts South-East England (CHASE)
- The Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC)
- South Coast Biosciences (SoCoBio)

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