

STAND FOR AMBITION.

University of
Kent

POSTGRADUATE GUIDE 2024



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WE ARE KENT.

Hear from members of our community – current students, and alumni – as they share their experiences of Kent.



Jack



Toni



Pako



Ben



Caroline



Moronke



Maria-Lore



Lupe

WE STAND FOR AMBITION.

We are all part of a vibrant, creative and inclusive university seeking to make our mark. 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.

By choosing Kent for postgraduate study, you're taking another significant step to unlocking your ambition and securing your future.

Your decisions are more focused and your subject is even more specialist which is why our courses combine teaching excellence, world-leading research and practical experience to help you get ahead and gain an edge.

You're not on your own either, Kent is where you'll find a community of thinkers like you: niche thinkers, analytical thinkers, I-can't-believe-I-discovered-that thinkers. People, just as you are, investing in themselves and their future.

We believe in the potential of everyone involved in Kent to make a difference.

Make your ambition count with us.



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OUT MORE

WHY KENT FOR YOUR POSTGRAD?



Becoming a postgraduate student at the University of Kent is the next exciting move to investing in your future – and we know you have a passion to progress. So whether it's gaining advanced skills or joining a global academic research community that drives you, we go above and beyond to help you achieve your ambition.

Join the change-makers

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.

When you start at Kent, you'll be warmly welcomed into our diverse and inclusive community. You'll study alongside people who, although on a different path to you, are just as determined to make a difference.



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

Our inspiring teaching

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 state-of-the-art facilities and online resources, as well as superb study support.

We're leading the way

Our reputation for world-leading research was confirmed by our outstanding results across the arts and humanities, sciences and social sciences in the Research Excellence Framework 2021. For you, this means that you'll hear about the latest developments, learn from leading thinkers whose work informs their teaching and be part of a community that pushes boundaries and is intent on making a positive contribution and difference to people's lives.

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*
 Advanced Research in Criminology
 American Literature and Culture
 Analysis and Intervention in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
 Ancient History
 Applied Actuarial Science*
 Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA)
 Applied Behaviour Analysis (UK-SBA)
 Architecture – ARB/RIBA Part 2
 Architectural Conservation
 Architectural Practice – ARB Part 3
 Architecture and the Sustainable Environment
 Architectural Visualisation
 Artificial Intelligence*
 Autism Studies

B

Biomedicine
 Biotechnology and Bioengineering
 Business Analytics*

C

Cancer Biology and Therapeutics
 Clinical Psychology

Cognitive Psychology / Neuropsychology
 Computer Science*
 Computer Science (Artificial Intelligence)*
 Computer Science (Cyber Security)*
 Conservation Biology
 Conservation and International Wildlife Trade
 Conservation Project Management
 Conservation and Rural Development
 Creative Producing
 Creative Writing
 Criminology
 Cyber Security*

Development Economics
 Developmental Psychology
 Digital Marketing and Analytics*

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

F

Film
 Finance*
 Financial Economics
 Finance, Investment and Risk*
 Finance and Management*
 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 Multimedia Journalism
 International Relations
 International Social Policy

Did you know...

- 1 Most of our Master's courses take one year to complete.
- 2 You may be able to start your Master's in January. See kent.ac.uk/january-start
- 3 A PhD (a doctorate) usually takes three to four years of full-time study.

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
- Law and Society

Logistics and Supply Chain Management*

M

MBA (Master of Business Administration)

Marketing*

Medieval and Early Modern Studies

Methods of Social Research

Modern History

Multimedia Journalism

O

Organisational and Business Psychology

P

Peace and Conflict Studies

Pharmacy – Associate Postgraduate Student Programme

Philosophy

Performance – Physical Acting

Positive Behaviour Support (ABAI)

Positive Behaviour Support

(UK-SBA)

Psychology Conversion programme

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

Two Year Master's in International

Social Policy

U

Urban Planning and Resilience

*Available with a placement option.

FOR DETAILS OF ALL OUR COURSES, INCLUDING RESEARCH MASTER'S AND PHDS ↴





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See your PhD as part of your career, not something that comes before it. [Mine] gave me time to build a network of people and see the jobs they did, so I could enter the job market and hit the ground running.

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THERE'S MEANING IN THE MONEY.

Dr Jack Meaning chose postgraduate study at Kent because he knew it would get him places, and it certainly has. Now a Senior Economic Adviser at the Bank of England and best-selling co-author of *Can't We Just Print More Money?*, the Bank's first pop-econ book, Jack's investment in academia has really paid off.

A decade of study is a huge commitment, but if you knew it would mean big things for you and open doors to a rewarding career, you'd go for it, wouldn't you? That's what Jack Meaning did and he chose Kent for the journey: 'The type of job I wanted to do required a further qualification than my undergrad, so I decided to stay on for a Master's. I enjoyed the subject so much that I continued studying for a PhD as well.'

Knowing what it takes to embark on a PhD and with plenty of experience under his belt, Jack's advice to future students is to be flexible: 'Make sure you choose a research topic that you're really interested in but be prepared for it all to change and evolve. Roll with it – you will learn as you go along. But definitely make the most of the expertise of other people in the department too; they are happy to give up their time to offer you advice.'

Jack also told us how pivotal his doctoral has been to his career success: 'There are some jobs that are very difficult to get without a PhD and mine is one of them. My PhD allowed me to gain a deep level of technical understanding and expertise which set me apart.'

But Jack's PhD hasn't just set him apart in the financial sector, he's now using his expertise to educate. For the first time in the Bank of England's more than 300-year history, Jack and his co-author Rupal Patel have been trusted to put their knowledge on the page with the aim of changing the Bank's intimidating image for the next generation of economists.

INVEST IN YOURSELF.

Postgraduate study is more than a step in the right direction – it's an asset for your future.

Future proofing

We know that when you choose a postgraduate course, you're carefully selecting the knowledge, tools and experience you need to go further; not to mention a university that will provide you with those opportunities.

That's why we help you to develop the graduate attributes that all forward-thinking employers look for – strategic thinking paired with high-level research, planning and communication skills.

Set yourself apart

Experience counts when it comes to applying for your dream job. So, wherever possible, we give you the opportunities you need to stand out and get ahead in competitive industries.

Some of our courses offer a 12-month placement option, but if short-term experience is what you're after, you may be able to work on a three-month research consultancy project – in a real business environment – as part of our In-Company Scheme.

Or, instead of heading into industry, you could add value to your postgrad by studying or undertaking research abroad; great for personal growth and an impressive addition to your CV.

Skills to succeed

Our Graduate and Researcher College runs a package of extracurricular activities tailored to taught Master's and research students – an opportunity to meet students outside of your course.

For taught Master's students

Throughout your time at Kent, you'll be invited to attend extracurricular lectures and workshops. They'll cover topics such as leadership, to help you further develop your employability skills, and also offer opportunities to discuss societal challenges with your peers, sharing ideas and considering solutions.

For research students

Get career-ready while improving your effectiveness as a researcher with our Researcher Development Programme (RDP).

With over 250 workshops on more than 80 topics, run by academics and external consultants, the RDP provides you with a variety of skills and knowledge including rapid reading, how to use archives and special collections and how to write research grants.

GETTING AHEAD.

Postgraduate study at Kent expands your mind and your options. Our courses equip you with creative, critical and analytical thinking skills and our training and placements will give you a head start in your chosen career. Whatever your discipline, you'll gain the knowledge and experience that gives employers confidence in your ability and expertise.

Helping you to go further

1 Dedicated Careers and Employability Service

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

2 Accredited programmes

Many subject areas offer professionally accredited programmes

3 Conversion Master's

Take a conversion Master's, available in computing, business, law, psychology, economics and journalism, to extend your skills and career options

4 Expanding knowledge and skills

Over 160 lectures, workshops and training events each year support your development and deepen your learning experience at Kent

5 Volunteering and paid work opportunities

A chance to gain valuable and rewarding experience

6 Advice for entrepreneurs

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



BE INSPIRED.

Our focus is on helping you to succeed. We're right behind you as you explore your options, map your path and change your future.

Innovative teaching

Postgraduate study is different; you're not starting from scratch when it comes to thinking, learning and finding out what inspires you. But at Kent, you'll keep developing new ideas, experiencing new challenges and finding new ways of seeing the world.

You'll work with world-leading researchers who are driven to make a difference: creating shock-absorbing materials that can stop supersonic impacts or helping to tackle killer diseases in young athletes.

And because they share your passion, you'll collaborate to test new theories, support departmental research and even contribute to regional, national or international change.





Our spaces

Developing new ideas and putting them into words is easier when you have great places to work. We've invested in superb facilities to give you the university experience you deserve. We have dedicated specialist facilities for your subject: from mock courtrooms to forensic crime scenes; world-class labs to an on-campus observatory.

For focused study, our libraries are perfect. There's extensive online resources and expert staff on hand to help. Choose from silent, individual or group study zones or for a distraction-free environment, you could book a free study carrel in Canterbury's Templeman Library.

Or perhaps you'd like to study exclusively with your postgrad peers? Our Postgraduate Study Hub on the Canterbury campus is open 24/7 with PCs and collaborative study zones, as well as a kitchen and lounge for socialising and relaxing.

The Graduate and Researcher College provides dedicated spaces for postgraduate students too, including a training room for researcher development activities, workshops and conferences.

Supporting you

To enjoy and achieve your best in your postgraduate degree, you need to feel comfortable in your academic environment. If that means you need some support, just ask, our professionals are ready to listen and help you.

For support with study and research skills, the Student Learning Advisory Service is the place to go. Whether you're returning to study after a break and you'd like some help with academic writing, or you just need some techniques to better manage your time and meet deadlines, our advisers can help. There are also our online resources, workshops and personal appointments (either online or face-to-face) to take advantage of.

Your teachers are a sounding board, they can discuss research ideas with you, recommend additional reading and offer advice on module choices.

TAKE IT FROM TONI.



Thinking about going from undergrad to postgrad study but not sure what to expect? Take it from Toni. Currently studying for a Master's in Criminology, and soon to take up an exciting role with Kent Union, she knows what it's like to level up and take the next step.

'I wasn't sure whether I'd be good enough to do a Master's, but doing very well in my undergrad helped me to make up my mind. Kent was the natural choice for me; I enjoyed my first degree in Criminal Justice and Criminology at Medway and I knew from my years going back and forth to the Canterbury campus to play netball that it would be a lovely place to continue my studies.

I'm glad I decided to stay on for further study – I'm really enjoying my Master's. Don't get me wrong, there's a lot to get your head around but, in terms of content, I wouldn't say it's been any harder than my undergrad. The noticeable difference I've found is that the assignments are longer and the classes are smaller, so you have to stay on top of all your reading!

My first degree really prepared me for a Master's and, oddly, so did the pandemic in terms of independent learning. The gradual build-up in academic intensity from my first year to now helped me get used to different ways of working too. So now, whenever I'm given an assignment, I know exactly what to do: I put the deadlines in my calendar; track them against my study commitments for my other modules and then create a detailed plan to get them done. I try to work a month in advance of my deadlines, which has served me well so far.

You'll be more independent as a Master's student and I enjoy it for that reason. That doesn't mean you'll be alone though, there are always people you can go to for support – if I email my lecturers or the Head of Criminology, they get back to me pretty much straightaway. The postgraduate community is also very supportive. I'm in a group chat with all of my course mates and we reach out to each other if we need help.'

Toni's proof that your Master's doesn't have to be all work and no play, something she's keen to share with any recent graduates: 'I'm really excited to start as Kent Union's Vice-President for Student Engagement once I've finished my Master's. Running for the role was great fun, if not a bit intense, but it was something I wanted to make time for during my Master's. And that would be my biggest takeaway for anyone reading this – don't be put off a Master's because you think you're going to stare at your laptop 24/7! It's really worth it, and there's still plenty of time for fun, you've just got to be passionate about your subject and nail your time management. Get the balance right and you'll get the most out of your postgrad experience.'

THE WORLD ON CAMPUS.

Journeying across the world to study is an ambitious move and one we wholeheartedly support you with at Kent. We believe in the power of our global community – a thriving society of staff and students, all ready to welcome you.

A place for everyone

Kent attracts students from all over the world and our campuses provide a welcoming environment where you can be yourself. We want you to feel at home here.

With more than 157 nationalities on campus and over 250 student-led societies, including many focusing on national cultures, you'll find it easy to connect with students from all corners of the world. Look out for our celebrations on campus too, such as Diwali, Holi, Thanksgiving, the Chinese New Year and WorldFest, our annual celebration of our international community.

Here for you

We have a long history of welcoming and supporting international students, so don't feel nervous about stepping out of your comfort zone, you're in good hands here.

If you need to develop your language skills before your studies, we offer pre-sessional courses on campus and online to help you develop your English language proficiency.

Or, if funding's on your mind, we have a range of scholarships and bursaries exclusively for international students, including the International Scholarship for Taught Master's Students. Find out more at kent.ac.uk/international/international-scholarships

Meet us in your country

You can talk to one of our representatives in your country about studying at Kent. You can also meet our team at our virtual events, wherever you are in the world. See kent.ac.uk/international for details.

Individual tours

If you live outside of the UK and Europe, we can organise individual tours of our Canterbury or Medway campuses (advance notice is required). To arrange a visit, just complete the personal campus tours form at kent.ac.uk/informal



From Botswana to Kent

‘Made for me’. That’s how graduate Pako Lekoko described her MSc in Business Analytics at Kent. Her aim for Master’s study? To make a mark in the management consulting industry.

Ever since moving from her home in Botswana, Pako has taken ambitious strides for her future. After completing a BSc in Actuarial Science at Kent, she decided to stay on for her Master’s: ‘I loved my undergraduate experience so much that I chose to stay at Kent for my postgrad, but knowing that the world is continuously going digital further fuelled my conviction to pursue an MSc in Business Analytics.’

Just like her BSc, Pako’s Master’s ticked all of her boxes, even some that she wasn’t expecting. ‘I feel like the course was created specifically for me because it catered for how I learn best – practical learning that’s mostly assessed through coursework. My course bought me into a more self-aware, fearless and confident version of myself. I actually became more myself than I’d ever been before!’

Pako found success only three months after she submitted her Master’s dissertation: she revived and rebranded an old business to form Zaidi, a coaching service for university students; founded The Runway, a mentorship programme for people embarking on study in the UK; and was headhunted by a management consulting firm in Botswana: ‘In less than six months, I went from being a junior consultant to a senior member of the team and blazed a new trail by leading the creation of a new service.’

Yet, like so many Kent graduates, she hasn’t put any of her ambition on ice. Now Executive Director of Zaidi, Pako has also been selected to join the Young African TradeExperettes (YATEs) Fellowship – a network of women trade experts from around the world. Using their expertise in the industry, Pako and her Fellow peers are now putting a spotlight on the current challenges in trade policy.



OUR RESEARCH.

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.

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 groundbreaking impact.

Our research institutes

We have invested particularly in four multidisciplinary research institutes across the University, all of which reflect our commitment to deliver significant cultural, social and economic benefits to communities regionally, nationally and internationally.

1 Institute of Cultural and Creative Industries (iCCi)

Enabling new ways of researching and teaching, iCCi plays a key regional role in the development of the fast-moving creative and cultural industries. By bringing together and energising the wealth of creative knowledge and expertise that exists at the University, iCCi leads the development of innovative ideas and inspires the next generation of thinkers.

2 Institute of Cyber Security for Society (iCSS)

Harnessing expertise across the University, iCSS addresses current and future cyber security challenges. Committed to converting research into real-world innovations, methods, procedures, products, services and policies, iCSS helps people and organisations better protect themselves and society in the cyber-physical world.

3 Durrell Institute of Conservation and Ecology (DICE)

By developing capacity and improving conservation management and policy through high-impact research, DICE aims to conserve biodiversity and the ecological processes that support ecosystems and people. The Institute's applied conservation focus breaks down the barriers between the natural and social sciences.

4 Institute of Health, Social Care and Wellbeing (iHSCW)

Aiming to serve as a major regional catalyst for the highest-quality research, knowledge exchange and education in the fields of health, social care and wellbeing, iHSCW draws on expertise from across all areas of the University and our wider health and care community in Kent.



↑ OUR RESEARCH
INSTITUTES

OUR STORIES.

Our research strengths are interdisciplinary, they work together to both tackle and promote change. From protecting the environment by dismantling wildlife trafficking cybercrime networks to using generative AI technologies, developed in the creative industries, for use in biomedical research.

Recognised in our strong results from the REF2021 research evaluation exercise, we have wide-ranging research strengths 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.



↑ OUR RESEARCH STRENGTHS





Another bite of the cherry

Find out how Dr Marina Ezcurra and Dr Jenny Tullet, professors in Kent's School of Biosciences, are using their knowledge of genetics and molecular biology to improve the sustainability of cherry farming.



Making a difference

Read how Kent academic Dr Bridget Ng'andu is combining her passion for research and teaching with her passion for social justice to create a culture where the powerless have a voice.



Creating art from heartbeats

Can AI help us to understand how we interact with performance arts? Learn how researchers in iCCi are exploring the ways in which wearable technology – used to monitor audiences' heart rates during live performances – and AI algorithms can help us to understand human emotional reactions.



Every breath you take

Professor John Dickinson's pioneering research has led to major advances in our understanding of the diagnosis and management of asthma in elite athletes. Discover how his research can help all of us, not just those at the top of their game.



YOUR LIFE AT KENT.

We know that you're dedicated to your subject, but everyone needs some downtime. So whether you want to make music, volunteer, start a new hobby or continue with an existing one; there's plenty to throw yourself into during your time at Kent.

Get involved

Kent Union offers a wealth of opportunities to enrich your time as a postgraduate student. They're committed to working with you and getting your views heard across the University, but they also support hundreds of student groups to help you get the most out of your experience.

Join in

Maybe you're keen on debating, want to improve your salsa moves or would like to practice mindfulness. Whatever your interests, our variety of societies and networks will connect you with new people studying a range of subjects.

Or 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.

For events focused on your career and wellbeing, you can get involved in our PG Summer programme. Come along by yourself, or sign up to our PG Summer Buddy scheme to be paired with a fellow student.

Make a difference

Are you a champion for change? If so, you could become a student representative like Toni and Ben (p14 and 23); help out as a Residential Life Assistant like Caroline (p23); campaign for the causes close to your heart; or join in with our sustainability initiatives on campus such as the Kent Community Oasis Garden.

Reach your personal best

Whether you exercise regularly or just want to try something new, you'll find the sports facilities you're looking for at our Canterbury campus. There's something for everyone with a range of fitness classes; indoor and outdoor tennis and netball pitches; and Astro and grass pitches.

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.

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.

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.'



Society spotlight: Mature Student Society

During her time at Kent studying for her undergrad, Master's and now her PhD in Classical & Archaeological Studies, Caroline Harriman has been involved in many extracurriculars, including her current roles as a Postgraduate Digital Media Assistant and a Residential Life Assistant. She's also a member of the Mature Student Society, a group that's especially important to her.

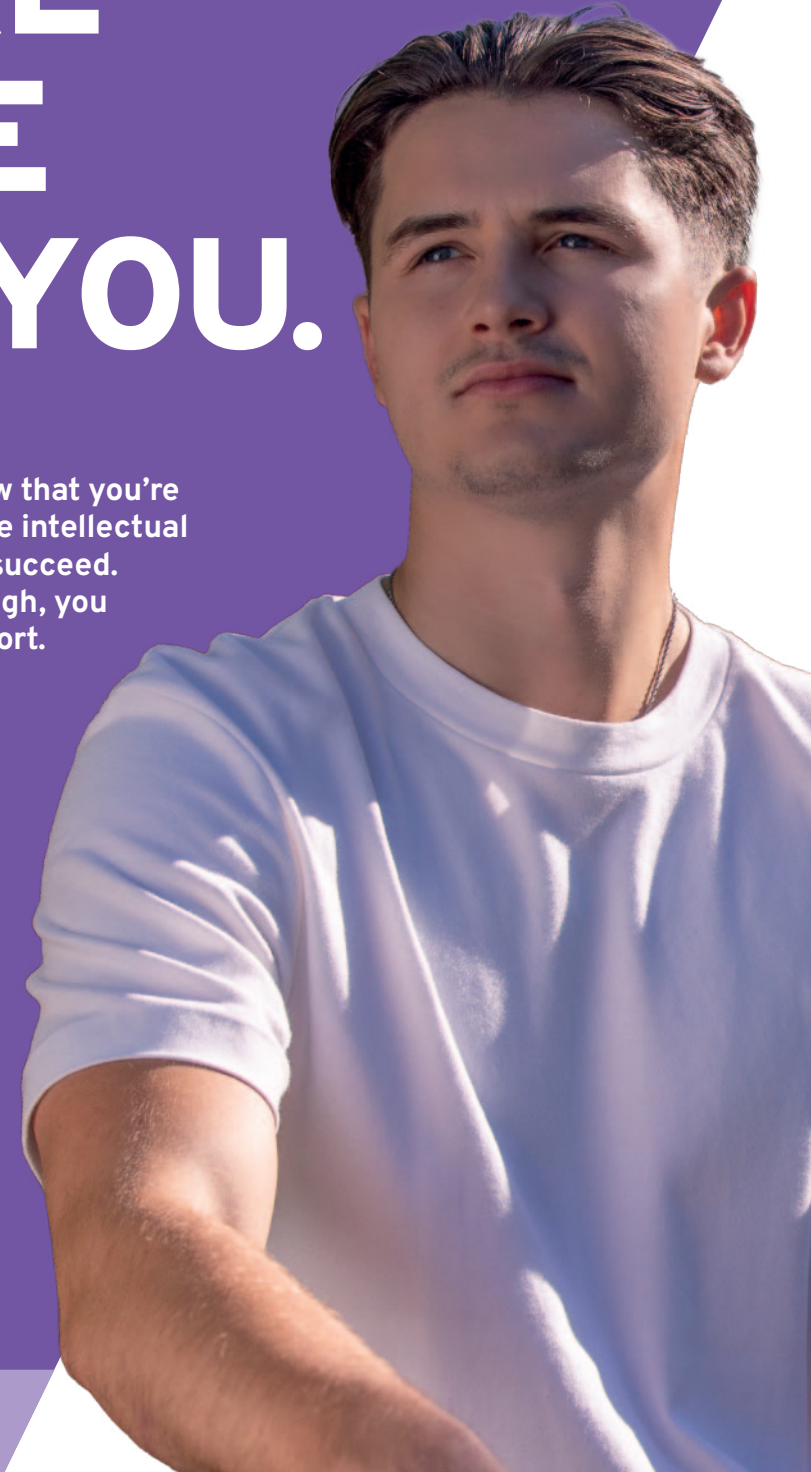
'I was looking for a society with people of a similar age to me, so I spoke to a friend who's also studying for her PhD and she encouraged me to join the Mature Student Society. I'm so glad I did. Everybody is wonderful and the society encompasses many of my own values in terms of inclusivity and diversity. It's made up of people from different levels of study, undergraduate, Master's and PhD; from different cultures and backgrounds; and from different walks of life. There are society members who have come back to study after working for three decades: I met a lady who's in her 60s and is a first-year undergrad here.'

We're a very active community; there's about 200 of us and even more as part of our Facebook group. And as a community does, we make sure that our events or meet-ups are as accessible as possible, taking into account people's circumstances and commitments, whether that be commuting, childcare or caring responsibilities. For example, most of our picnics (very popular by the way) are organised during normal study hours, avoiding days when there are symposiums or seminars.

What I love the most about the Mature Student Society is that you come as you are; you're welcomed immediately and there's always something going on to bring people together. Find out for yourself – join us!

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU.

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.



Just ask

1 Study support

Kent's Student Learning Advisory Service provides help with study and research skills – particularly useful if you're returning to study after a break

2 Student wellbeing

Our Wellbeing team can help if you have a disability or need support with your emotional or mental health

3 Kent Union

Runs Jobshop, a service to help you find part-time or temporary work in the community, and 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

4 Academic staff

Can offer advice on module choices and discuss dissertation ideas with you

5 Nexus

To find all of these services as a Kent student, or to ask a question, you can use our on-campus help point or online self-service area, Nexus.



I've found the careers and employability, and wellbeing services at Kent to be incredibly useful. Whenever I've had questions about my course, career or personal life, the staff have always been available to offer guidance and support.



Bharat Agrawal
Finance MSc

CHANGING DIRECTION.

It takes ambition to steer your career in a new direction. For Moronke Agboola, this meant embarking on an MSc in Healthcare Management to supercharge her knowledge in the healthcare industry. Moving from Nigeria with her family to pursue a Master's at Kent, Moronke aims to be a change-maker in the sector.



'I started my career as a banker, so the only experience I had of healthcare was as a patient. After having my own children, I started looking in the healthcare industry and I landed a job working for Tristate Cardiovascular Associates as a Business Manager.

I knew I had strong administrative business skills but healthcare, I realised, was a unique sector and to excel in it, I'd need to plug the gaps in my knowledge by taking an additional qualification. The UK seemed the most natural choice as the healthcare system is admired across the world. I wanted to gain further skills at an established university.

I found the MSc Healthcare Management course at Kent and saw it had good credentials. Kent seemed like a great place for international students too. So, I moved to the UK with my family, securing places for my three children in the local schools.'

Moronke's life-changing move hasn't been in vain. Not only has the business side of her Master's greatly improved her administration skills, but the healthcare side has improved her sector knowledge, giving her the confidence to go for more senior roles in healthcare.

'What really came home to me during my MSc is that the patient should be at the centre of everything in a healthcare organisation. When that fails, everything in the system struggles. For instance, if a care home has a 35-minute cap on patient feeding time, what happens if staff don't use that time efficiently? The patient suffers. Policy implementation is vital in any healthcare organisation and this is one of the areas where I'm really interested in making a change.'

In addition to finding a course she loves at Kent, Moronke has met new people from all over the world and is thriving as part of a diverse cohort: 'I have made friends from Barbados, India, China – many different places. We're often placed in groups and asked to read research studies and present our findings, helping us to understand and reflect critically on what we're learning, and get to know more about each other in the process.'

With hopes of staying in the UK for some time after she graduates, Moronke is keen to use her new-found knowledge to make changes in the sector: 'I'd like to gain experiential knowledge beyond the classroom, applying everything I've learned within a role in the UK healthcare sector.'


And that's what postgraduate study at Kent is all about: big, ambitious leaps that lead to new, exciting opportunities. So, make that change – if Moronke can, you can too.



I found the MSc Healthcare Management course at Kent and saw it had good credentials. Kent seemed like a great place for international students too.



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 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



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



THE BEST TRIPS!

PARIS



There's no better place to study the arts than Paris. A cultural centre for centuries, it's 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're 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.

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

Best place to study

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

Best independent coffee shop

La Caféothèque or Noir. Both make some of the best coffee in Paris. There's also Strada Café: thirty seconds from Ernest Hemingway's house and the steps of the pantheon. A favourite place of mine to get writing done.

Cheapest place to eat out

Le Nouvel Institut, popular with students from the Sorbonne. A generous happy hour from 16:30 until close extends to food as well.

Best place to relax

Take a walk along the banks of the Seine, seeking shade in the Tuileries Garden or arriving early at the Musée de l'Orangerie to spend some time with the Nymphéas. Other parks worth visiting include Parc des Buttes-Chaumont, Luxembourg Gardens and the Jardin de Plantes.



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FUNDING OPTIONS

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.

Kent scholarships

- Over 100 awards for taught Master's applicants with a First or 2:1
- Awards to support doctoral researchers
- Awards for current Kent students who choose to progress to postgraduate study
- Awards specifically for overseas students
- Awards for those who excel in music or sport

Visit kent.ac.uk/scholarships for full details of all our scholarships, including course-specific awards.

External funding

We attract external funding that regularly exceeds £18 million per annum while our membership of the consortia listed below gives you access to a range of funded doctoral training partnerships:

- Advanced Research and Innovation in the Environmental Sciences (ARIES)
- South East Network for Social Sciences (SeNSS)
- Consortium for the Humanities and the Arts South-East England (CHASE)
- The Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC)
- South Coast Biosciences (SoCoBio).

Government loans

If you're a UK student, you may be eligible for a postgraduate loan. In 2023/24 you could borrow up to £12,167.



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English language requirements

The University requires all non-native speakers of English to reach a minimum standard of proficiency in written and spoken English before beginning a postgraduate degree. Certain subjects require a higher level. For full details, see kent.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/apply/english-language-requirements

Find your accommodation

If you'd like to live at Kent while you study, you have options. Most of our postgraduate students choose to live in Woolf College on our Canterbury campus, or in Pier Quays at Medway. We have studio flats too, if you'd like some extra space.

Our rooms come with a host of benefits, including free premium sports membership and a guaranteed room offer as long as you apply online by 30 June 2024.

Head to kent.ac.uk/accommodation/apply

Visit us

We hold specific postgraduate Open Events in spring and our summer Open Days are open to students who are interested in undergraduate or postgraduate study. You can meet us in person and bring family and friends with you, or book to attend online. See kent.ac.uk/visit

Campus Tours

We run guided tours of our Canterbury and Medway campuses on specified days, or you can take a self-guided tour at a time that suits you. Book at kent.ac.uk/campus-tours

Virtual tours

You can explore Kent from anywhere in the world by taking a virtual tour at kent.ac.uk/virtual-visit. You can also take virtual tours of our accommodation at Canterbury and Medway, see kent.ac.uk/accommodation

Want to chat to us?

Our admissions team are on hand to answer all your questions. You can get in touch with them on +44 (0)1227 768896.








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