

SHORT-TERM STUDY FACT SHEET 2026/27

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Located in the historic city of Canterbury, students enjoy a welcoming environment rich in culture, history, and green spaces, while still being just under an hour from London. With a beautiful campus, strong global connections, and a diverse student community, Kent provides international students with a memorable study abroad experience in the UK.

General information

Name of institution

University of Kent

Institution website

kent.ac.uk

Short-term study website

kent.ac.uk/courses/short-term

Canterbury campus information

kent.ac.uk/locations/canterbury

Visit Canterbury information

<https://www.canterbury.co.uk>

Address

International Partnerships
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University of Kent,
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International Partnerships

kent.ac.uk/global/partnerships

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kent.ac.uk/commercial-services-estates/security

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Short-term study options

Students are welcome to apply to study at Kent for one, two or three consecutive terms:

- One term only: Autumn, spring or summer
- Two terms: Autumn and spring or spring and summer
- Three terms (full academic year): Autumn, spring and summer

Please note that applications cannot be accepted for part of a term.

Academic calendar

Autumn term 2026

Arrivals Weekend	Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 September
Welcome Week	Monday 28 – Friday 2 October
Teaching	Monday 5 October – Friday 11 December (inclusive of exams)
Program ends	Saturday 12 December

Spring term 2027

Arrivals day	Thursday 7 January
Orientation	Friday 8 January
Teaching	Monday 11 January – Friday 19 March (inclusive of exams)
Program ends	Saturday 20 March

Summer term 2027

Arrival and Orientation	Friday 9 April
Teaching	Monday 12 April – Friday 18 June
Program ends	Saturday 19 June

Nomination process

Nomination

Please submit your nominations via our online form:
[Nomination form](#)

Nomination deadline

Autumn term start: 15 May 2026
Spring or summer term start: 15 October 2026

After nomination

Once we have received your nomination, we will contact the student directly to introduce our team and provide application instructions.

Application

kent.ac.uk/courses/short-term/how-to-apply

Application deadline

Autumn term start: 15 June 2026
Spring or summer term start: 15 November 2026

Application supporting documents

During the application, students will be required to upload the following:

- **Transcript**
An official transcript from the home university
- **Module choices**
A provisional module choice form or Learning Agreement showing chosen modules from our online catalogue
- **Passport**
Copy of passport photo page
- **English Language Certificate**
For those from non-majority English speaking institutions
- **Additional documents**
It is not a requirement to upload a CV / resume. Architecture or Graphic Design students should upload a portfolio of work. Guidance can be found here: student.kent.ac.uk/careers/making-applications/cv/portfolio

Admission requirements

GPA

A minimum of 2.5 out of 4.0

Language requirements

Students whose first language is not English must provide evidence of their English language level as part of their application.

Those who will need a Study Visa to enter the UK, eg those who will come to Kent for six months or longer, must submit a valid Secure English Language Test certificate.

The SELT certificate must be less than two years old.

kent.ac.uk/courses/english-language-requirements



Academic information

Credits and workload

Each module at Kent is worth 20 credits (10 ECTS)

On average each module will involve four contact hours and 16 private study hours per week.

This will vary between subjects. Modules may involve laboratory or studio time in addition.

Workload per term

Students at Kent take two modules per term (40 credits).

Short-term students attending for one term only are permitted to take an additional module (60 credits in total).

Module catalogue

kent.ac.uk/courses/modules

(updated in March before each academic year)

Each module description includes a synopsis, teaching term, level and assessment methods.

Choosing modules

Guidance for choosing modules at Kent can be found here:

kent.ac.uk/courses/short-term/how-it-works/modules

Levels:

- Undergraduate – Level 4, 5 or 6
- Postgraduate – Level 7 or 8
- Level 3 modules are not available for short-term students

Please note Kent does not have an 'add/drop' period. Only essential changes, eg due to timetable clashes, can be made on arrival.

Pre-requisites

The module catalogue will normally list any pre-requisite requirements. These will be checked against the submitted official transcript and application.

Some schools expect students to have a prior knowledge of a subject, for example biosciences, chemistry, maths/statistics and physics.

Module registration

Short-term students do not go through the online module registration process.

The Study Abroad team will liaise with the academic schools to get students' modules approved and registered. This will be based on the provisional module registration form or Learning Agreement which students submit as part of the application.

Transcripts

The University will issue an official electronic transcript to the student's home institution approximately six weeks after the end of term, after the Boards have confirmed the marks. We can also issue hard copies on request. A copy of the grading system is included in the transcript.





Additional opportunity: Leading with Cultural Intelligence

Students who apply for the autumn term only can take advantage of this additional opportunity: Leading with Cultural Intelligence.

The course is designed to help international students settle in and make the most of their studies, by equipping them with the essential skills and knowledge to succeed, using the theme of Cultural Intelligence.

Course information

kent.ac.uk/courses/modules/module/INTL6000

Credits

20 credits (10 ECTS)

Fees

Tuition fees are waived for students who take the course for credit.

Schedule

- **Part 1:** 20 – 25 September, including a welcome dinner and excursions
- **Term:** Check in points with a tutor throughout the term
- **Part 2:** 14 – 18 December, including an excursion and assessment

Non-credit bearing option

It is also possible to take Part 1 of this course for a fee, without taking the assessments, but still benefiting from the welcome events and introduction to UK study.

Accommodation

On campus accommodation

kent.ac.uk/accommodation/canterbury

Application

On campus accommodation is guaranteed for short-term students who apply before the deadline.

Students can use their 'applicant ID' number to register an accommodation account. The applicant ID number is generated once a program application has been started.

Application deadline

Autumn term start: 30 June 2026

Spring and summer term start: 30 November 2026

Contract length

All accommodation contracts will be automatically adjusted to match programme registration dates.

Food on campus

Many rooms at Kent are self-catering with shared access to a kitchen or kitchenette. Applicants are advised to select a room matching their preferences.

The Canterbury campus offers a variety of catering outlets
kent.ac.uk/catering

Meal plans are available: kent.ac.uk/catering/meal-plans

Some residences include a meal plan:
kent.ac.uk/catering/meal-packages

Free sports membership

All students living in on campus accommodation receive free sports membership:
kent.ac.uk/sports/free-student-membership

Off campus accommodation

kent.ac.uk/accommodation/living-off-campus

Student life

Student life

kent.ac.uk/student-life

Canterbury guide

kent.ac.uk/student-life/canterbury

Kent Students' Union clubs and societies

Over 250 to choose from:

- kent.ac.uk/student-life/clubs-and-societies
- ksu.co.uk

ResLife Team

Helping students make the most of their experience:
student.kent.ac.uk/life/living-on-campus/reslife

Music

Students can get involved in extra-curricular music activities:
kent.ac.uk/music

Events

We have a wide range of student events to help students connect, learn new skills and just enjoy the time at Kent.
student.kent.ac.uk/events

Practical information

Visas and immigration

Less than six months in the UK

Check if you need to apply for a Standard Visitor Visa or an Electronic Travel Authorisation to enter the UK:

gov.uk/check-uk-visa

More than six months in the UK

Apply for a Student Visa to enter the UK:

kent.ac.uk/student-immigration/student-visa

Tuition fees

Exchange students

Students applying through an exchange place agreed through a university partner do not pay tuition fees to Kent.

Short-term students

Our finance team will invoice the student or home university as agreed at the start of the study period.

Tuition fee information:

kent.ac.uk/tuition-fees/junior-year-abroad





Support at Kent

Study Abroad team

The Study Abroad team are available to provide information and advice throughout the application period and during the student's programme at Kent.

The team provide a series of webinars and events to help students settle in:

- **Pre-arrival webinar** – May 2026 for autumn term starts and in November 2026 for spring or summer term start
- **Welcome and orientation** – we arrange a series of welcome and orientation activities to help students settle in, connect and make the most of their time at Kent

Students can book a meeting with our team at any time before or during their studies at Kent.

Student Support and Wellbeing

The Student Support and Wellbeing team have expert staff available to support students with disabilities, medical conditions, mental health and academic learning accommodations.

Students are advised to pre-register with the team so that support can be put in place ready for arrival:
kent.ac.uk/student-support

The team offer confidential counselling, group support and regular events open to all students.

Study support

The Skills for Academic Success team provide individual appointments, study guides, workshops and events to help support students on their learning journey:
student.kent.ac.uk/studies/skills-for-academic-success

Medical Services

The Canterbury campus has a medical centre, Nursing services, pharmacy and travel clinic available:
student.kent.ac.uk/support/health-services

Additional information

Templeman Library

kent.ac.uk/library

- Dedicated subject librarians
- A range of spaces for quiet or collaborative study
- Online resources and journals
- The Library Café!

Fluent Futures

Free language tuition for beginners or those more advanced:
kent.ac.uk/fluent-futures

English Language

English language and academic skills support for international students:
student.kent.ac.uk/studies/english-and-academic-skills





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