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**Kent**



# FOUNDATION PROGRAMMES 2020

Canterbury and Medway

/ Undergraduate  
study



12

of Kent's subject areas were ranked in the top 200 internationally in the QS World University Rankings 2019.

TOP 500

*Shanghai Ranking* places Kent in the top 500 universities in the world. (2018 *Shanghai Ranking's* Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU)).

95%

of Kent undergraduate students who responded to the most recent national survey of graduate destinations were in work or further study within six months (DLHE 2017).

40%

of our academic staff are from overseas and we have students representing 159 nationalities.

97%

of research at Kent was found to be of international quality in the most recent **Research Excellence Framework** (an independent national survey of UK universities).

WINNER

Kent has won the **Outstanding Support for Students** award at the *Times Higher Education* (THE) Awards for two years running (2017 and 2018).

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# KENT

RATED

# GOLD

OUTSTANDING TEACHING

## Teaching Excellence Framework

Based on the evidence available, the TEF Panel judged that the University of Kent delivers consistently outstanding teaching, learning and outcomes for its students. It is of the highest quality found in the UK.\*

## TERM DATES 2020/21

### Autumn start

#### Welcome Week

21 September 2020 – 25 September 2020

#### Autumn term

28 September 2020 – 18 December 2020

#### Spring term

18 January 2021 – 9 April 2021

#### Summer term

10 May 2021 – 18 June 2021

### Spring start

(Only available for selected IFP subjects; please see your programme entry)

#### Welcome Week

1 February 2021 – 5 February 2021

#### Spring term

8 February 2021 – 16 April 2021

#### Summer term

3 May 2021 – 9 July 2021

#### Summer examination week

12 July 2021 – 16 July 2021

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# CHOOSE YOUR PROGRAMME



**Kent's undergraduate degrees are some of the best in the UK, designed to challenge you and take your studies to the highest level.**

Many of our degree programmes are available with a year spent working in industry or on placement. Many also allow you to spend a year studying or working abroad. Below is a list of the subjects for which we offer a foundation year. For more details, see p12 to p19.

- Accounting and Finance
- Actuarial Science
- Ancient History, Archaeology and Classics
- Anthropology
- Architecture
- Art History
- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Biomedical Science
- Business, Management and Marketing
- Chemistry



- Comparative Literature
- Computer Systems Engineering
- Computing
- Conservation
- Criminology
- Cultural Studies and Media
- Digital Arts and Multimedia
- Drama and Theatre
- Economics
- Electronic and Communications Engineering
- English, American and Postcolonial Literature, and Creative Writing
- Film and Media
- Forensic Science
- History
- Journalism
- Law
- Liberal Arts
- Linguistics
- Mathematics and Statistics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Music/Music Technology
- Pharmacy
- Philosophy
- Physics and Astronomy
- Politics and International Relations
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Sociology and Social Policy
- Sport and Exercise Sciences, Sport Management





# WHY CHOOSE A KENT FOUNDATION PROGRAMME?

## Guaranteed progression

Progression on to your degree is automatic at the end of your International Foundation Programme (IFP) or your foundation year, providing you achieve the required grades and meet the necessary visa requirements, if applicable to you. For more information, please go to [www.kent.ac.uk/ifp](http://www.kent.ac.uk/ifp) and refer to the Progression Requirements table.

## A great location – a place to inspire

Our Canterbury campus, set in beautiful parkland with views of the city, is a short walk or bus ride from the world-famous, historic city of Canterbury. Our Medway campus also offers exceptional study resources and relaxing social spaces. Both campuses have fantastic travel links to London, Europe and beyond.

## Tailor your programme to your interests

Depending on your intended degree, you can choose a number of your subject modules to build a programme and experience to fit your study interests.

## Develop your academic skills and academic English

You study specialist academic skills in preparation for degree level study. These may include extended research and writing, and presentation and group work skills. If needed, you take language modules essential for your study and beyond.

## Become a University of Kent student

You can fully experience student life on your pathway programme. You have access to all the sport, study, social and support facilities at the University.

## Inspirational teaching

A great teacher doesn't just teach you, they inspire you. Here at Kent, we are renowned for a teaching style that brings your subject to life and encourages you to think independently. Our academics have an outstanding ability to pass on their passion for their subject, and the University has a good student-to-staff ratio, which puts you in a great position to make the most of their expertise.

## A dedicated international team

Many of the staff at Kent have studied or lived abroad. Our experienced, friendly teams work hard to help you to fulfil your potential and support you in your study and life in the UK.

## Personalised support

You have an academic adviser to guide you through your course. You also have regular tutorials with your teachers on each of your modules.

## Campus accommodation

We offer you on-campus accommodation for your foundation year and the first year of undergraduate study at Kent. We have a range of accommodation options to offer – for more details, see p33.



# YOUR DEGREE STUDIES AT KENT

**The University of Kent has an excellent reputation for teaching and research. Kent was awarded gold, the highest rating, in the UK government's Teaching Excellence Framework.\***

We offer a superb overall student experience, with first-class academic and social facilities and lots of opportunities to gain the transferable skills that employers look for.

## **An international community**

Kent has an international outlook and is known as the UK's European university. We are a global institution: 40% of our academic staff come from outside the UK and our students represent 159 different nationalities. This creates a vibrant, multicultural place to study.

## **Superb student experience**

The Canterbury campus has a lively atmosphere and a diverse community. There are restaurants, study centres, a world-class library, a music centre, and a cinema and theatre at the heart of the campus. We also have first-class sports facilities. The students' union on the Canterbury campus runs a Student Media Centre and over 200 clubs and societies, as well as festivals throughout the year.

For students taking degrees at our Medway campus, we offer a beautiful historic setting close to London. The Student Hub is at the heart of student life and there are excellent study resources too.

## **A foundation for your future career**

We have one of the best graduate employment rates in the UK. More than 95% of Kent undergraduate students who responded to the most recent national survey of graduate destinations were employed or in further study within six months of graduation (DLHE 2017).

## **Develop transferable skills**

At Kent, we run an innovative and nationally recognised 'Employability Points' Scheme, which encourages you to develop transferable skills through a range of extra-curricular activities.

## **Global opportunities**

Our partnerships with prestigious universities around the world provide you with the opportunity to study for a year, or sometimes a term, at some of the best universities in the world. Our courses have a strong international focus, delivering your teaching within an international context. We encourage you to develop a global perspective to your learning.

## **Flexible programmes**

Many of our undergraduate degrees offer you the option to spend a year in industry. It may be possible to add a year in computing, a year in data analytics or a year in journalism to your degree.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

In the QS World University Rankings 2019, 12 of Kent's subject areas were ranked in the top 200 internationally.

# YOUR FOUNDATION STUDY PROGRAMME

If you need to take a foundation year before entering degree-level study, we offer two types of programme:

- International Foundation Programme (IFP), see p22
- undergraduate degrees with an integrated foundation year, see p26.

## Entry requirements

To find the right programme, you first need to choose the subject area you wish to study for your degree (see below). Then turn to the relevant page for more details, such as entry requirements and how to apply.

## Your study modules

For details of a particular study module, please go to [www.kent.ac.uk/courses/modules](http://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/modules) and type in the module code as listed. Please note that new modules are always in development and choices may be updated yearly. For the most up-to-date details of your modules, please get in touch using the contact details on p34.

Subject area	Type of programme IFP (p22 ) or integrated foundation year (p26)	Start date (September/February)
Actuarial Science	Integrated foundation year	September
American Studies	IFP	September
Ancient History, Archaeology and Classics	IFP	September
Anthropology	IFP	September
Architecture	IFP	September
Art History	IFP	September
Biosciences (Biochemistry, Biology, Biomedical Science)	IFP	September

\*IFP core modules are: Academic Skills Development (LZ036); English for Academic Study (LZ037); IFP Project (LZ035)

\*\* International students with IELTS score below 6.5 also take either Academic English for Maths and Science Foundation (LZ048) or Academic Skills for Maths and Science Foundation (LZ047)

## Tuition fees for 2020/21

### UK and European Union (EU) students

International Foundation Programme (IFP)	£9,250**
Degrees with an integrated foundation year, per annum*	£9,250**

### International students (outside the EU)

International Foundation Programme (IFP)	£16,200
Degrees with an integrated foundation year, per annum*:	
Standard non-laboratory programmes	£16,200
Lab-based or practical programmes	£19,800

**\*Please note:** fees will increase year on year by no more than RPI +3% in each academic year of study, except where regulated. Where fees are regulated (such as by the Research Councils UK), they will be increased by an amount up to the permitted increase.

\*\*2019/20 fees; 2020/21 fee not yet confirmed, see [www.kent.ac.uk/courses/undergraduate/fees-and-funding](http://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/undergraduate/fees-and-funding)

## Indicative foundation modules

For more information on any particular module, search using the module code at [www.kent.ac.uk/courses/modules](http://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/modules)  
Please note: modules on offer are subject to change.

Academic Skills for Maths and Science Foundation (LZ047); Graphs, Geometry and Trigonometry (MA022); Foundation Statistics (MA025); Foundation Mathematics 1 (MA361); Foundation Mathematics 2 (MA363); Introduction to Philosophy: Logic and Reasoning (PL310); Mathematical Skills (MA364); Ten Technologies that Made Us Modern (HI434); Vectors and Mechanics (MA362)\*\*

History (LZ027); Introduction to Literature (LZ028); Sociology (LZ029); Politics and International Relations (LZ031); Philosophy (LZ012); Psychology (LZ050); IFP core modules\*

History (LZ027); Introduction to Literature (LZ028); Sociology (LZ029); Politics and International Relations (LZ031); Philosophy (LZ012); Psychology (LZ050); IFP core modules\*

Sociology (LZ029); Mathematics and Statistics (LZ013); Psychology (LZ050); Life Sciences (LZ045); Fundamental Human Biology (BI305); IFP core modules\*

Art and Design (LZ038); History (LZ027); Introduction to Literature (LZ028); Sociology (LZ029); Mathematics and Statistics (LZ013); European and International Business (LZ033); Economics (LZ030); IFP core modules\*

History (LZ027); Introduction to Literature (LZ028); Politics and International Relations (LZ031); Sociology (LZ029); Philosophy (LZ012); Psychology (LZ050); IFP core modules\*

Mathematics and Statistics (LZ013); Life Sciences (LZ045); Fundamental Human Biology (BI305); Skills for Bioscientists (BI308); IFP core modules\*

## YOUR FOUNDATION STUDY PROGRAMME (CONT)

Subject area	Type of programme (Integrated or IFP)	Start date (September/February)
<b>Business (including Accounting, Finance, Management and Marketing, Business Psychology)</b>	IFP	September or February***
<b>Chemistry</b>	Integrated foundation year	September
<b>Computer Systems Engineering</b>	Integrated foundation year	September
<b>Computing</b>	IFP	September
<b>Conservation</b>	IFP	September
<b>Criminology</b>	IFP	September
<b>Cultural Studies and Media</b>	IFP	September
<b>Digital Arts and Multimedia</b>	IFP	September
<b>Drama and Theatre</b>	IFP	September
<b>Economics</b>	IFP	September or February***
<b>Electronic and Communications Engineering</b>	Integrated foundation year	September

\*IFP core modules are: Academic Skills Development (LZ036); English for Academic Study (LZ037); IFP Project (LZ035)

\*\* International students with IELTS score below 6.5 also take either Academic English for Maths and Science Foundation (LZ048) or Academic Skills for Maths and Science Foundation (LZ047)

## Indicative foundation modules

For more information on any particular module, search using the module code at [www.kent.ac.uk/courses/modules](http://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/modules)  
Please note: modules on offer are subject to change.

Sociology (LZ029); Economics (LZ030); Politics and International Relations (LZ031); Mathematics and Statistics (LZ013); European and International Business (LZ033); Law (LZ019); Psychology (LZ050); IFP core modules\*

Algebra and Arithmetic (PH020); Chemical Reactivity (PS022); Graphical Methods for Physical Scientists (PH022); Molecules and Analysis (PS021); Properties of Matter (PS023)\*\*

Algebra and Arithmetic (PH020); Analogue Electronics (EL026); Calculus (EL021); Electrical Principles and Measurements (EL025); Electromagnetics for Engineers (EL024); Graphs, Geometry and Trigonometry (MA022); Introduction to Programming using MATLAB (EL033); Semiconductor and Digital Electronics (EL027)\*\*

Sociology (LZ029); Economics (LZ030); Politics and International Relations (LZ031); Mathematics and Statistics (LZ013); European and International Business (LZ033); Psychology (LZ050); Programming (LZ051); IFP core modules\*

Sociology (LZ029); Mathematics and Statistics (LZ013); Psychology (LZ050); Life Sciences (LZ045); IFP core modules\*

Sociology (LZ029); Politics and International Relations (LZ031); Philosophy (LZ012); Mathematics and Statistics (LZ013); European and International Business (LZ033); Law (LZ019); Psychology (LZ050); IFP core modules\*

Sociology (LZ029); Politics and International Relations (LZ031); Philosophy (LZ012); Mathematics and Statistics (LZ013); European and International Business (LZ033); Law (LZ019); Psychology (LZ050); IFP core modules\*

Art and Design (LZ038); History (LZ027); Introduction to Literature (LZ028); Sociology (LZ029); Mathematics and Statistics (LZ013); Programming (LZ051); IFP core modules\*

History (LZ027); Introduction to Literature (LZ028); Politics and International Relations (LZ031); Philosophy (LZ012); Psychology (LZ050); IFP core modules\*

Economics (LZ030); Mathematics and Statistics (LZ013); European and International Business (LZ033); IFP core modules\* Students may also take: History (LZ027); Law (LZ019); Psychology (LZ050); Sociology (LZ029)

Algebra and Arithmetic (PH020); Analogue Electronics (EL026); Calculus (EL021); Electrical Principles and Measurements (EL025); Electromagnetics for Engineers (EL024); Graphs, Geometry and Trigonometry (MA022); Introduction to Programming using MATLAB (EL033); Semiconductor and Digital Electronics (EL027)\*\*

\*\*\*For February start, module codes are: Economics (LZ004); Politics and International Relations (LZ007); European and International Business (LZ018); Psychology (LZ040)

## YOUR FOUNDATION STUDY PROGRAMME (CONT)

Subject area	Type of programme (Integrated or IFP)	Start date (September/February)
English, American, Postcolonial and Comparative Literature	IFP	September
Film and Media	IFP	September
Forensic Science	Integrated foundation year	September
History	IFP	September
Journalism	IFP	September
Linguistics	IFP	September
Law	IFP	September or February***
Liberal Arts	IFP	September
Mathematics and Statistics	Integrated foundation year	September
Music Technology	IFP	September

\*IFP core modules are: Academic Skills Development (LZ036); English for Academic Study (LZ037); IFP Project (LZ035)

\*\* International students with IELTS score below 6.5 also take either Academic English for Maths and Science Foundation (LZ048) or Academic Skills for Maths and Science Foundation (LZ047)



## Indicative foundation modules

For more information on any particular module, search using the module code at [www.kent.ac.uk/courses/modules](http://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/modules)  
Please note: modules on offer are subject to change.

History (LZ027); Introduction to Literature (LZ028); Sociology (LZ029); Politics and International Relations (LZ031); Philosophy (LZ012); Psychology (LZ050); IFP core modules\*

History (LZ027); Introduction to Literature (LZ028); Sociology (LZ029); Politics and International Relations (LZ031); Philosophy (LZ012); Psychology (LZ050); IFP core modules\*

Algebra and Arithmetic (PH020); Chemical Reactivity (PS022); Graphical Methods for Physical Scientists (PH022); Molecules and Analysis (PS021); Properties of Matter (PS023)\*\*

History (LZ027); Introduction to Literature (LZ028); Sociology (LZ029); Politics and International Relations (LZ031); Philosophy (LZ012); Psychology (LZ050); IFP core modules\*

Philosophy (LZ012); Mathematics and Statistics (LZ013); History (LZ027); Politics and International Relations (LZ031); Law (LZ019); IFP core modules\*

History (LZ027); Introduction to Literature (LZ028); Philosophy (LZ012); Psychology (LZ050); IFP core modules\*

History (LZ027); Economics (LZ030); Politics and International Relations (LZ031); Philosophy (LZ012); European and International Business (LZ033); Law (LZ019); Psychology (LZ050); IFP core modules\*

History (LZ027); Introduction to Literature (LZ028); Sociology (LZ029); Economics (LZ030); Politics and International Relations (LZ031); Philosophy (LZ012); Mathematics and Statistics (LZ013); European and International Business (LZ033); Law (LZ019); IFP core modules\*

Graphs, Geometry and Trigonometry (MA022); Foundation Statistics (MA025); Foundation Mathematics 1 (MA361); Vectors and Mechanics (MA362); Foundation Mathematics 2 (MA363); Mathematical Skills (MA364); Introduction to Philosophy: Logic and Reasoning (PL310); Introduction to programming using MATLAB (EL033); Ten Technologies that Made Us Modern (HI434) \*\*

Programming (LZ051); Sociology (LZ029); Politics and International Relations (LZ031); Mathematics and Statistics (LZ013); European and International Business (LZ033); Law (LZ019); Psychology (LZ050); IFP core modules\*

\*\*\*For February start, module codes are: Economics (LZ004); Politics and International Relations (LZ007); European and International Business (LZ018); Psychology (LZ040)

## YOUR FOUNDATION STUDY PROGRAMME (CONT)

Subject area	Type of programme (Integrated or IFP)	Start date (September/February)
Pharmacy (delivered at Medway campus)	Integrated foundation year	September
Philosophy	IFP	September
Physics and Astronomy	Integrated foundation year	September
Politics and International Relations	IFP	September or February***
Psychology	IFP	September or February***
Religious Studies	IFP	September
Sociology and Social Policy	IFP	September or February***
Sport and Exercise Sciences, Sport Management	IFP	September

\*IFP core modules are: Academic Skills Development (LZ036); English for Academic Study (LZ037); IFP Project (LZ035)

\*\* International students with IELTS score below 6.5 also take either Academic English for Maths and Science Foundation (LZ048) or Academic Skills for Maths and Science Foundation (LZ047)

## Indicative foundation modules

For more information on any particular module, search using the module code at [www.kent.ac.uk/courses/modules](http://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/modules)  
Please note: modules on offer are subject to change.

Academic Study Skills for University; Essentials in Biological Sciences; Essentials in Chemical Sciences; Numeracy for Pharmacy and Biomedical Scientists; Introduction to Laboratory Practice; Introduction to Pharmacology; Introduction to Pharmacy Skills

History (LZ027); Introduction to Literature (LZ028); Sociology (LZ029); Politics and International Relations (LZ031); Philosophy (LZ012); IFP core modules\*

Algebra and Arithmetic (PH020); Calculus (EL021); Graphical Methods for Physical Scientists (PH022); Electromagnetics for Engineers (EL024); Introductory Physics Laboratory and Communication Skills (PH027); Motion and Mechanics (PH023); Properties of Matter (PH026); Waves and Vibrations (PH025)\*\*

History (LZ027); Sociology (LZ029); Politics and International Relations (LZ031); Philosophy (LZ012); European and International Business (LZ033); Law (LZ019); Psychology (LZ050); IFP core modules\*

Sociology (LZ029); Economics (LZ030); Politics and International Relations (LZ031); Mathematics and Statistics (LZ013); European and International Business (LZ033); Law (LZ019); Psychology (LZ050); IFP core modules\*

History (LZ027); Introduction to Literature (LZ028); Sociology (LZ029); Politics and International Relations (LZ031); Philosophy (LZ012); IFP core modules\*

Sociology (LZ029); Politics and International Relations (LZ031); Philosophy (LZ012); Mathematics and Statistics (LZ013); European and International Business (LZ033); Law (LZ019); Psychology (LZ050); IFP core modules\*

Sociology (LZ029); Economics (LZ030); Politics and International Relations (LZ031); Mathematics and Statistics (LZ013); European and International Business (LZ033); Law (LZ019); Life Sciences (LZ045); Fundamental Human Biology (BI305); Psychology (LZ050); IFP core modules\*

\*\*\*For February start, modules codes are: Economics (LZ004); Politics and International Relations (LZ007); European and International Business (LZ018); Psychology (LZ040)



# STUDENT PROFILE

## On completion of the IFP, Rajeeb Ghose chose to continue his studies at Kent, gaining a First in Economics.

### Where are you from originally?

I was born in Kenya but then we moved to India where I did my primary and secondary education.

### Why did you choose Kent?

I wanted to study economics and was looking at the best ranked universities for economics. Unfortunately, I didn't get the A-level results I was hoping for, but Kent accepted me on to the International Foundation Programme (IFP). The IFP looked interesting; it gave me a chance to live on campus and take advantage of all the University's resources, while preparing for degree-level study. Also, English is not my first language and it gave me a chance to develop my language skills.

And Kent is kind of a family tradition – my brother, my sister, my cousin and my uncle all came here. It's like my second home!

### Did the IFP live up to your expectations?

Yes, it was an exceptional experience. As an international student, you expect to find it difficult to adjust to a new education system but I got along with everybody straightaway. The teachers and lecturers were so friendly and supportive, it was brilliant.

### What about your fellow students?

There were around 120 students doing lots of different modules but we all came together for our academic skills modules. After lectures, we would get together socially and that is how I got to know people. Everyone was so friendly, it felt like I'd just joined a new family here. It was great.

### Tell us about your IFP studies.

When I started the IFP I was very motivated; I had to get an aggregate score of 65% to progress to an Economics degree and I wanted to prove that I could do it. The IFP is challenging but the teachers are incredibly supportive. The feedback they give you on your work is fantastic and I was able to use that feedback to improve my grades. You are taught about essay writing, referencing and how to study independently. You gain critical competence, an understanding of how to frame your response to a question rather than just writing everything you know. It does take time to adjust but in the end my exams went well and I got on to my chosen degree.

### Did the skills you learnt on the IFP help in your undergraduate studies?

Yes, absolutely, I think everyone should do a foundation year. I still remember my first Economics lecture: I thought 'What have I let myself in for?' But the study skills and knowledge I had gained on the IFP had given me a foundation on which to build.

### Did you enjoy your degree?

Yes, I did. Obviously, I was delighted to get a First. When my lecturer told me I felt so happy; when I got my A-level results I was very disappointed and never imagined I would be able to get a First, but now I have.

I took the year in industry option so spent time on two placements, one at the Office for National Statistics and one at Cummins. It was good to work in the public and the private sector and made me realise that I do want to use the knowledge I have learnt in my career.

### Did you join any societies?

Not in my foundation year, because I wanted to focus on my studies. That's not to say I didn't enjoy myself though, we went on picnics, tours, it was really good fun.

### What advice would you give to someone considering the IFP?

Do it! You learn so many things that will benefit you in the future; it transforms you, heightens your ambition and gives you the foundation for a successful career. I could give you so many examples of people who have benefited from their foundation year: one of my friends has become a manager within a year and another has become a lawyer.

The IFP had a huge impact on me, it's a once-in-a-lifetime experience. You make lifelong friends – my closest friends are all from my foundation year. I would definitely recommend it.

# OUR INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PROGRAMME (IFP)

## The University of Kent's tailored International Foundation Programme (IFP) prepares you for undergraduate study in the UK.

Based on our Canterbury campus, the IFP is run by the Centre for English and World Languages and allows you to develop the skills, knowledge and confidence you need to be successful. Our team supports you as you settle in to student life, giving you the chance to focus fully on your studies. We are very experienced in working with international students, supporting their transition to university and making it exciting and enjoyable.

## Achieve excellence

You graduate from the IFP well prepared for university study, a confident learner, with lifelong friends and at ease with life on campus and in the UK. We have a strong record of success. The majority of students who take a foundation year at Kent go on to achieve a 2.1 (merit) or a First (distinction) on their degree programmes.

## Who is the IFP for?

The IFP is ideal for you if any of these apply:

- you have excellent high school grades but your qualification is not suitable for direct entry to a UK university
- you have not gained the grades you need for direct entry on to an undergraduate programme

- you need additional language support to prepare you for undergraduate study
- you want to spend a year becoming familiar with life and studying in the UK.

## Your study programme

All students on the International Foundation Programme (IFP) take an Academic Skills Development module. As well as teaching you transferable skills so you can be successful on your course, it gives you a chance to get to know your fellow students and to learn to work together.

During the IFP you study compulsory modules that cover academic subjects for your specialist pathway (see course entries on p12-p19), academic skills and, if required, English language. You can also choose modules, either to tailor your course to your study interests or to explore a new subject. For more details on the programme modules you can study, visit [www.kent.ac.uk/ifp](http://www.kent.ac.uk/ifp)

## Entry requirements

**Academic qualifications:** you need a good academic school-leaving certificate with particular strengths in subjects linked to your chosen degree course. Some pathways and degrees have additional entry requirements. For detailed information about the academic grades and to check your qualifications, please email us on [pathways@kent.ac.uk](mailto:pathways@kent.ac.uk)

**Language qualifications:** to study on the International Foundation Programme, you need a minimum of 5.0 overall and 5.0 in each skill on an IELTS for UKVI (Academic) test. If you have an English language qualification that is equivalent to IELTS, please contact us and we will advise further.

## Teaching and assessment

You learn through lectures, seminars, workshops, tutorials, online learning, individual study and regular meetings with your academic adviser. You have approximately 18 hours of tuition a week and are also expected to study independently for at least 20 hours a week. Assessment on your course is ongoing; we use various methods including exams, coursework and seminar participation.

## Term dates

Our Autumn IFP runs over three terms and starts in September. Some selected programmes offer an accelerated Spring IFP which runs over two terms and starts in February. See p4 for dates.

## Experienced team

We are proud to manage and deliver our own International Pathway programmes. We have nearly 40 years of experience in helping international students prepare for their learning journey, so you will be joining an experienced and dedicated Centre. We are a founding member of the University Pathway Alliance (UPA),



an alliance of leading UK universities that manage and deliver their own in-house academic and English language programmes.

## Supporting your studies

Our dedicated team will support you from the moment you apply, so please get in touch if you have any questions.

During arrivals weekend, we offer all international students an airport pick-up.

When you arrive at the Canterbury campus, we host a Welcome Week to help you settle in, learn about your course and meet your new colleagues and teachers. Throughout your course, we invite you to regular events to help you

get to know the University, your course, the Centre and your school.

Our nurturing approach develops your talents and helps you to fulfil your potential. For example:

- you are taught in small classes, which makes it easy for you to ask questions
- an academic adviser is assigned to you to guide your academic development throughout your course
- you have subject tutorials each term in each of your modules, which help to develop your skills, knowledge and confidence
- you also have access to all the support and social activities offered at the University.

We like to work in partnership with you and provide opportunities for you to become a student representative for your course. Student representatives attend meetings of the Staff-Student Liaison Committee and can put forward their views, and those of their fellow students, on matters relating to the IFP and University life in general.

Within the Centre, there is a wealth of support available to you from staff and students. As well as your Academic Adviser, our Student Support and Experience Officer and Senior Tutor can provide help and guidance on any matters relating to the IFP, whenever you need it.

We have strong links to wider support networks and services available across the University, such as the Student Learning Advisory Service, the Student Support and Wellbeing teams and the Careers and Employability Service. There is also an on-campus Medical Centre, nursing services, a pharmacy and a multi-faith Chaplaincy.

As you near completion of your IFP programme, we guide you through the next steps as you look to move on to a degree. We also celebrate your success with you at the end of your course.

# OUR INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PROGRAMME (IFP) (CONT)

## How to apply

### 1) Select your pathway and degree

If you have any questions regarding your application, please email [pathways@kent.ac.uk](mailto:pathways@kent.ac.uk) and we'll be able to help you.

### 2) Complete your application

There are three ways to apply for your IFP programme:

- using our direct online application form at [www.kent.ac.uk/international-pathways/ifp/ifpapply.html](http://www.kent.ac.uk/international-pathways/ifp/ifpapply.html)
- using one of our overseas representatives in your country. For a full list of representatives near you, visit [www.kent.ac.uk/internationalstudent/countries](http://www.kent.ac.uk/internationalstudent/countries)
- using the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service

(UCAS). Please check that you have the correct course code – these are available on the pathway page for your chosen area of study. See [www.kent.ac.uk/international-pathways/ifp/ifpapply.html](http://www.kent.ac.uk/international-pathways/ifp/ifpapply.html)

When you apply, you need to provide us with:

- your academic qualifications or transcript
- your language qualification
- a short personal statement explaining why you want to study the IFP at Kent, what you hope to achieve and why you selected your chosen degree.

If you wish to progress to undergraduate study in Kent School of Architecture, you also need to submit an electronic portfolio.

If you wish to progress to undergraduate study in the Centre for Music and Audio Technology, you also need to submit an audio or video portfolio.

If you wish to progress to undergraduate study in the Centre for Journalism, you will need to attend an interview and pass an entrance exam following the IFP.

Please see our website [www.kent.ac.uk/ifp](http://www.kent.ac.uk/ifp) for help and information on preparing and submitting your portfolio.

### 3) Get our response

When you apply, you get an automatic email to say we've received your application. We will then email you with our response within 14 days.







#### 4) Accept your offer

If your application is successful, we will send you your offer. You need to accept and return this to us.

#### 5) Choose and apply for your accommodation

We offer IFP students on-campus student accommodation for the IFP year and the first year of their undergraduate study. Your application needs to be made before the deadline – see p33.

#### 6) Receive your CAS

If you need a visa to study in the UK, once you have met all your offer conditions we will give you a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) and you can start applying for your visa. For more information on applying for your

visa, visit [www.kent.ac.uk/studentimmigration](http://www.kent.ac.uk/studentimmigration)

#### 7) Prepare for your arrival

When we send you your CAS, or confirm your place on our course if you don't need a visa, we will also give advice and arrival information to help you prepare for your life and study in the UK.

#### Tuition fees

##### 2020/21

- International students: £16,200, payable in instalments

##### 2019/20\*

- Home/EU students: £9,250

#### Contact us

If you have any questions about the IFP or studying at Kent at any stage, please email [pathways@kent.ac.uk](mailto:pathways@kent.ac.uk)

*“I am grateful for my experience on the IFP as my academic skills have improved immensely over the past year. I also got the opportunity to meet and interact with students from different countries and cultures. The IFP offered me an excellent social and learning experience due to the international atmosphere and high-quality teaching by excellent academics.”*

**Sara Marzooq**  
Former International Foundation Programme student, now studying at Kent Business School

\*2020/21 fee not yet confirmed

# DEGREES WITH AN INTEGRATED FOUNDATION YEAR

## These subject-specific programmes are offered as one-year, full-time courses before you start the first year of your undergraduate honours degree course.

Currently, the subject areas which offer an integrated foundation year on our Canterbury campus are:

- Actuarial Science
- Chemistry
- Computer Systems Engineering
- Electronic and Communications Engineering
- Forensic Science
- Mathematics
- Physics – successful completion of the Physics foundation year can lead to our undergraduate degrees in Physics; Astronomy, Space Science and Astrophysics; or Physics with Astrophysics.

On the Medway campus we offer the following degree with a foundation year:

- Pharmacy.

For details of our programmes with a foundation year, see [www.kent.ac.uk/ug/foundation.html](http://www.kent.ac.uk/ug/foundation.html)

## Entry requirements

A degree with a foundation year may be suitable if you have A level (or equivalent) qualifications that fall below the grades required for first-year entry to a degree.

Some of the programmes may also accept students without qualifications in the appropriate subjects for their chosen degree.

Entry requirements vary across degree programmes. For specific details, go to your chosen programme at [www.kent.ac.uk/ug](http://www.kent.ac.uk/ug)

## English language requirements

If your first language is not English, we will need to assess your language proficiency. You must have an English language standard of 5.5 in IELTS (with a minimum of 5.5 in each component), or 48 in Pearson (PTE) (including 48 in each component).

If you studied or are studying for recognised qualifications in English at an international school, or took GCSE English as a first or second language, a Secure English Language Test (SELT) may not be required.

Please note: these requirements are subject to change. For full details of the University's English language requirements, please see [www.kent.ac.uk/ug/english-language-requirements](http://www.kent.ac.uk/ug/english-language-requirements)

If you need support with your English, you take additional classes, taught by staff who are specialists in teaching English as a foreign language.

## How to apply

All UK students should apply electronically via the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS). You can apply to UCAS via the internet or via your school or college (if it is an official UCAS online application centre).

The UCAS system enables you to apply for up to five courses or universities on one form. You can find instructions on how to apply at [www.ucas.com/students/apply](http://www.ucas.com/students/apply)

International students can either apply via UCAS or through one of the University's authorised representatives.

When applying online, you need to know that the institution code name for the University of Kent is KENT and the code number is K24. Each programme has a unique UCAS course code, for example, the UCAS code for the Mathematics foundation year is G108.

## Further information

Recruitment and Admissions Office, The Registry, University of Kent, Canterbury, Kent CT2 7NZ, UK  
T: +44 (0)1227 768896  
[www.kent.ac.uk/ug](http://www.kent.ac.uk/ug)

International Recruitment, The Registry, University of Kent Canterbury, Kent CT2 7NZ, UK  
T: +44 (0)1227 824904  
E: [international@kent.ac.uk](mailto:international@kent.ac.uk)  
[www.kent.ac.uk/internationalstudent](http://www.kent.ac.uk/internationalstudent)

# OUR STUDY FACILITIES

**Kent offers a world-class environment with exceptional academic facilities that can help you reach your full potential.**

## Libraries

Our libraries at Canterbury (the Templeman) and Medway (the Drill Hall) provide easy access to academic material and the latest research. As well as books, journals and multimedia, there is a vast range of e-books and e-resources. Kent's expert librarians can help you to make the most of these to find the information you need.

## IT services

We provide full IT services to assist your studies, as well as training and support to help you make the most of the facilities available. As you would expect, there are hundreds of open-access PCs across our campuses, which are fully Wi-Fi-enabled. Even when studying off campus, you have access to the network and its resources.

A range of IT workshops, online tutorials and self-help guides are available to all students. You can also study for the internationally recognised IT skills qualification ECDL Extra (European Computer Driving Licence).

## Subject-specific resources

Our campuses have extensive resources to support our teaching and many programmes have specialist facilities. On our Canterbury campus, these include



state-of-the-art science laboratories, digital multimedia labs, architecture design studios, filmmaking equipment, drama workshops, psychology and language labs, law mootng chamber, history archives and the Studio 3 Gallery.

At Medway, we have a music recording studio, exhibition spaces, pharmacy laboratories, a 'live newsroom' and specialist equipment, and sports laboratories. There are also laboratories and sports clinics at Medway Park, just a short walk from campus.

## Study guidance

The Student Learning Advisory Service (SLAS) supports the development and achievement of students at all stages of study, from foundation through to PhD. We offer:

- 1:1 appointments on all aspects of effective learning, including written communication, maths and statistics
- workshops on areas of academic

and personal development, as well as programmes aimed at specific student groups such as part-time

- online resources such as study guides, study tools, tutorials and useful links
- embedded bespoke workshops (booked by course teams) delivered as part of the curriculum.

SLAS also operates an Academic Peer Mentoring (APM) scheme where more advanced students support peers who are at an earlier stage in their studies.

## Further information

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

## Careers advice

Our Careers and Employability Service provides information and guidance at any stage of your studies.

## Further information

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



# OUR CANTERBURY CAMPUS

**Our Canterbury campus is set in beautiful parkland, with modern buildings surrounded by green open spaces, courtyards, gardens and woodland.**

The campus is just 25 minutes' walk (or a short bus ride) from Canterbury city centre, which is one of Britain's oldest cities. From the University, there are wonderful views of the world-famous Cathedral and the beautiful city and countryside that surround it. Kent's student population is truly international, with students representing 159 nationalities.

The campus provides all you need to excel in your studies, as well as sport, music and entertainment venues. For more information, see [www.kent.ac.uk/locations/canterbury](http://www.kent.ac.uk/locations/canterbury)

## Students' union

Our students' union at Canterbury (Kent Union) offers both social and support facilities. The social side includes a nightclub, a range of bars across campus, and the purpose-built award-winning Student Media Centre, housing the student radio station, newspaper and television station. Kent Union supports many different societies, including sports clubs and national student societies. The advice centre can help with all aspects of student life.

Kent Union also runs the campus Jobshop and volunteering services. For more information, see [www.kentunion.co.uk](http://www.kentunion.co.uk)

## Sport

Kent Sport members enjoy first-class facilities, including a fitness suite, fitness class studios and indoor tennis and netball courts. Other facilities include badminton, basketball and squash courts, outdoor tennis courts, all-weather football pitches, and cricket pitches. We provide sports courses, leagues and tournaments, fitness assessments and tailored exercise programmes. You can also join a range of sports societies and teams. For more information, see [www.kent.ac.uk/sports](http://www.kent.ac.uk/sports)

## The Gulbenkian

The Gulbenkian is the University's arts centre, housing a theatre, cinema and café stage for live music. Our exciting and diverse programme showcases theatre and dance from leading UK and international companies, plus great stand-up, live music, spoken word and University student productions. Our cinema shows the best in film: British, foreign language, indie, cult, blockbusters and favourite classics. For more information, see [www.kent.ac.uk/gulbenkian](http://www.kent.ac.uk/gulbenkian)

## Music

The spectacular Colyer-Fergusson Building is the venue for our extra-curricular music activities, concerts and rehearsals. If you sing or play a musical instrument, you can join the Chorus, Symphony Orchestra, Concert and Big Bands, Chamber Choir and the many other bands and ensembles that are formed each year. If you're at an advanced level, you can apply for a music scholarship. See [www.kent.ac.uk/music/scholarships.html](http://www.kent.ac.uk/music/scholarships.html)

## Catering

The University provides a range of catering facilities on campus, from traditional dining halls to bistros, as well as bars, shops and snack machines across campus. There is a wide variety of food available, from sandwiches to hot meals, including halal food and national cuisines. For more information, see [www.kent.ac.uk/catering](http://www.kent.ac.uk/catering)

# THE DEEP END



# OUR MEDWAY CAMPUS

**The Medway campus comprises two sites: Pembroke and the Historic Dockyard. There is a lively atmosphere on campus and a thriving student community, which gives you plenty of opportunities to play sport, join a society, socialise or take up a new interest.**

## Students' union

GK Unions – the students' union at Medway – runs societies, sports clubs and social activities. These currently include Music Society, Extreme Sports (FreeRide), amateur dramatics, Gaming and Photography, to name just a few.

## Eat, drink and relax

The Student Hub is at the heart of student life. It is a flexible space where students can relax, socialise and take part in many student activities. The Hub also has a bar and entertainment space, The Deep End, which serves food and drink.

There are other cafés and restaurants at Pembroke and the Dockyard that serve breakfast, brunch, lunch and evening meals. There's a variety of food on offer with plenty of vegan and vegetarian options.



## Clubs and bars

The Medway campus offers some great nights out. The Deep End has a range of daytime and evening events including live music.

## Sports

Clubs and teams currently include football, rugby, cricket, volleyball, netball, badminton, basketball and Taekwon-Do. You also have access to state-of-the-art sports facilities at nearby Medway Park, which has a range of membership options.

Its facilities include sports halls, swimming pools, squash courts, health suites and an athletics track.

## Music

The Medway campus is the venue for many types of music-making, including choirs, ensembles and bands and there are regular band and open-mic nights. You also have the opportunity to get involved in musical activities organised on the Canterbury campus.





# ACCOMMODATION

## We offer you campus accommodation for your foundation year and your first year of undergraduate study at Kent.

For Canterbury students, all types of accommodation options are set on our beautiful parkland campus with easy access to the many study, sporting and leisure facilities available.

You can choose between three types of accommodation to suit your needs:

- self-catered – this option means that you have access to a shared kitchen so you can prepare your own meals
- Bed and Bistro – with this option your breakfast and dinner are included in your fees during term-time
- Bed and Flex – with this option, you have £10 a day, seven days a week (during term-time only) to spend on food in a variety of catering outlets across campus.

Our accommodation provides you with a home away from home in a supportive community. Communal areas create a friendly and relaxed atmosphere and are a great place to meet new friends.

There is 24-hour support and security available on campus and buses run from the city to the campus throughout the day and night during term-time.

All our types of accommodation include personal room contents insurance, all utility costs and internet access.

For more details, prices and to take a virtual tour of each accommodation type, visit [www.kent.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.kent.ac.uk/accommodation)

## How to apply

We offer accommodation provided the following criteria are met:

- the University receives your online application for accommodation by 31 July and
- you firmly accept (as your first choice) either a conditional or unconditional offer from this University by 31 July.

(For those starting their course in February, the deadline for both is 15 December.)

When you receive an offer to study on the IFP or on your degree with a foundation year, we also send you details of how to apply for your accommodation.

## Find out more

For more details and virtual tours of our accommodation and facilities, see [www.kent.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.kent.ac.uk/accommodation) or email [accomm@kent.ac.uk](mailto:accomm@kent.ac.uk)

## Medway campus

For those students progressing to degrees based on our Medway campus, we provide accommodation at Liberty Quays in partnership with a private company, Liberty Living.

Liberty Quays is a 15-minute walk from campus. Accommodation is self-catered and arranged in clusters of flats typically housing five to eight students sharing a fully equipped kitchen. All bedrooms have their own shower, hand-basin and toilet. There is access to the computer network and the internet with Wi-Fi available throughout the building.

Liberty Quays has its own launderette and social spaces. There is also a Tesco Express, Subway and Domino's Pizza next to the accommodation.

# VISIT THE UNIVERSITY

**Choosing a university is a big step, so it's important to find out as much as you can before you make your decision. Come and visit us to see what we can offer you.**

## Meet your academic school

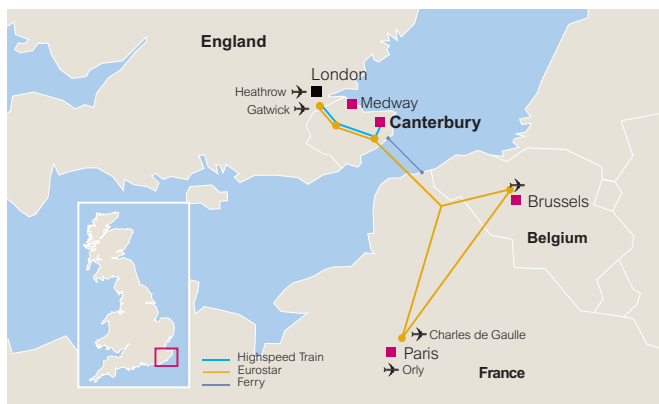
We hold a number of open and visit days where you can meet with academic staff within your school. You'll also find out more about life at Kent, get the chance to look around the campus, see our fantastic facilities and view our accommodation. Your parents or guardians are welcome to accompany you, giving them a great opportunity to hear about the wider support that's available to you.

You can find out more about our events at [www.kent.ac.uk/visit](http://www.kent.ac.uk/visit)

## Other opportunities to visit

If you can't make it to an open or visit day, or there are no events available for your course, we run Canterbury campus tours on most Mondays and Fridays and Medway tours on Thursdays. If you'd like to find out more or book a place on a tour, see [www.kent.ac.uk/visit](http://www.kent.ac.uk/visit)

If you prefer to explore on your own, you can download a self-guided walking tour at [www.kent.ac.uk/informal](http://www.kent.ac.uk/informal) or pick up a copy from us.







There is also a self-guided audio tour available for our Canterbury campus, which means you can discover our campus without even leaving home. See [www.kent.ac.uk/courses/visit/informal/audio-tour.html](http://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/visit/informal/audio-tour.html)

If you are an international student and it's difficult for you to attend our scheduled events, we can arrange a personal campus tour for you and your family. Book a personal tour via [www.kent.ac.uk/informal](http://www.kent.ac.uk/informal)

## Join us online

Join our online community to get a feel for life at Kent and make contact with other applicants and current students.

-  /UniversityofKent
-  /unikent
-  /UniversityofKent
-  /unikentlive

## Meet us in your country

Our staff regularly travel overseas to meet with students who are interested in coming to Kent. We also have strong links with agents in your home country who can offer guidance and information on studying at Kent. To find out more, visit [www.kent.ac.uk/courses/international](http://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/international)

## Contact us

For more information on Kent's courses, facilities or services, contact us on:  
T: +44 (0)1227 768896

For details on becoming an international student at Kent, contact: International Recruitment  
T: +44 (0)1227 824904  
E: [international@kent.ac.uk](mailto:international@kent.ac.uk)  
[www.kent.ac.uk/internationalstudent](http://www.kent.ac.uk/internationalstudent)



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For the University to operate efficiently, it needs to process information about you for administrative, academic and health and safety reasons. Any offer this institution makes to you is subject to your consent to process such information, which is therefore a requirement before we can register you as a student.

# FIND OUT MORE

For more on our International  
Foundation Programme (IFP),  
see [www.kent.ac.uk/ifp](http://www.kent.ac.uk/ifp)

For more on our degrees with an  
integrated foundation year, see  
[www.kent.ac.uk/ug](http://www.kent.ac.uk/ug)