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Information for exchange and short-term students

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IMPORTANT DEADLINES

September arrival:

- Nomination: 15 May
- Application: 15 June
- Campus accommodation: 30 June

January arrival:

- Nomination: 15 October
- Application: 15 November
- Campus accommodation: 30 November

Apply online	https://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/short-term/how-to-apply
Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning Agreement/Module choice form • Official transcript of marks (signed/stamped) • Copy of your passport • English Language evidence (see below) • If you come for Masters-level study: you should also upload an academic reference and Bachelor degree certificate
English Language	<p>If your first language is not English, you must provide evidence of your English level as part of their application.</p> <p>If you will need a Study Visa to enter the UK, you must submit a valid Secure English Language Test certificate that is less than two years old.</p> <p>https://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/english-language-requirements</p>
GPA	2.5 where 4.0 is the highest grade, according to the terms of our agreement with an individual partner.
Other requirements	<p>Law: French students on a postgraduate exchange who wish to take LLM modules must have an average of 12/20 for the licence, and an average mark of 7 in IELTS. LLM students from other countries, please see the entry requirements.</p> <p>Architecture/Planning, Design: submit a portfolio as part of your application.</p>

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Autumn term	Arrivals: 27-28 September 2025 Welcome and orientation: 29 September to 3 October 2025 Teaching and assessment: 6 October to 12 December 2025 Optional Leading with Cultural Intelligence (LCI) course (see below)
Spring term	Arrivals (new students): 7 January 2026 (provisional) Welcome and orientation: 8-9 January 2026 (provisional) Teaching and assessment: 12 January to 20 March 2026
Summer term	Teaching and assessment: 13 April to 19 June 2026

Make sure you only apply for the term/s that you want to be here!

Please note that you cannot apply for part of a term.

OPTIONS

One term only:

Autumn Term

or Autumn Term plus LCI course

or Spring Term

Two terms:

Autumn & Spring

or Spring & Summer

Three terms:

Autumn, Spring and Summer

Each term has 9 weeks' teaching and 1 week of assessments.

LEADING WITH CULTURAL INTELLIGENCE COURSE

This course is open to students who are coming for the Autumn Term only.

It 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 (CQ).

Schedule	Part 1: 21-26 September (arrival dinner Sunday 21 plus trip on Saturday 04 October) Autumn Term: Check-in points with the tutor to review learning. Part 2: 15-19 December, including one trip and assessment period. Duration: 13 weeks
Credits	20 credits (10 ECTS) for those who complete Part 1 and Part 2, plus the assessment.
Fees	Tuition fees will be waived for students who take the course for credit.

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LIVING ON CAMPUS

Great range of single rooms in shared flats, houses or colleges, just a short walk to teaching rooms and other campus facilities. 20 minutes by bus from city centre!

<http://www.kent.ac.uk/accommodation/>

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Immigration Check if you will need a visa or Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) to enter the UK here: <https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa>

If you need a Student Visa to study in the UK, you will receive a CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance for Study) once your application to Kent is approved.

Please note that a Short-term Study Visa is not suitable because this is only for those taking an English Language course at a language school in the UK.

Visas: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration>

ETA: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-an-electronic-travel-authorisation-eta>

The Student Union's Advice Service provides independent advice about visas: <https://kentunion.co.uk/here-for-you/advice>

Tuition fees Exchange students: no tuition fees to pay.
If you are coming as part of a fee-paying arrangement, You can find the tuition fees here: <https://www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/fees/tuition/index.html#!jy> The Finance department will contact you about the fee payment at the start of term.

Living costs <http://www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student/livingcosts.html>

Travel insurance You should obtain travel insurance before coming to the UK.

Health insurance You may wish to arrange health insurance as well, e.g. if you have a pre-existing medical condition, disability or other support needs.

Useful links Canterbury campus: <https://www.kent.ac.uk/locations/canterbury>

Virtual visit: <https://virtualexperience.kent.ac.uk>

Visit Canterbury tourist website: <https://www.canterbury.co.uk/>

Kent Sport: <https://www.kent.ac.uk/sports>

Music: <https://www.kent.ac.uk/music>

Catering: <https://www.kent.ac.uk/catering>

Library and IT: <https://www.kent.ac.uk/library-it>

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ACADEMIC MATTERS: SCHOOLS, MODULES AND CREDITS

School of Arts and Architecture <i>Architecture, Planning, Spatial Interior Design, Drama, Film, Graphic Design and Media</i>	School of Social Sciences <i>Criminology, Sociology, Social Policy (Social Work is not open to short-term/exchange)</i>	School of Engineering, Mathematics and Physics <i>Engineering, Mathematical Sciences, Physics & Astronomy</i>	School of Natural Sciences <i>Biosciences, Chemistry, Conservation, Forensic Sciences and Sports & Exercise Science</i>
Kent Law School	School of Psychology	Kent Business School	School of Computing
School of Humanities <i>Classics, English and History</i>	School of Economics and Politics & International Relations	Kent and Medway Medical School <i>Not open to short-term study/exchange</i>	Medway School of Pharmacy <i>Not open to short-term study/exchange</i>

Online module catalogue

<http://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/modules/>

Module descriptions include a synopsis, credits, teaching term, pre- or co-requisites, short reading list and assessment methods.

Apprenticeship modules (BUSX, ECOX etc) are not available.

Go to our website for more advice:

<https://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/short-term/how-it-works/modules>

CREDITS

You will take two modules in a term.

One Term = 40 credits (20 ECTS)*

Two Terms = 80 credits (40 ECTS)

Full year = 120 credits (60 ECTS)

If you will come for one term only, but need to take 60 credits (30 ECTS) contact the Study Abroad team.

Pre-requisites and prior knowledge

If you choose a module which has a pre-requisite, please provide information of an equivalent module which you have taken at your home university.

If you wish to take a Level 4 module in Science or Maths, you may have to show that you have previously studied this subject even if no pre-requisite is listed. (Degree students must have a school qualification in the appropriate subject.)

Workload

One module = 20 credits (10 ECTS), this is, on average, 4 hours in class and 16 private study hours per week.

Some subjects, such as the Sciences and Architecture, may have more contact hours than other subjects due to laboratory or studio classes.

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Module registration You will not go through the Online module registration process. The Study Abroad team will arrange your module approval and registration. This will be based on your Provisional module registration form/Learning Agreement.

Kent does not have an “Add and Drop” period. Only essential changes, e.g. due to timetable clashes, can be made on arrival.

Official Transcript The University will send one official electronic transcript to you and your home university approximately six weeks after the end of term. Hard copies can be requested. A copy of the grading system is included in the transcript.

LANGUAGE LEARNING

Fluent Futures Free tutorials and immersive modules (extra-curricular or for credit) in languages such as: Mandarin, Japanese, Arabic, Spanish, French, Italian, German, Ukrainian or Russian

<https://www.kent.ac.uk/fluent-futures>

English Language Students can register for free term-time, credit-bearing English Language Skills modules or extra-curricular English and Academic Skills (ELAS) modules. ELAS modules cover topics including grammar and pronunciation, essay writing and seminar discussions.

<https://student.kent.ac.uk/studies/english-and-academic-skills>

SUPPORT

Student Support and Wellbeing (SSW) Expert staff to support students with disabilities or chronic medical conditions, autism and Specific Learning Difficulties (SpLD). Counselling and other wellbeing services are provided, as well as out-of-hours and emergency support.

<https://www.kent.ac.uk/student-support>

Medical facilities You can get advice and treatment at the University Medical Centre on the Canterbury campus. There is also an on-campus Nursing Service and Pharmacy.

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

Study support The Skills for Academic Success team provides help, workshops and resources for study skills, writing, mathematics and good academic practice:

<https://student.kent.ac.uk/studies/skills-for-academic-success>

Campus Security Provides personal safety advice and equipment as well as walking taxi service.

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