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**Kent** | Kent  
International  
Pathways

# INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PROGRAMME 2018

*Preparing you for a successful future*



21<sup>ST</sup>

The University is ranked 21st, its highest ever position, in the *Times Higher Education* (THE) 'Table of Tables' 2017.

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Kent is ranked 22nd in the UK in *The Guardian University Guide 2018*.

96%

More than 96% of Kent students who graduated in 2016 were in work or further study within six months.

42%

of our academic staff are from overseas and we have students representing 158 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).

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Kent gained the 4th highest score for overall student satisfaction in the **2016 National Student Survey**.





# KENT

RATED

# GOLD

OUTSTANDING TEACHING

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.

# A WARM WELCOME

*On behalf of everyone here at the University of Kent, I am delighted that you are considering studying with us. I am confident that our high-quality teaching, dedicated student support and excellent facilities here at Kent will allow you to succeed. Our course runs on our Canterbury campus, close to the historic city which we know you will love. I look forward to welcoming you on to the International Foundation Programme at Kent, where we can prepare you for a successful academic future.*

**Sebastien Cadinot,**  
Director, Centre for English and World Languages  
and Kent International Pathways

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# INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PROGRAMME

## 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 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.

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.

## 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.

## How is it structured?

We have pathways in Business and Economics, Law, Architecture and Design, Psychology, Social Sciences, Sciences and Humanities, which lead on to a range of degrees. Our September-start Autumn IFP runs over three terms and the February-start accelerated

Spring IFP for some pathways runs over two terms.

## Experienced team

We are proud to manage and deliver our own International Pathway Programmes. With nearly 40 years of experience in helping international students prepare for their learning journey, 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.



[www.universitypathwayalliance.org](http://www.universitypathwayalliance.org)

## TERM DATES 2018/19

### Autumn IFP

#### Welcome Week

17 September 2018 – 21 September 2018

#### Autumn term

24 September 2018 – 14 December 2018  
(Holiday 29 October 2018 – 2 November 2018)

#### Spring term

14 January 2019 – 5 April 2019  
(Holiday 18 February 2019 – 22 February 2019)

#### Summer examination term

6 May 2019 – 14 June 2019

### Spring IFP (accelerated)

#### Welcome Week

28 January 2019 – 1 February 2019

#### Spring term

4 February 2019 – 12 April 2019

#### Summer term

29 April 2019 – 5 July 2019

#### Summer examination week

8 July 2019 – 12 July 2019

# WHY CHOOSE KENT?

**The University of Kent is a leading UK university with an international outlook and an excellent reputation for teaching and research. We received a gold award in the 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.



## Your Kent experience

### An international community

Known as the UK's European university, we are a global university. Forty-two per cent of our academic staff come from outside the UK and our students represent 158 different nationalities, creating a vibrant, multicultural place to study. On the IFP, there are over 45 nationalities represented. The University's UK campuses are in Canterbury and Medway; we also have a study centre in Tonbridge, and postgraduate centres in Rome, Paris, Brussels and Athens.

### Superb student experience

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

### A foundation for your future career

We have one of the best graduate employment rates in the UK. More than 96% of our 2016 graduates were employed or in further study within six months of graduation.

### 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 over 170 prestigious universities around the world in 37 countries mean that you have 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 is also possible to add a year in computing or a year in arts to your degree.

\*The University of Kent's Statement of Findings can be found at [www.kent.ac.uk/tef-statement](http://www.kent.ac.uk/tef-statement)

## DID YOU KNOW?

In the QS World University Rankings 2017, 11 of Kent's subject areas were ranked in the top 200 internationally.

# TEN REASONS TO CHOOSE KENT'S IFP

## 1/ **Guaranteed progression on to a wide range of courses**

Progression on to your degree is automatic at the end of your IFP course if you achieve the required grades. We offer progression on to 300+ degree courses at the University of Kent.

## 2/ **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. Canterbury has fantastic travel links to London, Europe and beyond.

## 3/ **Tailor your programme to your interests**

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

## 4/ **Develop your academic skills and academic English**

You study specialist academic skills and, if needed, language modules essential for your study and beyond. Skills you learn include extended research and writing, and presentation and group work skills.

## 5/ **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.

## 6/ **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 with a student to staff ratio of just 13:1, you are in a great position to make the most of their expertise.

## 7/ **A dedicated international team**

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

## 8/ **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.

## 9/ **A home from home**

We offer you on-campus accommodation for the IFP and your first year of undergraduate study at Kent. We have a range of accommodation options.

## 10/ **Achieve excellence**

We have a strong record of success. The majority of our IFP graduates go on to achieve a 2.1 (merit) or a First (distinction) on their degree programmes.





*"You learn so many things that will benefit you in the future; it transforms you."*



# STUDENT PROFILE

**Rajeeb Ghose studied on the IFP in 2012. He completed his Economics BSc in 2017, graduating with a first-class degree.**

## 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.

# 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 everyone and to learn to work together.**

On your foundation course, you study compulsory modules that cover academic subjects for your specialist pathway, 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.

## Teaching and assessment

You learn through lectures, seminars, workshops, tutorials, online learning, independent 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.

For details about the programme modules you can study, please visit [www.kent.ac.uk/international-pathways/ifp](http://www.kent.ac.uk/international-pathways/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.



*“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

# SOCIAL SCIENCES/ BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

**Students on our Business and Economics pathway can progress on to a range of degree programmes in related fields.**

Alongside your academic skills modules, you choose three further modules depending on entry qualifications, for example:

- Economics
- European and International Business
- Law
- Maths and Statistics
- Politics and International Relations
- Psychology.

## Degrees you can study

From the Business and Economics pathway, you can progress on to a wide range of degrees in Kent Business School and the School of Economics including:

### Kent Business School

- Accounting and Finance
- Business and Management with a Year in Industry
- International Business
- Management
- Marketing

### School of Economics

- Economics
- Financial Economics.

### Kent Business School

With professional accreditation in many areas, Kent Business School (KBS) has over 25 years' experience delivering business education.



Many of our degrees offer the option of a year in industry as part of your degree, which allows you to gain valuable work experience and gives you the opportunity to put your knowledge into practice. Business and management at Kent was ranked 20th in the UK in *The Complete University Guide 2018*.

### School of Economics

The School of Economics has a long-standing reputation for world-leading research and many of our academic staff serve as expert advisers to UK, European and international agencies. We offer strong academic-based support to our students and also run a peer mentoring scheme, where final-year students provide support to new students. Economics at Kent was ranked 16th in the UK in *The Guardian University Guide 2018*.

It is possible to spend a year in industry on some of our programmes.

*“Taking the IFP was the best decision I have ever made. I have now moved on to my undergraduate degree and I think that if I had not completed the IFP, I would not be doing as well as I am. The IFP gave me background knowledge on important topics that I have studied in my first year.”*

**Elizabeth Ha**  
Former International Foundation Programme student, now studying at Kent Business School



# SOCIAL SCIENCES/ LAW

**If you are interested in going on to study law, this pathway provides you with the knowledge and skills you need to do so.**

Alongside your academic skills modules, you typically study three of the following modules, depending on your final degree choice and entry qualifications:

- Law
- Economics
- History
- Maths and Statistics
- Philosophy
- Politics and International Relations
- Psychology.

Other recommended modules for Law students to take include European and International Business, and Drama, Film and Literary Text.

## Degrees you can study

Students on this pathway can progress on to a wide range of degree options offered by our schools in the Faculty of Social Sciences. These include:

- Law
- International Legal Studies with a Year Abroad
- Law and Criminology
- Law and Economics
- Politics and Law.

## Kent Law School

Ranked 15th in *The Guardian University Guide 2018*, with outstanding teaching, an award-winning Law Clinic, world-leading research and excellent graduate prospects, Kent Law School is the UK's leading critical law school. At Kent, you are encouraged to develop your studies in an international context and there are also opportunities to study abroad. The Wigoder Law Building houses the Kent Law Clinic, where you can work on live cases under the guidance of qualified lawyers. The Wigoder also includes a replica court-room, giving you the chance to hone your advocacy skills in a realistic setting.

*"I had to work my way up. There was encouragement and support and my learning experience was better as a result. The highlight for me was getting my results; to see them really reflect my efforts gave me so much joy and proved that my chosen degree was indeed for me."*

### Harrison Okoye

Former International Foundation Programme student, now studying at Kent Law School



# SOCIAL SCIENCES/ PSYCHOLOGY



*“I enjoyed studying on the IFP. One of the highlights for me was meeting people from all over the world. The modules were all interesting and hard, it was a good challenge for me. The level of support from the lecturers and academic advisers was great and helped me throughout my IFP.”*

**Cassandra Png En-Yi**  
International Foundation Programme  
(Social Sciences) student

## Are you interested in people and the unique ways they see the world? This pathway offers you a route to a number of degrees in Kent’s School of Psychology.

Alongside your academic skills and subject modules, you typically study three of the following modules, depending on your final degree choice and entry qualifications:

- European and International Business
- Law
- Maths and Statistics
- Philosophy
- Politics and International Relations
- Psychology
- Sociology.

## Degrees you can study

Students on this pathway can progress on to a wide range of degree options offered by our schools in the Faculty of Social Sciences. These include:

- Applied Psychology
- Psychology
- Psychology with Clinical Psychology
- Psychology with Forensic Psychology
- Social Psychology.

## School of Psychology

Psychology at Kent is ranked 1st for graduate prospects and 9th overall in *The Complete University Guide 2018*. The School is a leading centre for social psychology and also has strengths in cognitive, forensic and developmental psychology.

We offer high levels of support, and our staff are friendly and accessible. The international environment of the School gives you a chance to look at the subject from a wide range of perspectives. There are plenty of opportunities for you to become involved in the academic life of the School, such as the Research Participation Scheme, where you can gain direct experience of psychological research. The School’s state-of-the-art facilities house specialist equipment for research activities.

# POLITICS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES PATHWAY

**If you want to understand society and its structures, learn why people commit crime, or discover what makes us human, this pathway is for you. It offers a route to degrees that broaden your outlook on the world around you.**

## Faculty of Social Sciences

The Faculty of Social Sciences welcomes students across a range of subject areas, from business to anthropology, law and criminology to politics. The schools within the Faculty produce high-quality, internationally recognised research, which creates an exciting academic environment in which to learn.

## Social Sciences pathway

Alongside your academic skills and subject modules, you typically study

three of the following modules, depending on your final degree choice and entry qualifications:

- European and International Business
- Law
- Maths and Statistics
- Philosophy
- Politics and International Relations
- Psychology
- Sociology.

## Degrees you can study

Students on this pathway can progress on to a wide range of degree options offered by our schools in the Faculty of Social Sciences. These include:

## School of Politics and International Relations

- Politics
- Politics and International Relations

- War and Conflict

For more details about the School, see: [www.kent.ac.uk/politics](http://www.kent.ac.uk/politics)

## School of Anthropology and Conservation

- Anthropology
- Social Anthropology
- Wildlife Conservation

For more details about the School, see [www.kent.ac.uk/sac](http://www.kent.ac.uk/sac)

## School of Sociology, Social Policy and Social Research

- Criminology
- Cultural Studies and Media
- Sociology

For more details about the School, see [www.kent.ac.uk/sspsr](http://www.kent.ac.uk/sspsr)

## Centre for Journalism

- Journalism

For more details about the Centre, see [www.kent.ac.uk/journalism](http://www.kent.ac.uk/journalism)



*“The lecturers are friendly and supportive and worked closely with us. I have always been interested in politics and psychology and the lecturers made it fun to learn more about them. The lecturer for the academic skills module was amazing; learning how to properly write academic essays fuelled my desire to learn more.”*

**Amirul Shah-Rizal**  
International Foundation Programme  
(Social Sciences) student



# HUMANITIES/ ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

**Would you like to design actual buildings, or use the latest technology to create imagined worlds? This pathway sets you on the road to a number of exciting degrees and, further ahead, rewarding careers.**

Alongside your academic skills modules, you typically study our Art and Design\* module and one of the following modules, depending on your final degree choice and entry qualifications:

- Drama, Film and Literary Text
- History
- Maths and Statistics
- Sociology.

## Degrees you can study

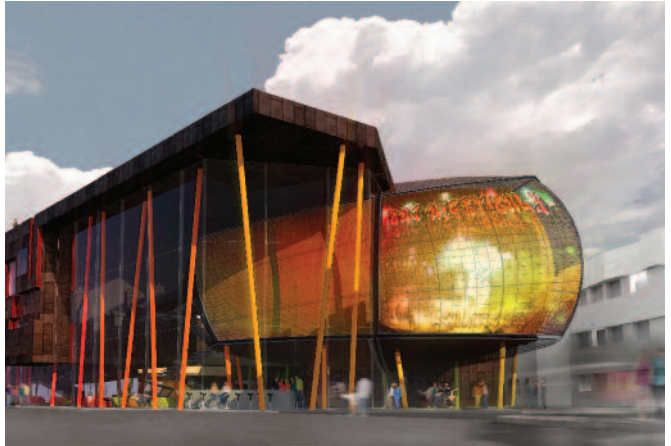
Students on this pathway can progress to degree options within Kent School of Architecture and the School of Engineering and Digital Arts including:

### Kent School of Architecture

- Architecture

### School of Engineering and Digital Arts

- Digital Arts
- Multimedia Technology and Design



## Kent School of Architecture

Kent School of Architecture (KSA) is ranked 10th in the UK in *The Guardian University Guide 2018*. KSA has an enthusiastic team of academic staff who are respected practitioners in their fields. The School is equipped with the latest resources, including modern design studios, dedicated model workshops, a computer studio and labs. We also have a state-of-the-art Digital Crit Space, where students and tutors can interact and contribute to 'crit' presentations and tutorials.

The Kent Architectural Student Association is run 'by the students for the students'. It promotes debate around all aspects of design and organises events.

## School of Engineering and Digital Arts

The School of Engineering and Digital Arts offers innovative, flexible and multidisciplinary programmes that allow you to develop your creative practical skills in design and programming. You also gain a thorough understanding of industry-standard technologies. Design and crafts at Kent were ranked 3rd in the UK in *The Guardian University Guide 2018*, and 2nd for graduate prospects. We have excellent links with industry and have worked with industry practitioners such as Warner Bros., The Walt Disney Company, the Moving Picture Company, award-winning documentary filmmakers, professional photographers and animators. Many of our courses offer you the option to spend a year abroad or in industry to further your study and gain valuable skills.

\*Students who wish to take the Art and Design module must provide an electronic portfolio of their work. See [www.kent.ac.uk/ifp](http://www.kent.ac.uk/ifp) for details.

# ARTS AND HUMANITIES PATHWAY

**Study on our Humanities pathway if you are passionate about arts and culture or fascinated by history, ancient and modern.**

## Faculty of Humanities

As a student in the Faculty of Humanities you become part of a thriving academic community. While all schools in the Faculty have their own distinct identity, they also take part in interdisciplinary research, which creates a dynamic research culture. A number of trips and events, including lectures by high-profile speakers, are arranged each year. The schools offer degrees covering all areas of the arts, including literature, drama, ancient and modern history, languages, film, the history of art and music.

## Humanities pathway

Alongside your academic skills and subject modules, you typically study three of the following modules, depending on your final degree choice and entry qualifications:

- Drama, Film and Literary Text
- History
- Philosophy
- Politics and International Relations
- Psychology
- Sociology.

## Degrees you can study

Students on this pathway can progress on to a wide range of degree options in the Faculty of Humanities. These include:

### School of Arts

- Art History
- Drama and Theatre
- Film
- Media Studies

For more details about the School, see [www.kent.ac.uk/arts](http://www.kent.ac.uk/arts)

### School of English

- Contemporary Literature
- English and American Literature

For more details about the School, see [www.kent.ac.uk/english](http://www.kent.ac.uk/english)

## School of European Culture and Languages

- Ancient History
- Comparative Literature
- English Language and Linguistics

For more details about the School, see [www.kent.ac.uk/secl](http://www.kent.ac.uk/secl)

## School of History

- History
- Military History

For more details about the School, see [www.kent.ac.uk/history](http://www.kent.ac.uk/history)



# SCIENCES PATHWAY

**Whether your interest is in sports science or computer science, bioscience or engineering, our Sciences pathway gives you the skills to move into the area that most excites you.**

## Faculty of Sciences

In the Faculty of Sciences, we build on the strength of our individual schools to create an environment where those from different scientific disciplines can work together to create new and exciting areas of research. Our cross-disciplinary research centres cover cyber security, cognitive neuroscience and cognitive systems.

## Sciences pathway

Alongside your academic skills and subject modules, you also choose three to four modules (depending on your chosen degree and entry qualifications) including:

- Economics
- European and International Business
- Fundamental Human Biology
- Programming
- Life Sciences
- Maths and Statistics
- Politics and International Relations
- Skills for Bioscientists.

## Degrees you can study

Students on this pathway can progress on to a wide range of degree options offered by our schools in the Faculty of Sciences:



### School of Biosciences

- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Biomedical Science

For more details about the School, see [www.kent.ac.uk/bio](http://www.kent.ac.uk/bio)

### School of Computing

- Business Information Technology
- Computer Science

For more details about the School, see [www.cs.kent.ac.uk](http://www.cs.kent.ac.uk)

### School of Engineering and Digital Arts

- Computer Systems Engineering

For more details about the School, see [www.eda.kent.ac.uk](http://www.eda.kent.ac.uk)

### School of Sport and Exercise Sciences

- Sport and Exercise Science
- Sport Management

For more details about the School, see [www.kent.ac.uk/sportsciences](http://www.kent.ac.uk/sportsciences)

### Medway School of Pharmacy

- Pharmacology and Physiology

For more details about the School, see [www.msp.ac.uk](http://www.msp.ac.uk)

Many degrees on this pathway offer a placement year, allowing you to gain relevant work experience, or a year studying abroad.

*“I enjoyed the IFP because the teachers made the subjects straightforward and so less stressful. I liked studying in a class full of international students as they have different ways of studying and communicating. Also, I was able to take an elective module in sociology, which is an interesting subject to learn.”*

### Wei Siang Eyu

Former International Foundation Programme student, now studying at Kent's School of Computing





*"I would recommend the IFP, it gives you so much, not just academically but also socially; I really felt I was part of something when I was studying on the IFP."*

# STUDENT PROFILE

**Mariam Al-Bader studied on Kent's International Foundation Programme (IFP) before starting her Biomedical Science BSc. She is now in the second year of her degree.**

**How did you hear about the IFP?**

I applied to study Biomedical Science but I didn't get the grades I needed. The University then offered me a place on the IFP and I decided to accept it. I am very happy that I did, because it has helped me in lots of ways.

**How did you feel when you arrived at Kent?**

Excited and tense at the same time. I am from Norway and it was the first time I had lived away from home. I lived on campus, which is a good way to get to know everyone. You don't feel alone; there are always people around you – walking around campus I can have five conversations in 500 metres! There are lots of places to eat on campus and a shop if you need supplies. The campus becomes your home – I feel like I have two homes now, Norway and Canterbury.

**What did you enjoy about the IFP?**

The class sizes are quite small, so you get lots of attention. Everybody does the Academic Skills Development module, where you learn about essay writing, and referencing – it's hard but very useful – as well as other study skills.

The teachers were very good. I'm not that good at maths but the teacher we had was great. He taught maths in a fun way and, in the end, I got 92 in that class, which was amazing. I also enjoyed the seminars, there's a nice atmosphere which makes it easier to ask questions and get help when you need it. Of the science modules I took, two were actually first-year BSc modules, which meant when I started my degree I was able to do an additional module – hard work but good experience.

The pass mark for the IFP is challenging, but we all helped each other. I remember before one exam, we all got together in the library to help each other; each of us knew different things so we could all help someone. Even though it was just before the exam, it was fun, I had never seen anything like that before; it was really nice.

The other good thing about the IFP is that if you change your mind about the degree you want to study, they will do all they can to help you move on to a different degree programme, as long as it is within the same area as your IFP.

**Has your IFP helped you in your degree studies?**

It has been very helpful; I didn't realise while I was doing it how useful it would be – I just enjoyed the social benefits of it. But in my first year I realised how much it had helped. The maths and statistics skills I learnt have definitely been valuable; we were also taught

how to do presentations, another very useful skill. Knowing how to reference and cite sources is something I will need for my dissertation, so you learn a lot that you can use in your later studies.

**Have you used the Careers and Employability Service?**

Yes, they help with your CV and lots of other things, and also let you know about internships and other opportunities. It is a very good service.

**What next?**

I am not sure. I have always wanted to be a doctor so I may pursue that.

**Do you like Canterbury?**

I love it, it's amazing. From the moment I came to Canterbury, I fell in love with it, it's nice and calm but at the same time it's lively. It's a good student city and you feel you belong very quickly. It's a good area and there are lots of nice places around it too.

**Would you recommend the IFP?**

Definitely, it gives you so much, not just academically but also socially; I really felt I was part of something when I was studying on the IFP. There are lots of events to help you get to know everyone and you are given a 'buddy' (a student who has studied on the IFP previously), which is a nice idea. You learn a lot of useful things, even though at times you think, 'this is annoying, how is this going to help me' – in the end it does.

# SUPPORTING YOU



## **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 an Induction 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 for English and World Languages and your school.

Our nurturing approach develops your talents and helps you to fulfil your potential through different approaches. 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 Committee and can put forward their views, and those of their fellow students, on matters relating to the International Foundation Programme (IFP) and University life in general.

Within the Centre, there is a wealth of support available to you from staff and students. 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. See pp22-23 for details.

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.

## **Contact us**

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

*“Together with our Senior Tutor, we are here to ensure that all students registered on Kent International Pathways programmes are offered the best possible pastoral support, to enable them to make the most of their experience at Kent.”*

**Amy Moses**  
Student Support and Experience Officer

# ACCOMMODATION

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

All of our accommodation options are set in beautiful parkland on our 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, taking the stress out of your first year of university

- **bed and flex** – with this option, you have £8 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.

Our accommodation package includes personal contents insurance, all utility costs and high-speed wired and Wi-Fi internet connection throughout the accommodation.

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 book your accommodation

You are guaranteed accommodation provided you meet the following criteria:

- 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 the IFP in February, the deadline for both is 15 December.)

When you receive an offer to study on the IFP, we also send you details of how to book your accommodation.



*“I lived in Park Wood, I loved the accommodation there. It’s a short walk from the centre of campus and there’s lots of greenery.”*

**Rajeeb Ghose,**  
Former International Foundation Programme student, recently graduated from Kent’s School of Economics



# LIVING ON 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 158 nationalities.

The campus provides all you need to excel in your studies, as well as sport, music and entertainment venues.

## Further information

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

## Templeman Library

The Templeman Library provides a wealth of resources and services to support study and research. Its extensive print and electronic collections are specifically aimed at supporting courses and subject areas taught at Kent.

Our electronic resources, which are available online wherever you are, include e-journals, e-books, databases, reference resources and newspaper archives. We also

provide tools and expert advice to help you navigate the world of online research.

The Library has hundreds of study spaces and PCs, Wi-Fi and printing, copying and scanning facilities. We have laptops you can borrow within the building. There are silent and quiet study zones, a social study zone with café, and bookable group study and viewing rooms.

## Further information

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

## IT services and facilities

We provide full IT services to assist your studies, and training and support to help you make the most of the facilities on offer. To help you work and study online, we provide:

- student PCs across the Canterbury campus, with specialist subject software
- Wi-Fi access to the web and Kent network in all buildings on campus, including student bedrooms, and in some outdoor spaces
- a Kent IT account, personal email account, and many of the IT systems you will use for your studies.

It is also possible to access files and resources on the Kent network from off campus.

You can participate in free training sessions in IT, study and research skills.

## Further information

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

## Student Learning Advisory Service

The Student Learning Advisory Service provides training and information on writing essays, revision and many other skills. You can find information in the form of leaflets and brochures, personal support groups and workshops, and on the web.

## Further information

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

## Personal support services

On campus, there is a University Medical Centre, which provides a range of clinics and advice, a nursing service and a pharmacy. Other facilities include the Student Support and Wellbeing team, a day nursery for children up to five years old, and a Chaplaincy team, which serves all the main Christian denominations and the Buddhist, Hindu, Islamic, Jewish and Sikh faith communities on campus.

## Further information

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

## 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 branches of national student



societies. The advice centre can help with all aspects of student life. Kent Union also runs the campus Jobshop and volunteering services.

**Further information**  
[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.

**Further information**  
[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 of Kent student productions. Our cinema shows the best in film: British, foreign language, indie, cult, blockbusters and favourite classics.

**Further information**  
[www.kent.ac.uk/gulbenkian](http://www.kent.ac.uk/gulbenkian)

## Music

There is a wide range of music-making at the University, and students of all subjects have the opportunity to get involved in the flourishing programme of extra-curricular music activities. There

are numerous bands, choirs and events, with concerts ranging from classical and jazz to world and folk music. The Colyer-Fergusson Building is our music performance centre for concerts and rehearsals. Kent also offers music scholarships to talented instrumentalists and singers.

**Further information**  
[www.kent.ac.uk/music](http://www.kent.ac.uk/music)

## 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.

**Further information**  
[www.kent.ac.uk/catering](http://www.kent.ac.uk/catering)

# REWARDING EXCELLENCE

**At Kent we believe that all students who have the academic potential to benefit from our courses should be able to come to the University. We therefore offer a range of scholarships to support you in your studies.**

## Scholarships

We have a number of awards at each stage of your course.

### International Foundation Programme scholarships

We offer three £5,000 tuition fee scholarships for students on our Autumn International Foundation Programme and one £5,000 tuition fee scholarship for a student on our Spring International Foundation Programme. For more information and help on how to apply, please contact [pathways@kent.ac.uk](mailto:pathways@kent.ac.uk)

### Pathway prizes

To recognise their hard work, the top-performing students on the IFP are awarded a prize, which includes a discount on their first-year tuition fees at the University of Kent.

### Scholarships for undergraduate students

Once you have progressed on to your undergraduate degree programme, there are other scholarships you can apply for, such as the music and sports scholarships listed below.



For details of other scholarships, see: [www.kent.ac.uk/scholarships](http://www.kent.ac.uk/scholarships)

### Music Performance Scholarships

Music and culture bring benefits to both individual students and to the wider University community. In recognition of this, Kent awards Music Performance Scholarships to talented instrumentalists and singers. New students from all degree programmes are welcome to apply for this Scholarship, which is not means-tested.

### Further information and application procedure

[www.kent.ac.uk/music/scholarships.html](http://www.kent.ac.uk/music/scholarships.html)

### Sports scholarships

Students who perform at a minimum standard of county level or equivalent can apply for a sports scholarship.

### Further information and application procedure

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

*“The IFP at the University of Kent is a truly well designed programme providing an excellent social and academic experience within a campus atmosphere. This is something that I shall cherish a lifetime.”*

### Keshav Vinayagar Thavalingham

Winner of the International Foundation Programme pathway prize in 2016, now studying at Kent Business School

# FEES AND HOW TO APPLY

## How to apply: step-by-step guide

### 1) Select your pathway and degree

We run seven main pathways in Business and Economics, Law, Architecture and Design, Sciences, Psychology, Social Sciences and Humanities. Some of our pathways also offer a February start date. Find out which pathway is right for you by visiting [www.kent.ac.uk/international-pathways/ifp](http://www.kent.ac.uk/international-pathways/ifp)

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/apply/ifpapply.html](http://www.kent.ac.uk/international-pathways/apply/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/application/representatives/index.html](http://www.kent.ac.uk/internationalstudent/application/representatives/index.html)
- 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/apply/ifpapply.html](http://www.kent.ac.uk/international-pathways/apply/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
- an academic reference from your school.

If you are applying to study the Architecture and Design pathway you also need to submit an electronic portfolio. Please see our website [www.kent.ac.uk/international-pathways/ifp/ifp-entry.html](http://www.kent.ac.uk/international-pathways/ifp/ifp-entry.html) 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. Then, in around 14 days, we will email you with our response.

### 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. We guarantee accommodation as long as students apply by the deadline. See p21.

### 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/applying-for-a-visa/applying-overseas.html](http://www.kent.ac.uk/studentimmigration/applying-for-a-visa/applying-overseas.html)

### 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 2018/19

### International students

£15,200, payable in instalments

### Home/EU students

Fees to be confirmed (fees for 2017/18 were £9,250). For the latest information, email us at [pathways@kent.ac.uk](mailto:pathways@kent.ac.uk)



# VISIT THE UNIVERSITY

## Find out more about being a student at Kent by meeting our staff overseas or coming to visit the Canterbury campus.

### In your own country

#### Fairs and exhibitions

Members of the University, including academics, regularly visit fairs and exhibitions overseas. For details of our next visit to your country, see [www.kent.ac.uk/internationalstudent](http://www.kent.ac.uk/internationalstudent)

#### Overseas representatives

Kent has official overseas representatives around the world. They can give you up-to-date advice on the courses at Kent, the application process, visa requirements and details about living and studying in the UK.

To get contact details for your local overseas representative, see: [www.kent.ac.uk/internationalstudent](http://www.kent.ac.uk/internationalstudent)

### Visiting the UK

You can visit us in the UK to see the campuses and find out everything you need to know. Friends and family are all welcome. For details, see [www.kent.ac.uk/opendays](http://www.kent.ac.uk/opendays)

#### Open Days

Our Open Days are big events suitable for everyone and offering information on all our courses. These take place at our Medway and Canterbury campuses with representatives from the various academic schools. This makes it a good way to see what's on offer. You can tour the campus to get a taste of what the campus

environment is like and look at accommodation, sport, library and leisure facilities.

#### Applicant Days

Applicant Days are for those who have already applied to Kent. They give you an in-depth guide to studying your subject at Kent. You hear presentations from academic staff and have the chance to ask lots of questions. You also get a tour of the campus with one of our current students. See [www.kent.ac.uk/visit](http://www.kent.ac.uk/visit) for details.

#### Informal visits

You are also welcome to make an informal visit to our campuses at any time. The University runs tours of the Canterbury and Medway campuses throughout the year for anyone who is unable to attend an Open Day or Applicant Day.

Personal tours of the campus can also be arranged for you and your family. It may also be possible to arrange meetings with academic

staff, although we cannot guarantee this. For more details and to book your place, see [www.kent.ac.uk/informal](http://www.kent.ac.uk/informal)

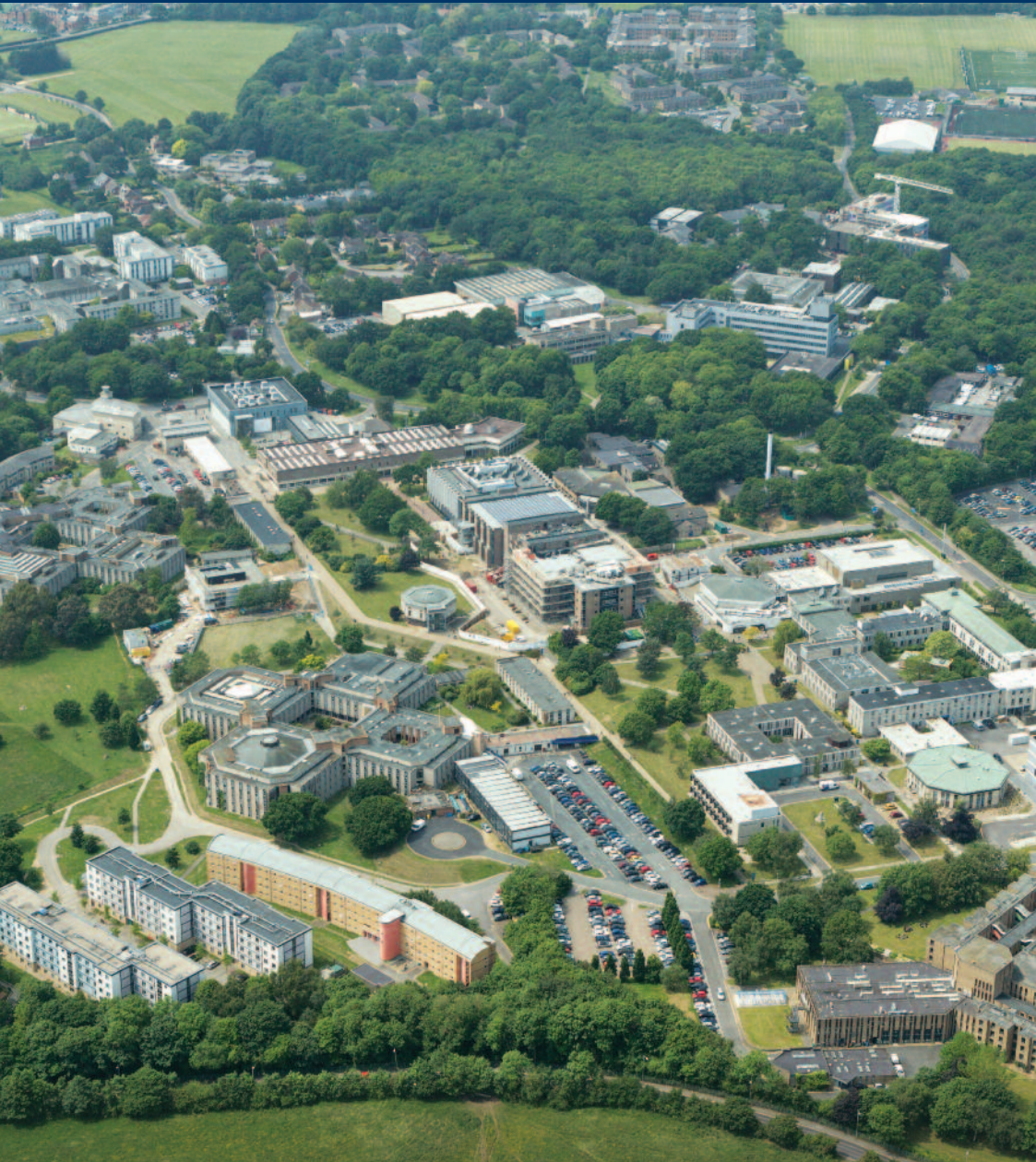
#### Self-guided tours

You can explore the Canterbury campus in person or from the comfort of your home. Our self-guided audio tour gives you a real flavour of the campus and you will hear from the people who help to make Kent such an inspiring place to study – our staff and students. Go to [www.kent.ac.uk/courses/visit/informal/audio-tour.html](http://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/visit/informal/audio-tour.html) to get started.

We provide self-guided tour leaflets, for both our Canterbury and Medway campuses, which include the main points of interest. For more details and to download a self-guided tour, go to [www.kent.ac.uk/informal](http://www.kent.ac.uk/informal)

You can also take a virtual tour of our accommodation at [www.kent.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.kent.ac.uk/accommodation)





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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 and is therefore a requirement before we can register you as a student.

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