

The logo of the University of Kent, featuring the text "University of Kent" in a blue serif font. The word "University of" is in a smaller font above the word "Kent", which is in a large, bold font.

University of
Kent

An aerial photograph of the University of Kent campus, showing a dense cluster of buildings and green lawns. The buildings are mostly light-colored with dark roofs, and the campus is surrounded by trees and fields.

MA Induction
Department of Politics and International
Relations

*Dr Iain MacKenzie
(Director of Graduate Studies Taught)*

Contact:

AUT term MA Drop-In Morning

- Tuesday 09.30-10.30, Dolche Vita

AUT term Office Hours (Keynes B1.11)

- Tuesday 13.00-14.00
- Thursday 14.00-15.00

Or, just drop me an email and we'll figure out a
Teams or f2f chat.





Welcome!

- Kent – A Brief History
- What's on this term?
- Lay of the land
- Courses and modules
- Teaching and Learning
- Support and Advice
- Who should I ask?

University of Kent

A Brief History

- Post-WWII UK University
- Break down barriers (social, class, and educational)
- A history of radical approaches to conflict analysis, women's studies, critical thought, visual anthropology and much more
- A regional institution
- An inclusive institution
- A place to belong
- A developing and resilient institution



(Some of) What's on this term?



Ackroyd & Harvey: The Art of Activism
Film and Q&A
29/10/2025



Led by Donkeys
Live Show Q&A
27/11/2025



Time Critical
Live Show
16-17/10/2025

And get involved

Friday 17th October, 3-4pm

Room: CGUS

Discussion with Stan's Café

What might be the big (and small)
political issues of the next 30 years?

- We are now inviting applications to join our 2025/26 volunteer teams as **Regional Events and Fundraising Officers**.

- **Benefits for students include:**

- Gaining real-world experience and building transferable skills in leadership, teamwork, communication, advocacy, event planning, and campaign strategy.
- Enhancing CVs and career prospects, especially in the charity, legal, or humanitarian sectors.
- Joining a welcoming international community of like-minded peers.
- Access to exclusive volunteer-only opportunities, such as our current online career series with speakers from organisations including UNHCR and the Refugee Council.
- Detailed role descriptions and the application form can be found here: <https://www.solidaritee.org.uk/join-us>



SOLIDARITEE

Conflict Analysis Research Centre



Director: Dr Nadine Ansorg

Website: <https://research.kent.ac.uk/conflict-analysis/>



Legitimacy in Conflict and Peace

17-19 September 2025

University of Kent

Canterbury, United Kingdom



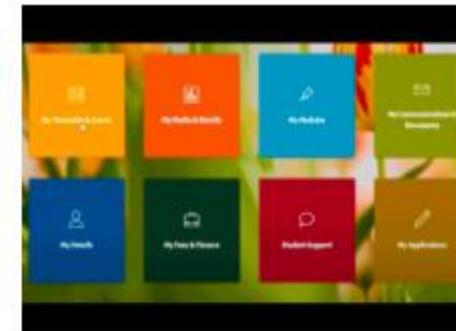
Lay of the Land

Explore and Familiarise

- The campus, especially your teaching venues
- Templeman Library (induction tours, online catalogue)
- The University's website
 - Find your personal online timetable through KentVison
 - Familiarise yourself with the University's online learning environment: 'MOODLE'
 - Staff profiles
 - <https://www.kent.ac.uk/politics-international-relations/people>



Student news and features



**Services for Students:
Online Showcase**

**Complete returning
registration on
KentVision**



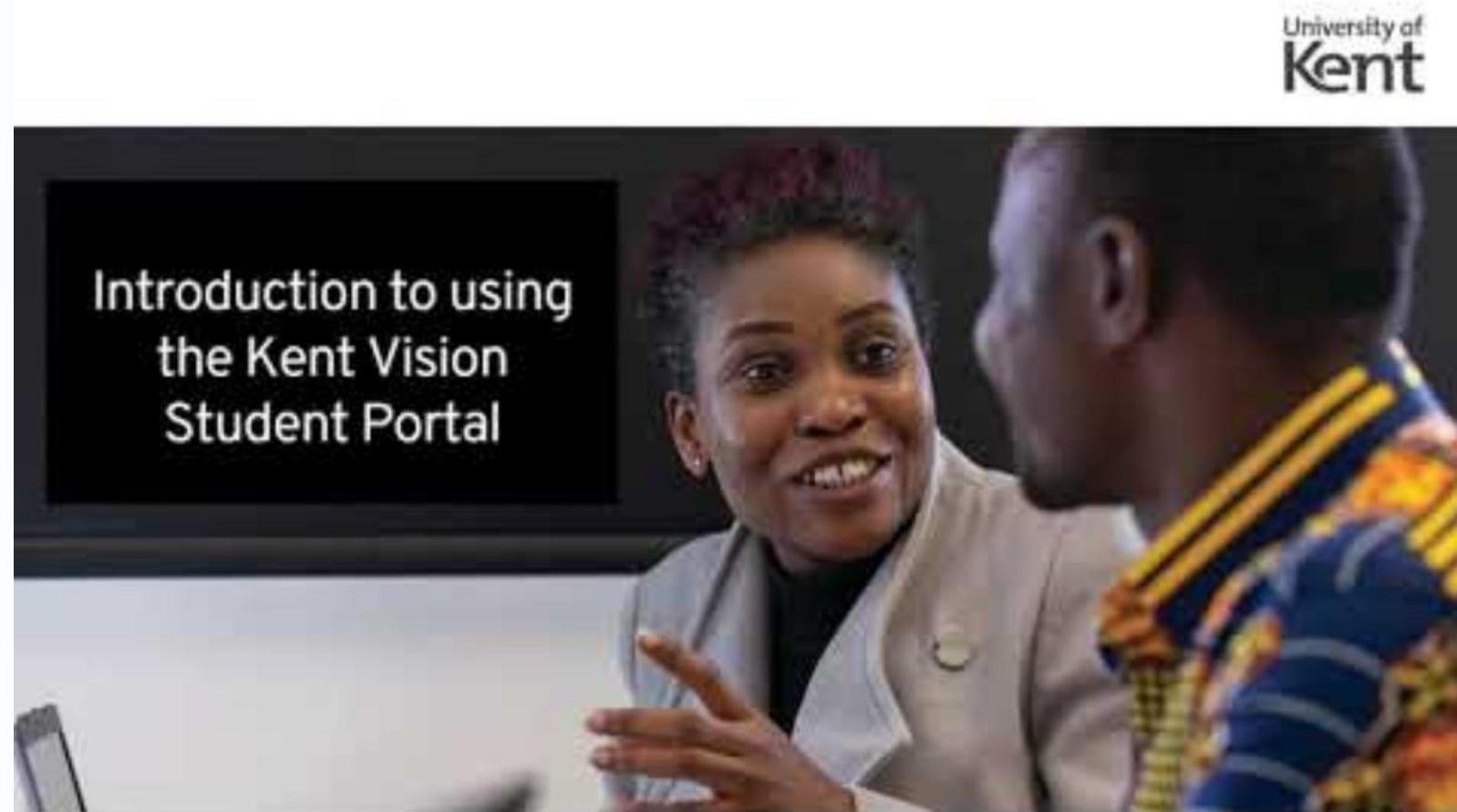
**Support for
students**

Student Help

Links

Accessing support

How to use KentVision



⚠ Please note that your attendance should be registered in **Presto, not** Moodle.

Library Services



Find Out More

Webpage: [Library Services](#)

[Meet your Librarian](#)

Moodle: [Module: Library e-induction | 2025](#)

Email: AcademicLibrary@kent.ac.uk



Access Resources for Free

Millions of books, e-resources, journals & films – borrow, don't buy.



Explore the Digital Library

E-books, databases, film streaming & more – available anytime, anywhere.



Boost Your Research Skills

Learn how to find, evaluate & use information effectively.



Subject Librarians

Get expert, tailored support for your subject area.



Spaces That Suit You

From silent desks to group rooms – study your way.



Supporting Your Wellbeing

Relax with our Love to Read collection, events & exhibitions.

The Language Centre



- <https://www.kent.ac.uk/language-centre>
- **Free drop-in language workshops** (for all levels, every Wednesday afternoon)
- Info and programme: [!\[\]\(d25e96b37004bb0da300e6da96ee0cd4_img.jpg\) Find out more here](#)
- **Language Express evening classes** (for beginners, Tuesdays)
- Our Language Express evening courses run on Tuesdays, 6-7:30pm, during the Autumn and Spring terms, featuring interactive face-to-face learning with bespoke online resources.
- Best of all, these courses are **free** for Kent staff, students!
- Sign up for your chosen course using [this form](#).
- **Language Immersion modules** (all levels)
- An integral part of the BA Modern Languages degree, the Immersion modules are now **free** to staff and students on other courses.
- For students, there is the option to take Immersion modules for credit if your course allows, as.
- Sign up [here](#) to attend a module.

Key pages



- Module Pages
- DP 6500 POLIR Student Guide
- <https://moodle.kent.ac.uk/2025/>

Term Structure and Dates 2025/26

3 Main Teaching Terms

- Autumn (6 Oct – 12 Dec 2025)
- Spring (12 Jan – 20 March 2026)
- Summer (13 April – 19 June 2026)

And

- Late Summer (6 July – 13 Sept 2026) – Dissertation

Each Teaching Term has:

8 weeks teaching
2 weeks assessment
BUT there will be also be 'mid-terms'

Course Organisation (1 Year, Autumn Start)

MA International Relations

MA International Relations with International Law

MA International Negotiation and Conflict Resolution

MA Security and Terrorism

- Pass 180 credits
- Two modules (each 20 credits) in autumn, spring and summer terms
- Core modules in your programme are compulsory
- 120 credits in total of both **Core** and **optional** modules
 - Choices within two weeks
- Dissertation (60 credits)
 - Supervision from spring term
 - Progression Board in June
 - Write-up over summer



Course Organisation (PCON)

MA Peace and Conflict Studies (International Joint Award)

2025/26

- Two modules (each 20 credits) in autumn, spring and summer terms
- Core modules in your programme are compulsory
- 120 credits in total of both **Core** and **optional** modules
 - Choices within two weeks
- Internship (Late Summer, mid-June to mid-October)

2026/27

- Marburg (60 taught credits)
- Marburg Dissertation (60 credits)

Teaching and Learning



TYPICALLY, 2 X TWO-HOUR
LECTURE/SEMINARS



MIXTURE OF CONVENOR
TALK, CLASS EXERCISES,
STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS



STUDENTS SHOULD ATTEND
ALL CLASSES (ATTENDANCE
IS MONITORED)



STUDENTS SHOULD
READ/PREPARE IN ADVANCE
OF CLASSES AND THEN
CONTRIBUTE IN CLASS



ALL MODULE INFORMATION
IS ON THE MOODLE PAGE
OR LINKED FROM IT.

Registering Attendance – Using Presto

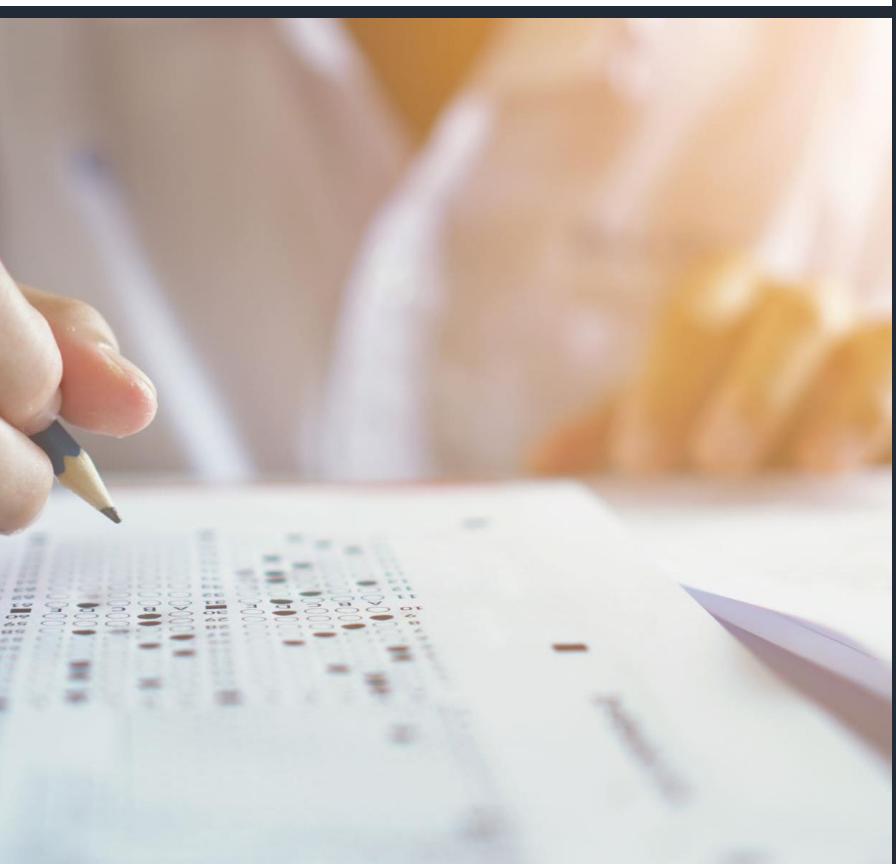
Use Presto to record your attendance at **all timetabled and scheduled events**, including your Academic Advising meetings.

- You do this by scanning the **QR code** or entering the **short text code** provided during the session. Speak to the lecturer at the start or end of the session if you have trouble registering your attendance.
- If you cannot attend a timetabled session, you must register **your absence** in **Presto**.
- When absent for an advising meeting, you must contact your Academic Adviser **as soon as possible** to let them know and reschedule.

The screenshot shows a weekly view of the Presto app. The sidebar on the left displays a user icon for 'ISOBEL DREW' and links for 'My Timetable', 'Timetables', 'Absences', 'Create observation', 'Reports', and 'Assess'. The main area shows a 5x7 grid representing the week from Monday 15/07 to Friday 19/07. Rows 9 and 10 are greyed out. Rows 11 and 13 are green, representing scheduled lectures. Row 14 is orange, representing an Academic Advising meeting. Rows 15 and 16 are greyed out. Each cell contains the start and end time and the event details.

The screenshot shows the 'Absence' registration screen. It has fields for 'Reason' (with a placeholder 'Reason') and 'Date' (with a placeholder 'Date'). A dropdown menu for 'Reason' is open, showing options like 'Bereavement', 'Interview', 'Jury Service', 'Medical', 'Personal', 'Sporting Event Participation', 'Apprentice employment', 'Apprentice employment annual leave', and 'Apprentice self-certified illness'. A 'Confirm' button is located at the bottom right.

Assessment



- TWO Assessments per Module; one shorter and formative, one longer and summative (detail on Moodle and from your module convenor)
- Details on Submission, Deadlines, Late Submission Policy and Extensions can be found here:
 - <https://student.kent.ac.uk/studies/moodle/submitting-work-on-moodle/moodle-assignment>
- All work is marked/checked within three weeks
- Coursework is not anonymous
- Quality control: a sample of marked work is assessed by another staff member and by an external examiner
- ALWAYS adhere to standards of academic integrity
- POLIR uses Harvard Referencing Style:
 - <https://student.kent.ac.uk/studies/academic-integrity/referencing>
- Don't plagiarise! Don't copy from others!
 - We use 'Turnitin' plagiarism detection software
- ONLY use AI in line with the policy in DP6500 on Moodle.

Classification	Numerical Scale
DISTINCTION	100 95 85 78 75 72
MERIT	68 65 62
PASS	58 55 52
FAIL	48 45 42 38 35 32 20 10 0

A large orange circle is positioned on the left side of the slide, covering approximately the top-left quadrant. It has a smooth, rounded edge and a solid orange color.

Who should I
ask?

Academic issues

- a) Module Convenor (see Moodle)
- b) Director of Graduate Studies, Taught
 - Course issues
 - Academic Advice

How:

- a) AUT term, MA Drop In, Dolche Vita, 09.30-10.30
- b) AUT term Office Hours: Tuesday 13.00-14.00, Thursday 14.00-15.00
- c) Academic Advisor/Advisee chats throughout your course, tba.

Finding the teams that can help

**There are lots of resources and people to help you as a student.
If you have questions and are not sure where to start, then ask **Nexus**.**



Start by checking the webpages - use the search tool at the top right to find the information you need - <https://student.kent.ac.uk/>



Visit a **Nexus Information Desk** if you need help finding information, need guidance or would like to speak to someone directly.



Nexus will get you in contact with the right team if you need individual advice and need to speak to someone privately.



Nexus will also get you in contact with more specialist services if you need specialist support or advice.

Need help? Ask Nexus 



Get in contact: Email, call, or drop-in and visit in Sibson building, Templeman Library, or Medway Building.

Engagement Support

**Feeling overwhelmed? Struggling with deadlines? Illness or injury?
Missing home? These are just some of the things we can help with ...**

Personalised and individual advice and practical support for your specific circumstances.

We can help:



If you are struggling to meet
(or if you miss) a deadline.



If you are missing a lot of teaching and cannot attend
and engage with your studies.



Help if you are finding it hard to navigate life at
University.



If you have an issue and need to speak to someone.



If you are worried about another student, and want
someone to check-in.



Get in contact: Email, call,
meet on Teams or in-person
by appointment, or drop-in
and visit.

Student Support & Wellbeing

Wellbeing & Mental Health Support

-  Counselling, mental health advice, and emotional wellbeing guidance.
-  Confidential, non-judgmental support whenever you need it.

Disability & Health Support

-  Support for students with disabilities or long-term health conditions.
-  Tailored help to manage your academic journey with confidence.

Inclusive Learning Plans (ILPs)

-  Once registered with us, we'll work with you to create an ILP
-  Includes reasonable adjustments for your studies and assessments.
-  Find out more about [Inclusive Learning Plans](#).

Specialist Support & Safeguarding

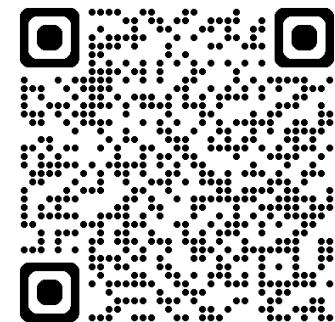
-  Help with issues such as harassment, sexual violence, bullying, discrimination, or hate incidents.

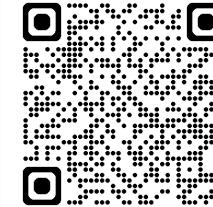
Report and Support Tool

-  Report concerns anonymously or with your name:
-  Visit: ReportAndSupport.kent.ac.uk

Get in Touch

- Visit: Kent.ac.uk/student-support
-  Email: KentSSW@kent.ac.uk





Skills for Academic Success



Build Core Academic Skills

🧠 Critical thinking, academic writing, referencing, time management, communication & more.

÷ Get support with Maths & Stats for courses with quantitative elements.



Support for Every Student

🎓 From Foundation to PhD – we're here for all students, whatever your background or experience.



How to Access Support

👤 1:1 appointments, skill-specific workshops, and online resources.

👥 Peer support also available via Peer-Assisted Learning (PAL).



Top Tip: Stay Organised!

📝 Free time planners available – get yours from the SAS team.



Get in Touch

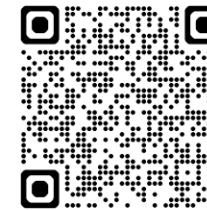
Website: [Skills for Academic Success \(SAS\)](https://www.kent.ac.uk/sas/)

Book: [Book an Appointment with SAS](https://www.kent.ac.uk/sas/appointments/)

Email: Sas@kent.ac.uk

[Peer-Assisted Learning – What is PAL?](https://www.kent.ac.uk/sas/pal/)

Student Success



🎯 Our Mission

- ⚖️ We acknowledge that the University of Kent has risks to the equality of opportunity for our students.
- ❤️ Our mission is to provide a university experience that is inclusive and equitable.

📚 What We Offer

- 🔧 Workshops & Skills Programmes – Build confidence and develop key academic skills.
- 🎤 Inspirational Speakers – Be inspired by diverse voices and experiences.

🏅 Diversity Mark

- 📖 Helping to ensure inclusive, representative teaching.
- 🤝 Opportunities to get involved as a Diversity Mark Officer.

🤝 Belonging & Community

- 👋 Inductions and term-time events to connect with your peers and build your place at Kent.



📫 Get Involved

- 🌐 Webpage: [Student Success](#)
- ✉️ Email: StudentSuccess@kent.ac.uk



IT Services – What You Need to Know from Day One

 Scan the QR for your go-to guide to digital tools & services supporting your studies.

Activate your IT Account & Get Connected

Activate your Kent IT account as soon as you're enrolled.

 Set up **Eduroam Wi-Fi** for free, secure campus access.

 *Top tip: Do this during Welcome Week so you're ready from day one.*

Free Software & Tools

Download **Microsoft 365**, use **OneDrive**, and access other course tools.

 *Top tip: Install on up to 5 devices for free.*

Printing on Campus

Use your **KentOne ID card** to print, scan & copy.

 *Top tip: Top up print credit and check queues online.*

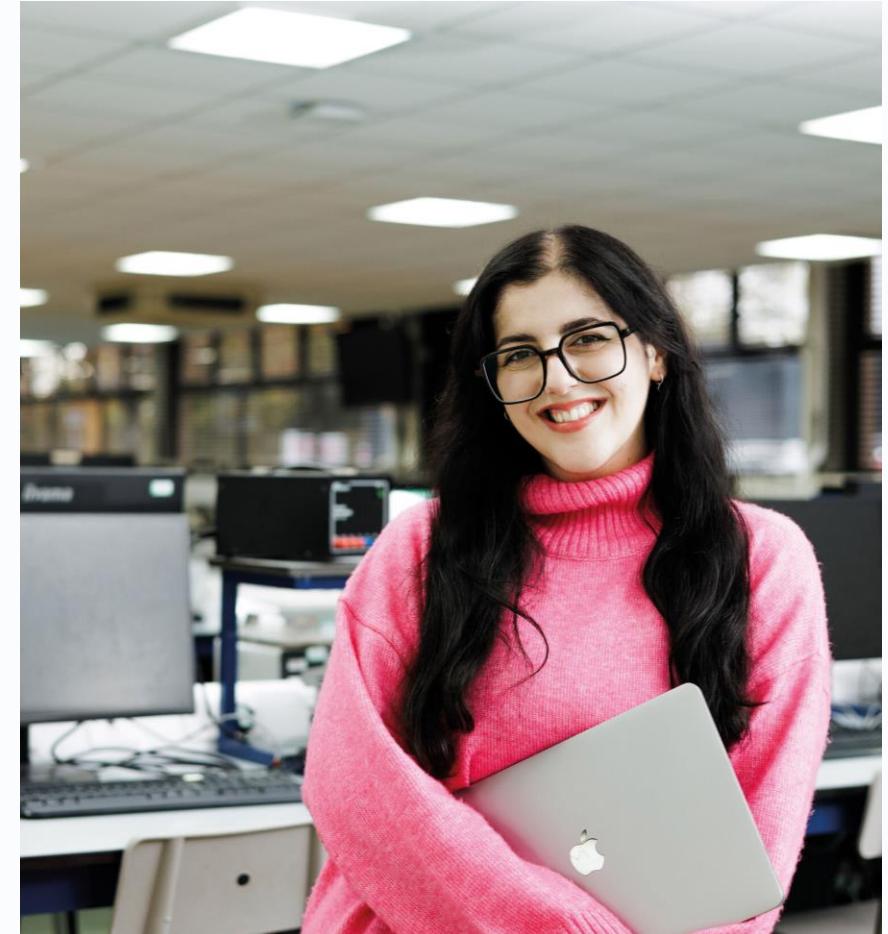
IT Support When & Where You Need It

Get help online, by phone, or at the **IT helpdesk**.

Digital Study Tools & Tech

Explore equipment & tools to work smarter.

 *Top tip: Search "IT Services" on the Kent website to see what's free.*



Webpage: [Kent IT for students](#)

Student Finance



Paying Tuition & Accommodation Fees

 Pay online: [Tuition Fees](#) | [Accommodation](#)

 The Student Fee Collections team handles all payments for tuition and campus accommodation.

Applying for Student Finance

 Apply via: [GOV.UK Student Finance](#)

 Questions about your fee status?

Visit: [Fee Status Support](#)

Confirming Your Registration

 The Student Funding Office confirms your registration with Student Finance England so your loan is released.

Emergency Funding Support

 Experiencing a delay in funding? You may be eligible for an [Emergency Short-Term Loan \(ESTL\)](#)

Need Help or Have a Question?

 Full list of contacts: [Finance Support Contacts](#)



Your Voice Matters

🎙 Your Voice at Kent

- Your feedback matters – it helps us improve the University experience for you and future students.
- Share your views through **Student Reps**, who attend termly **Student Voice Forums** with staff.
- Reps raise themes and ideas **anonymously**, so your input is safe and valued.
- Together, Kent Union and the University work in partnership to act on feedback at **Subject, School, and Institutional levels**.
- Getting involved means you can shape your course, build community, and gain transferable skills – plus earn Employability Points and leadership experience.

👉 Speak to or **become** a Student Rep and help shape Kent.



SCAN ME

Kent Students' Union

Website: KSU.co.uk
Email: Hello@KSU.co.uk



Supporting Your Student Journey

We're here to support, represent, and empower you throughout your time at Kent.

Your Student Voice

We make sure your views are heard across the University and beyond.

 Campaigning for better facilities, academic improvements, and key student issues.

Find Your Community

Join one of hundreds of student-led societies and sports clubs.

 Can't find your niche? We'll help you start your own group.

Get the Support You Need

 Free, confidential Advice Service – housing, academic, money matters & more.

 Social spaces & events: Woody's Bar, The Venue, and beyond.

Led By You

Run by students, for students – shape the Union by voting, giving feedback, or standing in elections.

Your Student Life, Made Incredible

We're here to help you make memories, build community, and thrive at Kent.



Careers & Employability Services

Careers Advice & Guidance

1:1 support with CVs, interviews, applications & more.

Skills & Confidence Building

Workshops, events & mock interviews to prepare for work or further study.

Online Tools & Resources

Explore opportunities via the **Careers Hub** and Moodle module.

Mentoring & Employability Points

Join the Mentoring Programme or earn rewards through the Employability Points Scheme.

Explore Opportunities

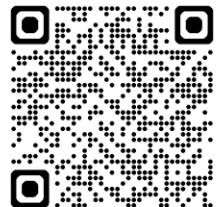
Find part-time jobs, placements, volunteering & graduate roles.

Business Start-up Support

ASPIRE supports anyone interested in starting or developing their own business. Contact ASPIRE@kent.ac.uk

Get Involved

Webpage: [Careers & Employability Service](#)



Important email addresses

Nexus staff can help with any query, signposting you in the right direction.

Engagement Support	EngagementSupport@kent.ac.uk	We provide all taught students with personalised and individual advice and practical support for your specific circumstances.
Employability and Placements	CareerHelp@kent.ac.uk	We can help with specialist careers advice as well as employability and placement development and support.
Student Voice, Events and Experience	StudentExperience@kent.ac.uk	We can help with questions about Student Voice Forums, student representation, module evaluations, academic communities, events and student feedback.
Course administration	ProgAdmin@kent.ac.uk	We are responsible for all UG, and PGT student administration including timetabling and exams processes.
IT and Technical services	HelpDesk@kent.ac.uk	We can help with IT support requests including email and software, IT in teaching spaces, and provision of computer hardware for staff in the Division as well as questions about campus buildings, furniture and telephones.

#YourWelcomeWeekYourSay

**Please share your experience of
this activity with us. Your voice
is important to us!**

Politics and International Relations
MA Induction

