

POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT MASTER'S STUDENT HANDBOOK 2020/21

Graduate and Researcher College (GRC)



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INTRODUCTION

Studying for a postgraduate degree will improve your detailed knowledge of your academic subject and it may also provide preparation for a professional career. The employability advantage gained from a Master's is particularly valuable at this difficult time for our world.

Our optional Global Skills Award Programme (GSA) offers you a unique and additional skills training opportunity which is designed to enhance global awareness and improve your employability in a competitive job market while you study for your postgraduate qualification. The latest Higher Education Review of the University of Kent by the UK's Quality Assurance Agency recognised the benefits of the GSA in terms of the development and networking opportunities it provides to postgraduate students. Perhaps more significantly, the global-level insights and cross-disciplinary thinking which the GSA can provide are needed now more than ever as the world struggles to beat the pandemic.

Kent provides a range of other activities to enhance your postgraduate development, many of these online as well as face to face. These include an invitation to apply for the Postgraduate Community Experience Awards and contribution to the production of *The GradPost*, our termly newsletter created by students for students with our support. You should also embrace the opportunities offered to you by the dynamic intellectual life of the University and your Division. Every Division holds regular research seminars and these are open to all across the University, regardless of their discipline. There are also many 'Open Lectures' which feature leading academics and public figures. A Master's is a fabulous opportunity to become a specialist in your field whilst also gaining an appreciation of a much broader range of disciplines and current affairs. Do make the most of it, but also do make sure to know where help is if it's needed: do not be afraid to ask. Your health and safety are our priority, in everything you do with us. These are difficult times, and we are here to help. The Graduate and Researcher College and countless other university staff are on hand to assist and to ensure all your endeavours are successful.

I wish you all the best for your studies.

Professor Paul Allain
Dean of the Graduate and Researcher College



POSTGRADUATE STUDY AT KENT



1 Contact within your school

1.1 Postgraduate administration

You should make contact with the member of staff who deals with postgraduate taught programmes within your school/Division's administrative team as soon as possible. They will be able to help with administrative matters regarding your registration and should be your first point of contact should you have any queries or problems relating to your studies.

1.2 Programme Convenor

Each taught programme has a convenor or director. This member of staff is an academic within your school or Division who is responsible for the development of the programme of study and your progress within it. He or she is also the person you consult about any queries or problems relating to your work or general circumstances.

If you need to develop further skills for your programme, the convenor/director can give you advice and arrange for extra tuition if necessary. Convenors are also able to request that you attend additional classes, lectures and tutorials if these are thought necessary for your academic progress.

In general, it is your responsibility to tell the Programme Convenor if you have any administrative or academic-related problems. The Convenor is required to give prompt attention and replies to your requests, to comment on your written work within a reasonable time, and to put you in touch with other people working in your area if that is helpful.

Each School or Division will have staff who can help to support you and offer guidance with any issues that arise during your studies. The best person to talk to about a particular issue will depend on the nature of the issue and the structure of the unit in which you are located, but help can be sought from some or all of the following:

Academic Adviser, Student Representative, Student Support Adviser, Module Convenors, Director of Graduate Studies (with responsibility for taught programmes of study), or other members of academic and support staff.

1.3 Postgraduate students based at Brussels

Information for postgraduate students who are based at the Brussels School of International Studies can be found on the 'Getting Started/Brussels' website at: www.kent.ac.uk/gettingstarted/brussels

2 Credit Framework

The Credit Framework for Taught Programmes provides information about the credit structure of taught programmes of study, award of credits, progression and conventions for award and classification of qualifications. The annexes to the Credit Framework include information about qualification level descriptors, minimum credit requirements for awards, marking, resit marks, concessions applications and appeals against recommendations of Boards of Examiners, academic discipline procedures and the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). The Credit Framework can be viewed at: www.kent.ac.uk/teaching/qa/credit-framework

3 What does a taught course entail?

Our taught programmes consist of coursework with other students (lectures, seminars, tutorials and laboratory work as appropriate, online or face-to-face where possible) and, for the Master's degree, independent study for a supervised dissertation or project.

4 Student responsibilities concerning University regulations

Please familiarise yourself with the University Regulations for Students which can be viewed at www.kent.ac.uk/regulations

This link will provide you with access to the General Regulations (including the Student Charter) and the Academic Regulations.

5 Student Data System and Moodle

5.1 Student Data System (SDS)

An invaluable source of information is the Student Data System, from which you can get your timetable details, as well as check your marks and deadlines. The Student Data System can be accessed via the Student Guide on the University website at: www.kent.ac.uk/student

5.2 Moodle

Most taught modules at the University of Kent have an associated Moodle module available for use by staff to help them deliver online teaching resources to students. To access visit: <https://moodle.kent.ac.uk/2019/my>

For instructions and documentation on how to use Moodle please go to the E-Learning website at: www.kent.ac.uk/elearning/moodle/index.html?tab=information-for-students

6 Presentation and examination of your dissertation

Where a dissertation is a requirement for your programme of study, students should aim to complete and submit their dissertation by the end of their period of registration. In exceptional circumstances an extension in the time allowed for submission may be considered. In such cases your academic school will advise you on the procedure.

The Student Learning and Advisory Service (SLAS) runs the student skills and learning development programme, a workshop programme which includes sessions on planning and preparing for your dissertation. More information can be found on their website: www.kent.ac.uk/learning/programmes/postgraduate.html

7 Personal Development Planning

Part of the experience of studying at university is the acquisition of the skills you need to become a more effective, independent and confident learner. Personal Development Planning (PDP), a process in which you reflect on your learning and achievement and plan for your educational, academic and career development, can help you to achieve this. All students are encouraged to undertake PDP as part of the development of a personal Progress File. Further information and online resources to help you with this process are available from the Unit for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching (UFLT) at: www.kent.ac.uk/learning/PDP-and-employability/pdp

8 Providing feedback

Postgraduate students have a number of mechanisms which they can use to provide feedback on their experience.

8.1 Module evaluations

Module evaluations encourage students to reflect on their own learning and provide developmental feedback to staff. Further information can be found in the Code of Practice for Taught Programmes of Study: www.kent.ac.uk/teaching/qa/codes

You can direct feedback to your programme convenor or postgraduate student representative(s).

8.2 The Annual PGT Survey

The annual Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (circulated in spring/summer) provides you with an excellent opportunity to provide feedback on a range of different areas. The results of this are anonymous and the information is used by your academic schools and the wider University to make improvements to the postgraduate experience at Kent. It is not obligatory for us to do so, but Kent likes to participate in the PTES as it helps us better to understand and thus improve your experience or that of those who come after you.

8.3 Staff/student liaison committees

Staff/student liaison committees are one of the means by which students are able to discuss with staff their views on degree programmes, modules, and administrative arrangements. The committees include representatives from the School/Division's postgraduate programmes which are elected via the Kent Union Student Representative elections.

Further information on Staff/student liaison committees can be found in Section 5 of Annex M of the University's Code of Practice for Quality Assurance for Taught Programmes.

9 Postgraduate finance

9.1 Scholarships and Finance

Postgraduate students fund their degrees through a range of routes (eg self-funded, employer sponsored, government loans and Career Development Loans). Useful Kent websites related to postgraduate funding include:

- Postgraduate Scholarships: www.kent.ac.uk/scholarships/postgraduate
- Alternative Guide to Postgraduate Funding: www.postgraduate-funding.com/gateway
- Finance: www.kent.ac.uk/finance-student

9.2 Postgraduate loans for Master's degrees

The Government has established student loans for Master's degrees. Eligible students can now borrow up to £11,222. Further information is available at www.kent.ac.uk/scholarships/search/FNADPG_LOAN02

10 Travelling and working overseas

Students may possibly have the opportunity to travel or work overseas as part of their programme of study (eg as part of a placement or group visit where these are still running).

Where this is the case, students should refer to the University's requirements concerning travelling and working overseas. The member of staff leading or organising the visit must carry out a risk assessment for all work undertaken overseas. Full details of the University's requirements concerning travelling and working overseas are available for reference at: www.kent.ac.uk/safety/hs/pages/travel-work-overseas/travel-work-overseas.html



GRADUATE AND RESEARCHER COLLEGE

The mission of the Kent Graduate and Researcher College is to lead and champion the strategic development of provision for graduate education and research at the University of Kent as well as support the development of all academic staff engaged in research. The Graduate and Researcher College is located in a central location on the Canterbury campus (Cornwallis East, third floor), with offices for its staff and a dedicated training room and social/flexible space.

The Graduate and Researcher College works in partnership with academic schools, Divisions, central service departments and Kent Union to enhance the quality of the postgraduate student experience across all campuses and centres and create a vibrant postgraduate community at Kent.

We aim to ensure that the academic and social interests of postgraduate students, both taught and research, are appropriately provided for within the University by developing:

- Dedicated postgraduate facilities
- A supportive environment for the intellectual interests of our postgraduates
- Student-led initiatives such as social events, conferences and workshops, both online and face-to-face where feasible
- The Global Skills Award
- A strong framework of specialist support for our postgraduates across the University, including looking after their wellbeing
- Internationally distinctive, exciting and innovative programmes of study that combine academic excellence with exceptional student experience and appropriate learning resources
- Further funding and study opportunities through the cultivation of external links with Research Councils, graduate schools and other organisations both nationally and internationally

“The Graduate and Researcher College has been invaluable throughout my Master’s programme at Kent, mainly thanks to the Global Skills Award. In particular, the CV and Cover Letters and Interview Skills workshops both helped me to prepare for job hunting alongside my degree, whilst the Writing Skills workshop has helped me to effectively research, plan, and write my dissertation, therefore supporting me with my degree, and with finding a job after university.”

Sarah Murphy
MA in French and Comparative Literature

WITH PASSION AND FOCUS YOU CAN ACHIEVE ANYTHING

Academic, social and networking opportunities

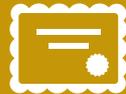
The Graduate and Researcher College provides many opportunities for postgraduate students to meet and socialise. It is also especially keen to support student-driven initiatives such as workshops and conferences. Please keep an eye on the Graduate and Researcher College events calendar for further information at: www.kent.ac.uk/graduate-researcher-college/news

The GradPost



The GradPost is a quarterly newsletter written by postgraduates for postgraduates and is supported by the Graduate and Researcher College. The GradPost editorial team welcome article contributions for publication. For more information visit: www.kent.ac.uk/graduate-researcher-college/news

Community Experience Awards



Postgraduate students have the opportunity to bid for funding to co-ordinate their own event/project aimed at enhancing the postgraduate experience. For more information, visit: www.kent.ac.uk/graduate-researcher-college/about/celebrating-success#experience-awards

Global Skills Award



The Programme is designed to broaden your understanding of global issues and current affairs. It also develops personal skills which will enhance your employability.

For more information see page 6

Kent Researchers' Showcase



The annual Showcase is a chance to recognise and celebrate the excellence of research at Kent. It brings together all disciplines and enhances the postgraduate community. For information on how to get involved visit: www.kent.ac.uk/graduate-researcher-college/postgraduate-researchers-showcase



GLOBAL SKILLS AWARD PROGRAMME

Global Skills Award Programme

The Graduate and Researcher College's Global Skills Award Programme is designed to broaden your understanding of global issues and current affairs, as well as to develop personal skills, which will enhance your employability. All students registered for a taught Master's Degree are eligible to enrol, which is free of charge and open to students based at Canterbury and Medway.

A lecture series will allow you to participate in discussion on issues of global importance such as the environment, culture, social changes, world politics and developments in science.

A series of skills training workshops will offer you the chance to develop career opportunities, as well as acquire the skills you need in your search for a job, enhancing your career development, as well as enabling you to develop the skills you need to succeed in the work place, such as team working, networking and leadership.

By completing the Global Skills Award Programme you can earn employability points, as part of the Employability Points Scheme, which rewards actively involved students with points for every activity (see page 8 for more information on the Employability Points Scheme).

To receive an award postgraduate taught students accepted onto the programme will:

- Complete a personal development assessment
- Attend a minimum of three GSA workshops
- Attend a minimum of three lectures on global issues
- Comply with the Terms of Engagement
- Complete a final evaluation of the GSA

The 2015 Higher Education Review of the University of Kent by the UK's Quality Assurance Agency recognised the benefits of the Global Skills Award Programme in terms of the development and networking opportunities it provided to postgraduate students.

In order to enrol onto the GSA and to book onto workshops, you will need to register with the Graduate and Researcher College online skills workshop booking system that can be accessed here: <https://grctraining.targetconnect.net/unauth>

Examples of lecture topics:

- The Wisdom of Psychopaths
- Brexit: Where are we?
- Flexible working: the way of the future?
- Cancer research and treatment; past, present and future
- Are our genetic male bits shrinking?
- Exploring global cultures
- Walking, Talking, Solidarity: calling for an end to indefinite detention



There are a variety of workshops on offer, which include:

Example workshop topics
1:1 CV review
Interview skills
Cover letters
Application forms
Mock Assessment Centre
Linkedin
Commercial awareness
Time management
Writing skills
Digital communication skills
Cross cultural communication
Networking
Team working
Presentation skills
Negotiation skills
Leadership

Award levels

The table below shows the number of lectures and workshops you need to attend in order to gain a specific level of award.

The minimum requirement is to attend three lectures and workshops for a Bronze Award.

	Lectures	Workshops
Gold Award	8	8
Silver Award	6	6
Bronze Award	3	3

Should you have any further queries about the Global Skills Award Programme or our booking system please contact us at:

T: +44 (0)1227 82(4896)

E: skills@kent.ac.uk

3rd floor, Cornwallis East
(in the Graduate and Researcher College,
Canterbury campus)

www.kent.ac.uk/graduate-researcher-college/skills-training/global-skills-award

STUDENT SERVICES

Information Services

IT Services

If you have no formal training in IT we urge you to take advantage of the opportunities at Kent. Improving your IT skills may speed up your work and increase your chances of employment when you have finished your degree. Information Services run courses just before the start of the academic year to introduce new students to the facilities at Kent and there are short courses on topics of interest to researchers. An advisory service is available at: www.kent.ac.uk/itservices/training

Library Services and Resources

Resources for Postgraduates

Postgraduate researchers should find out information about the library resources available to them as soon as possible following their arrival at: www.kent.ac.uk/library. There is also a specific on-line guide about the library for postgraduate students available at: www.kent.ac.uk/library/students/postgraduate.html Medway students can use the Universities at Medway Drill Hall Library on the Medway campus: <http://campus.medway.ac.uk>

Liaison Librarians and Academic Support Librarians

In order to make the best use of the Library and its services it is also important for you to contact the Liaison Librarian (Canterbury) or Academic Support Librarian (Medway) responsible for the area of research you are pursuing as soon as possible. Liaison Librarians can give you one to one help throughout your course, by phone, email or in person. For Liaison Librarians at the Templeman Library on the Canterbury campus see: www.kent.ac.uk/library/subject-support. For Academic Support Librarians at the Drill Hall Library on the Medway campus please see: <http://campus.medway.ac.uk/study-resources/librarians.html>

Subject guides are also available at: www.kent.ac.uk/library/subjects (Canterbury) and at: <http://campus.medway.ac.uk/study-resources/guides.html> (Medway).

On-line Resources

The Library makes available a substantial number of electronic resources, including e-journals, journal and thesis indexes, e-books, online newspapers, online theses and e-reference works. Please see: www.kent.ac.uk/library/resources

If you need to use material not held by this Library, there are two options; you can request the material via the document delivery service www.kent.ac.uk/library/borrow/document-delivery.html or visit other libraries throughout the UK using SCONUL access www.sconul.ac.uk/sconul-access. For further information, please contact your Liaison Librarian.

Postgraduate Work Space

If you need somewhere to study and you don't need to use Library books, try one of the study hubs, PC rooms or extra vision spaces across campus. If you are working on the Canterbury campus there is a dedicated Postgraduate Study Hub located in the Senate building. You will need your KentOne card to gain access to the hub at all times. Full details can be found at: www.kent.ac.uk/student/studying/pcrooms

Careers and Employability Services

Career Planning

As well as the Global Skills Award Programme organised by the Graduate and Researcher College, the University boasts an award-winning Careers and Employability Service (CES) that aims to support you in making a successful transition from your postgraduate degree to the next stage of your career.

Qualified and experienced Careers Advisers and Employability Advisers are available for personal careers advice and guidance and for support with your job-hunting. This may include help with developing interview skills and making successful applications for both academic posts and graduate positions in other sectors.

There is an extensive careers website, which includes a section dedicated to postgraduate students and an online database of graduate vacancies. The CES has also produced a booklet which covers career options for postgraduates, the transferable skills gained through your studies, finding job opportunities and making successful applications.

Although you can make use of the CES at any stage of your studies, and even after you graduate, we would recommend that you start to use it early in order to gain the maximum benefit from the support it offers.

For more information, see the CES website: www.kent.ac.uk/ces

Employability Points

The Employability Points Scheme rewards students for their active involvement with co-curricular activities. Through undertaking co-curricular activities, including volunteering, part-time work, attending workshops, joining societies, and much more, students are actively making themselves more attractive to prospective employers. The Employability Points Scheme allocates points to students for completing such activities and towards the end of the academic year, these points can be redeemed for rewards. In 2019-20, the Employability Points Scheme offered over 870 rewards to participating students, ranging from paid internships and project placements to work experience, bespoke training and vouchers.

For more details visit: www.kent.ac.uk/employabilitypoints

Study Plus

Study Plus offers a diverse range of non-credit bearing courses on a wide variety of topics which are completely free and are open to all registered Kent students. Study Plus workshops give you an opportunity to learn something different from your main area of study, build key transferrable and employment skills and enhance your CV. You will also be eligible for employability points.

Examples of courses include:

- Creative arts and digital photography
- Microsoft Office
- Student mentoring at University
- Language Express Bitesize: Arabic, Dutch, French, Japanese, Mandarin, Modern Greek and Spanish
- Gaining work experience and employability skills
- Business start-up workshops

For more details visit: www.kent.ac.uk/studyplus

Kent Union

Postgraduate Student Representation

Postgraduate Representatives are student volunteers who act as a voice for postgraduate students within their School or Division.

There are so many benefits to becoming a Postgraduate Rep in Kent Union's Student Reps programme, including the opportunity to:

- develop new skills
- liaise with the University on postgraduate student issues
- meet new people
- become familiar with University structures
- be rewarded through Kent Union's KASR (Kent Award for Student Representative) system
- enhance your CV

If you like the sound of all that and are interested in becoming a Postgraduate Rep for your School or Division, please contact your Kent Union VP for Postgraduate Experience, Patrick Stillman at union-postgrad@kent.ac.uk

Kent Student Certificate of Volunteering

The Kent Student Certificate for Volunteering is run by Kent Union and endorsed by the University. It is the formal recognition scheme for volunteers which acknowledges the time and effort that they put into their volunteering. The award is also designed to encourage volunteers to think about the skills that they have developed as a result of their volunteering, and gives them the opportunity to practice talking about these skills, which can be used later in job interviews, or on CVs and applications.

For more information visit: <https://kentunion.co.uk/volunteering>

Advise Services

Medway Student Advisory Services

Advice and Support Services at Medway are located in the Gillingham Building and are available to all postgraduate students based on the Medway campus: www.kent.ac.uk/locations/medway/support

Kent Union Advice

The Student Advice Centre is able to provide advice on a wide variety of problems that students may face whilst they are studying. The service is free and confidential and available to all students studying at the University of Kent. The Centre is based in the Mandela Building on the Canterbury campus. You can access the service by making an appointment to see or speak to one of the advisers.
Helpline: 01227 827 724
Email: advice@kent.ac.uk

The Greenwich and Kent Students' Unions Together Advice Centre

The Greenwich and Kent Students' Unions Together provides an Advice Centre based in the Pilkington Building on the Medway campus and offers pre-booked appointments, drop-in sessions, email advice and a dedicated telephone advice line.

For more information please see their website at: www.gkunions.co.uk/advice/aboutus

Nightline

Nightline is a non-judgmental listening service for students, run by trained student volunteers at Kent Union. Any student from Kent can call on 01227 824848 or email listening@canterbury.nightline.ac.uk (reply within 48 hours)

20.00-08.00, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

International Partnerships

The International Partnerships directorate is responsible for increasing the University's global presence by developing a range of international partnership activity including research, education and mobility opportunities for both students and staff. The team manages and initiates partnerships with institutions worldwide, it manages staff and student mobility through study/work abroad and Erasmus exchange arrangements, and enhances engagement with international training, capacity building and funding projects such as Erasmus+.

For further information visit www.kent.ac.uk/global/partnerships

International Programmes

International Programmes specialises in the delivery of internationally focused programmes, modules and courses in English and other World languages. International Programmes provision is driven by both the University's Internationalisation Strategy and our institution's position in the sector as 'The UK's European university'. The team offers international learning opportunities which are designed to appeal to the full breadth of the University community and beyond.

International Programmes offer English language and academic skills aimed at encouraging current international students to reach their full academic potential, examples include:

- In-session English language modules (credit-bearing, available to international students at all levels as wild modules).

- Free English Language and Academic Skills workshops (ELAS) (non-credit bearing, open to all students whose first language is not English). The workshops cover a range of skills including essay writing; grammar; presentation skills, listening comprehension and note taking.
- Individual and group writing tutorials at all levels.
- Bespoke English exam preparation courses for the Cambridge Advanced (CAE) and Proficiency (CPE) tests.
- International English Language Testing Systems (IELTS) preparation course.

Please contact the team at internationalprogrammes@kent.ac.uk for more information.

Student Learning Advisory Service (SLAS)

We are a free academic guidance service for all students (from foundation to PhD), covering all aspects of effective learning strategies and study skills.

Support for postgraduate students

We provide one-to-one guidance (in-person or online), bookable workshops and online resources and study guides. Our teaching covers a wide range of topics, such as:

- Getting the most from supervision
- Academic reading and criticality
- Using research to develop and support ideas
- Referencing
- Planning and developing a written assignment eg research or project proposal, report, academic paper, literature review, thesis
- Understanding specific principles of maths and statistics, from basic to advanced
- Presenting ideas, both visual and verbal approaches

- Research methods eg developing questionnaires, surveys and interview schedules
- Linguistic development for different purposes and audiences
- Managing multiple projects and responsibilities ... and much more

For more information our services and resources go to: www.kent.ac.uk/learning.

To book an appointment please go to <https://kentslas.targetconnect.net/student/appointments.html>

You can also visit us Monday-Friday 09.00-17.00

Medway campus

Room G0-09, Gillingham Building
E: learningmedway@kent.ac.uk
T: 01634 888884

Canterbury campus

SLAS offices in UELT Building (entrance next to Santander Bank)
E: learning@kent.ac.uk
T: 01227 824016

STUDENT SUPPORT AND WELLBEING

Students with mobility difficulties, specific learning difficulties (eg dyslexia), medical and sensory impairments or mental health issues, can receive guidance and personal support from Student Support and Wellbeing.

Depending on your specific needs, we may be able to assist with the following:

- Arranging signers, note takers and other support workers for you
- Helping you to find out if you have dyslexia
- Talking to your lecturers about any particular help you may need in lectures and seminars
- Discussing any special arrangement you need for examinations
- Contacting other departments about any specific adjustments you may require via Inclusive Learning Plans (ILPs)
- Applying for funding to pay for specialist equipment and support (eg Study Skills Tutors, Mentors and assistive technology)

Student Support and Wellbeing can provide counselling and support for all students experiencing distress arising from psychological, emotional or mental health issues. In addition a range of group workshops are arranged throughout the year.

Students who require additional support should make contact with Student Support and Wellbeing and complete a registration form.

Further information

Student Support and Wellbeing

T: +44 (0)1227 823158

E: accessibility@kent.ac.uk

www.kent.ac.uk/studentsupport

Student Guide

At the University of Kent we aim to build a supportive community environment and we are committed to helping you get the most out of the challenges and opportunities university study brings. We all need resources to improve our wellbeing and help us find ways to be more content and feel like we're coping, even in stressful moments. Visit the Student Guide for more information: www.kent.ac.uk/guides/wellbeing

Diversity

Kent has a diverse and inclusive community. We are committed to a working and learning culture that encompasses dignity, courtesy, respect and consideration for all.

There are a number of support avenues at the University to help you if you are confused, looking for friends or just want someone to talk to in complete confidence. For more details visit: www.kent.ac.uk/student/support-and-wellbeing/diversity.html

Medical Centre Canterbury

The University Medical Centre is an NHS general practice based on the University of Kent Canterbury campus. Students who live within a six mile radius may register with the University Medical Centre. Appointments can be booked by telephone or in person.

For information about the University Medical Centre please go to: www.kent.ac.uk/medical

Medway

Students are advised to register with the Sunlight Medical Centre in Gillingham www.sunlightsurgery.co.uk

Childcare

Canterbury

The Oaks Day Nursery is run by Kent Union and is situated on the Canterbury campus. It offers nursery care and education for children aged from three months to five years. The nursery operates from 08.00-18.00, Monday – Friday for 50 weeks of the year, closing for two weeks over the Christmas period and on bank holidays. More information is available at <http://oaksnurserykent.co.uk>

Medway

BusyBees Nursery is an independent nursery located opposite the Medway campus www.busybeeschildcare.co.uk/nursery/chatham

Chaplaincy

The University Chaplaincy supports the many religious groups, societies and congregations on the campuses; it has links to faith groups in the local community (where there are volunteering opportunities) and also runs social events and day trips which are popular with international and postgraduate students. Chaplains are always available for one-to-one pastoral support, or to answer and discuss specific questions about the faith traditions they represent.

Contact us at chaplaincy@kent.ac.uk
Chaplaincy: www.kent.ac.uk/chaplaincy

Big White Wall

Big White Wall is an online mental health and wellbeing service. They offer 24/7 online and anonymous support free to all University of Kent students. Contact the Wellbeing Team at wellbeing@kent.ac.uk for more information and how you can access this support.



REGULATORY INFORMATION

1 How is Postgraduate study managed at Kent?

There is a network of staff members and committees at Kent dedicated to the management of postgraduate education within the University and the safeguarding of the interests of our postgraduate students. All the committees include elected postgraduate student members.

Each academic Division has a Director of Education and Student Experience who will be responsible for taught programmes of study within that school. Each Division will have an Education Committee, which is responsible for the quality management of taught programmes of study and monitoring the progress of taught students within each school, as essential platforms for feedback and support. More information about the role of the Divisional Director of Education and the Education Committee can be found in the University's Code of Practice for Quality Assurance for Taught Programmes of Study at: www.kent.ac.uk/teaching/qa/codes/taught/annext.html. The Divisional Directors of Education are:

- Division of Arts and Humanities – Professor Shane Weller and Professor Simon Kirchin
- Division of Natural Sciences – Professor Claire Peppiatt-Wildman
- Division of Computing, Engineering and Mathematical Sciences – Professor Peter Hydon
- Kent Business School – Professor Marian Garcia
- Division of Human and Social Sciences – Professor David Wilkinson
- Division of the study of Law, Society and Social Justice – Professor Toni Williams.

The University Code of Practice for Quality Assurance for Taught Programmes of Study provides a framework for the quality management of taught programmes of study at Kent. See: www.kent.ac.uk/teaching/qa/codes

1.1 Intermission, transfer of registration, change of status and withdrawal from the University

If you are considering intermitting, transferring your registration to another programme of study, changing from full-time to part-time (or vice-versa) or withdrawing from the University, you should first discuss this with your supervisor or programme convenor who will be able to provide you with advice. Postgraduate administrators within your academic schools/Divisions will be able to direct and advise you on the administrative procedures involved with such changes. The procedures are available for consideration at: www.kent.ac.uk/fso/procedures/pg/pg-taught.html

1.2 Examination

Information about the procedures surrounding the submission of your dissertation and examination is available in:

- Regulations for Taught Programmes of Study: www.kent.ac.uk/teaching/qa/regulations
- Instructions to Candidates for the Degree of Master by Coursework or Master by Coursework and Dissertation or for a Postgraduate Diploma: www.kent.ac.uk/teaching/qa/regulations/taught/cwkinstc.html
- Credit Framework for Taught Programmes of Study: www.kent.ac.uk/teaching/qa/credit-framework

1.3 External Examiners' Reports

It is now a QAA requirement that institutions make external examiners' annual reports available in full to all students. In order to address this, the Quality Assurance Office has made reports accessible at www.kent.ac.uk/teaching/qa/extexaminers/eers. External examiners' reports for the most recent year will be available to all Kent-registered students, who need a Kent login to access the information.

1.4 Academic complaints and appeals

An academic complaint is any specific concern about the provision of a programme of study or related academic service. An academic appeal is a request for a review of a decision of an academic body charged with making decisions on student progression, assessment and awards. The procedures for complaints and appeals brought by postgraduate students are outlined in the document Complaints Procedures for Students, found on the Regulations website at www.kent.ac.uk/teaching/qa/guidance/index.html?tab=procedures. Students are advised to refer to this prior to lodging any formal complaint or appeal. For formal academic complaints, students should complete a Complaints Form (available on the Regulations website and in the Complaints Procedures document), which will ensure that the complaint is investigated thoroughly.

2 Plagiarism and duplication of material

Plagiarism is the act of presenting the ideas or discoveries of another as one's own. To copy sentences, phrases or even striking expressions without acknowledgment in a manner which may deceive the reader as to the source is plagiarism; to paraphrase in a manner which deceives the reader is likewise plagiarism.

A student must not reproduce any work previously submitted for assessment (for example, examination answers, essays, project reports, dissertations or theses) or any material derived from work authored by another without clearly acknowledging the source.

Duplication of material means the inclusion in coursework (including extended essays, projects and dissertations) of a significant amount of material which is identical or substantially similar to material that has already been submitted for the same or any other course at this University or elsewhere, without acknowledging that such work has been submitted.

The University does not accept plagiarism or duplication of material and imposes severe penalties if it occurs in coursework, dissertations, projects, examinations and theses. If you need guidance on the correct use and presentation of quotations and source material, you should consult your tutor or supervisor.

Further university guidance on plagiarism, academic integrity and good practice is available at: www.kent.ac.uk/uelt/ai

3 Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy

The University's Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy applies to all students in their activities as students of the University and to the full range of the University's activities, both in the UK and overseas. The University is committed to conducting its business fairly, honestly and openly, to the highest standards of integrity and in accordance with all legal requirements. The Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy provides a clear statement that the University will not permit any form of bribery and outlines the procedures to prevent employees or students from engaging in bribery. The full policy can be found on the University's governance website at www.kent.ac.uk/governance/policies-and-procedures/bribery.html

Code of Practice

The University requires that there should be a Code of Practice for Quality Assurance that expresses the principles, responsibilities and structures through which it assures academic standards and the continuous improvement of the student academic experience.

This Code is based on the principles that quality assurance procedures will be simple and effective; will be integrated into the routine management of research programmes of study; and will harmonise as far as possible internal University and external agency requirements.

For information on the Code of Practice for Quality Assurance for Taught Programmes of visit: www.kent.ac.uk/teaching/qa/codes



APPENDIX B: EMPLOYABILITY POINTS SCHEME

The Employability Points Scheme rewards actively involved students with points for every activity, which leads to rewards.

5 key areas – suggested points allocation

- Global Skills
- Professional Ability
- Volunteering and Challenges
- Student Enterprise
- University Achievements

Global skills

Study, work or volunteer abroad (eg ERASMUS exchange), mentor a foreign student, complete a modern language lunchtime course, attendance at an event or conference.

Event	Points
Study, work or volunteer abroad (not as part of degree)	30-90
Completion of a World language module	45
Completion of a Language Express course	30
Completion of Taster language module	20
International Buddy	15-30
Attending an event or conference	10-40
Presenting at an event or conference	15-45

Professional ability

Kent Union Stand Out training, Careers workshops, IT skills, work experience and placements, part time work, joining a professional network

Event	Points
Employer Experience	10-20
Kent Union Student Leader Training	15
Part-time work	25-55
Internship (4-12 weeks)	20-80
Skills Workshop	5-15
Careers Fair	5
CV Check	10

Volunteering and challenges

Engage in volunteering (KSCV), organise/take part in a fundraising event, student ambassador, active member of a club or society, contributor to a creative project.

Event	Points
Volunteering	10-50
Kent Union KSCV Award	10-50
Student Ambassador	30
Member of society	5
Committee member of society	25-30
Member of media group	15

Student enterprise

Attend an enterprise event or workshop, enter an enterprise competition, start a business, participate in a social enterprise activity.

Event	Points
Attend business advice session	10
Participate in an Enterprise Competition/Challenge (each stage)	15

University achievements

Compete in a University Sports team, or participate in a musical event, gain an academic award, hold an elected post in a student society.

Event	Points
Member of Sports Team	10
Careers Employability Award on Moodle	60
Global Skills Award workshop	5-15
Global Skills Award open lecture	5

Reward	Points required
Internship	200
Project placement	175
Work experience	150
Training	125
Work shadowing	100
Skills development	50
Company experience	75
Mock assessment centre	75
Employability session	50
Voucher	50
Sponsored 'highest points' prizes	variable

