

Three Steps to Select Classes at the University of Kent

1. Look at the University of Kent's list of classes at:

<https://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/modules?collection=SH>

Choose a department from the pull-down menu that starts as "All subjects". English majors should look in the Comparative Literary Studies (CP) and English Language and Linguistics (LL) subjects in addition to the English, American and Postcolonial Literatures (EN) subject.

British universities use the term "Module" to describe an individual class. Each module will list the campus offering the module. Canterbury is the main campus, Medway is a smaller campus. There is a free shuttle between the two that takes approximately 50 minutes. While we do encourage students to choose modules on just one campus, it is possible to take a module on the other campus, dependent on time to make the journey.

The catalog will also indicate whether the class is offered in the autumn or the spring, the level of the class ("4" is a first-year class, "5" is a second-year class, and "6" is a third/final year class).

It is the opinion of the KU Office of Study Abroad that first-year Kent modules are the equivalent of 100- and 200-level KU credit; second-year Kent modules are the equivalent of 300-level KU credit; third-year Kent modules are the equivalent of 500-level KU credit. *EACH KU ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT* makes its own determination of appropriate KU credit, and is within its rights to approve credit differently than per these suggestions.

Classes at Kent will be worth either 30 or 15 Kent credits, with 60 Kent credits being equal to a normal full academic load (equal to 15 Kansas credits). A 30-credit Kent course is worth 7.5 Kansas credits. A 15-credit Kent course is worth 4 Kansas credits.

You may find that the relevant KU department will need to approve Kent classes as more than one KU class to total up to four or seven/eight KU credits. You can find examples of this on the Kent/Kansas course equivalency list in the next section of this document. Please note, many KU departments may struggle to assign seven or eight credits for one 30 Kent credits class. In these cases, students are encouraged to try to find 15 Kent credits modules (worth four KU credits), or consider a different exchange partner university in the United Kingdom that teaches the subject in modules that carry fewer credits.

2. Learn about Kent course equivalencies at:

<http://studyabroad.ku.edu/course-equivalencies>

Type “Kent” in the search box to get a complete list of courses at the University of Kent that are currently pre-approved for KU credit and courses that were approved for KU students in the past. Clicking on the “Download to Excel” button after executing your search will provide additional details on the courses, such as which semester the course has been offered in the past.

Bear in mind that this list has “possible equivalency” and “approved equivalency” courses listed. “Possible equivalency” does not grant automatic approval for you. You will need to get this type of Kent course approved for yourself, just as you will for Kent courses that do not appear in the course database. Modules are only offered once each academic year, so be sure to check the Kent module catalog on-line (Step 1 of this document) to make sure a module you like on the list is available during the semester you are studying abroad. The course database is NOT A COMPLETE LIST of what you could take at Kent. It is only a list of what KU students have gotten approved in the past.

If a module you found in the course database is not on the Kent module catalog website, that module is either not being offered now, or is unavailable to study abroad students.

3. Bring course descriptions and/or syllabi for the Kent modules you are interested in taking to the relevant KU faculty study abroad advisor. A list of these advisors can be found at:

<https://ku.studioabroad.com/?go=FacultyDeptAdvisorList>

Some advisors may require that you schedule an appointment. Some may need a few days to review your materials. Please start making arrangements to get modules approved as soon as you can, as the process can take some time. Be sure to bring along a copy of your KU Advising Report to assist the advisor. Be familiar with your degree’s requirements. The more prepared you are for meeting with an advisor, the easier it will be for the advisor to assist you.

The form that needs to be completed by the advisor is part of the KU on-line study abroad application. Copies can also be obtained from the OSA front desk. Ask for the Academic Plan and Approval Form.

It is always a good idea to get two or three alternate Kent modules approved. Kent’s semester timetables are not usually released until just before the start of a semester, so you may encounter timetable clashes upon your arrival in Kent. Having some alternate modules already approved will make your Kent module registration process much less stressful for you.