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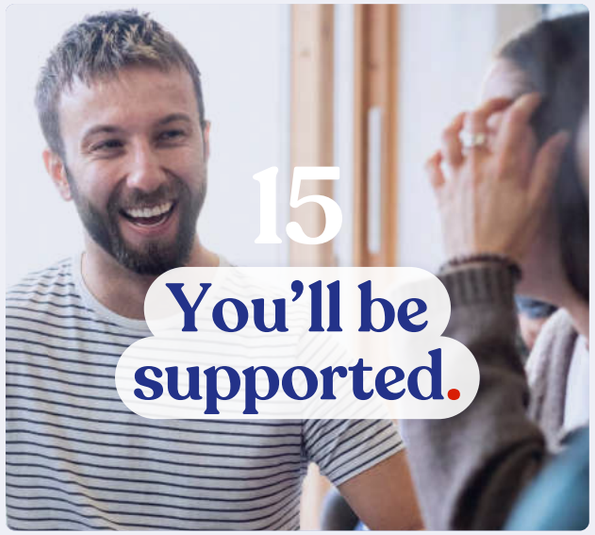
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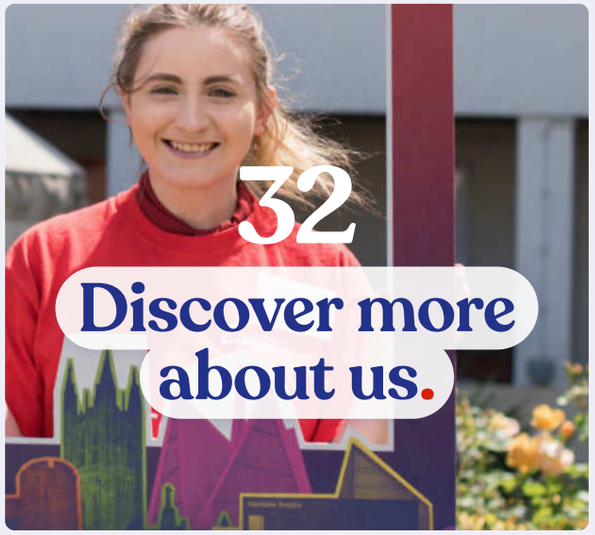
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Welcome.

Thank you for taking an interest in studying with Canterbury Christ Church University.

For nearly sixty years, Canterbury Christ Church University (CCCU) has been providing people from around the world with a rich academic and professional education. We have a diverse and inclusive student and staff body with people from over 80 countries studying, learning, teaching and succeeding as part of our community.

At Christ Church we celebrate our international activities, for both those students coming to Canterbury to take up their studies or for students travelling to study at one of our many partner organisations around the globe.

The information contained within this student guide, should go some way to support your choices and decisions in what we recognise is an important and sometimes daunting time. As well as details here, there is a wealth of information contained within our University website.

It is my privilege to have strategic leadership of the University's international ambitions. We have a passionate belief in the power of higher education to enrich and transform lives and expand opportunity, and our research community has many areas of international excellence. We offer a huge range of courses, so if you want to give yourself a real advantage in an increasingly competitive world, look no further.

We very much hope that you will want to join us, and look forward to receiving your application.

Professor Annie Lu
Dean of International

Inspirational teaching

In 2020, our Sustainability Team won a prestigious Collaborative Award for Teaching Excellence, which recognises and rewards collaborative work that has had a demonstrable impact on teaching and learning.

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1,700 staff

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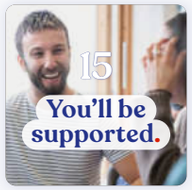
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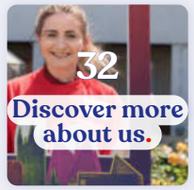
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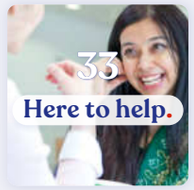
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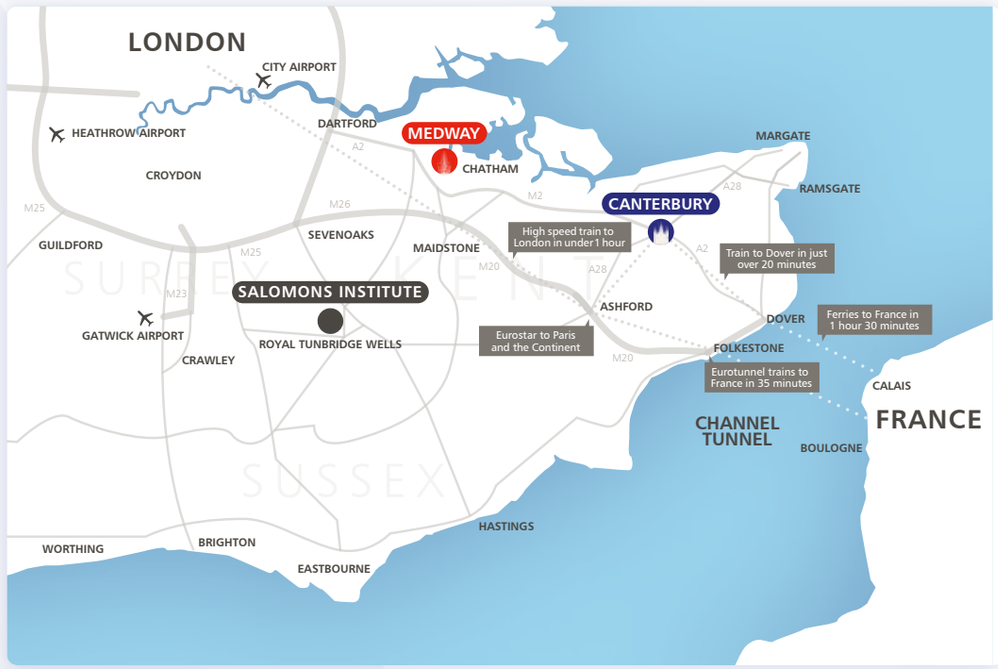
Where we are.

When you become a student at Canterbury Christ Church University you will study at one of our three distinctive and unique locations in Kent and Medway.

This area of the country is a gateway to both the UK and Europe, which is easily reached either by train or sea ferry.

All our campuses are less than an hour away from London by high speed train, where a number of large international airports offer flights to every corner of the globe and will make arriving with us nice and straightforward.



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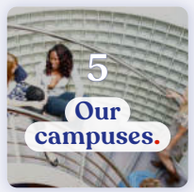
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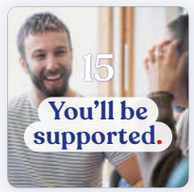
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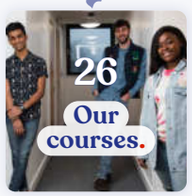
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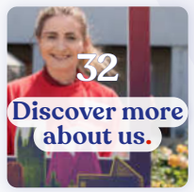
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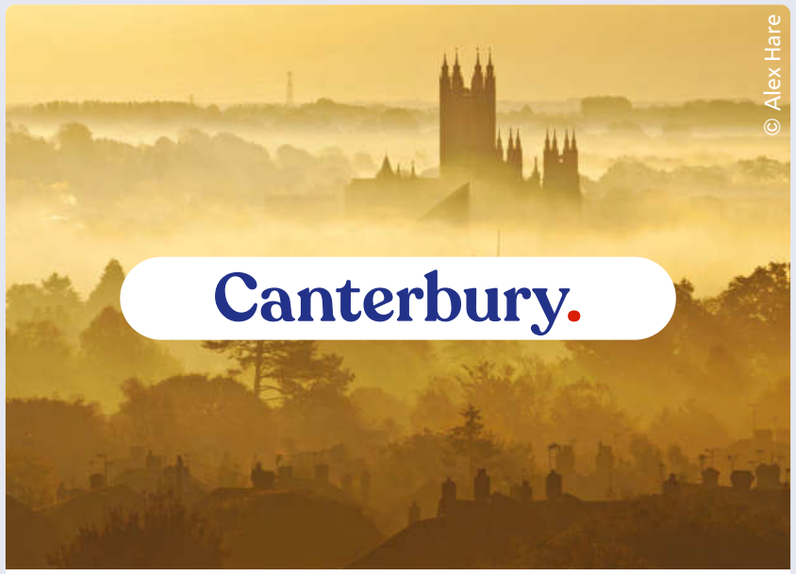

Canterbury.

As a World Heritage Site, Canterbury is one of the country's 'must see' destinations. You'll be studying right at the heart of this great student city, with its historic streets, ancient city walls, cosy pubs, exciting clubs and top-class restaurants. And, of course, you'll be within walking distance of one of the most beautiful cathedrals in the world.

Medway.

The Medway Campus is close to the historic naval town of Chatham and Rochester, with its beautiful cathedral. The campus itself is in an area known as Chatham Maritime, where major developments have created a student-friendly quarter with a real village atmosphere. Here you'll find a multiplex cinema, a shopping centre and a fully equipped sports centre. London is under an hour away by train.

Tunbridge Wells.

Our Salomons Institute for Applied Psychology is in Tonbridge Wells, known as Royal Tunbridge Wells it is one of a few towns and boroughs in England to officially be given a royal title. Situated in an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, it sits amid rolling hills, ancient woods and open heaths. It is well served by public transport and London is under an hour away by train.

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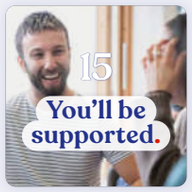
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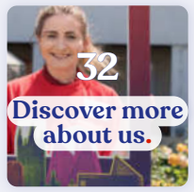
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> Studying in Canterbury is one of the best choices that I have ever made! I love the history associated with the city and how I can always find something new and interesting to do along the high street. Everyone that I met was very friendly and welcoming, especially the professors at Christ Church who took a personal interest in helping me in any way they could with my studies. Most importantly, I made so many great memories with life-long friends, and I have Christ Church to thank for that!
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> Joshua

Canterbury Campus.

We're proud to be part of a World Heritage Site and although we're in a busy, cosmopolitan city with a rich programme of festivals and culture, the sea, fields and woodlands are on our doorstep.

We offer great facilities at our Canterbury Campus. Students can step out into a vibrant and world-famous cathedral city and also benefit from a campus with excellent learning and teaching resources, music venues, a superb sports centre, a well-stocked bookshop and plenty of coffee bars and places to eat. Our multi-million-pound investment over the last decade on new and renovated buildings is part of our commitment to providing a first-class student experience.

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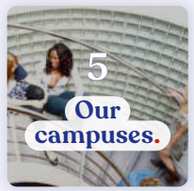
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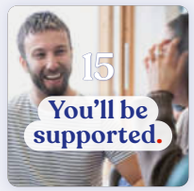
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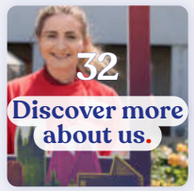
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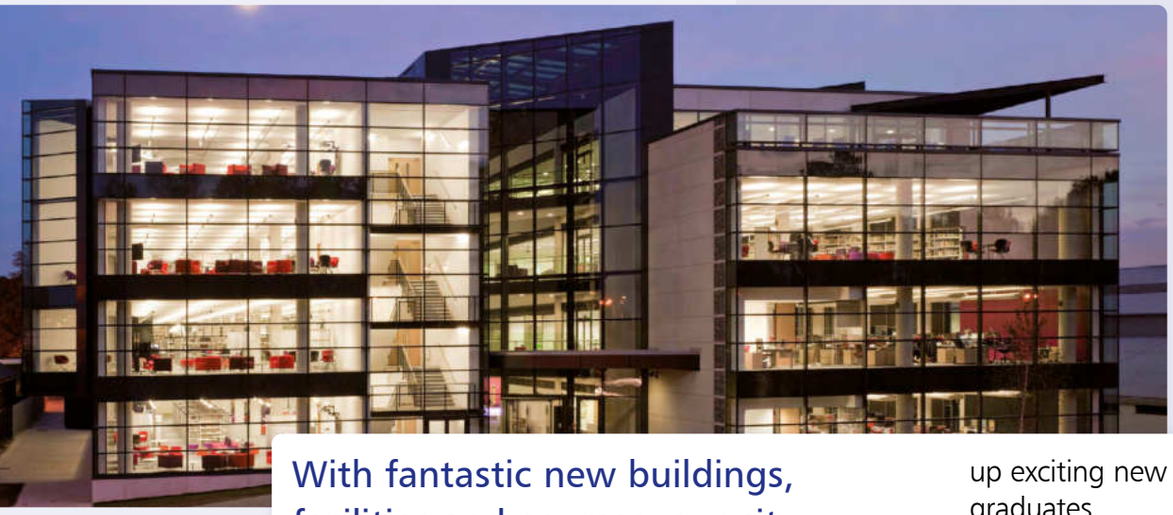
£150M investment in our campus



With fantastic new buildings, facilities and courses, our city campus is transforming.

In the heart of our main campus is a major high-tech facility for science, technology, health, engineering and medicine. Supporting careers and skills for the next generation of engineers, scientists, healthcare professionals and doctors, this exceptional centre of excellence is opening up exciting new opportunities for students and graduates.

The building opened in 2021 and is only a short distance away from our new creative arts facility on the campus – all part of a £150m transformation plan.

The city campus is also home to the Kent and Medway Medical School, a collaboration between Canterbury Christ Church University and the University of Kent.

But we don't just focus on the sciences at Christ Church. Our creative arts building, named after music pioneer Daphne Oram, is dedicated to 21st century creativity and digital innovation, and has become a hub for arts and culture in the city. There are dedicated facilities for music, performance, games design, media, photography and graphic design. You'll be able to showcase your work and talents in a building designed to reflect contemporary working practices in the digital age.

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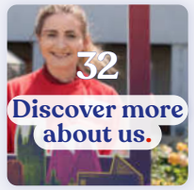
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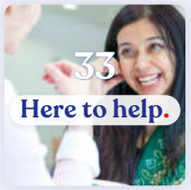
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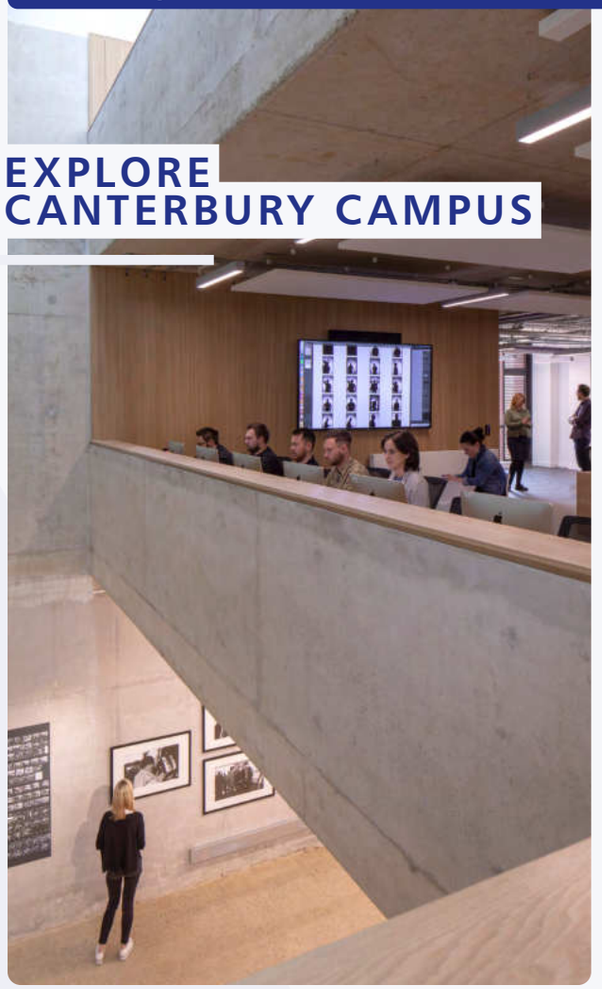

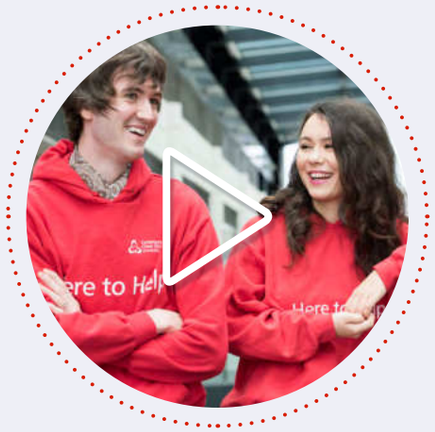

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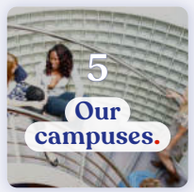
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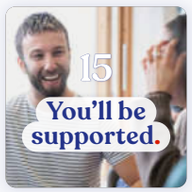
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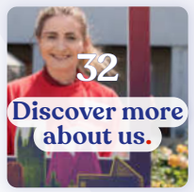
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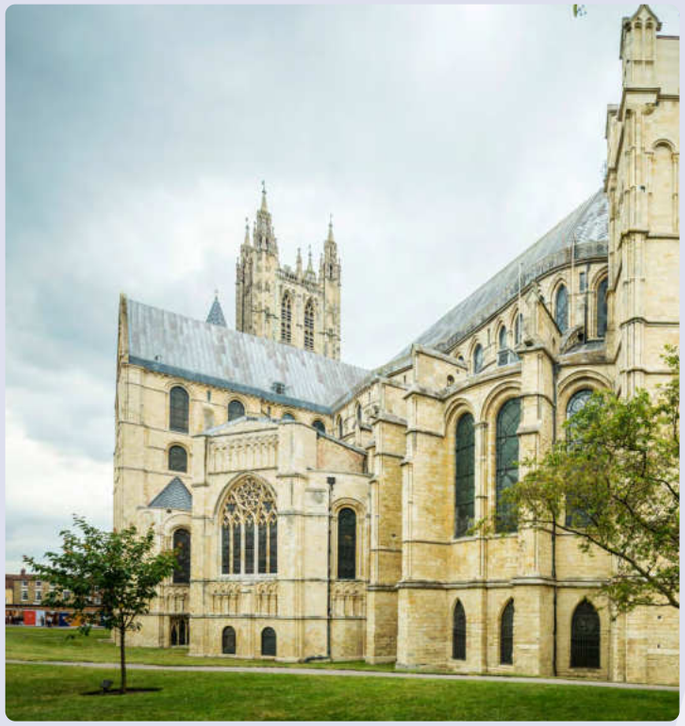

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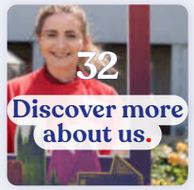
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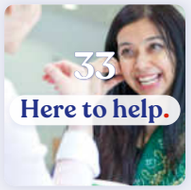
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Medway Campus.

Medway has a long-standing reputation for excellence in Health and Social Care, Education and the Early Years.

The campus is part of Universities at Medway, which is made up of three universities: Canterbury Christ Church University, the University of Kent and the University of Greenwich, so you'll be part of a vibrant student campus with plenty of facilities.

A busy programme of social and sporting events is organised by the Students' Unions, while the Drill Hall Library contains extensive collections of books and journals, hundreds of PCs and study places, training rooms and discussion spaces.

As a Health and Social Care student, you'll be learning in our real-world Simulation Suite, designed to teach and enhance clinical skills. The Simulation Suite will enable you to apply the theory you learn to clinical techniques using specialist equipment.

For more information, pleae visit:
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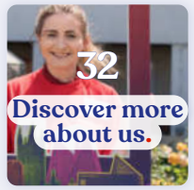
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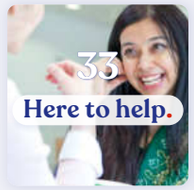
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Upnor Castle

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HMS Cavalier (1944), The Historic Dockyard, Chatham

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HMS Gannet (1878), The Historic Dockyard

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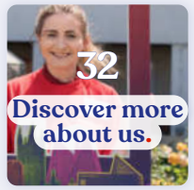
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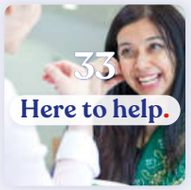
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Tunbridge Wells.

Our Salomons Institute for Applied Psychology seeks to make a significant contribution to the development and delivery of health and social care services through the application of psychological research and understanding.

The institute is home to one of the largest and most established clinical psychology courses in the UK, as well as offering PhDs, cognitive behavioural therapy programmes and other postgraduate courses.

It provides a supportive and professional learning environment in the heart of the Kent countryside. The surrounding area is home to several picturesque castles, and stately homes and gardens, while in Tunbridge Wells you'll find The Pantiles, a pedestrianised street with shops and cafés, and splendid Georgian architecture.

For more information, pleae visit:
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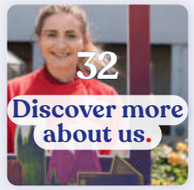
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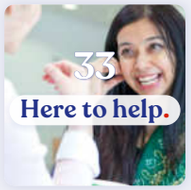
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The Pantiles

The former Opera House

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A guide to the area.

Whether you study at Canterbury, Medway or Tunbridge Wells you'll be able to enjoy all that the county of Kent has to offer.

Kent is situated in the South East of England. Known as 'The Garden of England', you'll find spectacular landscapes, dramatic coastlines, pretty villages and bustling towns. London is within easy reach by train and there are great transport links to the rest of the UK and Europe.

Stunning beaches

There are over 50 beaches in Kent from the pebbly shores of Whitstable to the soft sands of Viking Bay in Broadstairs.

Fascinating history

You'll be amazed at the amount of castles, fortresses and stately homes there are, including Hever Castle – the childhood home of Henry VIII's second wife, Anne Boleyn.

Picturesque countryside

With green rolling hills, wooded valleys, cultivated country estates and fruit filled orchards it is easy to see why Kent is called 'The Garden of England'..

Wonderful shopping

There's every type of shopping experience on offer. Kent is full of independent shops and boutiques and offers high street stores and malls, such as Bluewater and Ashford Designer Outlet.

Exciting festivals

There are a wide variety of festivals from animation to food and drink throughout the county, including Canterbury Festival and the Whitstable Oyster Festival.

Outstanding sport

As well as offering a range of sporting events and activities the area is host to first class cricket as Canterbury is home to the Kent County Cricket Club!

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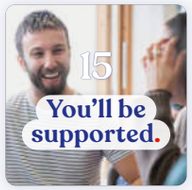
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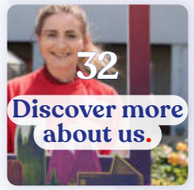
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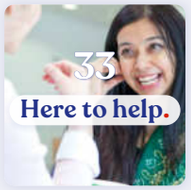
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You'll be supported.

When you start your student life at Christ Church, our specialist advisers can provide advice about anything that's worrying you outside of your studies.

Our International Team is here to help you through the application process and beyond, and you'll have access to all the support you'll need to feel happy and settled in your new home.

> Canterbury Christ Church University has an amazing team of lecturers and staff that will help every student with their wellbeing and mental health.
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Support with English language

If English isn't your first language, the Academic English Language Team, as part of the Centre for Language and Linguistics, is available to offer guidance. You can meet a tutor, attend workshops on specific areas of difficulty in academic English, and access online modules in academic writing, reading and other essential skills through the Learning Skills Hub.

Peer mentors

You'll be offered a peer mentor – an experienced student – to help you find your way, both before and after you arrive at University. We have pastoral peer mentors who can help with every day or personal challenges, and academic peer mentors who are specifically trained to help you engage with your studies.

Counselling, mental health & wellbeing

Starting university brings new challenges and you may find that your new lifestyle means you need some extra emotional support. Should you need it, we offer a free, confidential counselling service and a mental wellbeing service. Our specialists include fully qualified professionals including BACP registered counsellors and mental health professionals, with links to external support agencies.

Overcoming barriers to achievement

If you live with disability, a learning difficulty or long-term health issues, and potentially face barriers to achievement, our Student Disability Service is ready to support you with:

- practical support and accessible teaching rooms
- special arrangements in examinations and assessment
- information about funding opportunities to secure support for your specific needs.

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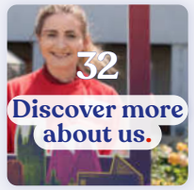
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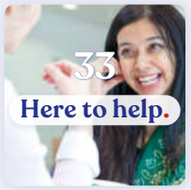
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Whether you choose to study an undergraduate or postgraduate degree, there's a range of funding available.

To find out more, please visit: **canterbury.ac.uk/international/fees-funding**

Learning resources

With hundreds of thousands of books, journals and electronic resources available 24/7 via LibrarySearch, you're sure to be able to find the information you need. Our library staff at Augustine House Canterbury and Drill Hall Medway will be on hand to assist you throughout your time at University. Specialist support is also provided by our team of dedicated Faculty Learning Developers and Learning and Research Support Librarians, who provide one-to-one tutorials, workshops and tailored resources aimed at developing the study skills and digital capabilities you'll need to succeed.

Our on-campus bookshop is one of the oldest independent academic bookshops in the UK, stocking a wide range of books supporting your chosen subject area. Over half a million general and academic titles are available to order for the following day with price-match and book bundle offers. The bookshop also hosts many author readings and events throughout the year.

Your studies will be supported through a range of digital platforms and resources provided through our Blackboard virtual learning environment. These will supplement and enhance the teaching provided on-site, allowing you to engage with staff and students across the University, play and repeat recordings made by your lecturers, and review and reflect on your learning both on- and off-campus.

Your finances

Living on a student income can be a challenge.

If you have any money worries, our Student Support Advisers are available to help you with:

- ensuring you're getting all the financial support you're eligible for
- budgeting advice and money management
- your support package from the student loans company
- discretionary support funds you may be able to access
- the availability of additional grants and loans.

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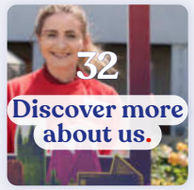
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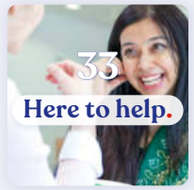
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Employability and skills.

We make time in the academic year for you to take part in personal development activities including placements, employer mentoring, workshops and business networking events.

Research skills are a key part of all our courses, so whatever path you're taking, you'll be encouraged and empowered to be an independent thinker and problem-solver, ready to take your experience into the world of work.

All of this is backed up with support from our Careers and Enterprise Team, who can provide you with information, advice and guidance in planning your future.

We also offer:

- a volunteering service
- work experience bursaries
- online and drop-in personal advice
- part-time work opportunities.

To find out more, please visit: **canterbury.ac.uk/careers**

> While studying for your degree, you have the possibility of putting into practice your studies through projects and work opportunities which help your future career.
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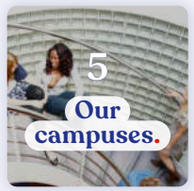
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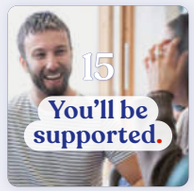
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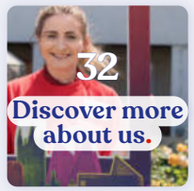
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Get involved.

Student life at Christ Church is thriving, there's a real sense of community and plenty of opportunities for you to make the most of your university experience.

There are over 80 clubs and societies, from the Arts, Crafts and Media Society to the Trampolining and Volleyball clubs.

Students' Union.

Christ Church Students' Union acts as a collective student voice and will support you from application through to graduation and beyond.

Sports and fitness.

Our Sports Centre is a fantastic facility, and provides a dedicated space for a variety of sports and physical activity. It features a fully equipped fitness suite with weight training and cardiovascular equipment, gym, exercise studio, and a performance analysis room. The multipurpose sports halls can be used for football, basketball, cricket, volleyball and much more.

Arts and culture.

Our vibrant, year-round programme of concerts, exhibitions and events includes something for everyone. From the finest world-renowned theatre companies and dance artists, to classical orchestras and rock bands, comedy clubs, creative writing seminars and painting workshops – whatever your interests, you'll have the opportunity to join in or simply watch something special.

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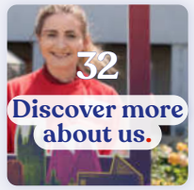
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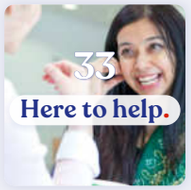
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Students' Union.

Going to university is a life-changing experience, and the Students' Union is here to encourage and empower every student to make the most of it.

From the moment you arrive we'll be there helping you move in with our amazing Freshers' Fayre where you can join a variety of sports clubs and societies. From joining academic societies that support your studies, through to challenging yourself to try something completely new, you'll meet people and make new friends.

Involvement in sports, societies and student media activities can make a huge difference to how you settle into university and ensure you get the most out of your time here.

Our mission is to improve student life and enrich student experiences, so our elected officers work with the University to make sure your voice is heard and your feedback acted on. There may be times when you need extra help and support and the Union has a free, independent advice centre offering guidance on academic issues, as well as advice on housing, money and any other concerns you may have, to make sure your time at Christ Church is the best it can be.

For more information, visit: **ccsu.co.uk**

St George's Student Centre.

With its city centre location, the lounge and café, St George's Student Centre is an ideal venue for music, performance and socialising. And it's also home to our Students' Union, so all the entertainment and information you want is right where you need it.

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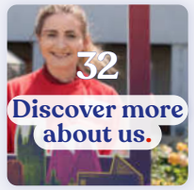
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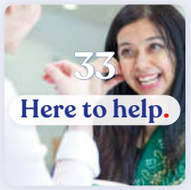
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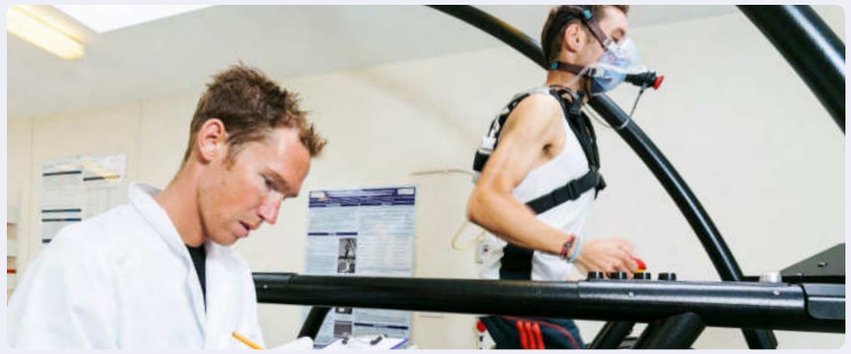
Sports and fitness.

Sport and active health are exciting parts of the Christ Church experience. The University's multi-million-pound Sports Centre has the latest fitness equipment and offers affordable gym and recreational sport memberships, a full range of fitness classes, and a personal training service. We also provide a range of free programmes including Couch to 5k, a running club and outdoor boot camp classes in partnership with Our Parks to help you stay active and healthy.

At Christ Church you will find a wide range of club sports on offer; many of our teams regularly compete in the British Universities and Colleges Sports leagues and a variety of other competitions, including the annual Varsity event.

You'll also have access to our joint specialist facility, Polo Farm Sports Club. Just a short distance from the Canterbury Campus, the facilities include three floodlit hockey pitches, an indoor tennis centre, outdoor tennis courts and a spacious new sports hall, specialising in netball, hockey and cricket. The University has five grass sports pitches for football and rugby, and through partnership with local clubs we offer golf, kayaking, equestrian, trampoline and athletics facilities.



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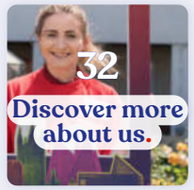
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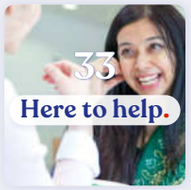
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Arts and culture.

Our vibrant, year-round programme of concerts, exhibitions and events includes something for everyone.

No matter what you study at Christ Church, there are lots of ways to get involved in the cultural life of the University. Students can go to free lunchtime concerts with world-renowned musicians in St Gregory's Centre for Music, or stop by the evening gigs and open mics in St George's Centre. There are exhibitions throughout the year in the Daphne Oram Gallery, and screenings, talks, and events across our campuses.

Canterbury hosts cultural events and exhibitions year round at the Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury Cathedral, and Canterbury Museums. Medway has vibrant festivals throughout the year and incredible museums including the Chatham Historic Dockyard.

Christ Church also supports cultural events across the region. We are the Partner and Principal Sponsor of Canterbury Festival, and we have sponsored a range of other events including Canterbury Pride, Folkestone Book Festival, and the Turner Prize at Turner Contemporary, Margate.

To find out more, visit: **canterbury.ac.uk/arts-and-culture**

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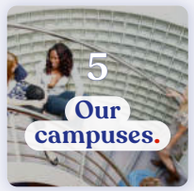
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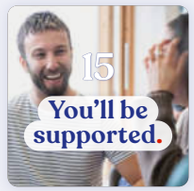
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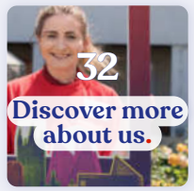
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Accommodation.

We know that you might be coming to the UK for the first time, so you'll want to be safe, comfortable, and have access to all the facilities you'll need.

You'll also want to be able to meet new people and make friends. Whether you choose to stay in university accommodation or with a family through Homestay, you'll be within walking distance of the town and campus.

360°
View 360° tours of the rooms at:
canterbury.ac.uk/accommodation

University accommodation

As a student in university accommodation you'll enjoy:

- 24-hour security access
- utility bills included in the rent
- high-speed wifi
- **free** contents insurance

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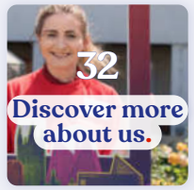
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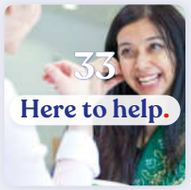
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Homestay

Living with local home owners in Homestay accommodation is very popular with our international students, particularly those who would like to improve their English and learn more about British culture. Hosts are regularly visited by our accommodation staff to ensure they meet the requirements set by the University and British Council regulations.

All the information you need to make the right accommodation choice, including costs, is available on our website, visit:

canterbury.ac.uk/accommodation/homestay

Short stays

If you are staying for a semester or less, we will offer you Homestay, or a room within our student accommodation, if available.

Accommodation guarantee

We guarantee University accommodation, for the first year of study, to international students undertaking an undergraduate or postgraduate course, if you formally accept an offer of a place to study with us and apply for accommodation online by 31 July.

Accommodation Champions

Student Accommodation Champions live in each of our accommodation blocks. They're second year, third year and postgraduate students who have been through the experience before! They're on hand to help you settle in and support you during your time living at uni. Who knows, you may become one yourself!

Choose your accommodation

All the information you need to make the right accommodation choice, including costs, is available on our website, visit:

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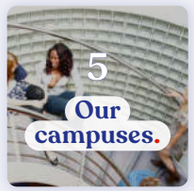
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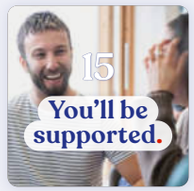
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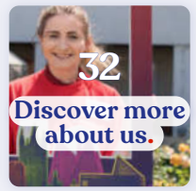
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Canterbury accommodation.

There's a fantastic mixture of accommodation to choose from, and because Canterbury is a small city it's all within walking distance of the main campus, library (Augustine House) and our Sports Centre.

24hr

24-hour security with our SafeZone app

360°

View 360° tours of the accommodation at Canterbury

Petros Court

St George's Centre

Dover Street

Vernon Place

Parham Road Student Village

University Houses

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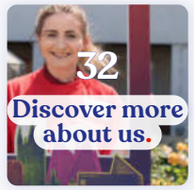
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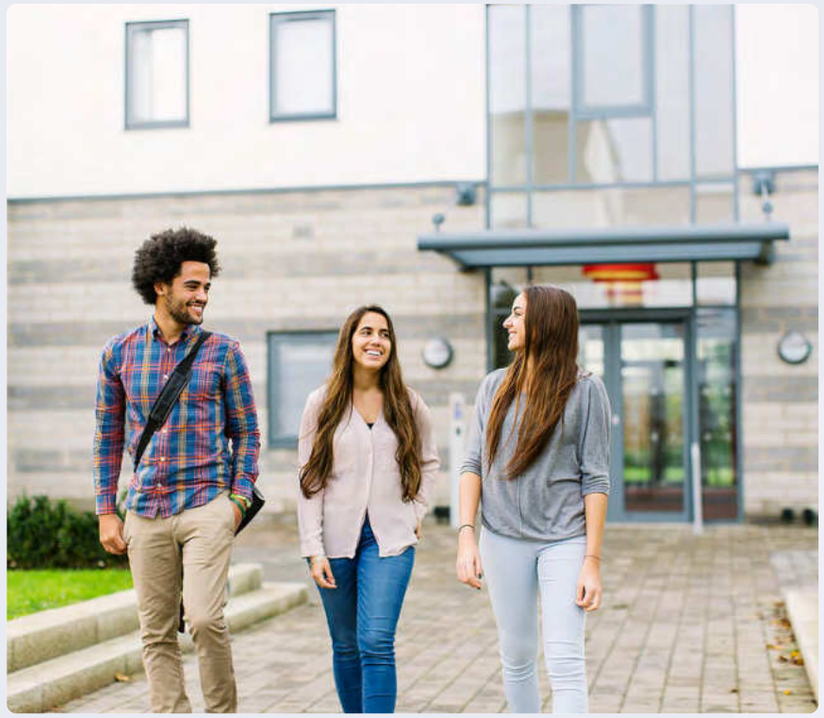
Medway accommodation.

The contemporary Liberty Quays development offers purpose built student bedrooms. Conveniently situated next to the Medway Campus teaching sites and easily accessible on foot, Liberty Quays offers a beautiful place to live in a friendly and exciting environment.



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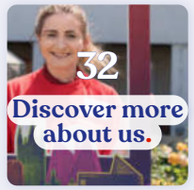
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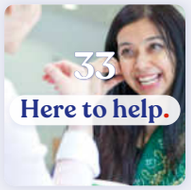
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Our courses.

We offer a wide range of courses, from short courses to help you improve your English to undergraduate degrees and postgraduate study.

General English courses

Our General English courses for international students are available all year round, and are fully accredited by the British Council. Enrolled students have the right to use all the fantastic facilities that the University has to offer.

General English

Aimed at those who wish to make all-round progress in their use of English.

General English with IELTS Preparation

Aimed at those who wish to progress in their use of English and prepare for the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) exam.

To find out more, visit:
canterbury.ac.uk/ug/general-english

Pre-sessional course in Academic English

This is an intensive academic English course specifically for students who have not quite met the English language requirements of their chosen degree. It is available as a 10 and six week course according to your skills and the level needed, and will prepare you for your undergraduate or postgraduate degree study.

To find out more, visit:
canterbury.ac.uk/ug/pre-sessional

Courses designed by you

Specialised courses are available for students coming in a group who wish to study English for a particular purpose. These can be designed according to your requirements. For details, please contact the International Partnerships and Development Office, email: international@canterbury.ac.uk

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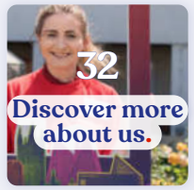
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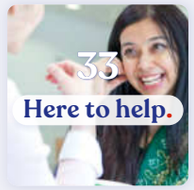
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International Foundation Programme

Our International Foundation Programme offers a path to undergraduate study for students who have completed high school, and need to improve their academic language and study skills to fully achieve in their undergraduate studies.

The programme is designed for all international students, whether from Europe or overseas. The course is taught at our Canterbury Campus and contains language development and academic content to ensure you can understand the English expectations and culture of the University.

Students who successfully complete the programme and meet the progression requirements will be able to progress on to their undergraduate degree.

To find out more, visit:
canterbury.ac.uk/ug/international/foundation-programme

For specific requirements, please email:
international@canterbury.ac.uk

> Being a student at Canterbury Christ Church University means being supported in your growth and professional development, making friends and learning at the same time.
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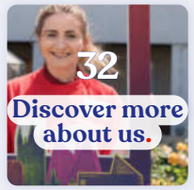
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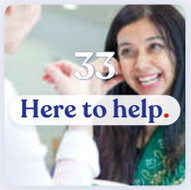
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Undergraduate courses

We offer hundreds of different courses in a wide variety of subject areas.

To search our courses, visit:
canterbury.ac.uk/search/undergraduate-courses

For country specific entry requirements, please visit:
canterbury.ac.uk/find-your-country

If you have any questions, please contact our International Partnerships and Development Office.
Email: **international@canterbury.ac.uk**

Art and Design

Business and Management

Engineering and Computing

Healthcare, Public Health and Social Care

Humanities

Law, Policing and Criminal Justice

Media, Marketing and Journalism

Medicine

Music and Performing Arts

Sciences

Social Sciences

Sport and Exercise Sciences

Teaching, Education and Childhood

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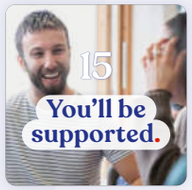
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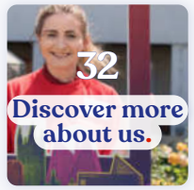
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Postgraduate study

You can choose from a range of taught and research postgraduate degrees, ranging from Certificates and Diplomas to Masters courses and PhD degrees by thesis, portfolio and publication.

Taught

Similar to an undergraduate degree, your course will comprise a series of taught modules, delivered through lectures, seminars and tutorials.

By Research

If you choose to study for a postgraduate by research qualification, most of your time will be devoted to the individual pursuit of a research project in an area of your choosing.

For more details, visit:
canterbury.ac.uk/explore-postgraduate

Pre-Masters Diploma

Our Pre-Masters Diploma is designed for anyone whose first language is not English and who needs to improve their language and academic skills before undertaking postgraduate study. The course offers two routes; one for those wanting to take a Masters in the area of Business and one for those wishing to undergo a Masters in the area of Arts and Humanities.

To find out more, visit:
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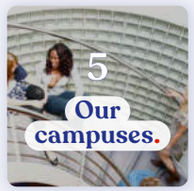
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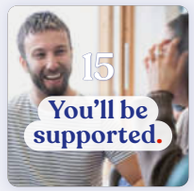
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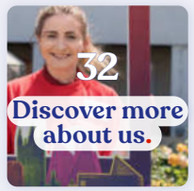
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How to apply.

We've put together some frequently asked questions to help you apply.

For detailed information on how to apply, please read our 'guide to applying' by visiting:
canterbury.ac.uk/international/guide-to-applying

What qualifications do I need?

We accept a range of qualifications from all over the world. If you want to have a look at entry requirements and qualifications we accept from your country, visit:
canterbury.ac.uk/find-your-country

Can I apply late?

Yes, we accept applications throughout the year and will discuss with you your next enrolment opportunity.

If I apply, when will you reply?

We aim to review all applications within 24 hours. We will be in touch with you if we need any further documents or if we require you to submit a portfolio/attend an interview. If you have everything ready and send us all the required documents with your initial application, you could have a place with us the next day!

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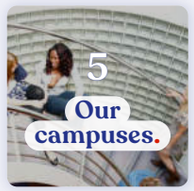
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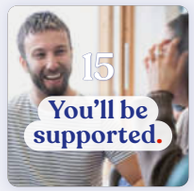
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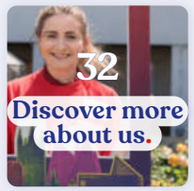
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HOW TO APPLY

How do I apply?

If you are interested in an undergraduate course, you can apply via UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service), directly to the University or via our in-country representatives.

If you are interested in a postgraduate course, for the majority of courses you will be asked to apply directly to the University.

For detailed information on how to apply, please read our 'guide to applying' by visiting:
canterbury.ac.uk/international/guide-to-applying

Applying via UCAS

The UCAS application process is the main tool used to apply for a place on an undergraduate degree at a UK university.

It is a straightforward process – all you need is our **Institution Code**, which is **C10**, alongside the course code you are interested in studying. You can find the UCAS course code on each course page within our website. Once you have that, all you need to do is fill in the form including your qualifications, or expected qualifications, personal statement, and contact details for a referee. There is a fee involved for all applications via UCAS.

Applying direct to Christ Church

We are more than happy if you decide to apply directly to our university. The direct application process is very similar to the UCAS process, just that you will be in direct contact with us from day one. We will ask you to complete an online form, information we will need is the same as you would need to input on UCAS. It is free if you apply directly through us.

For more information, visit: **canterbury.ac.uk/international/how-to-apply**

Applying via an in-country representative

We also welcome applications via our network of trusted in-country representatives.

Contact details can be found on our country specific web pages at:
canterbury.ac.uk/find-your-country

Further information

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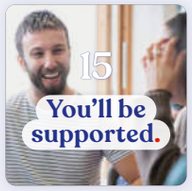
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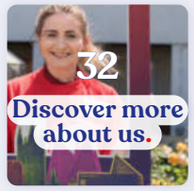
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Discover more about us.

It doesn't matter where you are in the world you can still explore our campuses, see what it's like to study here and chat to our students – all online.

Our virtual tour lets you get a feel of what it's like at the University.

You can explore our Canterbury and Medway campuses, watch videos, view 360s of our lecture theatres, labs, sport facilities and more!

Visit: **canterbury.ac.uk/virtualtour**

Visit our YouTube channel to see the latest videos created by our student vloggers.

Hear what it's like to be a student at Christ Church and to live and study in the UK.

YouTube **ChristChurchUni**

Our Unibuddy service connects you to current students so that you can ask questions you might have about studying with us, your course of interest or student life.

Check out their profiles and find a buddy to connect with at: **canterbury.ac.uk/chat-to-our-students**

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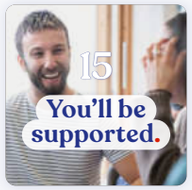
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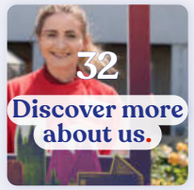
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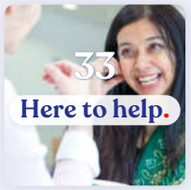
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Our International Partnerships and Development Office is your first point of contact at Christ Church. The team is here to help you with any questions you may have, including advice about submitting your application and preparing to study in the UK.

Tel: +44 (0) 01227 922243
Email: international@canterbury.ac.uk
Visit: canterbury.ac.uk/international

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Canterbury, Kent
CT1 2YA UK

Important information

The information in this guide was accurate at the time of publication (September 2021).

Meet us in your country

Representatives from the University make regular visits overseas, find out where and when you can meet us by viewing our country specific pages at: canterbury.ac.uk/find-your-country

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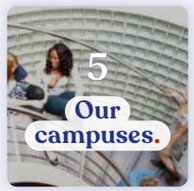
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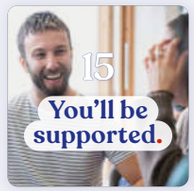
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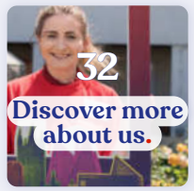
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