Canterbury, England  
*University of Kent*

USC’s exchange program in England is designed to help American students gain first hand knowledge of British culture. The program is located in Canterbury, England, an hour and a half south east of London by rail. Canterbury, one of England’s oldest and most famous historic sites, has a long history in business and the arts. Situated in the county of Kent, the city is still largely surrounded by medieval walls and is dominated by a twelfth century Norman cathedral – where in 1170 Archbishop Thomas Beckett met his death. Students will attend the University of Kent, which was founded in 1965. Only USC undergraduate students are eligible to participate in this program.

The program at the University of Kent offers a full curriculum. Students take classes with British and other international students. Classes are taught in English.

As a prerequisite, students must have attained at least sophomore standing prior to attending the University of Kent. A minimum 3.0 GPA is required.

**Courses and Credits**

Students typically take 60 UK credits and earn 15 US credit hours per semester. Listed below are a few examples of subjects offered. A full list of course can be found at: [http://www.kent.ac.uk/studying/short-term/pdfs/BT_108508_catalogue_1109.pdf](http://www.kent.ac.uk/studying/short-term/pdfs/BT_108508_catalogue_1109.pdf)

**Subject Offerings**

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**Living Arrangements**

Students can choose to live in residence halls or share a house or flat with other students. Students pay in-state tuition and fees to USC. Housing costs, which may or may not include board depending on the housing option chosen, are paid to the University of Kent. For more information about available student accommodation go to: [http://www.kent.ac.uk/studying/where/canterbury/accommodation/undergraduate.html](http://www.kent.ac.uk/studying/where/canterbury/accommodation/undergraduate.html)
Budgeting
The United Kingdom is one of the most expensive places to study abroad due to the weak dollar against the strong pound. Due to this fact, students need to budget accordingly and be aware that prices will be approximately double while in the UK. For assistance in determining living costs and other fees, please refer to this site: http://www.kent.ac.uk/studying/funding/undergraduate/costs/living.html

Master Calendar
Classes begin at the end of September and end in early December for the fall semester. In the spring, classes begin in January and can go through mid-June, depending on the classes the student is enrolled in. A detailed schedule can be found at http://www.kent.ac.uk/about/termdates.php. Please note that both Spring and Summer terms are the equivalent to USC’s Spring semester.

Insurance
Per university policy, all USC students will be charged emergency medical, evacuation and repatriation insurance for their time abroad. Contact the Study Abroad Office for more details.

Orientation
Students will attend orientation upon arrival to Canterbury. At orientation students will tour the campus, learn about the support networks that are available to them and finalize their course registration. More information about arrival details can be found at http://www.kent.ac.uk/internationalstudent/pdfs/BT_109022_PUB130_Welcome%20Guide%20IS%20202010%20FINAL.pdf.

Excursions
The program does not offer organized excursions. Students do have the opportunity for individual travel.

Visa
Students who attend the University of Kent for one semester will need to apply for a Student Visitor visa at the airport, or in advance. Students studying for the full academic year will need to apply for the PBS Tier General Student visa. Please contact the Study Abroad Office for step-by-step directions on how to obtain either visa.

Footnotes
USC students can attend the University of Kent during the fall semester, spring semester or academic year. Visit the University of Kent’s website at http://www.ukc.ac.uk. For specific information for exchange students, visit http://www.kent.ac.uk/studying/short-term/

For more information on tourism in England and the UK, please see http://www.visitbritain.com/