GRADE AND CREDIT CONVERSION - MSU Office of Study Abroad

PROGRAM: University of Kent (Canterbury, United Kingdom)

SPONSOR: College of Social Science

Kent grade	MSU Grade Equivalent	Kent Credit Value*	ECTS Credits	MSU Credits
65+	4.0	15	7.5	4
60-64	3.5	30	15	8
55-59	3.0	60	30	16
50-54	2.5			
43-49	2.0			
41-42	1.5			
40	1.0			
0-39	0.0			

*Note: The ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) credit is 50% of the Kent credit value. Both Kent and ECTS credits are listed on Official Transcripts from this institution. * To receive transfer credit students must receive an equivalent of an MSU 2.0 grade.

Other academic information:

Semester 2 (spring semester)

Psych majors only Early January through early April
For all other MSU students Early January through mid June

The Fall Semester runs for three months from September to December (the autumn term at Kent). Students choose modules worth 60 credits from those offered in the autumn term. The Spring Semester runs for five months from January to June, (the Spring and Summer Terms at Kent). Students choose modules worth 60 credits from those offered in the spring term and must stay for examinations in the summer term. However, there are subjects that students can take and do not have to sit for exams so they may leave and not stay for summer term.

The program is targeted primarily at MSU psychology majors. The bulk of the psychology coursework will be drawn from two areas in UKC's Department of Psychology:

- Stage 2 (intermediate undergraduate level, survey coursework)-roughly equivalent to 200-level survey courses offered at MSU.
- Stage 3 (advanced undergraduate level, topical coursework)- more equivalent to 300- and 400-level MSU courses

In general, you should take courses that correspond to the work done by Kent students in their second or third year. That is, your classes should be chosen from the list of Stage II & III courses, and your module load should be the same as that required of Kent. students in your field. The academic year is organized into two long terms and an exam period. The UK has very strict policies regarding coursework and exams. Please read your syllabus carefully

Choosing modules

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.

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).

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 MSU credits). A 30-credit Kent course is worth 7.5 MSU credits. A 15-credit Kent course is worth 4 MSU credits.

Useful Web Sites:

http://www.kent.ac.uk/internationalstudent/beforeapply/index.html http://www.kent.ac.uk/courses/modulecatalogue/

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