Graduate Programs

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY College of Arts and Sciences
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Welcome!

Graduate Education in the College of Arts and Sciences

A Degree for Everyone...
The Graduate programs in the College of Arts and Sciences prepare you to be on the forefront of your field. Whether you want to advance your knowledge and take your skillset to the next level or make sure you have the right preparation for your career, graduate education in Arts and Sciences can help you pursue your dreams!

The College of Arts and Sciences at Kent State University offers over 70 graduate degree programs and enrolls over 1200 graduate students from all over the globe.

Indeed, there is a degree for everyone! From internationally recognized top-tier programs in Translation Studies to Chemical Physics, we trust you can find a top-notch degree that fits your interests.

...at Every Career Stage
Graduate Education in the College of Arts and Sciences has something for students at every career stage! We offer full-time master’s and Ph.D. programs as well as online master’s/certificate programs that can be paced. So, whether you are a current professional looking to further hone your skills, a recent undergraduate who is looking for an advanced degree, or a professional looking to retool, we have a program that is right for you.
Global Community

With graduate students from over 25 countries, Kent State University’s College of Arts and Sciences truly has a global presence. Furthermore, students and faculty venture out for research and professional experiences across the globe. While we have a global reach, many of our students also directly impact and advance individuals and communities in the United States and, in particular, Northeast Ohio.

Faculty

Faculty in the College are truly committed to effective mentoring and making sure that you stay on course for the next step in your career. Our faculty include a large number of distinguished research and teaching scholars, many of whom have won prestigious national and international awards. Our faculty are highly productive and many are leaders in their discipline. Our faculty have been able to leverage significant federal funding for their research activities.

Graduate students play a central role in these efforts and faculty provide substantial opportunities for graduate student involvement in scientific research.

“The thing I like best about studying at Kent State is that the professors are very open to student ideas.”

-Bin Liu, Translation Studies (Ph.D.)
Interdisciplinary Collaboration

We pride ourselves in a collaborative and interdisciplinary environment that extends well beyond campus. Our graduate programs have strong collaborative connections with local and regional hospitals, schools, non-profit organizations, and industry partners. Graduate students have ample opportunity to receive hands-on practical and research experiences in real-world settings. Many of our faculty engage in interdisciplinary research collaborations at Kent State University as well as with research institutions in the United States and across the globe.

A Bright Future...

The future of graduate education in the College of Arts and Sciences is bright. Several university-wide initiatives will have a substantial and positive impact on graduate education in the College. The newly established Brain Health Research Institute and Advanced Materials and Liquid Crystal Institute reflect a significant investment by the university in two key research areas that span numerous graduate programs in the College.

...with YOU in Mind

The College and University offer a wide range of graduate assistantships and scholarships that often cover 100% of tuition. Living close to campus is affordable. The University has excellent wellness and physical/behavioral health services and is considered one of the healthiest campuses in the country.

You may be left to ask, what else makes a degree from Kent State special? Kent State provides a small town feel while having big opportunities.
While having access to state-of-the-art facilities and top-notch faculty, we are small enough to make sure you receive the attention and mentoring you deserve. I hope you find the information in this brochure helpful and that you find that Kent State University’s College of Arts and Sciences has the graduate program that is just right for you. For any further questions, please don’t hesitate to reach out.

 Dean, Graduate Affairs  
 College of Arts and Sciences

“Last year, we built a humanoid robot and participated in the World Robot Summit, a worldwide robotic competition in Japan.”

-Do Yeon Kim,  
Computer Science (M.A.)

Don Yeon Kim (pictured above) is wearing a robotic teleoperation suit.
Life at Kent State

You will feel at home here!

As a globally recognized, nationally ranked and locally vital university, Kent State is Northeast Ohio’s number one choice among public universities. With over 39,000 students enrolled in our eight-campus system, Kent State University is a large state university that feels like one big family. The 824-acre Kent campus is located just three miles off I-76, easily accessible from neighboring Akron/Canton and Cleveland airports, freeways, and public transportation.

Northeast Ohio is home to Lake Erie, the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, world-class museums, several professional sports teams, hike and bike trails and top restaurants, to name a few. Great long-term employment opportunities are just around the corner, with 27 Fortune 500 companies such as Progressive Insurance, Sherwin-Williams, the Cleveland Clinic and Goodyear located in Ohio.

Beyond your academic pursuits, you will want to take advantage of our many student groups, resources and services including a huge recreation and wellness center, an extensive library, dozens of on-campus dining locations and coffee shops and one awesome food truck.
At Kent State, we strive to create a healthy environment and to prioritize the health and wellness of our community. In 2018, Active Minds, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to raising mental health awareness among college students, named Kent State a winner of the prestigious Healthy Campus Award, one of only six colleges and universities nationwide to receive this distinction.

Kent State University has received the Tree Campus honor from the Arbor Day Foundation for 11 consecutive years. (as of 2019)

Living in Kent

The city of Kent is a great place to live, study and work! Our downtown is vibrant and thriving, with many new and established shops and restaurants. Kent provides a great quality of life and low cost of living in a small town atmosphere. There are modern, affordable student apartments to choose from that are within walking distance of campus and downtown.

Join us as a part of the Kent State family. It is a great place to receive a rewarding education and grow into the person you want to become. Simply put, it is the perfect place for you.
Online Degrees

For working professionals and those who want more flexibility

The College of Arts and Sciences currently offers four online master’s degree programs that are geared towards working professionals and graduate students who want more flexibility in how, where, and when, they complete their coursework:

- Criminology and Criminal Justice
- Geographic Information Science
- Public Administration
- Translation

Students interested in Geographic Information Science or Public Administration also have the option to obtain a certificate through online coursework.

Faculty teaching in our online programs are national and international experts in their field of study. Students have ample opportunity to engage with program faculty outside of the classroom context through various online mechanisms (e.g. online office hours, email).

Our online programs are developed in close communication with our Office of Continuing and Distance Education to mesh content experts with best practices in online education. Three of our online programs (Criminology and Criminal Justice, Geographic Information Science, Public Administration) are supported by Everspring. (http://www.everspringpartners.com)
“Kent State made all the difference for me.”

-Dianne Platton, Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies (Online M.A.)
Online Degrees/Certificates

Comparative and Integrative Programs
Liberal Studies (L.S.M.)

Dept. of Geography
Geographic Information Science (M.GISc)
- Cyber GIS
- Environmental Geographic Information Science
- Geographic Information Science and Health

Certificates:
- Cyber Geographic Information Science
- Environmental Geographic Information Science
- Geographic Information Science

Dept. of Modern & Classical Language Studies
Latin Literature (M.A.)
Translation (M.A.)
- Arabic
- French
- German
- Japanese
- Russian
- Spanish
Dual M.A. Translation/M.B.A.

Dept. of Political Science
Public Administration (M.P.A.)
Certificate:
- Nonprofit Management

Dept. of Sociology
Criminology and Criminal Justice (M.A.)
- Corrections
- Global Security
- Policing
Our online students graduate in four semesters, on average, and attend commencement at the Kent campus.
Master’s Degrees

For advanced professional career paths or future doctoral training

The College of Arts and Sciences offers a variety of master’s degree programs that are either geared towards advanced professional career paths or to prepare students for future doctoral level training:

- Anthropology
- Biological Sciences
- Biomedical Sciences
- Chemical Physics
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- English
- Geography
- Geology
- History
- Mathematical Sciences
- Modern and Classical Language Studies
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychological Sciences
- Sociology

In addition to formal coursework, students engage in learning through involvement in scientific research labs and/or participate in learning activities with community partners including local and regional businesses, hospitals, and schools.

For students who want to develop their own interdisciplinary master’s degree program, we also offer a Master of Liberal Studies. In this program, students can tailor coursework specifically to their own needs and interests.
“I am eager to share my experiences at Kent State.”

-Bonné Ann de Blas
Creative Writing (M.F.A.)
Master’s Degrees/Certificates

Comparative and Integrative Programs
Liberal Studies (L.S.M.)

Dept. of Anthropology
Anthropology (M.A.)

Dept. of Biological Sciences
Biological Sciences (M.S.)
  • Cell Biology and Molecular Genetics
  • Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
  • Integrative Physiology and Neurobiology
Biology (M.A./M.S.)

School of Biomedical Sciences
Biomedical Sciences (M.S.)
  • Cellular and Molecular Biology
  • Neurosciences
  • Pharmacology
  • Physiology Interdisciplinary

Chemical Physics Interdisciplinary Program
Chemical Physics (M.S.)

Dept. of Chemistry & Biochemistry
Chemistry (M.A./M.S.)

Dept. of Computer Science
Computer Science (M.A./M.S.)

Dept. of English
Creative Writing (M.F.A.)
English (M.A.)
  • Concentration for Teachers
  • Literature and Writing
Teaching English as a Second Language (M.A.)

Certificate:
  • Teaching English as a Second/Foreign Language

Dept. of Geography
Geography (M.A.)

Dept. of Geology
Geology (M.S.)
“While at Kent State University, I have published a couple of papers in major scientific journals, participated in excavations and developed laboratory techniques.”

-Ashley Rutkoski, Anthropology (M.A.)

Dept. of History
History (M.A.)

Dept. of Mathematical Sciences
Applied Mathematics (M.A./M.S.)
Mathematics for Secondary Teachers (M.A.)
Pure Mathematics (M.A./M.S.)

Dept. of Modern & Classical Language Studies
French* (M.A.)
German* (M.A.)
Latin** (M.A.)
Spanish* (M.A.)
Translation*** (M.A.)
Dual M.A. Translation/M.B.A.

Dept. of Philosophy
Philosophy (M.A.)

Dept. of Physics
Physics (M.A./M.S.)

Dept. of Political Science
Political Science (M.A.)

Dept. of Sociology
Sociology (M.A.)

*Concentrations in Pedagogy and Literature/Culture
**Concentration in Pedagogy
***Concentrations in Arabic, French, German, Japanese, Russian, and Spanish
Doctoral Degrees

For future faculty and careers where advanced knowledge is key

Our Ph.D. programs reflect a broad commitment to preparing graduate students for contributions to advanced scientific knowledge and professional careers where advanced knowledge of sciences and humanities is key, including preparing the next generation of faculty:

Applied Geology, Biological Anthropology, Biological Sciences, Biomedical Sciences, Chemical Physics, Chemistry, Computer Science, English, Geography, History, Mathematical Sciences, Physics, Political Science, Psychological Sciences, Sociology, and Translation Studies

Students have an opportunity to work with – and learn from – world renowned faculty on a daily basis. The large majority of graduate students in our doctoral programs also supervise undergraduate students in research and/or provide instruction (or instructional support) in the classroom.

Ph.D. students have substantial opportunities to present their work at national and international conferences, (co)author scientific manuscripts, and learn to write competitive research grant proposals.
“From the very first day, I have felt at home.”

-Maxwell Adjei, Political Science (Ph.D.)
Doctoral Degrees (Ph.D.)

Dept. of Anthropology
Biological Anthropology

Dept. of Biological Sciences
Biological Sciences
- Cell Biology and Molecular Genetics
- Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
- Integrative Physiology and Neurobiology

School of Biomedical Sciences
Biomedical Sciences
- Cellular and Molecular Biology
- Human Evolutionary Biology
- Neurosciences
- Pharmacology
- Physiology Interdisciplinary

Chemical Physics
Interdisciplinary Program
Chemical Physics

Dept. of Chemistry & Biochemistry
Chemistry

Dept. of Computer Science
Computer Science

Dept. of English
English
- English- Rhetoric and Composition

Dept. of Geography
Geography

Dept. of Geology
Applied Geology

Dept. of History
History

Dept. of Mathematical Sciences
Applied Mathematics
Pure Mathematics

Dept. of Modern & Classical Language Studies
Translation Studies

Dept. of Physics
Physics

Dept. of Political Science
Political Science

Dept. of Psychological Sciences
Clinical Psychology
Psychological Sciences

Dept. of Sociology
Sociology
“After graduation, I am hopeful to find placement in the advanced materials or electro-optics industry.”

- Matthew Murachver, Chemical Physics (Ph.D.)

“My goal is to go into academica. To be a female of color, teaching in this area is really important to me. I want people to know that there are options in the sciences and I want my students to feel at home.”

- Christina Watts, Biomedical Sciences- Cellular and Molecular Biology (Ph.D.)
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Additional Resources

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www.kent.edu/cas

Office of Continuing and Distance Education  
www.kent.edu/cde

Graduate Studies  
www.kent.edu/graduatestudies

Office of Global Education  
www.kent.edu/globaleducation

University Catalog  
catalog.kent.edu/colleges/as

Please continue to check the College of Arts and Sciences website for future programs that will be added.