



# MA MEDICAL HUMANITIES

Canterbury

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**Kent's MA in Medical Humanities is a multidisciplinary postgraduate programme, taught by academics from many different subject areas across the University, including the Schools of English, Arts, History and Law, and the Departments of Philosophy, Classical & Archaeological Studies, Comparative Literature and Religious Studies.**

## About the programme

Medicine is one of the great human activities. The changes that medicine has undergone, and the problems and opportunities it raises, should be of interest to everyone.

In this programme, you are introduced to many questions asked about medicine from within the humanities. For example, you have the opportunity to examine the history of Western medicine and to consider how medical practice is presented in, and shaped by, literature and the arts. You have the chance to reflect on what is involved in classifying something as a disease or an abnormal mental state, and to explore various ethical and legal problems that arise within medicine.

## Course structure

You take four modules across the autumn and spring terms, including one compulsory module. You choose your other modules from a variety of options available, before undertaking a supervised 12,000-word dissertation over the summer.

## Who should apply

This Master's is aimed primarily at those with a humanities background, but we also welcome healthcare practitioners or those with medical backgrounds who are interested in the growing field of the medical humanities.

## How to apply

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## Further information

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\*out of 122 universities, not including specialist institutions.



### **Emma Isworth completed her MA in Medical Humanities in 2016.**

‘Studying for an MA in Medical Humanities at the University of Kent proved to be one of the most life-enhancing things I have ever done.

‘Having worked for many years as an NHS physiotherapist I had become increasingly frustrated with the restrictive ways in which health care is both accessed and delivered. Studying the Medical Humanities programme has both challenged and informed my critical

thinking about the ways in which the humanities can contribute to health care and wellbeing.

‘The programme is taught in a modular and flexible way that offers a wide range of choices of subject matter to study. These include aspects of literature, cultural studies, history, philosophy, ethics and law, psychology and the arts. I found the teaching to be of the highest quality delivered with passion and enthusiasm by experts in the field.

‘As the UK’s European university, the diversity of the student population afforded lively debate in the seminars and listening to wide-ranging, multicultural opinion was fascinating and enlightening. There were also many opportunities to attend extra lectures, conferences and symposia in related fields.

‘I cannot recommend this programme highly enough to anyone who has an interest in exploring the possible and positive intersections between medicine and the humanities and what these may mean to health and wellbeing.’

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