

SCHOOL of MATHEMATICS, STATISTICS AND PHYSICS
UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL) AND CREDIT TRANSFER

DATE: 2026-27

SCOPE OF APPLICATIONS

The School of Mathematics, Statistics and Physics accepts applications for RPL/Credit Transfer for all undergraduate students at all Stages in ALL of its programmes.

Rationale: The School is prepared to accept any application for Recognition of Prior Learning and Credit Transfer in principle. In practice, all students and their qualifications and experience will be judged on their individual merits.

The PROGRAMME(S) accept(s) applications for:

- a) Credit transfer
- b) Recognition of prior certificated learning
- c) Recognition of prior experiential learning

RPL and credit transfer is available for all modules to a maximum of 120 credits (for a BSc programme) or 240 credits (for an integrated Masters programme).

Normally only learning within the last five years can be taken into account.

WHOM TO APPROACH

The contact person in the first instance is the Degree Programme Director, or the Admissions Tutor for external prospective candidates, for the relevant degree programme who can be contacted via the School Office, School of Mathematics, Statistics and Physics, 3rd Floor, Herschel Building, tel: +44 (0)191 208 7239, email maths.physics@ncl.ac.uk.

What evidence will be required:

For a) and b) above – transcript showing level, credits and marks plus copies of syllabuses.

For (c) - dates and details of relevant experience with evidence (e.g. employer statement) and an explanation as to how the learning outcomes of the modules for which the applicant seeks RPL have been met.

WHAT ADVICE AND INFORMATION WILL BE GIVEN

Each applicant for RPL/Credit Transfer may be interviewed regarding the suitability of the prior learning. This will normally take place before a student arrives to begin study.

Each applicant for RPL or credit transfer will either be issued with the relevant module outline forms specifying learning outcomes and outline syllabuses or be given directions to the Module Catalogue.

HOW RPL/Credit Transfer DECISIONS ARE MADE

Internal applicants should submit their application for RPL/Credit Transfer to the Degree Programme Director of the relevant course, using a form available from [Educational Policy and Governance - qsh-ct-pol.pdf - All Documents \(Sharepoint.com\)](#) (Appendix 1). External applicants should submit their application via UCAS

The Degree Programme Director or Admissions Tutor will take into account:

- The extent to which material covered in Newcastle modules has been covered previously by the applicant.
- The level at which that material has been covered.
- The performance of the applicant in assessments on that material.

Decisions on RPL/Credit Transfer will be reported to the Board of Studies.

Applicants should hear the results of their application within 20 working days.