

**NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY**  
**FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**  
**School of English Literature, Language and Linguistics**

**ALL UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES IN SELL**

**RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL) AND CREDIT TRANSFER 2026-27**

**SCOPE OF APPLICATIONS**

The School of English Literature, Language and Linguistics accept applications for:

- a) Credit transfer: This will be subject to UG DPD approval, after consultation with Subject Heads and the Director of Education, if necessary.
- b) Recognition of prior certificated learning (RPL): This will be subject to UG DPD approval, after consultation with Subject Heads and the Director of Education, if necessary. RPL may be assessed on evidence provided by the applicant and/or by a set assessment determined by the DPD.
- c) Recognition of prior experiential learning: This is not normally considered for our UG degrees, with the exception of English Literature with Creative Writing (QW38) and English Literature and Creative Writing (1896U), where prior experience of and aptitude for creative writing may be considered by the Subject Head for Creative Writing. Final approval lies with the DPD.

RPL and credit transfer is available for all modules to a maximum of 120 credits. Transfers to Stage 3 of UG programmes are not considered, unless under exceptional circumstances.

Normally only learning within the last 5 years can be taken into account.

**WHO TO APPROACH**

The contact person in the first instance is the School Office who can be contacted by email ([ELLL@ncl.ac.uk](mailto:ELLL@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 or credit transfer will be issued with the relevant module outline forms specifying learning outcomes and given an RPL/credit transfer application form.

Advice will be available from the UG Degree Programme Directors and also the UG Admissions Officer.

**HOW RPL DECISIONS ARE MADE**

Applications should be submitted via E-mail to the School Office ([ELLL@ncl.ac.uk](mailto:ELLL@ncl.ac.uk)) and will be considered by the UG DPD. Applicants should hear the results of their application within 20 working days.

# Credit Transfer and the Recognition of Prior Learning

## Application for Credit Transfer or Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

Any student who wishes to apply for credit transfer or RPL should use this form, which should be returned to an appropriate and identified person in the academic unit. Before completing this form, students must read the Newcastle University guidelines AND speak with the named contact in his/her academic unit about the application process.

All students MUST complete Sections 1, 2, and 3.

In applications for RPL, Sections 4 and 5 should be completed by the relevant DPD. These sections can be left blank in applications for credit transfer.

All DPDs MUST complete Section 6, and academic units must keep the entire application on file, following the Assessment Retention Schedule.

### Section 1 – Student Identification

|                                                                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Name:                                                           |
| Email:                                                          |
| Academic Unit:                                                  |
| Student Number (if already registered at Newcastle University): |
| Programme of study to which this application applies:           |
| *Unit to which this application is submitted:                   |

\*Single Honours, PGT and PGR students should submit applications to the School/Institute that runs their degree programme. Joint Honours and Combined Honours students should submit applications to their Joint Honours tutor or the Combined Honours Centre rather than to the School offering the module(s) for which they are applying.

### Section 2 – Credit Transfer vs. Recognition of Prior Learning

Based on the definitions, tick one of the following: External credit transfer, internal credit transfer, RPCL, or RPEL. If you are applying for more than one on the same application (i.e. credit transfer AND RPEL, for different modules), then you can tick more than one.

- ☐ Internal credit transfer: where credits or qualification(s) have been awarded by another programme at Newcastle University
- ☐ External credit transfer: where credits or qualification(s) have been awarded by another UK university
- ☐ Recognition of prior certificated learning: where credits or qualification(s) have been awarded by a non-UK university or institution
- ☐ Recognition of prior experiential learning: where you have previous experience (e.g. work experience) that maps onto the learning outcomes of a module

### Section 3 – Newcastle University module(s) and Form(s) of evidence

In the template below, the student should list any module(s) for which he/she is seeking credit transfer or RPL. In the right-hand column, all available evidence should be listed: transcripts, module outlines or syllabi, assessed work,

supporting statements from employers, etc. If a student is seeking credit transfer or RPL for an entire stage of a programme, all relevant modules should be listed separately. All evidence should be submitted with the application. An example is provided below.

| Module Title                | Module Code | Form of Evidence                 |
|-----------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|
| Introduction to Linguistics | LIN0001     | Transcript from XXXXX University |
|                             |             |                                  |
|                             |             |                                  |

Student Signature:

Date:

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#### Section 4 – Assessment of RPL (does not need to be completed for applications for credit transfer)

In the template below, the DPD should specify what form of assessment will be required to assess the student's eligibility for RPL. The assessment must follow from the learning objectives of the module(s).

| Module Code | Learning Objectives | Required Assessment |
|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|             |                     |                     |
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#### Section 5 – Record of Assessment and Feedback Return

Feedback on RPL assessment should be returned to students with 20 working days. For record-keeping purposes, academic units should complete this section after the decision has been made.

| Module Code | Assessment Task Pass/Fail | Date of Feedback to Student |
|-------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
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#### Section 6 – Record of Credit Transfer and/or RPL Granted

For each module code below, the DPD should record the final decision made as to credit transfer or RPL. If internal credit transfer has been granted, the mark should be noted.

| Module Code | Internal/External Credit Transfer | RPL |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|-----|
|             |                                   |     |
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DPD Signature:

Date:

This form should be returned to the School Office and, if appropriate, the relevant admissions team, so that the final decision can be recorded on the SAP student record.