

SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL) AND CREDIT TRANSFER FOR the SINGLE HONOURS PSYCHOLOGY UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME

2026-27

SCOPE OF APPLICATIONS

The Psychology Single Honours Undergraduate degree programme is accredited by the British Psychological Society (BPS) who prescribes the core areas of the discipline that must be studied and examined.

To ensure the programme adheres to these BPS requirements, the school does not accept applications for Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning but will consider applications for Credit Transfer or Recognition of Prior Learning where the programme has capacity.

Such applications will only be considered for Stage 1 of our Single Honours Undergraduate programme (120 credits), with successful applicants being eligible to enrol onto Stage 2 of the programme. Applicants must have achieved a minimum grade average of 55% at Stage 1. Applications for individual Stage 1 modules will not be considered.

Candidates will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Candidates need to meet our entry requirements and also need to demonstrate that their prior teaching in Psychology (maps on to the learning outcomes of our Stage 1 in all modules. Moreover, candidates need to demonstrate that they have satisfactorily passed all prior modules. We will only grant a **credit transfer/RPL** in cases where we have full confidence that the candidate is suitably prepared to meet the challenges of our Stage 2 and where the relevant programme has capacity.

Please note: We do not accept applications for RPL for any of our Joint Honours Psychology programmes.

WHO TO APPROACH

The contact person in the first instance is Dr Amy Fielden, Degree Programme Director (amy.fielden@ncl.ac.uk (0191 2087523) for the Single Honours programmes. The Psychology Admissions team should also be cc'd into the e-mail (psychology.ugadmissions@newcastle.ac.uk).

WHAT ADVICE AND INFORMATION WILL BE GIVEN

Each applicant for RPL or credit transfer will be issued and RPL/credit transfer application form which they will need to complete showing how their prior learning aligns with our Stage 1 module learning outcomes.

Applicants may also be invited for interview to discuss further details of their submission.

Advice will be available from the Degree Programme Directors listed above.

HOW RPL/CREDIT TRANSFER DECISIONS ARE MADE

Applications should be submitted via email and will be considered by the appropriate DPD. Decision is made on a case-by-case basis and are subject to places being available. Successful applicants will:

- 1) meet the entry requirements of the relevant degree programme at Newcastle.
- 2) pass all the modules of their current programme.
- 3) demonstrate that their prior learning maps on to the relevant Stage 1.

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