

SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY

**RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL) AND CREDIT TRANSFER FOR
PSYCHOLOGY UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES**

2024-25

SCOPE OF APPLICATIONS

Psychology Undergraduate degree programmes are accredited by the British Psychological Society (BPS) who prescribe the core areas of the discipline that must be studied and examined.

To ensure all programmes adhere 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 programmes have capacity.

Such applications will only be considered for Stage 1 of our Undergraduate programmes (120 credits), with successful applicants being eligible to enroll onto Stage 2 of the programme to which they have applied. 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 (and other subjects for Joint Honours) 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.

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 and Dr. Tracy Donachie, Degree Programme Director (Tracy.Donachie@newcastle.ac.uk), (0191 208 7562) for Joint Honours programmes.

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.

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 with 20 working days.