

Information for Students, Teachers and Examiners

Annex 15: Micro-credential Framework for Kent

Typically, micro-credentials are short courses that are smaller than a current award and can be certified as credit bearing. For the purposes of the Credit Framework for England, micro-credentials are awarded by a body with the powers to award academic credit, and are quality assured and mapped against the Credit Framework levels.

The following principles apply with regard to micro-credentials offered by the University:

1. Micro-credentials are short courses approved as credit-bearing and are mapped against the appropriate level of the Credit Framework.
2. Micro-credentials require a minimum of 100 hours of student study time (i.e. ten house of notional study time will equate to one credit).
3. Micro-credentials may consist of one or more modules.
4. Each constituent module must require a summative assessment to be passed in order for credit to be awarded for that module.
5. Evidence of prior learning may be permitted to count towards the learning required for a micro-credential but the summative assessment must be taken and passed for credit to be awarded.
6. Decisions on the award of credit will be made by a Board of Examiners convened for this purpose.
7. Micro-credentials will not lead to an academic award but the credit earned may be imported into a relevant academic award under the arrangements for credit transfer.
8. Students will receive a transcript detailing their academic achievement and credits achieved.
9. Students may appeal against the decisions of Boards of Examiners under the procedures set out in Annex 13¹ of the Credit Framework.
10. Unless varied in this document, all arrangements for the award of credit will be subject to the standard requirements of the Credit Framework.

¹ Please see [Annex 13: Academic Appeals](#)