

UNIVERSITY OF KENT
CREDIT FRAMEWORK FOR TAUGHT PROGRAMMES: ANNEX 3

Information for Students, Teachers and Examiners

Annex 3: Limits on Credit Transfer and/or APE/CL

The University imposes limits on the extent to which a student may be exempted from part of a programme of study via credit transfer and/or accreditation of prior experiential/certificated learning (APE/CL). The table below shows, for each qualification, the minimum amount of credit which must be obtained at the University by taking part of the programme of study concerned. It should be noted that credit transfer candidates will normally be required to take substantially more of their programme of study than the minimum shown below, either because their prior learning does not fully equip them for the maximum possible exemption or because, for a particular programme of study, exemption from specified modules is not permitted. Exemption from part of a programme of study is, in all cases, at the discretion of the University (see Annex R of the Code of Practice for Taught Programmes of Study).

The minimum credit which must be obtained in order to be eligible for an award through taking part of a programme of study at the University is as follows:

Award	Minimum Credits to be Obtained on Kent Programme of Study
Certificate/Certificate of Higher Education	60 credits at level 4 or above
Diploma	60 credits at level 5 or above
* BTEC Higher National Certificate (120 credits in total)	60 credits at level 4 or above
* BTEC Higher National Diploma	120 credits at level 5 or above
Diploma of Higher Education	120 credits including at least 90 at level 5 or above
Foundation degree	120 credits including at least 90 at level 5 or above
Non-Honours degree	120 credits including at least 60 at level 6 or above
Honours degree	120 credits including at least 90 at level 6 or above
Integrated Master's degree	120 credits at level 7 or above
Graduate Certificate	30 credits at level 6
Graduate Diploma	60 credits at level 6
Postgraduate Certificate	30 credits at level 7
Postgraduate Diploma	60 credits at level 7
MA/MSc/LLM/MBA	90 credits at level 7
MPhil	150 credits at level 7
Taught Doctorate	210 credits at level 8

* **Note:** this reflects Pearson's¹ credit/level requirements for HNs from September 2010. For HNC/HND awards commencing up to 31 December 2010, the minimum requirements were:

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BTEC Higher National Certificate (150 credits in total)	75 credits including at least 30 at level 5 or above
BTEC Higher National Diploma	120 credits including at least 90 at level 5 or above