

Information for Students, Teachers and Examiners

Annex 3: Limits on Credit Transfer and/or RCL

The University imposes limits on the extent to which a student may be exempted from part of a course of study via credit transfer and/or recognition of prior learning (RPL). The table below shows, for each qualification, the minimum amount of credit which must be obtained at the University by taking part of the course of study concerned. It should be noted that credit transfer candidates will normally be required to take substantially more of their course 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 course of study, exemption from specified modules is not permitted. Exemption from part of a course of study is, in all cases, at the discretion of the University (see Annex R of the Code of Practice for Taught Courses of Study).

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

Award	Minimum Credits to be Obtained on Kent Course 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 ¹	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

¹ For the purposes of this Code, Graduate Certificates and Graduate Diplomas are regarded as undergraduate courses.

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MA/MSc/LLM/MBA	90 credits at level 7
MPhil	150 credits at level 7
Taught Doctorate	210 credits at level 8