

Section 34 Implications of recognition of prior learning (RPL) and award

- 34.1.1 The University position on non-standard qualifications, credit transfer and the recognition of prior learning (RPL), certificated and experiential, for admissions purposes is detailed in the [Admissions Policy](#).
- 34.1.2 The University operates a curriculum which is specified in terms of programme learning outcomes detailed within the relevant programme specifications.
- 34.1.3 The University welcomes applications which include requests for advanced standing, and which can be accommodated within the parameters set out by the University Regulations.
- 34.1.4 The maximum amount of prior credit that a student may claim towards a York St John University award is as follows:

Award	Maximum prior credit or accredited prior experiential learning	Credit that must be studied on a York St John University programme
Professional Doctorate / Doctor of Education	90 credits at Level 8	90 credits at Level 8 Stage 1, plus Stage 2 of the programme
Doctorate of Counselling Psychology	180 credits at Level 8	360 credits at Level 8
Master of Fine Arts (School of Arts)	160 credits at Level 7	80 credits at Level 7
Master's Degree	120 credits	60 credits at Level 7 or above
Master's Degree Occupational Therapy (Pre-registration) * * Royal College of Occupational Therapists (RCOT) requirement	60 credits	120 credits at Level 7 or above
Postgraduate Diploma	80 credits	40 credits at Level 7 or above
Postgraduate Certificate	40 credits	20 credits at Level 7 or above
Postgraduate Certificate in Education	0 credits	Full programme
Integrated Master's Degree	240 credits	240 credits at Level 6 and above
Bachelor's Degree with Honours	240 credits	120 credits at Level 6 or above
Bachelor's Degree with Honours (Pre-registration Nursing) * * Nursing Midwifery Council (NMC) requirement - only registered nurses can RPL more than 50% of the programme	180 credits (if not a currently registered nurse)	180 credits, including at least 60 credits at Level 5 and 120 credits at Level 6
	240 credits (if currently a registered nurse)	120 credits at Level 6 or above

Award	Maximum prior credit or accredited prior experiential learning	Credit that must be studied on a York St John University programme
Ordinary Bachelor's Degree	200 credits	100 credits, including at least 60 at Level 6 and 40 at Level 5
Graduate Diploma	60 credits	60 credits at Level 6 or above
Graduate Certificate	30 credits	30 credits at Level 6 or above
Professional Graduate Certificate in Education	0 credits	Full programme for exit award
Foundation Degree	120 credits	120 credits at Level 5
Diploma of Higher Education	120 credits	120 credits at Level 5
Certificate of Higher Education	60 credits	60 credits at Level 4
University Diploma	0 credits	Full programme
University Certificate	0 credits	Full programme
Foundation Certificate – International	0 credits	Full programme
Foundation Certificate	0 credits	Full programme

* This table is provided as a guide, and some programmes with professional body requirements may have limits on the amount of credit that can be transferred into the programme. Please check the programme specification for details

- 34.1.5 Students will need to undertake some study in all the semesters that they are enrolled for to satisfy programme registration and attendance requirements.
- 34.1.6 Where the University has accepted previous credit awarded by another institution to a student, it is not the University's policy to include marks attached to such credit in degree classification. Only results obtained from York St John University will be used to calculate degree classifications. In certain cases, it may be necessary to propose variations on normal degree classification arrangements, for example, classification on the final year of results only.
- 34.1.7 Where the University has accepted previous credit successfully achieved by a student, if that student subsequently has their enrolment withdrawn by the University or voluntarily withdraws without reaching the full credit required for the intended award, only credit achieved at the York St John University will be used to calculate eligibility for an exit award.
- 34.1.8 Where the University has accepted previous credit awarded by York St John University and the student has returned to the same programme of study all results obtained will be used to calculate degree classifications (refer to [sections 35](#) and [36](#) for information relating to the calculation of classifications). Any previously awarded credits or exit awards will be voided and the student asked to return their certificate and transcript. Where a student has returned to a different programme of study marks attached to previously awarded credit will not be used to calculate degree classifications.