

Undergraduate Advanced Standing.

Definition

Advanced Standing is a particular application of Recognition of Prior Learning [RPL], where one certificated award is used to gain entry to another course at a level or stage of study later than the normal entry point. Further information on all types of Prior Learning is available on the Quality and Standards Office web pages.

Advanced Standing, in brief

- an application process, not a right
- a matter of academic judgement whether the applicant's award maps against the learning outcomes of the course for which exemption is sought.

This overview should be read in conjunction with the procedural document on Advanced Standing and the Regulations for Taught Awards, which are both available on the Quality and Standards Office website.

Some key points are:

- The process outlined here applies only to Undergraduate courses of study. There are separate procedures for postgraduate courses.
- An applicant may not combine an application for Advanced Standing with a request for Recognition of Prior Certificated Learning (RPCL).
- The certificated award on which Advanced Standing is made must have been made during the previous 5 years, except for apprenticeships.
- An appropriate member of academic staff maps the learning outcomes of the applicant's award to the learning outcomes for the part of the course for which the applicant seeks Advanced Standing.
- The University does not award credit for Advanced Standing, nor will it be detailed on the transcript. No marks from the imported award will be used by the University for classification of any award.
- The certificated award on which Advanced Standing is made will be part of the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (FHEQ) except for specific exceptions (See Sections 3 and 4 of the procedural document)
- More detailed mapping at module level may take place if it is required by a Professional Statutory Regulatory body, or if the award outcomes are insufficient to make a judgement.
- There are separate processes where the University has approved an articulation agreement.

Overview of how students may apply for Advanced Standing

1



Applicant applies to Admissions for advanced standing, sending required evidence of award.

2



Admissions confirms authenticity of award certificate and transcript and that this occurred during previous 5 years (except apprenticeships).

3



Admissions liaises with Course Team to confirm the applicant has achieved learning outcomes required for entry point.

4



Course Team maps application against relevant course outcomes.

5a



Course Team advises Admissions if application is accepted or rejected.

5b



If the Course Team does not support the application, they may (if appropriate) recommend entry at an earlier level/ stage or an alternative course.

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Admissions advises applicant of decision.