

Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL)

University of Central Lancashire

APL – Recognition for previous learning

At UCLan, within the credit accumulation and transfer scheme (CATS), it is possible for students to claim for modules to be awarded towards their course on the basis of previous academic, professional, vocational or experiential learning. In some circumstances students may claim credit for their elective module where the previous learning is not directly related to their main area of study. This opportunity is open to all students but it is most likely to be of value to students who have undertaken previous higher education courses (certificated learning) which could count for credit, or those who can demonstrate significant learning from their life/work experience (experiential learning).

Full-time students are limited in the amount of accreditation they can seek without jeopardising their full-time status but even so accreditation of one or two modules may be possible. Students should claim within six weeks of the start date of their course.

The University is committed to the recognition of learning and if you feel that accreditation could benefit you and you would like more information, please contact the APL Team on 01772 895008, email aplunit@uclan.ac.uk or visit www.uclan.ac.uk/apl