

**CREDIT TRANSFER TOWARDS THE
BA (Hons) Youth Justice Studies
(England and Wales)**
Essential Information

Please retain for the duration of your studies with
The Open University



IMPORTANT NOTE: You should read this document in conjunction with the University regulations for this qualification: <http://www3.open.ac.uk/our-student-policies/qualregs.htm>

You will need to complete at least 240 credits, as shown in the table below, in order to be eligible for this qualification. The right-hand column of this table shows the components of this qualification towards which credit transfer can be awarded in recognition of study you have undertaken elsewhere.

Degree component	Type and amount of credit transfer available towards this component, if any
120 credits of compulsory Level 1 modules K(YE)115 and K116	60 credits of module exemption towards K(YE)115 is available Credit transfer is not available towards K116
60 credits of compulsory Level 2 work-based module/s K209	No credit transfer
60 credits of compulsory knowledge-based Level 2 modules: (K208 or KYE208 or KYG208 OR K228 <i>plus</i> 40 credits for a Professional Certificate in Effective Practice)	40 credits of general credit exemption can be awarded for the Professional Certificate in Effective Practice (Youth Justice) from specified institutions <i>(see note below for more details)</i>
Maximum credit transfer available towards this OU qualification	60 credits at Level 1 plus 40 credits at Level 2 (for PCEP only)

Please note: If you hold the Professional Certificate in Effective Practice (Youth Justice) from the following institutions:

- Nottingham Trent University
- Sheffield Hallam University
- North East Wales Institute of Higher Education
- Portsmouth University

you can be awarded 40 credits of general credit exemption towards the Level 2 element.

You will be required to do an additional 20-point module (K228) with the Open University to make up to the required 60 credits of compulsory knowledge-based Level 2 modules.

IMPORTANT: The University is presenting K228 for the final time in **October 2011** so you must have already successfully completed it, or do so on this final presentation, in order to benefit from the 40 credits of transferred credit.

What credit transfer will I be awarded ?

Please note: credit transfer is awarded in the context of the particular qualification towards which you are claiming it. This means that you may be able to get credit transfer against a specific Open University (OU) module or component in some OU qualifications but not in others.

We award credit in units of 5 credits, up to the maximum shown in the table above. If your previous study amounts to more than this limit, we will select those credits that will give you the most beneficial award.

When we have completed the assessment of your application for credit transfer, we will send you an email to let you know that the outcome, your *Credit Transfer Award*, is showing on your Studenthome page: <http://www.open.ac.uk/students> . You will then be able to view and download this document.

Types of credit transfer

There are two types of credit transfer: **module exemption** and **general credit exemption**. The table on page 1 shows which type/s can count towards this qualification and the outcome of your credit transfer application will be displayed on your *Credit Transfer Award* document.

Module exemption: means that you have been exempted from a particular OU module in recognition of your previous study. Your prior study must be at, or equivalent to, the UK academic level of the OU module/s you are being exempted from, and considered to be broadly in-line with the learning outcomes of your chosen OU qualification. Your *Credit Transfer Award* will specify which OU module/s you have been exempted from studying towards your chosen OU qualification.

General credit exemption: means that you have been exempted from studying the specified amount of credit at the given academic level towards this OU qualification. This type of credit transfer is awarded if your previous study is at, or equivalent to, the UK academic level of the OU module/s concerned and is considered relevant to this OU qualification in terms of subject and/or skills development. This type of credit transfer differs from module exemption in that it does not exempt you from any particular OU module/s. Your *Credit Transfer Award* will indicate the number of credit credits you have been exempted from, and at what level/s, towards specific components of the qualification.

1971 rule

The University now awards credit only for study undertaken from 1971 onwards. If you already have an award of credit for pre-1971 study it will not be taken away. If you seek a reassessment of your award, either because you have undertaken additional study or if you want to take advantage of subsequent policy changes, you may not be able to gain any additional credit but your award will not be reduced.

Please note: if the OU qualification you are studying towards has time limits, these will be detailed in a paragraph headed "Time limits" (above this paragraph) and will take precedence over the 1971 rule.

The Unique Study rule

For each OU qualification, you must include an amount of OU study that is unique to that particular qualification (OU credit which has not previously been counted towards another OU qualification). The proportion of unique study required is normally one-third: for details of the unique study required for this specific qualification, please refer to the qualification regulations <http://www3.open.ac.uk/our-student-policies/qualregs.htm>

If you require a version of these notes in an alternative format, such as large print, please contact us

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