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Advanced standing credits

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01	Minor update to clarify the treatment of ASCs when a student needs to take an additional sub-Honours years, and to remove the requirement for ASCs to be withdrawn when a student transfers to a different Honours programme.	Updated	Associate Deans Students	May 2021

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POLICY ON ADVANCED STANDING CREDITS

1. Overview

Advanced Standing Credits (ASCs) are awarded to certain students in the Faculties of Divinity, Science and Medicine, to enable them to meet the credit requirements defined for their degree:

- students admitted directly to second year in degree programmes advertising this possibility;
- students admitted to fast-track degree programmes.

2. Award

ASCs are only awarded at the commencement of a student's studies, as described below.

Where a student has originally applied to a fast-track programme, or for direct entry to second year, or to the School of Medicine, the appropriate number of ASCs are awarded during the admissions process, and will be shown on the student's academic record on arrival.

A student who has applied to first year entry to another programme may request, at their initial meeting with their Adviser of Studies, to transfer to a fast-track programme or to direct entry to second year. Such transfers will only be considered within the same subject.

If the Adviser of Studies approves the request, they submit a request for the necessary ASCs to be awarded, to the relevant Associate Dean (Students), who will check that the student meets the advertised entrance requirements for the requested programme. Such requests must be submitted before the end of the re-advising period, since if not approved, the student's module choices must be revised accordingly. Approved ASCs will be shown on the student's academic record.

3. Programme Changes

Awarded ASCs may be retained when a student transfers to another Honours programme, or takes an additional sub-Honours year. Awarded ASCs are valid only for Honours programmes, and are withdrawn when a student transfers to the BSc, MA or MTheol (General) programme, or graduates with a lower award than an Honours degree.

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