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Advanced standing credits

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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, and in the International Education Institute to enable them to meet the credit requirements defined for their degree:

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

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 the 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.

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

For undergraduate students, 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 Awarded ASCs are valid only for Honours programmes, and are withdrawn when a student transfers to the BSc, MA or MTheol (General) programme, or graduates with a lower award than an Honours degree.

It may be possible for postgraduate students to transfer ASCs across programmes, but this will be at the discretion of the School.

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	requirement for ASCs to be withdrawn when a student transfers to a different Honours programme.			
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