

Policy for Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning and Credit Transfers

Prior Experiential Learning

1. The National Film and Television School (the School) recognises that some potential students will not have formal academic qualifications. Accordingly, it has a rigorous system for assessing non-traditional applicants.
2. In each case the relevant Head of Department must provide a written recommendation from the selection panel justifying the rationale for accepting the student, and provide a copy of their references and any previous qualifications. These documents are then considered carefully by the Registrar and by the Director of Curriculum, who will assess the knowledge and skills acquired by the student through life experience, work experience or any previous study.
3. The experience gained by the student must be current, and relevant to the intended course or specialisation.
4. Due to the unique structure of the School's courses and the collaborative nature of the work, students cannot be offered exemptions from any part of their course based on prior experiential learning.

Credit Transfers

5. Credit transfer refers to the process by which UK higher education credit gained elsewhere or on an alternative NFTS course is accepted as part of the full course applied for.
6. The NFTS does not assign credit to its individual course modules, and the structure of the courses and the method by which students learn mean that it is not possible for exemptions from modules to be offered on the basis of credit or learning achieved at another institution. Student numbers on all courses are strictly limited and in order to ensure a high-quality learning experience, the School is not able to admit more than the prescribed number.
7. There may be circumstances where applicants have started a course at another institution and would like to transfer to complete their course at the NFTS. The School is unable to accept transfer mid-course from other institutions.
8. If a student wishes to leave their course at the NFTS and transfer to another institution, the School will produce a transcript to help facilitate that transfer.