## A Guide for Application for Exemptions

Students may apply to be exempted from the requirement to complete up to four modules on the Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Humanities (Psychology Major), in order to qualify for the award of Degree or Diploma. Each exemption request is considered on its own merits by the Exemptions Board. The criterion for exemption from studying a specific module is that a student has engaged in prior learning, in the form of ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) credits, which is equivalent in NFQ (National Framework of Qualifications – [www.nfq.ie](http://www.nfq.ie)) award level, subject matter, content, standard and learning outcomes to the modules on the programme. Normally, students will not be exempted from more than two post-foundation modules.

Students who wish to seek exemptions should first familiarise themselves with the structure of the Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Humanities (Psychology Major). Syllabi for this programme are available from the following website: [https://www.dcu.ie/registry/module_contents.php?function=4&programme=BAPY](https://www.dcu.ie/registry/module_contents.php?function=4&programme=BAPY)

Please note that a student may not seek an exemption from a module, based on ECTS credits previously achieved, where those ECTS credits were used to attain another level 8 (on the NFQ) elsewhere. For example, a student may not seek an exemption for a Psychology module on the basis that they studied Psychology as part of a level 8 honours degree that they were awarded, as those credits went towards that previously attained degree. Please also note that a student may not present the same ECTS credits as qualification for more than one DCU award.

The form should be completed if you have engaged in prior learning, in the form of ECTS credits achieved at an appropriate NFQ level that covered the full content of a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Humanities (Psychology Major) module (this is a **Specific Module Exemption**). For example, in order to be specifically exempted from the requirement to complete, for example, PY200: Social and Organisational Psychology, a student must have successfully covered the vast majority of content of that module in prior accredited studies.

Prior learning that is to be used as the basis of an exemption application must be on the NFQ, for example prior learning achieved, in terms of ECTS credits, on a level 8 Honours degree, but where the degree was not completed. The appropriate NFQ level for the previously achieved learning is level 8, as the Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Humanities (Psychology Major) is a level 8 Honours Degree programme. However, applicants with suitable qualifications at level 6 or level 7 on the NFQ will also be considered. The number of ECTS credits achieved in prior learning must be at least equivalent to the number of credits being sought as part of the exemption application. For example, as all Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Humanities (Psychology Major) modules are 15 ECTS credits, an application for a PY100 exemption must be on the basis of prior learning of at least 15 ECTS credits at level 8 (or equivalent). If the prior learning is at level 6 or level 7, more credits may be needed to compensate for the difference in NFQ level.
Only the Exemptions Board has the authority to grant exemptions. The granting of an exemption will depend on the exact nature and content of any previous learning, the learning outcomes achieved and the date obtained. Given how quickly knowledge is evolving, the Exemption Board will pay particular attention to the content studied in dated awards. In addition, dated awards may give rise to questions as to the currency of the applicant’s knowledge. (Please note that, at present, no exemptions are awarded on the sole basis of work experience or ‘in-house’ training.)

Students seeking exemptions are required to submit ALL of the following:

- Completed Exemption Application Form
- Official copy of the full details of syllabi studied, preferable including the Module Learning Outcomes
- Official copy of transcript of results
- Proof of qualification (if applicable)
- NFQ Level (for example a level 8 Honours Degree or a level 7 Ordinary Degree)
- Award Types (if applicable)
- Year of Award/achievement of ECTS credits
- Number of ECTS credits successfully completed
- Awarding body (for example NUI or HETAC)
- The appropriate, non-refundable, administration fee as indicated on the form of €55 per module should be paid through the following link: https://dcu.sybernetsps.ie/dcupayments/dcu

For ‘Payment Category’ please select Registry. For ‘Payment Item’ please select Exemption Fees. For ‘Payment Reference’ please enter your Student Id Number and also: Open Education 10117 - D02500

- Certified translations of relevant documentation (see points above) if the originals are not in English

An application will not be considered where any of the above are excluded from the application. It is the responsibility of the applicant to source, from the educational institution where the prior learning was achieved, all the required information and documentation and to include it in their application.

Your submission will be treated as strictly confidential.

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Application for Exemption – Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Humanities (Psychology Major)

Submit to: ba.openeducation@dcu.ie
Time frame: Applications to arrive on, or before 17th September 2021

All relevant sections of this form must be completed, legibly.

Section A: Student Details

Surname  

First Names  

Student ID Number  

Application Number (Office Use only)  

Applicants receive a DCU student number once they have applied for and received an offer of a place on the Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Humanities (Psychology Major) programme. Applications cannot be accepted without a student number.

Address  

Tel (day):  

Tel (evening):  

Email:  

Is this your first time to seek an exemption?  

Y □  

N □

If yes please provide the:  

date of that previous application  

result of that previous application  

Section B: Application Details

Students seeking exemptions are required to submit ALL of the following:

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- Official copy of transcript of results
- Proof of qualification (if applicable)
- NFQ Level (for example a level 8 Honours Degree or a level 7 Ordinary Degree)
- Award Types (if applicable)
- Year of Award/achievement of ECTS credits
- Number of ECTS credits successfully completed
- Awarding body (for example NUI or HETAC)
- Non-refundable Exemption Application fee of €55 per module (See payment details above).
• Certified translations of relevant documentation (see points above) if the originals are not in English

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Specific Module Exemptions:
(Specific Modules: where your prior learning, in the form of ECTS credits achieved at an appropriate NFQ level, duplicates course content and standard of the specific modules you are applying to be exempted from.)

Please indicate ✓ the credit module(s) you wish to gain specific exemption from:

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Total Number of Requested Exemptions
(Normally, a maximum of four exemptions will be granted to students)

Total Number of Exemptions being requested ___________

Section C: Details of Prior Learning Achieved

Qualifications:
Please list below the qualifications on which your request for exemptions is based. You must provide evidence that these qualifications have been obtained. In order for your application to be processed you must provide ALL of the information/complete ALL the required fields. Your application will not be considered if you fail to do so.
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<th>Title of Award (e.g., Certificate in Literary Studies) (provide even if Award was not achieved)</th>
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*European Credit Transfer System
**Reasons for seeking exemption:** Please explain why you think an exemption should be awarded:

I confirm that all statements I have made on this form are true and accurate and can be supported by relevant documentation.

Signature: ____________________________  Date: ________________

Please email your application to: ba.openeducation@dcu.ie

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**For Office Use Only**

Date of Exemption Board: ____________________________

Exemptions recommended: ____________________________

Comments:

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CHECKLIST BEFORE YOU SEND
Please check below that you have provided the required documentation and confirmation of fee payment:

- Payment online of the Exemption Fee (€55 per exemption applied for)
  *This fee is not refundable under any circumstances*

- The application form, with **ALL sections completed as requested.**

- Copy of learning certification, e.g. the Certificate/Diploma of results showing awarding body and year of award (if applicable)

- Relevant detailed syllabus to support the application for both specific and non-specific exemptions (preferably including learning outcomes).

- Official transcript of results

Examined by: ________________________________ Date: ________________