



## The Institute of Ismaili Studies

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## Recognition of Prior Learning in Languages Policy

### 1 Introduction and scope

- 1.1 There may be occasional need for the Academic Council to permit students to enter a programme at an advanced stage on the basis of prior learning where a student has already completed certified learning in Arabic and Persian Language elsewhere. This process is called recognition of prior learning or (RPL) and is outlined below. The Academic Council is the only body that can approve recognition of prior learning in languages, and it is applied entirely at their discretion.

### 2 What this policy covers

- 2.1 Applications for advanced entry onto taught programmes on the basis of prior learning (RPL) may be considered at the discretion of the Academic Council where:
- (a) The credit has been earned at, and certified by, a recognised degree-awarding body whose academic standards are judged by the Academic Council to be at least consistent with those set out in the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree Awarding Bodies (FHEQ);
  - (b) A student has achieved credits in a language module at a higher level while enrolled at the Institute of Ismaili Studies;
  - (c) The credit has been earned at the appropriate academic level and in an appropriate field of study;
  - (d) The credit has been achieved through reaching the full pass mark for all modules concerned and not via a condoned or compensated pass;
  - (e) The Academic Council is satisfied that the prior learning is adequate to justify the recording of such learning as exemption from part of a programme;
  - (f) The prior learning to be credited has been achieved within the last year.

In addition, it should be noted that

- (g) Retrospective applications for RPL will not normally be considered, although this is at the discretion of the Academic Council;
- (h) The applicant is responsible for providing appropriate evidence of the prior learning with any application for RPL.

### 3 Procedure

- 3.1 Students can submit a request to the Academic Council to recognise levels of prior learning in the study of Arabic or Persian language, by sending an email outlining the reason for their request to the Academic Council ([qa@iis.ac.uk](mailto:qa@iis.ac.uk)). The Head of the Department of Graduate Studies may also, in exceptional circumstances, request the Academic Council to recognise levels of prior learning.
- 3.2 Requests for RPL will be discussed at the first available meeting of the Academic Council and students will be notified of the outcome of their request within seven (7) days of the meeting.
- 3.3 Credits for modules awarded through RPL are included when calculating the total number of credits achieved for the final award on all programmes administered by the Academic Council.
- 3.4 RPL may be accepting up to maximum of 60 credits, and only in relation to prior learning in Arabic or Persian language.

### 4 Document Control

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