



Arrangements for Student Transfer

1. Introduction

- 1.1 As a Higher Education Provider registered with the Office for Students in the category Approved (Fee Cap), LAMDA is required, in fulfilment of ongoing condition of registration F2, to publish the following information concerning students transferring into and away from LAMDA.

2. Students wishing to transfer to LAMDA

- 2.1 LAMDA's Higher Education programmes are currently validated by the University of Kent, and we are therefore bound by the University's Academic Regulations and Codes of Practice. The relevant Code of Practice is Annex R, Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL), which is published here <https://www.kent.ac.uk/teaching/ga/codes/taught/annexr.html>
- 2.2 These University of Kent regulations permit individual programmes of study to specify their own arrangements for students wishing to transfer in through APL.
- 2.3 None of LAMDA's programmes will accept entry through APL.
- 2.4 Alongside the general regulations governing accreditation of prior learning, the specification for each validated programme also clearly states the relevant arrangements for that programme. The programme specifications are published at <https://www.kent.ac.uk/teaching/ga/collaborative/validation/profiles/lamda.html>
- 2.5 Student numbers on LAMDA's HE courses are strictly limited and competition for places is intense. Entry is largely determined by a rigorous process of auditions and interviews, often lasting several months, and entry cohorts are carefully curated. Learning and teaching is intensive and predicated upon an ensemble ethos which strengthens as the courses are delivered. Nearly all modules last a full academic year. For all of these reasons, entry mid-way through a programme, or entry with advanced standing or partial credit, would not be appropriate.

3. Students wishing to transfer from LAMDA

- 3.1 Students wishing to transfer out will receive appropriate information, advice and guidance from their personal tutors and from the Student and Academic Services department, so that they can make an informed decision that takes into account their academic standing, artistic development, personal wellbeing and financial/student loan position.

- 3.2 Having taken a final decision to transfer from LAMDA to another HE Provider before completing their intended programme of study, students will be provided with a transcript setting out their achievement on any modules which have been completed. Transcripts will set out
- essential student identifiers, including name, HUSID and LAMDA/Kent ID
 - essential programme data, including title, level and enrolment date
 - marks for each completed module
 - the academic level of each completed module
 - the amount of credit awarded for each completed module, as per the standard UK credit framework and as it relates to the ECTS equivalent.
- 3.3 Where appropriate, and only with the student's consent, LAMDA will offer to the receiving HE Provider additional contextual information concerning the student.

4. Degree Awarding Powers

- 4.1 LAMDA has recently been granted the right to award its own taught degrees. LAMDA will assume responsibility for all matters concerning academic procedures and regulations from 1 August 2021, and the University of Kent regulations quoted above will apply only to students who have indicated a preference to continue working towards a University of Kent award.
- 4.2 However, the principles outlined above, including those concerning students wishing to transfer in (as outlined in 2.3 and 2.5 above), will continue to apply.
- 4.3 LAMDA's own Academic Regulations will take effect from and be published on 1 August 2021. That document will supersede the one listed at 2.1 above, for those students not remaining with Kent registration.
- 4.4 Similarly, LAMDA's own course specifications will take the place of those published at the link quoted in 2.4 above.
- 4.5 When no further students remain enrolled on University of Kent programmes, a further version of this document will be published.