

Transferring courses and Student Finance funding. Full- time undergraduates

UWE Bristol Student Money Service

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Full-time Undergraduates funded by Student Finance England or Student Finance Wales

It is important that before making the decision, you consider the financial impact as well as the academic feasibility of transferring courses. If you are funded from elsewhere in the UK i.e. Student Awards Agency Scotland or SF Northern Ireland the rules could differ. This is a complex area, and the information below is only an overview. If you are not sure of your entitlement to funding for your new course please [contact a UWE Student Money Adviser](#).

Level transfers

A level transfer is one without academic progression; for example: transferring from year one of your current course to year one of a new course is a level transfer. This could mean an extra year of study and so could leave you without a fee loan for the first year of your new course.

1. Have you studied at university level before your current course?
2. Have you repeated a year of study on this current course?

If you answer yes to either question, you may not receive a fee loan for the first year of your new course. It is important that you check this with Student Finance before registering and incurring fee liability on your new course.

Providing you have not studied at university level (level 4 or above) prior to starting your current course, hold any previous qualifications, and you have not repeated any years of study on your current course, you should receive a fee loan for all years of your new course

Transfers with progression

If you are moving from year one of your current course to year two of your new course, you should receive a fee loan for all years of your new course.

If you are transferring from a course which includes an integrated Foundation Year to one that does not, please note this may impact your tuition fee loan entitlement for the new course. If you think your funding entitlement could be affected please [contact a UWE Student Money Adviser](#).

Compelling Personal Reasons (CPR) and transfers

If your reasons for transferring to a new course are linked to personal circumstances (such as illness or bereavement), it is vital that you provide evidence of this to Student Finance. You will need to outline specifically how changing courses will improve your ability to study. This may involve highlighting the differences between the two courses including changes to contact hours or types of assessment etc. You will need to ask them to consider your compelling personal reasons (CPR) for changing courses. This will protect your funding for your new course.

Suspending before starting your new course

If you are thinking about leaving your current course and re-joining your new course at the start of the next academic year, bear in mind that you may have to repay some of your living cost funding. If you have received funding that is allocated to the period after the date of suspension, then the SLC (Student Loan Company) will send you a request to repay this within 7 days. This factsheet provides a broad overview only. You are advised to find out about your own personal circumstances before making a final decision about changing courses.

If you ignore this request, the SLC will recover the overpayment from your next instalment of funding when you return. This could jeopardise academic achievement on your new course.

For more information, see the 'Suspending and Student Finance Funding' factsheet

More information

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