

# RVPL

## Application for Recognition and Assessment of Prior Learning

### What and for who?

This is a process that enables you to receive formal recognition for skills and knowledge you already possess and that have not been previously assessed or awarded credit. As a result there is no need to study again the topic areas that you already know well.

- RVPL is possible only for attending Bachelor's or Master's degree students.
- RVPL can be applied to both obligatory and optional studies and practical training.

### When?

An application can be submitted at any time in the study process, but applying in an early phase is helpful in drawing up a personal study plan

### How?

The application should be discussed with the Head of the Degree Programme and a form ([http://www.puv.fi/en/study/lomakkeet/hyvaksilukuanomus\\_eng.pdf](http://www.puv.fi/en/study/lomakkeet/hyvaksilukuanomus_eng.pdf)) should be filled in and turned in with the required attachments.

## Options

### 1) Credit Transfer

- The course that is transferred must correspond the contents of a course included in your study programme at VAMK. The student can transfer credits from studies that have been completed in a university, open university or a summer university abroad or in Finland. Studies in VAMK Open University are transferred directly, but credit transfer for studies completed in other universities has to be applied for.
- The transferred course can be completed before studying at VAMK (usually not more than ten years ago) or while studying at VAMK. As many free choice courses as are included in the current study programme can be transferred at the most. Having served in the Finnish Defense Forces as an underofficer makes it possible to apply for 3 credit units and having served as an officer allows you apply for to 5 credit units in the elective courses. The student can include in optional studies 6 cr for VAMOK board activities as of 2017, 3 cr for tutoring, 1 cr for responsible tutoring and 2 cr for international tutoring.
- Studies or thesis older than 10 years cannot usually be transferred.
- Credit transfers are marked as completed elsewhere into the study register.
- If the student has not studied Swedish or English before, he will take same amount of other studies instead.

### 2) Demonstration of Skills and Knowledge

- It is possible to demonstrate skills that have been acquired elsewhere than in your current studies. The knowledge and skills can be acquired for example in working life, free time activities or in secondary education. The teacher of the topic area and the student agree on how the student will demonstrate the acquired skills and knowledge. There are different ways to demonstrate the acquired skills and knowledge including portfolios, written and spoken tasks, problem solving situations etc. The same scale of assessment is used as on the corresponding course. The student can attend the corresponding course if the grade given for the demonstration was not satisfactory. The demonstration can only be done once and the grade cannot be raised.

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