

John Dimitroulopoulos
By email

Reference: FOI-2018-26

9 February 2018

Dear Mr Dimitroulopoulos,

Your request was received on 15 January 2018 and I am dealing with it under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act').

You asked:

Please provide the following data regarding undergraduate admissions to the Human, Social and Political Sciences ('HSPS') programme at the University of Cambridge for the following admissions cycles: 2012/2013, 2013/2014, 2014/2015, 2015/2016, and 2016/2017.

Their attachment as an Excel file would be preferable, so as to facilitate their comparison and compilation.

Please note that the questions below refer for university-wide, not college-wide, data.

(I)GCSEs

*The percentage of applicants who have achieved (I)GCSE grades prior to their application; The average number of A*s already achieved at (I)GCSE level by applicants; The average number of As already achieved at (I)GCSE level by applicants; The average number of Bs already achieved at (I)GCSE level by applicants; The average number of Cs already achieved at (I)GCSE level by applicants;*

*The average number of A*s already achieved at (I)GCSE level by offer holders; The average number of As already achieved at (I)GCSE level by offer holders; The average number of Bs already achieved at (I)GCSE level by offer holders; The average number of Cs already achieved at (I)GCSE level by offer holders;*

AS-levels (if applicable)

The percentage of applicants who have achieved AS level grades prior to their application;

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The average number of As already achieved at AS level by applicants; The average number of Bs already achieved at AS level by applicants; The average number of Cs already achieved at AS level by applicants; The average number of Ds already achieved at AS level by applicants; The mean average UMS for applicants; The mean average UMS for offer holders;

A-levels

The percentage of applicants who have predicted or achieved A-level grades prior to their application (i.e. those not sitting a foreign examination, such as the IB or the European Baccalaureate);

The average number of predicted A grades for applicants studying A-levels; The average number of predicted A grades for applicants studying A-levels; The average number of predicted B grades for applicants studying A-levels; The average number of predicted C grades for applicants studying A-levels.*

The average number of predicted A grades for offer holders studying A-levels; The average number of predicted A grades for offer holders studying A-levels; The average number of predicted B grades for offer holders studying A-levels; The average number of predicted C grades for offer holders studying A-levels.*

The average number of A-level subjects taken by applicants; The average number of A-level subjects taken by offer holders;

IB

The average predicted IB grade for applicants (for instance, 40); The average predicted IB grade for offer holders (for instance, 41);

Acceptances

The total number of applicants for the HSPS course; The total number of offer holders for the HSPS course; The offer rate for the HSPS course (expressed as a percentage);

The percentage of offer holders who chose your university's HSPS course as their firm choice on UCAS; The total number of offer holders who met or exceeded their offer; The total number of offer holders who missed their offer;

The number of offer holders who missed their offer for HSPS in some way, but who were still offered a place (be it through the summer pool, or through any other process);

A list of the individual colleges which have accepted HSPS offer holders who had nonetheless missed their offers from the 2012/2013 to the 2016/2017 admissions cycles. This list merely needs take the format of: 'College A, College B, College C, etc.'

The information you have requested, while held by the University, is refused under section 12(1) of the Act. You have requested a highly detailed set of statistical information that cannot be sourced straightforwardly from a single database and therefore would require the formulation of specialist queries and reports in order for it to be generated. The University has estimated that the time required to locate, retrieve and extract the information you have requested would considerably surpass 18 hours of staff time charged at £25 per hour, and therefore that your request exceeds the appropriate limit of £450 as set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.



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Registry's Office

For the purpose of this application of section 12, the University has aggregated this request (received on 15 January 2018) with your previous request (received on 8 December 2017) as permitted under Regulation 5 of the Fees Regulations so that the estimated cost of complying with this request is taken to be the total costs of complying with both of them. Your requests were received within a period of sixty consecutive working days and are requests that relate, to any extent, to the same or similar information.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request an internal review of this decision, you should write to Dr Kirsty Allen, Head of the Registry's Office, quoting the reference above, at The Old Schools, Trinity Lane, Cambridge, CB2 1TN or send an email marked for her attention to foi@admin.cam.ac.uk. The University would normally expect to receive your request for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this letter and reserves the right not to review a decision where there has been undue delay in raising a complaint. If you are not content with the outcome of your review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the University. The Information Commissioner may be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF (<https://ico.org.uk/>).

Yours sincerely,

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