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Our Ref: FOI 2019/421 - F1204534

Dear Jeroen van Herk,

Re: Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 – Request for Information

Thank you for your email which was received by the University on 3 October 2019 timed 17:55 hours, requesting the following information:

a)The average expected study hours per course on a weekly basis. Please ensure this information includes all the courses your institution offers and clearly displays what academic school the course is part of.

Please also ensure that all academic years of the course are included in the figure, meaning to say, that if a student was enrolled in ‘course x’ for which he/she was expected to spend 15 hours of study hours per week in year 1; 15 hours in year 2; 18 hours in year 3; and 20 hours in year 4; the average (mean) amount of study hours of that entire course would be 17 hours per week.

b)Using the same formula, the average class time per course on a weekly basis.

c)The average of study hours of all those courses put together.

d)The average of class time of all those courses put together

University’s Response

The University does not hold institution-wide statistics on average expected study hours, and in order to provide the requested information each School would be required to calculate the average study hours for each of their individual courses. The University has therefore estimated that the cost of responding to your request will exceed the fee limit as set out in the Freedom of Information (Fees for Required Disclosure) (Scotland) Regulations 2004. As a result, we are not obliged to provide a response. The fee limit set down by the Regulations is £600, and in this instance this equates to staff time capped at a rate of £15 per hour. It is estimated that providing the information requested would exceed the prescribed cost limit of £600 as it would require a manual review all courses offered by the whole of the University.

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University of Glasgow, Tay House, Glasgow G12 8QQ

Data Protection: Telephone: 0141-330-3111 E-Mail: dp@gla.ac.uk

Freedom of Information: Telephone: 0141-330-2523 E-Mail: foi@gla.ac.uk

The University of Glasgow, charity number SC004401

Please be advised that a modified request will be given due consideration. Any modification of your request will be treated as a new request for the purposes of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

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Your right to seek a review

Should you be dissatisfied with the way in which the University has dealt with your request, you have the right to require us to review our actions and decisions. If you wish to request a review, please contact the University Deputy Secretary, University Court Office, Gilbert Scott Building, University of Glasgow, Glasgow, Scotland G12 8QQ or e-mail: foi@gla.ac.uk within 40 working days. Your request must be in a recordable format (letter, email, audio tape, etc). You will receive a full response to your request for review within 20 working days of its receipt.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which we have handled your request for review you may ask the Scottish Information Commissioner to review our decision. You must submit your complaint to the Commissioner within 6 months of receiving the response to review letter. The Commissioner's Office may be contacted as follows:

Online Appeal Service:

Website: www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal

By post:

The Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
St Andrews
Fife
KY16 9DS

Telephone: 01334 464610

Fax: 01334 464611

E-mail: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info

An appeal, on a point of law, to the Court of Session may be made against a decision by the Commissioner.

For further information on the review procedure please refer to (<http://www.gla.ac.uk/services/dpfoioffice/policiesandprocedures/foisa-complaintsandreview/>)
All complaints regarding requests for information will be handled in accordance with this procedure.

Yours sincerely,

Data Protection and Freedom of Information Office