



Amelia Evans
By email

Reference: FOI-2017- 383

18 September 2017

Dear Ms Evans,

Your request was received on 18 August 2017 and I am dealing with it under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act').

You asked:

I would like to request, under the Freedom of Information Act, the following figures for BA Economics, for the years of 2014, 2015 and 2016. Please include statistics for 2012 and/or 2013 as well, if possible.

(1) the number of applicants who have taken a gap year

(2) the number of offers given to applicants from (1)

(3) the number of applicants who, after a gap year, have resat exams

(4) the number of applicants from (3) who are given an offer

(5) the number of applicants who have been given a conditional offer after not being given an offer the previous year

- are students who take gap years and resist exams disadvantaged? If so, to what extent?

The requested information, insofar as it is held, is attached. There is no systematic way to identify if an applicant has resat exams and so questions 3 and 4 cannot be answered. Due to the holistic nature of the University's admissions processes it is impossible to say whether students who take gap years and resist exams are disadvantaged.

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'James Knapton'.

James Knapton

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Notes	Application Year	Figures are grouped by UCAS application year. The 2016 application year ran from applications opening in September 2015 to Confirmation in August 2016.
	Post Qualified	Applicants are flagged as post-qualified when they have completed three or more A Levels and have no outstanding A Levels to complete. A Level data is provided by the relevant UK ABL. Where A Level data is missing, this due to non-UK A Levels being taken by the applicant.

Course	Apply Status	Apply Year	Applications	Offers
Economics	Post Qualified	2012	286	49
		2013	241	23
		2014	217	12
		2015	228	38
		2016	171	8

There were no post qualified applicants in receipt of an offer after making an unsuccessful application in a previous admissions cycle.