

David Dinsmore
By email

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21 February 2017

Dear Mr Dinsmore,

Your request was received on 4 February 2017 and I am dealing with it under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act').

You asked:

Given the Tripos system enables students to read a variety of subjects during their time at Cambridge please provide the following information for each of 2014/15 and 2015/16.

- 1) the number of students changing from NatSci to ChemEng*
- 2) the number of students changing from Engineering to ChemEng*
- 3) the number of students changing from any subject to Manufacturing Engineering*
- 4) the number of students changing from any subject to Management Studies*
- 4a) the top 5 most common original courses, and the number of students making each change*
- 5) the number of students (excluding 1-4 above) changing any subject*
- 5a) the top 10 most common changes, and the number of students making each change.*
- 6) the number of students who applied to change subject but where declined.*

Please find the requested information, insofar as it is held, attached. The number of students who applied to change Tripos but were declined is not held; the process is managed by the Colleges, each of which is a separate legal entity and public authority under the Act. Please note that in cases where a student had more than one Tripos change in a given year both transfers are counted in the numbers for that year. The change of Tripos for the third year pre-clinical students on the Medical and Veterinary Science Tripos are not included as this is a compulsory change. For questions 4a and 5a, where multiple subjects had the same number of transfers all are listed.

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Yours sincerely,

James Knapton

	2014-15	2015-16
1) number of students changing from NatSci to ChemEng	16	13
2) number of students changing from Engineering to ChemEng	8	9
3) number of students changing from any subject to Manufacturing Engineering	38	32
4) number of students changing from any subject to Management Studies	61	41
5) number of students (excluding 1-4 above) changing any subject	192	207

	2014-15		2015-16	
4a) top 5 most common original courses	course	N	course	N
	Natural Sciences	19	Natural Sciences	9
	History	9	Modern & Medieval Languages	6
	Politics, Psychology & Sociology	7	Economics	5
	Modern & Medieval Languages	5	Politics, Psychology & Sociology	4
	Economics	4	History	3
			English	3
			Human, Social & Political Sciences	3
5a) top 10 most common changes	course	N	course	N
	Math to Natural Sciences	25	Math to Natural Sciences	18
	Natural Science to Math	10	Natural Science to Math	12
	Philosophy to Natural Sciences	9	Chemical Engineering to Natural Sciences	8
	Natural Sciences to Computer Sciences	6	Human, Social & Political Sciences to Psychological & Behavioural Sciences	6
	Maths to Computer Sciences	5	Philosophy to Human, Social & Political Sciences	5
	Natural Science to Engineering	5	Classics to Human, Social & Political Sciences	5
	Psychological & Behavioural Sciences to Human, Social & Political Sciences	5	Maths to Economics	4
	Asian & Middle Eastern Studies to Human, Social & Political Sciences	3	Asian & Middle Eastern Studies to Human, Social & Political Sciences	4
	English to Human, Social & Political Sciences	3	Politics, Psychology & Sociology to Human, Social & Political Sciences	4
	Linguistics to Human, Social & Political Sciences	3	Computer Sciences to Maths	4
	Modern & Medieval Languages to Human, Social & Political Sciences	3		
	Politics, Psychology & Sociology to Human, Social & Political Sciences	3		
	Anglo-Saxon Norse & Celtic to History	3		
	Modern & Medieval Languages to Linguistics	3		
	Asian & Middle Eastern Studies to Modern & Medieval Languages	3		
	Chemical Engineering to Natural Sciences	3		
	Psychological & Behavioural Sciences to Natural Sciences	3		
	Natural Sciences to Psychological & Behavioural Sciences	3		