



Anita  
By email

Reference: FOI-2014-256

25 July 2014

Dear Anita,

Your request was received on 5 July 2014 and I am dealing with it under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act').

You asked:

- 1) Please could you supply the statistics (grand total and percentage) of students in LL.B. achieving different classifications (1st, 2:1, 2:2, etc.) for the previous 6 academics years, from 08/09 to 13/14.*
- 2) If possible, I would like to know the percentage of international students achieving that classification as well.*

Please find attached information meeting your description sourced from our central student records database. We trust that you will be able to ascertain percentages from the raw data supplied. Your attention is drawn to the explanatory notes that preface the data. Please note that the attached document should not be copied, reproduced or used except in accordance with the law of copyright.

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](mailto: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 (<http://www.ico.org.uk/>).

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'James Knapton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

James Knapton

Data based on submitted HESA Student returns for 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, and provisional for 2013/14 (will not be submitted until October 2014).

The HESA reporting year runs 1 August - 31 July, so, for example, the HESA reporting year for 2008/09 runs 1 August 2008 - 31 July 2009.

The University of Cambridge has not offered the LLB degree since 1982. At undergraduate level it offers the three-year B.A. in Law (Law Tripos) degree and at taught graduate level it offers the nine month Master of Law (LL.M.) and the nine-month Master of Corporate Law (M.C.L.) degrees. The University has assumed that you are interested in statistics for the final year (Part II) of the Law Tripos (B.A. in Law) which equates to what many other universities call the LLB.

Each Part of the Tripos is self-contained, i.e., there is no averaging of Tripos results to give an overall class for the degree awarded. However, the data returned to HESA relate to the last year of the student's course, and these are the classifications we have provided.

Data selected are where students were returned as successfully completing their course of study within the same HESA reporting year, where their final year of study was on the Law Tripos. The exception to this are pre-clinical Medics or pre-clinical Vets who in their third year have to undertake studies in a Tripos other than the Medical and Veterinary Sciences Tripos. These students are excluded.

Incoming exchange or visiting students on the Law Tripos, and graduates reading Triposes on the Law Tripos are excluded.

Worksheet Q1 contains student instances and their classifications in the Law Tripos, 2008/09 - 2013/14. The classification is as per HESA definitions for the CLASS field: [https://www.hesa.ac.uk/index.php?option=com\\_studrec&task=show\\_file&mnl=13051&href=a^\\_CLASS.html](https://www.hesa.ac.uk/index.php?option=com_studrec&task=show_file&mnl=13051&href=a^_CLASS.html).

Worksheet Q2 contains student instances and their classifications in the Law Tripos, 2008/09 - 2013/14, but for international students only. The nationality is as per HESA definitions for the NATION field: [https://www.hesa.ac.uk/index.php?option=com\\_studrec&task=show\\_file&mnl=13051&href=a^\\_NATION.html](https://www.hesa.ac.uk/index.php?option=com_studrec&task=show_file&mnl=13051&href=a^_NATION.html). Students with a nationality of United Kingdom, Jersey, Guernsey, other Channel Islands not specified, or Isle of Man, are excluded from the numbers in worksheet Q2, as these are for international students only. One student instance with First class honours in 2013/14 has a 'not known' nationality, and they have been excluded from the output in Q2.

**Q1**

<b>HESA reporting year</b>	<b>Classification</b>	<b>Number of student instances</b>
2008/09	First class honours	20
2008/09	Upper second class honours	158
2008/09	Lower second class honours	24
2008/09	Third class honours	1
2008/09	Unclassified honours	7
2008/09	Pass - degree awarded without honours following an honours course	1
2008/09 Total		211
2009/10	First class honours	33
2009/10	Upper second class honours	148
2009/10	Lower second class honours	27
2009/10	Third class honours	4
2009/10	Unclassified honours	16
2009/10	Pass - degree awarded without honours following an honours course	1
2009/10 Total		229
2010/11	First class honours	34
2010/11	Upper second class honours	142
2010/11	Lower second class honours	24
2010/11	Third class honours	2
2010/11	Unclassified honours	17
2010/11	Pass - degree awarded without honours following an honours course	1
2010/11 Total		220
2011/12	First class honours	41
2011/12	Upper second class honours	160
2011/12	Lower second class honours	20
2011/12	Third class honours	1
2011/12	Unclassified honours	7
2011/12 Total		229
2012/13	First class honours	40
2012/13	Upper second class honours	166
2012/13	Lower second class honours	9
2012/13	Third class honours	1
2012/13	Unclassified honours	1
2012/13	Pass - degree awarded without honours following an honours course	1
2012/13 Total		218
2013/14	First class honours	47
2013/14	Upper second class honours	135
2013/14	Lower second class honours	13
2013/14	Third class honours	2
2013/14	Unclassified honours	1
2013/14 Total		198

**Q2**

<b>HESA reporting year</b>	<b>Classification</b>	<b>Number of student instances</b>
2008/09	First class honours	4
2008/09	Upper second class honours	33
2008/09	Lower second class honours	4
2008/09	Third class honours	1
2008/09	Unclassified honours	4
2008/09 Total		46
2009/10	First class honours	4
2009/10	Upper second class honours	26
2009/10	Lower second class honours	7
2009/10	Third class honours	2
2009/10	Unclassified honours	9
2009/10	Pass - degree awarded without honours following an honours course	1
2009/10 Total		49
2010/11	First class honours	3
2010/11	Upper second class honours	29
2010/11	Lower second class honours	7
2010/11	Unclassified honours	10
2010/11 Total		49
2011/12	First class honours	7
2011/12	Upper second class honours	31
2011/12	Lower second class honours	8
2011/12	Unclassified honours	6
2011/12 Total		52
2012/13	First class honours	6
2012/13	Upper second class honours	41
2012/13	Lower second class honours	1
2012/13	Third class honours	1
2012/13	Pass - degree awarded without honours following an honours course	1
2012/13 Total		50
2013/14	First class honours	10
2013/14	Upper second class honours	37
2013/14	Lower second class honours	5
2013/14	Third class honours	1
2013/14 Total		53