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Dear Laura,

Reference Number: **RI2062**.

Thank you for your request for information (under the Freedom of Information Act 2000) about the University's student drop-out rates.

For each academic year from 2017 to present (2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, up to the date this FOI request is received), I would like to know the following:

(1) total number of undergraduate students, and total number of postgraduate students enrolled in each academic year;

(2) total number of undergraduate students who have dropped out, ceased, or interrupted their studies unofficially or officially in each academic year; and

(3) total number of postgraduate students who have also dropped out, ceased, or interrupted their studies unofficially or officially in each academic year.

I would like the above information divided by sex of the student, and the academic department of study to be indicated, if possible.

For academic years 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, and 2020-21, the information is reasonably accessible to you via the public domain and because of this, general principles of the [Section 21](#) exemption of the FOIA applies to your request.

To access the information you have requested, please refer to the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA): <https://www.hesa.ac.uk/services/custom/data>.

For the academic year 2021-22, the information you have requested is due to be published at a future date (approximately Winter 2022/23). Therefore, general principles of the [Section 22](#) exemption of the FOIA apply to your request.

The data you have requested will be available from the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA): <https://www.hesa.ac.uk/services/custom/data>

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If you have any queries about this response or would like any further information about your request, or the Freedom of Information Act in general, please do not hesitate to contact us again by e-mail (freedomofinfo@cardiffmet.ac.uk).

Yours sincerely,

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