

Ref No: **FOI-4272**
Date: 28/07/2020
Subject: INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION DEGREES

REQUEST AND RESPONSE

The International Study Group (ISG) is a separate legal entity to Lancaster University (LU), and are under contract with LU to deliver a foundation programme on Bailrigg Campus via the International Study Centre (ISC).

Students on the UG foundation programme (FP) and pre masters programme (PMP) hold LU offers. They progress to UG/PGT study by attaining a specific grade.

Students on the programmes receive services from LU and have a student record whilst they are on these programmes. We view these students as part of the LU community, they live on campus, however they are not on University academic courses until they complete the FP or PMP and commence undergraduate study.

For the questions below, ISG hold the requested detailed data. ISG students have a record in the University Admissions system but we do not hold full academic records for these students.

- What number of students start your international foundation programs you offer, ran by the study group, each year
- What number and/or percentage drop out from the international foundation programs, ran by the study group, each year
- What number and/or percentage graduate from your international foundation programs, ran by the study group, each year
- What number and/or percentage pass your international foundation programs, ran by the study group, each year

Due to this, we are unable to provide this data as the University does not hold it.

What number and/or percentage matriculate from your international foundation programs to a BA/ BSC degree at Lancaster.

Below are the number of students admitted to undergraduate honours degrees at Lancaster after completing study group foundation programme. We are unable to provide this data as a percentage of the total taking the foundation programme as the University does not hold that data.

Year of entry		
17/18	18/19	19/20
255	197	182

- What data do you have on success rates for International Foundation students once they start their undergraduate degrees (drop out rate, academic outcomes, graduation rate)

Below is the breakdown of the performance of students admitted to undergraduate honours degrees at Lancaster after completing the study group foundation programme.

	Year left		
	16/17	17/18	18/19
1st	16	28	26
2:1	77	123	88
2:2	91	98	70
3rd	9	12	8
Pass degree	9	5	8
Fail	<5	0	0
Left with lower level qualification	<5	<5	<5
Left without completing	7	12	16

Please note that where fewer than five persons meet a specific criteria, we substitute the figure with <5 in order to protect personal information. This information is exempt under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as disclosure of this information would breach one of the data protection principles. This acts as our refusal notice.

Your request i.d. is: **FOI-4272**. Please quote this in all enquiries.

The University aims to comply fully with its obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and to ensure that the service it provides for those wishing to gain access to information is helpful and effective.

The personal information you have supplied will be used only to process your request; some details will be retained for our records after the request has been answered. This information will not be passed on to other parties unrelated to the University unless we are required to do so by law, or where it would be necessary to answer the request in full (in which case we would seek your consent for any transfer).

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