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Our Ref: FOI/1718/066

Dear Mr Hemingway

### Your Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email, which was received by the University on 15 December 2017. The University's response is set out in the attached document.

### Your right to seek a review

Should you be dissatisfied with the way in which the University has dealt with your request, you have the right to require us to review our actions and decisions. If you wish to request a review, please contact the Head of Legal Services, Aston University, Birmingham, B4 7ET or e-mail: [foi\\_requests@aston.ac.uk](mailto:foi_requests@aston.ac.uk) within 40 working days. Your request must be in a recordable format (letter, email, audio tape, etc). You will receive a full response to your request for review within 20 working days of its receipt.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which we have handled your request for review you may ask the Information Commissioner to review our decision. You must submit your complaint in writing to the Commissioner within 6 months of receiving the response to review letter. The Commissioner may be contacted at:

Address: Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
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Tel: 0303 123 1113 / 01625 545 745 (+44 1625 545 745 if calling from overseas)  
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E-mail: [notification@ico.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:notification@ico.gsi.gov.uk)  
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Yours sincerely

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Compliance Officer

## **LLB Law (M100) - Freedom of Information Act Request**

**Please note that this data is for the last full admissions cycle (2017 entry) and relates to only to 2017 new entrants.**

### **1. Applications.**

- i) percentage of people who applied with predictions of ABB; - 11.93%
- a) percentage given an offer: 97.9% of those predicted ABB
  
- ii) percentage of people who applied with predictions of AAB; - 9.51%
- a) percentage given an offer: 99.1% of those predicted AAB
  
- iii) percentage of people who applied with predictions of AAA; - 6.51%
- a) percentage given an offer: 98.7% of those predicted AAA
  
- iv) percentage of people who applied with predictions of A\*AA; - 2.59%
- a) percentage given an offer: 100% of those predicted A\*AA
  
- v) percentage of people who applied with predictions of A\*A\*A; - 0.58%
- a) percentage given an offer: 100% of those predicted A\*A\*A
  
- vi) percentage of people who applied with predictions of A\*A\*A\*; - 0.17%
- a) percentage given an offer: 100% of those predicted A\*A\*A\*

#### *Explanatory Notes:*

*Please note that it would be inaccurate to infer from the percentages above that the remaining students had predicted grades of BBB or less for the following reasons:*

1. *A number of students had predicted grades which were equivalent to those combinations listed above in terms of the UCAS tariff but do not match the exact combinations of grades requested above. For example, we would equate grades of AAB to be the same as A\*BB for admissions purposes (as per the UCAS tariff) but have not included students receiving A\*BB in the AAB category above as it does not match the exact information requested.*
2. *A significant number of our students will have non A-Level qualifications such as BTECs, Access Courses, International Qualifications or mixes of qualifications and therefore will not receive predictions in the format above.*
3. *Applicants applying via Clearing, Adjustment or those who already have their grades will not have predicted grades.*
4. *Some applicants will not have entered predicted grades in the correct field which we have used to produce this data.*

### **2. Enrolment by achieved grades**

- i) percentage enrolled with achieved grades of BBB – 7.8%
- ii) percentage enrolled with achieved grades of ABB – 9.3%
- iii) percentage enrolled with achieved grades of AAB – 3.1%
- iii) percentage enrolled with achieved grades of AAA – 0%
- iv) percentage enrolled with achieved grades of A\*AA – 0%
- v) percentage enrolled with achieved grades of A\*A\*A – 0%
- vi) percentage enrolled with achieved grades of A\*A\*A\* - 0%



*Explanatory Notes:*

*Please note that it would be inaccurate to infer from the percentages above that the remaining student received grades of less than BBB for the following reasons:*

- 1. A number of students achieved grades which were equivalent to those combinations listed above in terms of the UCAS tariff but do not match the exact combinations of grades requested above. For example, we would equate grades of BBB to be the same as ABC for admissions purposes (as per the UCAS tariff) but have not included students receiving ABC in the BBB category above as it does not match the exact information requested.*
- 2. A significant number of our students will have non A-Level qualifications such as BTECs, Access Courses, International Qualifications or mixes of qualifications.*

*Please note that the data includes students accepted via Clearing, Adjustment or Insurance.*

**3. Enrolment by achieved grades against offer (where achieving AAA with an offer of AAB would be 1 above and achieving A\*AA with an offer of AAB would be 2 above).**

- i) percentage enrolled with achieved grades 1 above their offer – 5.7%
- ii) percentage enrolled with achieved grades 2 above their offer – 0.5%
- iii) percentage enrolled with achieved grades 3 or more above their offer – 0%
- iv) percentage enrolled with achieved grades 1 below their offer – 26.2%
- v) percentage enrolled with achieved grades 2 below their offer – 22.3%
- vi) percentage enrolled with achieved grades 3 below their offer – 1%

*Explanatory Notes:*

The numbers above equate to 56.2% of the total enrolled cohort for M100. The remaining 43.8% of the cohort are not included above for the following reasons:

1. Students who exactly met their offer (not requested above)
2. Students who came via Clearing who not have had an initial offer (as they already had their grades at the point of application.)
3. Non-Clearing students who had their grades at the point of application and who therefore already received an Unconditional Offer straightaway
4. Students who had qualifications other than their than 3 A-Levels are not included (for example BTECs, IB, Access, etc.)

Many of our students will have achieved one grade which exceeds their offer and one which is below it (for example achieved grades of ABC on an offer of BBB.) In responding to this question we have used the UCAS tariff to judge whether a student has missed or exceeded their offer (for example a student achieving ABC would be deemed to have met an offer of BBB in UCAS tariff terms.)

Please note that many of our Firm Choice students will have received a variable offer. Where this applies the variable offer has been used in the calculations above.