

8 October 2019

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Dear Requester,

Thank you for your email of 21st September 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please see the responses to each of your questions below:

1. The total number of individuals who applied to the M103 course for entry in 2015;
2. The total number of offers given to individuals who applied;
3. The total number of individuals who entered your university as their firm choice on UCAS (i.e. the number of individuals who 'accepted' their offer);
4. The total number of individuals who enrolled in this course in 2015.

5. The total number of individuals who applied to the M103 course for entry in 2016;
6. The total number of offers given to individuals who applied;
7. The total number of individuals who entered your university as their firm choice on UCAS (i.e. the number of individuals who 'accepted' their offer);
8. The total number of individuals who enrolled in this course in 2016.

9. The total number of individuals who applied to the M103 course for entry in 2017;
10. The total number of offers given to individuals who applied;
11. The total number of individuals who entered your university as their firm choice on UCAS (i.e. the number of individuals who 'accepted' their offer);
12. The total number of individuals who enrolled in this course in 2017.

13. The total number of individuals who applied to the M103 course for entry in 2018;
14. The total number of offers given to individuals who applied;
15. The total number of individuals who entered your university as their firm choice on UCAS (i.e. the number of individuals who 'accepted' their offer);
16. The total number of individuals who enrolled in this course in 2018.

17. The total number of individuals who applied to the M103 course for entry in 2019;
18. The total number of offers given to individuals who applied;
19. The total number of individuals who entered your university as their firm choice on UCAS (i.e. the number of individuals who 'accepted' their offer);
20. The total number of individuals who enrolled in this course in 2019.

For questions 4, 8, 12, 16 and 20 for the LLB Law programme.

The data you have requested for past academic years is available through HESA's custom data request scheme (<https://www.hesa.ac.uk/services/custom/data/request>). They will make the current year's data available in the future according to their publishing schedule..

For questions 1,2,3,5,6,7,9,10,11,13,14,15,17,18 and 19

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The data you have requested are exempt from disclosure under Sections 21, 22, 40(2) and 43 of the Act as explained below.

The detailed data you have requested cannot be provided in full by either the University or the relevant third party due to the low numbers of applicants covered by the requested data and they are therefore exempt under section 40(2) of the Act. The data providers we have mentioned will be able to provide appropriately anonymised data sets. Where appropriate they may be able to provide pseudonymised or complete data for research purposes.

Data which is disseminated by HESA and/or UCAS for a fee is considered to be commercially sensitive and is therefore exempt from disclosure under Section 43 of the FOIA.

Section 43 is a qualified exemption and as such a public interest test has been carried out. In favour of disclosure we considered the need for the University to report openly on its activity. Against that we considered the commercial interests of the publisher as the organisation responsible for disseminating such statistics. HESA and UCAS are the bodies nominated to provide these statistics on the Higher Education sector in the UK. Disclosure of data available from these organisations would prejudice their ability to sell said data via their paid service to third parties. There is likely to be significant commercial harm to them as a public disclosure under the FOIA would allow the release of information with commercial value, therefore severely weakening their ability to continue to sell this level of data. Such sales assist in the finance of their operations and the pursuit of their charitable aims; reduction in income from such services could lead to consequences include loss of significant revenue, inability to offer the same level of service to other customers or potentially impact on jobs within their organisation.

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