



Sophie Ward
By email

Reference: FOI-2020-924

22 January 2021

Dear Ms Ward,

Your request was received on 23 December 2020 and I am dealing with it under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act').

You asked for:

the following information from the three most recent academic years (2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21:

- 1) How many BA students applied to the university this year?*
- 2) How many first year students dropped out in first term?*
- 3) How many first year students chose to defer a year?*
- 4) How many first year students live on campus?*

1. For 2018/19 and 2019/20, this information is published at <https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/apply/statistics>. For 2020/21, it is due for future publication for future publication on the same webpage and is therefore exempt under section 22(1) of the Act. As this is a qualified exemption, the University has considered whether, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. The University considers that, while there is an understandable general interest in its admissions statistics, the formal publication arrangements that are in place to cover the full cycle are sufficient to meet that interest.

2.

Reason for discontinuation	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Death	1		
Ill Health - Perm	1	1	
Other Reason - Perm	7	7	11

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Please note the following regarding this data:

1. Numbers are based on data extracted from the University of Cambridge's student record system, CamSIS, on 20 January 2021.
2. Data are where a student had a 'DISC' for discontinuation row in CamSIS, effective dated on or between 01 October – 04 January of the requested academic years.
3. No value judgements have been made regarding whether a description means a student dropped out or was specifically removed. Descriptions related to the reason for discontinuation have been included: these are the descriptions as recorded in CamSIS.
4. Data are for undergraduate level students, on courses for which they have to have matriculated, and are a member of a Cambridge College.
5. Data exclude incoming exchange or other incoming visiting students.

3. This information is attached. Please note that the attached document should not be copied, reproduced or used except in accordance with the law of copyright.

4. Undergraduate accommodation is handled by the individual Colleges, each of which is a separate legal entity and public authority under the Act.

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 contact us quoting the reference number above. 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 (<https://ico.org.uk/>).

Yours sincerely,

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