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Dear Ms El Amein

Freedom of information request

Thank you for your email of 25 December 2019 requesting information about admissions to undergraduate law programmes.

The University of Edinburgh is a global university, rooted in Scotland. We are globally recognised for our research, development and innovation and we have provided world-class teaching to our students for more than 425 years. We are the largest university in Scotland and in 2018/19 our annual revenue was £1.1 billion, of which £286 million was research income. We have over 43,000 students and more than 15,000 staff. We are a founding member of the UK's Russell Group of leading research universities and a member of the League of European Research Universities.

For over 300 years the University of Edinburgh has trained generations of the finest legal minds. The Edinburgh Law School is one of the leading law schools in the UK. It has a long and distinguished reputation, and continues to explore the cutting-edge of legal research. It was ranked first in Scotland and fourth in the UK for breadth and quality of its research in the most recent Research Excellence Framework (REF). Our law degrees are highly respected, not just in Scotland but worldwide, and our alumni have enjoyed success around the globe. Further information is published on the [Edinburgh Law School website](#).

Admissions process for law programmes

You asked whether an applicant's personal statement, submitted by UCAS, is considered during the admissions process. If this statement is assessed, you also asked for the marking criteria, whether the statement is given a score or grade and the weighting attached to this. Finally, you asked for a list of personal statement scores given to applicants who received offers for undergraduate law programmes for 2019 entry.

Personal statement assessment and marking criteria (questions 1 and 2)

The Admissions department in the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences assesses all undergraduate applications. When reviewing applications, academic

achievement is the main criterion used during the selection process. All aspects of the application are reviewed as part of the admissions process, including an individual's personal statement; their academic reference; the past academic performance; any predicted grades; and the context in which grades are achieved. Further information regarding the [selection process](#) is available on our website.

There is no specific marking criteria used when assessing the personal statement. Applicants are expected to follow the [guidance from UCAS](#) and [our website](#). Therefore the University does not hold any information in relation to this part of your request.

Grading/scoring and weighting of personal statement, and scores issued to offer holders for 2019 entry (questions 3-5)

We do not score or grade personal statements. Therefore, the University holds no information relating to these parts of your request.

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Privacy notice for information request applicants

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Yours sincerely

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Information Compliance Officer

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