

Request Reference: 3696

FOI Request dated 05/08/2026 –

1. The total number of students enrolled at the university.
2. The total number of academic misconduct cases investigated centrally by the institution.
3. The total number of academic misconduct cases investigated that specifically involved the suspected use of generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools.
4. The total number of AI-related academic misconduct cases that were upheld (resulting in a finding of guilt).
5. If AI-related cases were not centrally categorized prior to 2023, please instead provide the total breakdown of all misconduct cases by whatever category your system currently records (e.g., plagiarism, collusion) for those specific early years.
6. A copy of, or direct web link to, the university's latest policy, guidelines, or student code of conduct regarding the permitted use of AI tools in academic work.

Response

Please note this is a collated response across faculties.

1. We have used headcounts (total students) from the 1st December census date each year, rather than the end-of-year HESA return (because we wouldn't have comparable 25/26 figures for that yet).

2020/21	14376
2021/22	14984
2022/23	15170
2023/24	15116
2024/25	13395
2025/26	14081

2.

Academic Year	Total Academic Misconduct Cases
2020/21	382
2021/22	504
2022/23	Already published (FOI 3143)*
2023/24	Already published (FOI 3143)*
2024/25	607
2025/26 (if held)	622 so far, some still in progress

3.

Academic Year	AI-Related Academic Misconduct Cases Investigated
2024/25	292
2025/26 (to date, if held)	349

*Note: Data for 2020–April 2024 already published under FOI 3117**

4.

Academic Year	AI-Related Cases Upheld
2020/21	No AI cases
2021/22	<5
2022/23	Already published (FOI 3143)
2023/24	Already published (FOI 3143)
2024/25	248
2025/26 (if held)	267

5.

FOSE 2020-21: 163 total cases – based on previous FOI information, no breakdown available

Academic Year	Misconduct Category	Number of Cases
2020/21	Plagiarism	195
2020/21	Collusion	16
2020/21	Contract Cheating	<5
2020/21	Self Plagiarism	5
2020/21	Fabrication or falsification of data	<5
2020/21	Plagiarism and collusion	<5
2020/21	Other (specify)	<5
2021/22	Plagiarism	370
2021/22	Self Plagiarism	10
2021/22	Collusion	90
2021/22	Other (specify)	23

6. Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at Section 1(1)(a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held. The second duty at Section 1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held. Where exemptions are relied upon Section 17 of FOIA requires that we provide the applicant with a notice which: a) states that fact b) specifies the

exemption(s) in question and c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

It has been determined that this information is exempt on the basis that s21 of the Act applies – Information Reasonably Accessible by Other Means. As this exemption is absolute there is no requirement for me to conduct a public interest test, however in order to provide assistance I provide the following links –

- [3143-ai-misconduct*](#)
- <https://www.hull.ac.uk/asset-library/docs/student-use-of-ai.pdf>