

Our Reference: 2580

FOI Request dated 05/03/2022 as follows –

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please could you provide me with information surrounding the following questions. Could I ask that you please provide this data in XLS or XLSX format.

Admission Statistics

The number of:

- 1. applications received;*
- 2. conditional places offered;*
- 3. unconditional-firm places offered;*
- 4. unconditional places offered;*
- 5. firm choices made through UCAS;*
- 6. insurance choices made through UCAS; and*
- 7. enrollments*

for the following courses for entry over the 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and, (to date) 2022/23 academic years:

- 1. BA Philosophy*
- 2. BA Philosophy (with Foundation Year)*
- 3. BA Philosophy and Politics*
- 4. BA Philosophy and Politics (with Foundation Year)*
- 5. BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics*
- 6. BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics (with Foundation Year)*
- 7. LLB Law with Politics*
- 8. LLB Law with Politics (with Foundation Year)*
- 9. LLB Law with Business Management*
- 10. LLB Law with Business Management (with Foundation Year)*
- 11. LLB Law and Legislative Studies*
- 12. LLB Law and Legislative Studies (with Foundation Year)*
- 13. LLB Law (Senior Status)*
- 14. LLM International Law (Conflict, Security and Human Rights)*

For each of the courses listed above, please provide (within each cycle) the number of times each reason for refusal was used (e.g. did not meet terms of offer conditions).

Please could you also provide, for the courses listed above in the current 2022/23 admissions cycle only, the average number of days for a response to be made by the university via UCAS. In the case of the LLM International Law (Conflict, Security and Human Rights) Postgraduate course which is not communicated through UCAS, please give instead the average number of days for a decision to be communicated to an applicant.

Response

To retrieve the average number of days for a response and the reason for refusal would exceed the FOI Cost Limit of 18 hours. Therefore S12 of the Act applies.

Section 12 – Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit.

s1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the 'appropriate limit' (18 – hours).

Activities that may be counted within our time estimations are:

- Determining if the information is held;
- Locating the information, or a document containing it;
- Retrieving the information, or a document containing it; and
- Extracting the information from a document containing it.

The following have not been included within our calculations:

- The time spent identifying information to be exempted
- The time dedicated to the process of redaction.

Please take this as a refusal notice in accordance with section 17(5) of the Act which states; A public authority which, in relation to any request for information, is relying on a claim that section 12 or 14 applies must, within the time for complying with section 1(1), give the applicant a notice stating that fact.

Although excess cost removes the Universities obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

Please find attached.