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By email only: [REDACTED]

Wednesday, 22 April 2015

Dear [REDACTED]

### Freedom of information request – undergraduate attrition rates

Further to your recent request for information held by King's College London, I am writing to confirm that the requested information is held by the university and a copy is enclosed with this letter.

Please forgive the slight delay in getting our response to you. This was due to staffing issues.

### Your request

We received your information request on 20/03/2015 and have treated it as a request for information made under Section 1(1) of the Act.

You requested the following information:

- *The overall undergraduate drop-out rate at the university for each of the last five complete academic years*
- *The five undergraduate courses with the highest drop-out rates in the 2013/14 academic year*
- *The five undergraduate courses with the lowest drop-out rates in the 2013/14 academic year*

### Our response

The enclosed spreadsheet provides the information requested.

This completes the university's response to your information request.

### Your right to complain

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your information request or feel that it has not been properly handled you have the right

to complain or request a review of our decision by contacting the Legal Compliance Manager within 60 days of the date of this letter.

Further information about our internal complaints procedure is available at the link below:

[http://www.kcl.ac.uk/college/policyzone/assets/files/governance\\_and\\_legal/Freedom\\_of\\_Information\\_Policy\\_updated\\_Oct\\_%202011.pdf](http://www.kcl.ac.uk/college/policyzone/assets/files/governance_and_legal/Freedom_of_Information_Policy_updated_Oct_%202011.pdf)

In the event that you are not content with the outcome of your complaint you may apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the internal complaints procedure provided by King's College London.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF.  
[www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne Cameron". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

Anne Cameron  
Legal Compliance Manager

## Attrition Drop Out Analysis

### Notes/Assumptions:

HESA core data has been used to determine attrition/drop out/completion rates.

Core Data fields XPSR01 = 1, XLEV501 = 3 (UG first degree), Instance.RSNEND = 1, 98, 99 or blank for those continuing. All other values (2 to 11) for those who have dropped out.

Please look up the RSNEND field on the HESA Student website for value definitions. ([https://www.hesa.ac.uk/index.php?option=com\\_studrec&task=show\\_file&mnl=14051&href=a^\\_](https://www.hesa.ac.uk/index.php?option=com_studrec&task=show_file&mnl=14051&href=a^_)

Only undergraduates studying at a first degree level programme are included in the calculations.

The phrases 'attrition' and 'drop out rates' can mean different things to different people and there are more than one way of calculating them. This is just one way of looking at this ci

All programme years are combined for each course for any one reporting year. Non-completion can happen to a student in any year of their programme and this report does not spec

For the highest and lowest groups of five, only courses with 10 or more students have been included.

Undergraduate Drop Out Analysis

Academic Year	Overall UG Completion Rate	5 Lowest drop out rates - Course Name	UG Drop-out Rate	5 Highest drop out rates - Course Name	UG Drop-out Rate
2013/14	1.75%	<b>Largest 5 courses with 0% given below:</b>	0.00%		
		Bachelor of Arts in International Politics	0.00%	Bachelor of Arts in European Politics	27.27%
		Bachelor of Arts in Geography	0.00%	Bachelor of Engineering in Biomedical Engineering	17.24%
		Bachelor of Music in Music	0.00%	Bachelor of Science in Computer Science with a Year Abroad	16.67%
		Bachelor of Arts in Film Studies	0.00%	Bachelor of Arts in French with a Year Abroad	12.50%
2012/13	1.27%	<b>Largest 5 courses with 0% given below:</b>	0.00%		
		Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience	0.00%	Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Midwifery	16.67%
		Bachelor of Music in Music	0.00%	Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Women's Health Care	14.29%
		Bachelor of Arts in Classics	0.00%	Bachelor of Arts in French	11.11%
		Bachelor of Laws in English Law and German Law	0.00%	Master in Science in Mathematics and Physics	10.00%
2011/12	1.72%	<b>Largest 5 courses with 0% given below:</b>	0.00%		
		Master in Science in Mathematics	0.00%	Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts	9.52%
		Bachelor of Laws in English Law and French Law	0.00%	Bachelor of Science in Computer Science with a Year in Industry	11.76%
		Bachelor of Music in Music	0.00%	Bachelor of Arts in German	8.51%
		Bachelor of Arts in French and Hispanic Studies	0.00%	Bachelor of Science in Specialist Community Public Health Nursing	8.11%
2010/11	1.94%	<b>Largest 5 courses with 0% given below:</b>	0.00%		
		Bachelor of Arts in Classics	0.00%	Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Evidence Based Interventions for Psychosis	7.41%
		Bachelor of Science in Physiology	0.00%	Bachelor of Arts in Hispanic Studies with English	7.14%
		Bachelor of Dental Surgery - BDS	0.00%	Bachelor of Science in Computer Science with a Year in Industry	13.33%
		Bachelor of Laws in English Law and French Law	0.00%	Bachelor of Arts in German	9.09%
2009/10	2.75%	<b>Largest 5 courses with 0% given below:</b>	0.00%		
		Medicine MB BS (GPEP)	0.00%	Bachelor of Arts in Theology	7.69%
		Bachelor of Science in Pharmacology	0.00%	Bachelor of Arts in French with Management	7.41%
		Bachelor of Arts in French and Hispanic Studies	0.00%	Bachelor of Science in Physiology and Pharmacology	7.14%
		Bachelor of Dental Surgery - BDS	0.00%	Master of Engineering in Telecommunication Engineering	36.36%
		Master of Pharmacy in Pharmacy	0.00%	Bachelor of Science in Specialist Community Public Health Nursing	16.67%
		Bachelor of Music in Music	0.00%	Bachelor of Science in Computer Science with Management and Year in Industry	16.67%
		Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics	0.00%	Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Palliative Care Nursing	16.67%
		Bachelor of Science in Physiology	0.00%	Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Cognitive Behaviour Therapy	12.50%