

Annual Course Monitoring Statistics 2010/11 Guidance Notes

Similarly to previous years, the annual course monitoring statistics for 2010/11 are divided into two sections; 'Year on year analyses' which show trends over the last three academic years and 'Analyses of 2010/11 data' which looks at students who were on the course in 2010/11.

If a course does not have students that correspond to a table or chart (i.e. a course that does not have degree classifications), that table/chart will not appear in the report. Similarly categories will not appear as a row or column if there is no data for them. If the numbers are very low in some tables then it is advised that the tables are treated with caution as they may be misleading.

These statistics are based on data extracted from SITS on 9th November 2011 after the 2010/11 HESA return was committed. The reports are word documents and are all available electronically via [sharepoint](#).

Courses/Students Included

Only courses that had students on in the academic year of 2010/11 are included in these reports, and all FE, research and externally run courses are excluded, as are modular associates.

Students who did not enrol in the academic year or had since transferred to another course during the year were not included in the statistics.

Furthermore, every course that fulfils the above criteria is reported on. Some courses may be running out and so only a few students are on these courses, each school was asked to review the course groupings with this in mind earlier this year.

Students on joint courses appear under both subjects studied as one student. In over-arching reports however they will only be counted once.

Section 1 – Year on Year Analyses

These tables look at students over the past three academic years 2008/9, 2009/10 and 2010/11. The 'count' of students looks at actual not FTE so part time students are seen as a whole student. Students are shown as part time or full time depending on their mode of attendance at the end of their final year. Overseas centre reports will not contain tables relating to social background, destination of leavers or entry qualifications as this data is not collected by the University.

Table 1 – Admissions Data

These tables are only provided for students on University campus courses. Tables 1a – c show the application process; with the numbers of applications, offers and acceptances for applicants who applied for the courses within the groupings. Table 1d looks at these applicants and shows the number that enrolled on a course in the same grouping, on a course in a different grouping or did not enrol at all.

Table 2 – Student Numbers/Withdrawals

Tables 2b & 2c show the numbers of students that withdrew/suspended in each academic year and the numbers that were written off. The University did not distinguish between withdrawn and written off until 2009/10, so data for 2008/9 will look unusual in comparison to the following years with no students being marked as written off in that academic year.

Table 3 – Student Demographics

Table 3b – Region of Domicile by Year splits the students by UK mainland, other UK, European Union and other overseas. Those countries included in other UK are: Channel Islands, The Isle of Man, Northern Ireland, Guernsey and Jersey. This is the only table to separate the UK in this way.

Table 3e which looks at ethnicity by year is calculated consistently with HESA published data in that ethnicity is only shown for UK domiciled students; this rule applies to all ethnicity tables in the reports.

Tables 4 & 5 – Pass rates & Degree Classifications

In this report, pass rates and degree classifications are only shown by exit cohort. If the report is about a course that does not have classifications then these tables will not appear unless the grouping also contains a course that does have classifications. Additionally, in the statistics this year classifications of students on masters courses will be shown, as a distinction or pass.

The degree class by exit cohort graph shows the percentage of students in each academic year who received a 'good degree'. This applies to undergraduate students only and a good degree is defined as either a first class or an upper second class degree.

Section 2 – Analyses of 2010/11 Data

These statistics look at those students who were on the course during 2010/11, unless they transferred to another course during the year.

Table 6 – Success Rates by Subgroup

These tables show the pass rates and degree classifications in 2010/11 broken down by mode of attendance, gender, age group, ethnicity, entry qualification, disability and social background.

Table 7 - Destinations of Leavers 2009/10

The most recent data collected was for those who graduated in 2009/10, with surveys being conducted for UK and EU domiciled graduates from UK institutions in January and April 2011.

Table 8 – Demographics by Year of Study

These tables show demographic information, separated by mode of attendance, broken down by the year of study the students are in.

Table 10 – Home Address

This table uses students' home postcodes to identify their home address. 'Other North West' is defined as the five counties of Cheshire, Cumbria, Greater Manchester, Lancashire and Merseyside not including Bolton. 'Other UK' means anywhere in the UK outside of the North West region.

Table 12 – Progression Statistics

The tables show the progression decisions made at the September boards and break this information down by year of study and mode of attendance.

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