

04 April 2019

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI_19-078)

We have now considered your request of 12 March 2019 for information relating to:

‘overall mark and average exam mark of taught masters students who had passed 120 credits at level 4 (stage 1), level 5 (stage 2), level 6 (stage 3), and level 7 (stage 4) by the end of 2017/18.’

We note that you provided a number of options as to how we could respond to your request and have chosen the option represented by question 7:

‘7. Any of numbers 1. to 6. but only answering a) OR b)’,

and have responded only to questions 2(a) and 2(b) of your request. Further information is provided on page 3 of this letter.

For your convenience, we have provided a copy of your full request on page 4 of this letter following our response.

On this occasion it is not possible to provide some of the requested information. In line with your rights under section 1(1)(a) of the Act to be informed whether information is held, we confirm that the University does not hold information relevant to questions 1 and 4 of your request regarding MPhys and BSc Physics courses as the University has only recently started running a Physics Degree and therefore does not have any students in that programme that have completed 120 credits by the end of 2017/18.

As per your email, we have selected question 2 from your preferred alternative questions to respond to. Our response is on page 3 of this letter.

We hope this information will meet your requirements, however if you are not satisfied you have the right of appeal. If you wish to appeal, please set out in writing your reasons for appealing and send to the above address. You must appeal within 40 working days of the date of this letter. In line with section 5.3 of the UK Government’s Freedom of Information Act Code of Practice, we are not obliged to accept internal reviews after this date.

You also have a subsequent right of appeal to the Information Commissioner’s Office. Further information is available on their website:

https://ico.org.uk/Global/contact_us, or by telephone on 0303 123 1113.

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Please quote our reference given at the head of this letter in all correspondence.

Yours sincerely

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Response to Freedom of Information Act 2000 request (FOI_19-078)

2. a) Average overall mark of students on any other taught masters course who had passed 120 credits at level 4, level 5, level 6 and level 7 by the end of 2017/18 (or any other year).

Our response to Question 2a is within the table below.

Academic Year	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
2017/18	N/A			69.96
2016/17	N/A		67.64	69.23
2015/16	N/A	68.08	67.33	70.97
2014/15	70.12	68.91	68.94	70.03
2013/14	68.81	68.02	64.74	69.64
2012/13	68.74	66.16	64.74	67.89
2011/12	69.28	65.19	62.27	68.57
2010/11	68.57	63.72	63.67	66.89

Please note that we have provided the figures for all students who have completed an Integrated Masters course (four year course that is made up of stages 1-4, which relate to 4-7 in the UK educational structure). We have identified only those students who have passed 120 credits and calculated the average overall score for each level.

The information for Level 1, 2, 3 for 2017/18, Level 1 and 2 for 2016/17 or Level 1 for 2015/16 is not provided as the results are not within the scope of the request criteria.

2. b) Average overall exam mark of students on any other taught masters students who had passed 120 credits at level 4, level 5, level 6 and level 7 by the end of 2017/18 (or any other year).

Our response to Question 2b is within the table below.

Academic Year	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
2017/18	N/A			66.00
2016/17	N/A		62.23	66.60
2015/16	N/A	64.76	62.54	70.28
2014/15	66.98	65.72	62.53	67.85
2013/14	66.03	65.66	62.34	69.62
2012/13	64.80	64.32	61.14	67.30
2011/12	65.00	63.23	59.25	67.26
2010/11	64.55	61.84	60.38	66.34

Once again, the information for Level 1, 2, 3 for 2017/18, Level 1 and 2 for 2016/17 or Level 1 for 2015/16 is not provided as the results are not within the scope of the request criteria.

Freedom of Information Act 2000 request (FOI_19-078) – full request

I am writing to inform you that I am making a freedom of information request for both the average overall mark and average exam mark of taught masters students who had passed 120 credits at level 4 (stage 1), level 5 (stage 2), level 6 (stage 3), and level 7 (stage 4) by the end of 2017/18.

The specific pool of students that I am looking to obtain this information from is for an entire year group of students who studied a taught masters course in physics (MPhys).

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Below I have prepared my requests in priority order:

- 1. a) Average overall mark of MPhys students who had passed 120 credits at level 4, level 5, level 6 and level 7 by the end of 2017/18 (or any other year).*
b) Average overall exam mark of MPhys students who had passed 120 credits at level 4, level 5, level 6 and level 7 by the end of 2017/18 (or any other year).
- 2. a) Average overall mark of students on any other taught masters course who had passed 120 credits at level 4, level 5, level 6 and level 7 by the end of 2017/18 (or any other year).*
b) Average overall exam mark of students on any other taught masters students who had passed 120 credits at level 4, level 5, level 6 and level 7 by the end of 2017/18 (or any other year).
- 3. a) Average overall mark of students from all year groups combined of every taught masters course who had passed 120 credits at level 4, level 5, level 6 and level 7 by the end of 2017/18 (or any other year).*
b) Average overall exam mark of students from all year groups combined of every taught masters course who had passed 120 credits at level 4, level 5, level 6 and level 7 by the end of 2017/18 (or any other year).
- 4. a) Average overall mark of Physics BSc students who had passed 120 credits at level 4, level 5, level 6 by the end of 2017/18 (or any other year).*
b) Average overall exam mark of Physics BSc students who had passed 120 credits at level 4, level 5, level 6 by the end of 2017/18 (or any other year).
- 5. a) Average overall mark of students on any 3 year bachelors course who had passed 120 credits at level 4, level 5, level 6 by the end of 2017/18 (or any other year).*
b) Average overall exam mark of students on any 3 year bachelors course who had passed 120 credits at level 4, level 5, level 6 by the end of 2017/18 (or any other year).
- 6. a) Average overall mark of students from all year groups combined of every 3 years bachelors course who had passed 120 credits at level 4, level 5, and level 6 by the end of 2017/18 (or any other year).*
b) Average overall exam mark of students from all year groups combined of every 3 years bachelors course who had passed 120 credits at level 4, level 5, and level 6 by the end of 2017/18 (or any other year).
- 7. Any of numbers 1. to 6. but only answering a) OR b)*