

University of Glasgow

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Monitoring of Degree Classification Data

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Brief Description of the paper

During 2008-09 HESA data on degree classification data was obtained for the SMG Learning and Teaching Segment. This provides subject level comparisons of the percentage of students achieving 1st class Honours, and good Honours degrees (1st class and 2.1) across Russell Group Institutions and also Scottish Institutions.

Data is provided for four years 2002/03 – 2006/07 and is available at two levels:

Subject Group (19 categories with data for Glasgow)

Principal Subject (154 categories with data for Glasgow)

A list of the HESA Subject Groups and Principal Subject Group is attached. The data for all subject areas is extensive and has therefore not been printed, however it is available for members' perusal from a link on the [on-line agenda](#). The data for Principal Subjects are presented in pivot tables which also provide a breakdown of the actual number of degrees awarded, which in some cases is small and will therefore cause percentage figures to fluctuate from year to year.

Vice Principal Professor Nolan has requested that ASC considers degree classification data. The comparative data provided shows Glasgow's position with comparable HEIs and also any changing trends over time, both in its own performance, and in comparison with others.

The HESA data was obtained via the Planning Office and a request for further data to cover the last two sessions has been made.

Action Requested

ASC members are invited to comment on the figures provided.

Recommended Person/s responsible for taking the action(s) forward

ASC Clerk and Planning Office.

Resource Implications

HESA charges for the release of data.

Equality Implications

None.

HESA Subject Groups with Data for Glasgow
Architecture, Building and Planning
Biological Sciences
Business and Administrative studies
Combined
Creative Arts and Design
Education
Engineering
European Languages, Literature and related subjects
Historical and Philosophical studies
Law
Linguistics, Classics and related subjects
Mass Communications and Documentation
Mathematical and Computer Sciences
Medicine and Dentistry
Physical Sciences
Social studies
Subjects allied to Medicine
Technologies
Veterinary Sciences, Agriculture and related subjects

HESA Principal Subject Groups with Data for Glasgow
Accounting
Aerospace engineering
Agricultural sciences
Agriculture
Anatomy, physiology & pathology
Animal science
Anthropology
Archaeology
Architecture
Astronomy
Biology
Botany
Broadly-based programmes within education
Broadly-based programmes within engineering & technology
Broadly-based programmes within languages
Broadly-based programmes within law
Broadly-based programmes within social studies
Business studies
Celtic studies
Chemistry
Cinematics & photography
Civil engineering
Classical Greek studies
Classical studies
Clinical dentistry
Clinical medicine
Clinical veterinary medicine & dentistry
Combined

Comparative literary studies
Computer science
Design studies
Drama
Economics
Electronic & electrical engineering
English studies
Finance
Forensic & archaeological science
French studies
Genetics
Geology
German studies
History by area
History by period
History by topic
Human & social geography
Information systems
Italian studies
Latin studies
Law by area
Law by topic
Linguistics
Management studies
Mathematics
Mechanical engineering
Media studies
Microbiology
Molecular biology, biophysics & biochemistry
Music
Nursing
Nutrition
Others in biological sciences
Others in creative arts & design
Others in engineering
Others in European languages, literature & related subjects
Others in law
Others in subjects allied to medicine
Others in technology
Pharmacology, toxicology & pharmacy
Philosophy
Physical & terrestrial geographical & environmental sciences
Physics
Politics
Portuguese studies
Pre-clinical veterinary medicine
Psychology
Russian & East European studies
Social policy
Social work
Sociology
Software engineering

Spanish studies
Sports science
Statistics
Theology & religious studies
Tourism, transport & travel
Training teachers
Zoology