

**From:** Freedom of Information

**Sent:** 08 September 2020 16:01

**To:**

**Subject:** Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/20/325)

Dear

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Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 14 August 2020, reference K/20/325.

Your request read:

“I would like to make an inquiry regarding admissions information for your course MR13. If possible, I would like to know the following about each admission cycle separately. First 2016/2017. Second 2017/2018. Third 2018/2019. Fourth 2019/2020.

1. Applications.

i) number of applicants to the course

ii) percentage of people who applied with predictions of ABB

a) percentage given an offer

b) percentage who accepted their offer

iii) percentage of people who applied with predictions of AAB

a) percentage given an offer

b) percentage who accepted their offer

iv) percentage of people who applied with predictions of AAA

a) percentage given an offer

b) percentage who accepted their offer

v) percentage of people who applied with predictions of A\*AA

a) percentage given an offer

b) percentage who accepted their offer

vi) percentage of people who applied with predictions of A\*A\*A

a) percentage given an offer

b) percentage who accepted their offer

vii) percentage of people who applied with predictions of A\*A\*A

a) percentage given an offer

b) percentage who accepted their offer

2. Enrolment

i) number of enrolled students

ii) percentage enrolled with achieved grades of ABB

iii) percentage enrolled with achieved grades of AAB

- iv) percentage enrolled with achieved grades of AAA
- v) percentage enrolled with achieved grades of A\*AA
- vi) percentage enrolled with achieved grades of A\*A\*A
- vii) percentage enrolled with achieved grades of A\*A\*A\*\*

The University of Leeds holds some of this information.

The Law with Hispanic Law LLB (MR13) course first ran in the 2017/18 academic year. As such, we do not hold any information in relation to the 2016/17 academic year.

We have interpreted your questions to relate to A-Level grades. Please notify us if this is not correct. It may be helpful if we explain that not all applicants take A-Level courses before applying to/attending university. As such, your questions do not apply to the entire cohort of MR13 applicants, which in turn limits the amount of relevant information we hold.

Predicted grades are used as a starting point when considering applications. Applicants with predicted grades which do not meet the entry requirements of the course (either directly or via a widening participation programme) will not progress through the application process. As such, we do not retain a record of each applicant's predicted grades, therefore do not hold information relevant to question one of your request.

We can provide some information relevant to your request. We do not hold separate information on the number of students who accepted their offer. However, in December each year we take a census of students registered on each course. The following information therefore sets out the number of applications, offers and the December census information for each year. This information does not differentiate between individuals based on predicted grades.

Academic year	Applications*	Offers**	Pupils registered in December***
<b>2016/17</b>	40	27	Course did not run
<b>2017/18</b>	44	25	6
<b>2018/19</b>	69	32	9
<b>2019/20</b>	50	28	17

\*applications made in the given academic year, to commence study in the following year

\*\*offers made in the given academic year, to commence study in the following year

\*\*\*total number on the course. Therefore, those registered in 2019/20 may be third years who were also registered in 2017/18.

We do hold information regarding the achieved grades of students who were registered onto the course (as per question two of your request). However, due to the very small numbers of new students registering on the MR13 course each year, and the fact that not all students apply to the course on the basis of A-Level results, we are withholding this information under section 40(2) of the FOI Act. Please note that where the total number in a particular group is less than or equal to five, we are withholding the total figure under section 40(2) of the FOI Act.

Section 40(2) sets out that information is exempt from disclosure if it is the personal data of someone other than the person making the request, and disclosure would; contravene the data protection principles; contravene an objection to processing; or if the data is exempt from the right of subject access. We consider that the release of this information would be likely to lead to the identification of individuals and would therefore reveal sensitive information regarding academic achievements and educational history. This would be unfair and would therefore breach their data protection rights.

In the hope that it is helpful, we can advise that all law courses at the University of Leeds, including MR13, are extremely competitive and as such offers are only made to individuals who meet or exceed our typical offer (either directly or via an access scheme).

We hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions about this email, however, please do not hesitate to contact us on [foi@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:foi@leeds.ac.uk)

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you can request an Internal Review. Requests for Internal Review should be made in writing using the following contact information:

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Email: [foi@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:foi@leeds.ac.uk)

Requests for Internal Review should be submitted within 40 working days of receiving the University's response to your request. Further information about how the University manages Freedom of Information requests and about our complaints procedure is also available on our website ([www.leeds.ac.uk](http://www.leeds.ac.uk)).

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the review/complaints procedure provided by the University. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Kind regards

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