

From: Freedom of Information

Sent: 30 October 2020 16:03

To:

Subject: Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/20/408)

Dear

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Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 16 October 2020, reference K/20/408.

Your request read:

“under the Freedom of Information act, I would like to know for BA Modern Languages (Russian) and History for the 2020/21, 2019/20 and 2018/19 admission cycles:

- the number of applications,
- the number of offers made,
- the number of acceptances,
- the number of enrolments.”

The University of Leeds holds this information.

We have interpreted your request to relate to 2020, 2019, 2018 entry. The way we offer this course has changed in recent years.

Up until 2018 entry (inclusive), the University of Leeds offered BA History and Russian A (for applicants with A level Russian, UCS course code RV71) and BA History and Russian B (for beginners in Russian, UCAS course code RVT1).

For 2019 and 2020 entry, candidates applied to the BA Languages, Cultures and History course. At the point of application, they would choose the language they wished to specialise in, from a list of options. Russian A and Russian B were available as language pathways for this course.

From 2021 entry onwards, the application process is the same, but the course has been renamed BA Modern Languages and History. Russian A and Russian B are available as language pathways for this course.

September 2018 entry – BA History and Russian

We received 18 applications for 2018 entry and made offers to all 18 candidates. Five candidates accepted their offers. No students registered on the course.

September 2019 entry – BA Languages, Cultures and History (Russian A and Russian B language pathways)

We received 22 applications for 2019 entry. 20 offers were made, and seven candidates accepted their offers. Fewer than five students registered on these language pathways of the course.

Due to the very small cohort, we are withholding the number of students who registered on the Russian language pathways of this course. We do so 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, which would be unfair and would therefore breach their data protection rights.

September 2020 entry – BA Languages, Cultures and History (Russian A and Russian B language pathways)

We received five applications for 2020 entry. Four candidates received offers. Not all candidates accepted their offer; we are withholding the exact number under section 40(2) as outlined above. No students registered on the course.

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

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:

Post: Mr D Wardle
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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).

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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Secretariat
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