From: Freedom of Information  
Sent: 19 March 2021 15:45  
To:  
Subject: Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/21/120)

Dear

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Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 6 March 2021, reference K/21/120

Your request read:

“With regards to the Freedom of Information Act 2000, could you please provide the following information with regards to the 2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 entry cycles for the LL17 Economics and Geography BA course:
- How many people applied for this course?
- How many were outright rejected?
- How many offers were made?
- How many of these offers were Access to Leeds offers?
- Did this course go into clearing?
- If not, were any students who had made Leeds their firm accepted despite not meeting the requirements, and if so, how many?
- After A level results day each August, what was the lowest grade requirements accepted for the course including Access to Leeds applications?”

The University of Leeds holds this information. For your convenience we have responded to each of your questions in turn below.

1. How many people applied for this course
2. How many were outright rejected?

We address these questions together. Please find this information set out in the table below.

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<th>Applications (LL17)</th>
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3. How many offers were made?
4. How many of these offers were Access to Leeds offers?

We address these questions together. Please find this information set out in the table below.
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<th>Offers made (LL17)</th>
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5. Did this course go into clearing?

The course went into clearing in 2018/19.

6. If not, were any students who had made Leeds their firm accepted despite not making the requirements, and if so, how many?

In 2017/18, equivalencies/grade drops were accepted (e.g. A*AB). Five candidates were accepted based on equivalent grades.

In 2018/19, the course was available via clearing, so this question does not apply.

In 2019/20, fewer than five candidates who had deferred their entry from a previous year were accepted with equivalent grades. We are withholding the exact number under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act, as we consider that to do so would be likely to lead to the unfair identification of the individuals. Equivalencies/grade drops were not accepted for new applicants in 2019/20.

7. After A level results day each August, what was the lowest grade requirements accepted for the course including Access to Leeds applications?

In 2017/18, the lowest grade accepted was A*AB (equivalent to the standard requirement of AAA).

In 2018/19, the lowest grade accepted was ABB (via Access to Leeds).

In 2019/20, the lowest grade accepted was A*AB (via Access to Leeds).

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:

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Email: 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).

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.

Yours sincerely

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