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Introduction

Dear colleague

After a particularly active 2010 undergraduate admissions season, we are delighted to be able to share with you a comprehensive review of the cycle based on provisional end-of-cycle statistics.

Though the admissions cycle for 2010 will not close until January 2011, the information in this publication (based on data extracted in mid October) gives a good indication of the trends that have defined this year's admissions activity. It covers a range of perspectives on the admissions cycle, including admissions by:

- Domicile and institution country
- Age group
- Gender
- Ethnicity
- POLAR2 group
- Type of school or college
- Type of institution (defined by Mission Group)
- Subject

The index on page 24 gives you quick access to these tables and charts.

In some cases we have provided comparative historical data going back a number of years.

We hope this detailed information will prove useful to our member institutions, to applicants and their advisers and to Government and policy makers. We welcome feedback on this publication and suggestions for how it could be improved in future years – please contact our Communications Team on communications@ucas.ac.uk with any specific feedback or queries related to this document.



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Chief Executive

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**FIGURE 1A: APPLICANTS AND ACCEPTANCES FOR FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE COURSES
AT UK HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS**

	2009	2010	DIFF (+/-)	% CHANGE 09/10
TOTAL APPLICANTS	633,592	688,310	+54,718	+8.6%
TOTAL ACCEPTED APPLICANTS (1)	477,277	479,057	+1,780	+0.4%
TOTAL UNPLACED APPLICANTS	156,315	209,253	+52,938	+33.9%
DAYS FROM PUBLICATION OF GCE RESULTS	55	55		
COMPARISON DATE (2)	14/10/09	13/10/10		
NUMBER OF INSTITUTIONS WITHIN UCAS MEMBERSHIP RECEIVING APPLICATIONS	304	305		

SOURCE: UCAS

FIGURE 1B: UNPLACED APPLICANTS: BY APPLICATION ROUTE

	2009	2010	DIFF (+/-)	% CHANGE 09/10
UNPLACED APPLICANTS BY APPLICATION ROUTE				
> UNPLACED VIA MAINSCHEME	141,889	196,253	+54,364	+38.3%
> UNPLACED VIA CLEARING	1,490	1,135	-355	-23.8%
> UNPLACED VIA MAINSCHEME AND CLEARING	4,607	4,599	-8	-0.2%
> UNPLACED VIA OTHER ROUTE (4)	8,329	7,266	-1,063	-12.8%

SOURCE: UCAS

FIGURE 1C: UNPLACED APPLICANTS: APPLICANTS WHO DECLINED OFFERS OR WITHDREW

	2009	2010	DIFF (+/-)	% CHANGE 09/10
APPLICANTS WHO DECLINED OFFERS OR WITHDREW (3)	77,476	94,561	+17,085	+22.1%

SOURCE: UCAS

FIGURE 1D: UNPLACED APPLICANTS: APPLICANTS WITH OUTSTANDING OFFERS

	2009	2010	DIFF (+/-)	% CHANGE 09/10
APPLICANTS WITH OUTSTANDING OFFERS	1,987	2,475	+488	+24.6%

SOURCE: UCAS

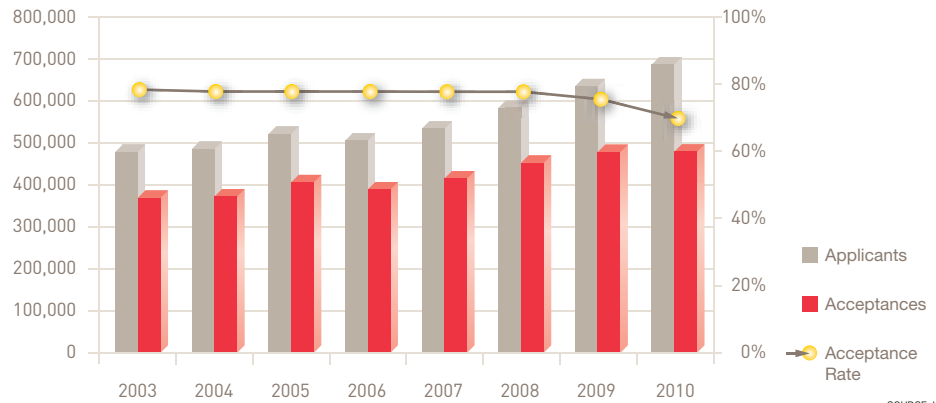
Notes

- 1 Includes those deferring entry to the following year. (Applicants are counted in the year in which they apply, not the year in which they intend to begin their course.)
- 2 Comparisons with previous years are made relative to the publication of GCE A level results (19 August 2010 and 20 August 2009). For example, figures for Thursday 2 September 2010, fourteen days after this year's publication date, will be compared with those for Thursday 3 September 2009.
- 3 Includes those withdrawn after accepting an offer.
- 4 Includes applicants who applied via Extra, overseas partnership forums or via Record of Prior Acceptance.

FIGURE 2: ACCEPTANCE RATE, 2003-2010

	2003	2004	% CHANGE 03/04	2005	% CHANGE 04/05	2006	% CHANGE 05/06	2007	% CHANGE 06/07	2008	% CHANGE 07/08	2009	% CHANGE 08/09	2010	% CHANGE 09/10
APPLICANTS	474,286	483,929	+2.0%	520,961	+7.7%	504,748	-3.1%	531,898	+5.4%	582,657	+9.5%	633,592	+8.7%	688,310	+8.6%
ACCEPTANCES	371,786	375,530	+1.0%	404,668	+7.8%	389,505	-3.7%	411,971	+5.8%	451,871	+9.7%	477,277	+5.6%	479,057	+0.4%
RATE	78.4%	77.6%		77.7%		77.2%		77.5%		77.6%		75.3%		69.6%	

SOURCE: UCAS



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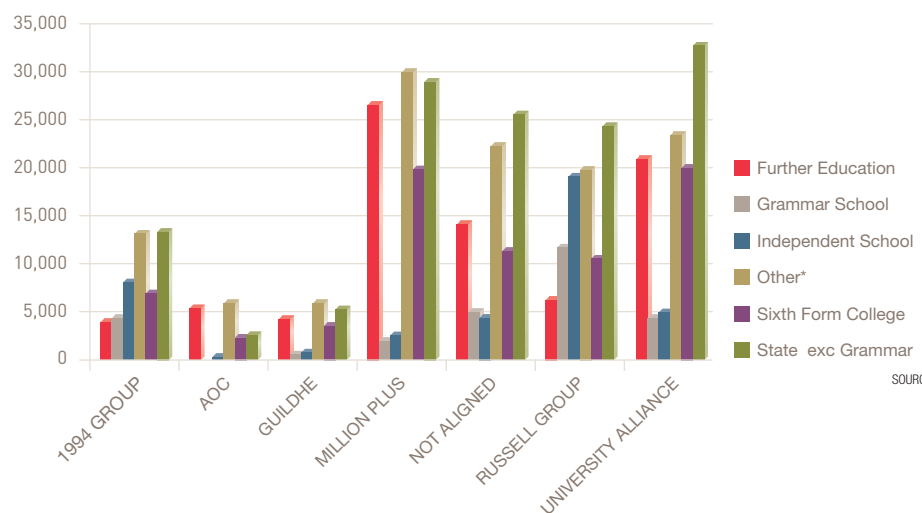
FIGURE 3: ALL ACCEPTANCES BY EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT

EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT	1994 GROUP	AOC	GUILDHE	MILLION PLUS	NOT ALIGNED	RUSSELL GROUP	UNIVERSITY ALLIANCE	TOTAL
FURTHER EDUCATION	3,955	5,352	4,232	26,652	14,184	6,351	21,005	81,731
GRAMMAR SCHOOL	4,396	113	528	1,928	5,095	11,704	4,445	28,209
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL	8,127	216	756	2,613	4,383	19,124	4,957	40,176
OTHER*	13,211	5,890	5,916	30,092	22,347	19,818	23,458	120,732
SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	6,994	2,335	3,559	19,905	11,430	10,630	20,108	74,961
STATE EXC GRAMMAR	13,373	2,582	5,288	29,104	25,649	24,446	32,806	133,248
TOTAL	50,056	16,488	20,279	110,294	83,088	92,073	106,779	479,057

SOURCE: UCAS

Note

Many higher education institutions in the UK are part of groupings commonly known as 'mission groups'; more information can be found at <http://www.ucas.com/students/wheretostart/heexplained/universitygroups>



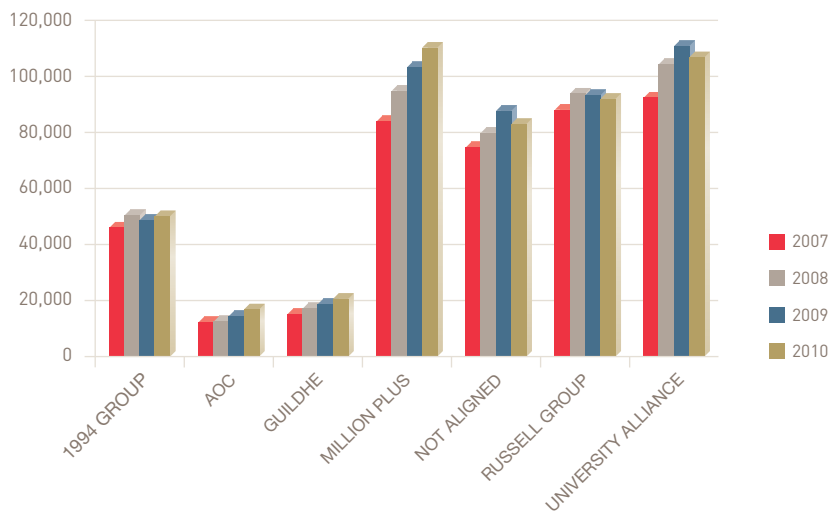
SOURCE: UCAS

* Other includes higher education colleges which provide further education, Apply Online (those applying independently of a centre), other miscellaneous such as prisons, libraries, careers offices, unknowns.

FIGURE 4: ALL ACCEPTANCES BY INSTITUTION GROUPING

INSTITUTION GROUPING	2007	2008	% CHANGE 07/08	2009	% CHANGE 08/09	2010	% CHANGE 09/10
1994 GROUP	46,028	50,083	+8.8%	48,769	-2.6%	50,056	+2.6%
AOC	11,893	12,153	+2.2%	14,453	+18.9%	16,488	+14.1%
GUILDHE	14,896	16,812	+12.9%	18,555	+10.4%	20,279	+9.3%
MILLION PLUS	83,986	94,883	+13.0%	103,401	+9.0%	110,294	+6.7%
NOT ALIGNED	74,643	80,106	+7.3%	87,750	+9.5%	83,088	-5.3%
RUSSELL GROUP	88,062	93,556	+6.2%	93,389	-0.2%	92,073	-1.4%
UNIVERSITY ALLIANCE	92,463	104,278	+12.8%	110,960	+6.4%	106,779	-3.8%
TOTAL	411,971	451,871	+9.7%	477,277	+5.6%	479,057	+0.4%

SOURCE: UCAS



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FIGURE 5: ACCEPTED APPLICANTS BY JACS2* SUBJECT GROUP AND EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT

JACS2 SUBJECT GROUP	FURTHER EDUCATION	GRAMMAR SCHOOL	IN-DEPENDENT SCHOOL	OTHER	SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	STATE EXC GRAMMAR	TOTAL
GROUP A MEDICINE & DENTISTRY	396	1,750	2,322	1,506	855	2,404	9,233
GROUP B SUBJECTS ALLIED TO MEDICINE	11,353	2,283	1,924	15,420	7,420	11,199	49,599
GROUP C BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES	6,233	2,519	3,037	6,600	6,968	13,358	38,715
GROUP D VET SCI,AG & RELATED	1,303	362	538	1,347	683	1,421	5,654
GROUP F PHYSICAL SCIENCES	1,555	1,814	2,210	2,639	2,846	6,885	17,949
GROUP G MATHEMATICAL & COMP SCI	5,592	1,632	1,665	6,243	4,829	8,322	28,283
GROUP H ENGINEERING	3,665	1,624	2,460	8,165	2,732	6,483	25,129
GROUP J TECHNOLOGIES	659	135	172	949	455	719	3,089
GROUP K ARCHITECTURE,BUILD & PLAN	1,568	552	811	3,036	1,099	2,238	9,304
GROUP L SOCIAL STUDIES	5,887	2,334	4,538	10,766	5,313	9,364	38,202
GROUP M LAW	2,874	1,465	1,528	5,843	4,043	6,052	21,805
GROUP N BUSINESS & ADMIN STUDIES	9,407	2,368	4,505	17,390	8,561	14,627	56,858
GROUP P MASS COMMS AND DOCUMENTATION	1,888	426	451	2,587	2,256	3,581	11,189
GROUP Q LINGUISTICS, CLASSICS & RELATED	1,063	1,205	1,788	1,685	2,318	4,607	12,666
GROUP R EUROPEAN LANGS, LIT & RELATED	210	649	1,221	537	555	1,509	4,681
GROUP T NON-EUROPEAN LANGS AND RELATED	129	131	277	281	214	455	1,487
GROUP V HIST & PHILOSOPHICAL STUDIES	1,204	1,411	2,880	1,815	2,214	5,444	14,968
GROUP W CREATIVE ARTS & DESIGN	12,805	1,253	1,821	16,761	8,249	9,796	50,685
GROUP X EDUCATION	3,547	697	381	3,289	3,035	5,218	16,167
Y COMBINED ARTS	1,781	931	1,206	2,205	2,327	4,673	13,123
Y COMBINED SCIENCES	1,500	464	556	1,713	1,217	2,462	7,912
Y COMBINED SOCIAL SCIENCES	712	318	570	1,519	945	1,649	5,713
Y SCIENCES COMBINED WITH SOCIAL SCIENCES OR ARTS	4,303	816	1,321	4,436	3,500	6,147	20,523
Y SOCIAL SCIENCES COMBINED WITH ARTS	1,611	796	1,280	2,940	1,731	3,594	11,952
Z GENERAL, OTHER COMBINED & UNKNOWN	486	274	714	1,060	596	1,041	4,171
TOTAL	81,731	28,209	40,176	120,732	74,961	133,248	479,057

SOURCE: UCAS

* The Joint Academic Coding System (JACS) is owned and maintained by the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) and the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) and is used for subject coding of provision across higher education in the UK.

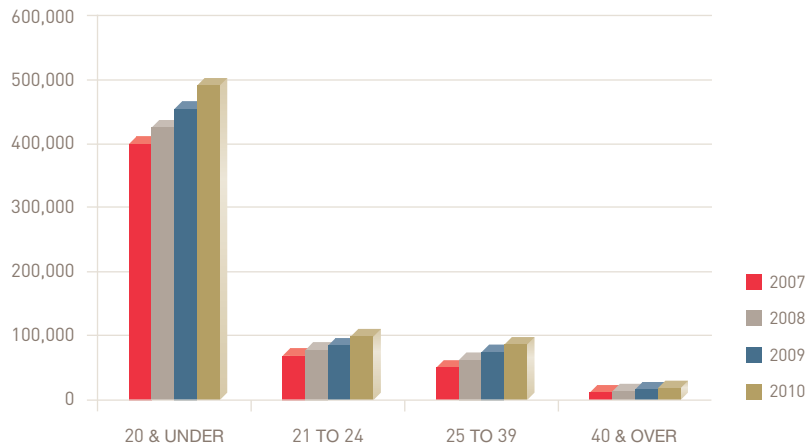
JACS was first introduced in 2002/03 (UCAS year of entry 2002 and reporting year 2002/03 HESA) to replace the two different classifications systems previously used by the two organisations. JACS is currently used to code the subjects of both higher education courses and the individual modules within them across the full range of higher education provision.

JACS2 was introduced for 2007 year of entry (UCAS) and 2007/08 reporting year (HESA) and the coding is regularly reviewed to ensure best fit with the current HE offering in the UK.

FIGURE 6A: ALL APPLICANTS BY AGE

AGE	2007	2008	% CHANGE 07/08	2009	% CHANGE 08/09	2010	% CHANGE 09/10
20 & UNDER	399,951	430,309	+7.6%	459,443	+6.8%	495,045	+7.7%
21 TO 24	68,663	77,076	+12.3%	86,622	+12.4%	94,531	+9.1%
25 TO 39	51,141	60,300	+17.9%	69,233	+14.8%	78,586	+13.5%
40 & OVER	12,143	14,972	+23.3%	18,294	+22.2%	20,148	+10.1%
TOTAL	531,898	582,657	+9.5%	633,592	+8.7%	688,310	+8.6%

SOURCE: UCAS

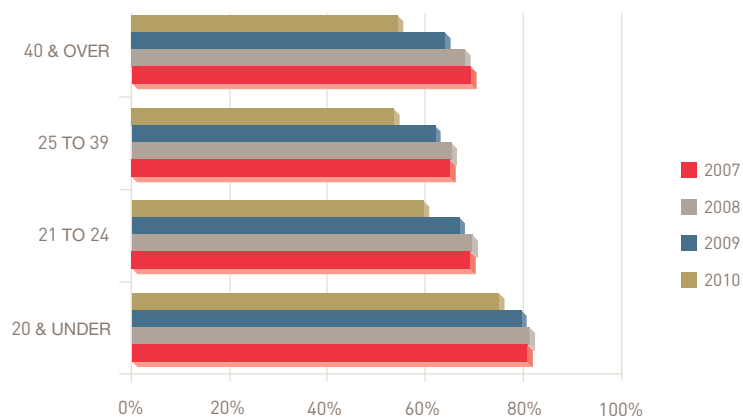


SOURCE: UCAS

FIGURE 6B: ACCEPTANCE RATE BY AGE

AGE	2007	2008	2009	2010
20 & UNDER	80.8%	81.1%	79.4%	74.7%
21 TO 24	68.8%	69.2%	66.9%	59.6%
25 TO 39	64.9%	65.2%	61.9%	53.3%
40 & OVER	68.9%	67.8%	63.6%	54.0%
TOTAL	77.5%	77.6%	75.3%	69.6%

SOURCE: UCAS



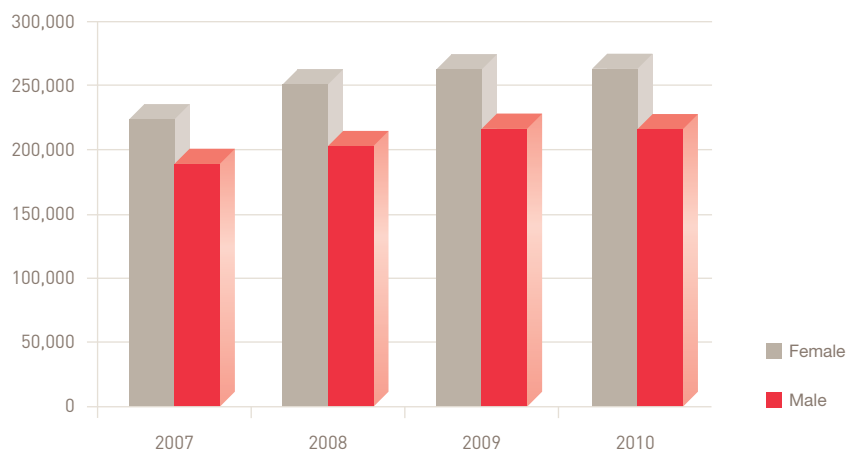
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FIGURE 7: ALL ACCEPTANCES BY GENDER

GENDER	2007	2008	% CHANGE 07/08	2009	% CHANGE 08/09	2010	% CHANGE 09/10
FEMALE	223,202	249,294	+11.7%	261,563	+4.9%	263,312	+0.7%
MALE	188,769	202,577	+7.3%	215,714	+6.5%	215,745	0%
TOTAL	411,971	451,871	+9.7%	477,277	+5.6%	479,057	+0.4%

SOURCE: UCAS



SOURCE: UCAS

FIGURE 8: ALL ACCEPTANCES BY ETHNICITY

ETHNICITY	2007	2008	% CHANGE 07/08	2009	% CHANGE 08/09	2010	% CHANGE 09/10
ASIAN - BANGLADESHI	3,251	3,702	+13.9%	4,035	+9.0%	4,277	+6.0%
ASIAN - CHINESE	3,520	3,796	+7.8%	3,429	-9.7%	3,448	+0.6%
ASIAN - INDIAN	13,814	14,271	+3.3%	14,740	+3.3%	14,331	-2.8%
ASIAN - OTHER ASIAN BACKGROUND	4,245	5,378	+26.7%	5,922	+10.1%	6,571	+11.0%
ASIAN - PAKISTANI	9,291	10,389	+11.8%	11,006	+5.9%	11,839	+7.6%
BLACK - AFRICAN	12,540	15,743	+25.5%	17,611	+11.9%	18,884	+7.2%
BLACK - CARIBBEAN	4,971	5,952	+19.7%	6,371	+7.0%	6,595	+3.5%
BLACK - OTHER BLACK BACKGROUND	1,151	1,194	+3.7%	1,198	+0.3%	1,210	+1.0%
MIXED - OTHER MIXED BACKGROUND	3,372	3,692	+9.5%	3,842	+4.1%	4,028	+4.8%
MIXED - WHITE AND ASIAN	3,477	3,866	+11.2%	4,102	+6.1%	4,485	+9.3%
MIXED - WHITE AND BLACK AFRICAN	1,175	1,312	+11.7%	1,588	+21.0%	1,525	-4.0%
MIXED - WHITE AND BLACK CARIBBEAN	2,707	3,259	+20.4%	3,741	+14.8%	4,049	+8.2%
OTHER ETHNIC BACKGROUND	3,882	3,892	+0.3%	4,055	+4.2%	4,351	+7.3%
UNKNOWN	66,405	70,459	+6.1%	70,369	-0.1%	63,683	-9.5%
WHITE	278,170	304,966	+9.6%	325,268	+6.7%	329,781	+1.4%
TOTAL	411,971	451,871	+9.7%	477,277	+5.6%	479,057	+0.4%

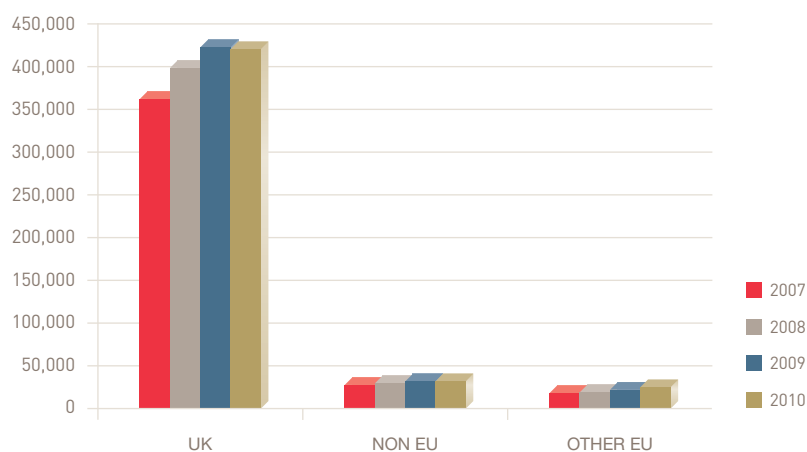
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FIGURE 9A: ALL ACCEPTANCES BY DOMICILE

DOMICILE	2007	2008	% CHANGE 07/08	2009	% CHANGE 08/09	2010	% CHANGE 09/10
UK	363,326	400,314	+10.2%	422,126	+5.4%	421,288	-0.2%
NON EU	27,934	30,377	+8.7%	31,767	+4.6%	32,744	+3.1%
OTHER EU	20,711	21,180	+2.3%	23,384	+10.4%	25,025	+7.0%
TOTAL	411,971	451,871	+9.7%	477,277	+5.6%	479,057	+0.4%

SOURCE: UCAS



SOURCE: UCAS

FIGURE 9B: UK-ONLY ACCEPTANCES BY DOMICILE

DOMICILE	2007	2008	% CHANGE 07/08	2009	% CHANGE 08/09	2010	% CHANGE 09/10
ENGLAND	306,193	341,079	+11.4%	359,290	+5.3%	359,019	-0.1%
NORTHERN IRELAND	13,042	13,449	+3.1%	13,627	+1.3%	13,550	-0.6%
SCOTLAND	26,795	27,511	+2.7%	28,979	+5.3%	30,050	+3.7%
WALES	17,296	18,275	+5.7%	20,230	+10.7%	18,669	-7.7%
TOTAL	363,326	400,314	+10.2%	422,126	+5.4%	421,288	-0.2%

SOURCE: UCAS

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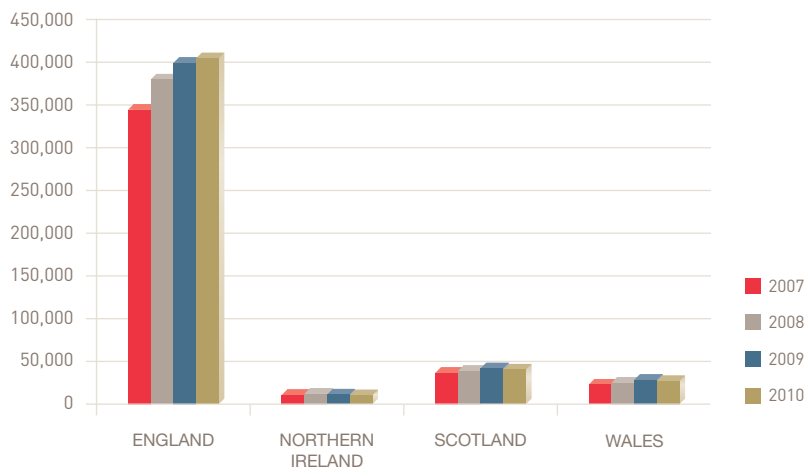
The Scottish data for 2010 include accepted applicants who would in previous years have applied using the separate CATCH scheme. (Applications previously processed by the Centralised Applications to Nursing and Midwifery Training Clearing House have been processed by UCAS for the first time this year.)

When adjusted to give a like-for-like figure, the number of Scottish accepts for 2010 is 27,176, representing a 6.2% decrease in acceptances in relation to 2009.

FIGURE 10A: ALL ACCEPTANCES BY INSTITUTION COUNTRY

INSTITUTION COUNTRY	2007	2008	% CHANGE 07/08	2009	% CHANGE 08/09	2010	% CHANGE 09/10
ENGLAND	344,350	380,376	+10.5%	399,927	+5.1%	404,663	+1.2%
NORTHERN IRELAND	9,289	9,826	+5.8%	10,165	+3.5%	9,760	-4.0%
SCOTLAND	36,098	38,551	+6.8%	40,690	+5.5%	39,701	-2.4%
WALES	22,234	23,118	+4.0%	26,495	+14.6%	24,933	-5.9%
TOTAL	411,971	451,871	+9.7%	477,277	+5.6%	479,057	+0.4%

SOURCE: UCAS



SOURCE: UCAS

FIGURE 10B: UK-ONLY ACCEPTANCES BY INSTITUTION COUNTRY

INSTITUTION COUNTRY	2007	2008	% CHANGE 07/08	2009	% CHANGE 08/09	2010	% CHANGE 09/10
ENGLAND	304,055	338,454	+11.3%	355,041	+4.9%	356,424	+0.4%
NORTHERN IRELAND	8,748	9,319	+6.5%	9,611	+3.1%	9,093	-5.4%
SCOTLAND	30,025	31,278	+4.2%	33,188	+6.1%	32,891	-0.9%
WALES	20,498	21,263	+3.7%	24,286	+14.2%	22,880	-5.8%
TOTAL	363,326	400,314	+10.2%	422,126	+5.4%	421,288	-0.2%

SOURCE: UCAS

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FIGURE 11: ACCEPTED APPLICANTS BY INSTITUTION GROUPING AND ACCEPTANCE ROUTE

INSTITUTION GROUPING	MAINScheme *	% OF TOTAL	CLEARING	% OF TOTAL	TOTAL
1994 GROUP	46,506	92.9%	3,550	7.1%	50,056
AOC	13,761	83.5%	2,727	16.5%	16,488
GUILDHE	18,565	91.5%	1,714	8.5%	20,279
MILLION PLUS	93,540	84.8%	16,754	15.2%	110,294
NOT ALIGNED	74,630	89.8%	8,458	10.2%	83,088
RUSSELL GROUP	89,085	96.8%	2,988	3.2%	92,073
UNIVERSITY ALLIANCE	96,722	90.6%	10,057	9.4%	106,779
TOTAL	432,809	90.3%	46,248	9.7%	479,057

SOURCE: UCAS

* Mainscheme is all acceptances relating to applications received by 30 June 2010, including Extra, Adjustment and RPA applicants

FIGURE 12A: APPLICANTS BY EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT (UK APPLICANTS AGED 17-19 ONLY)

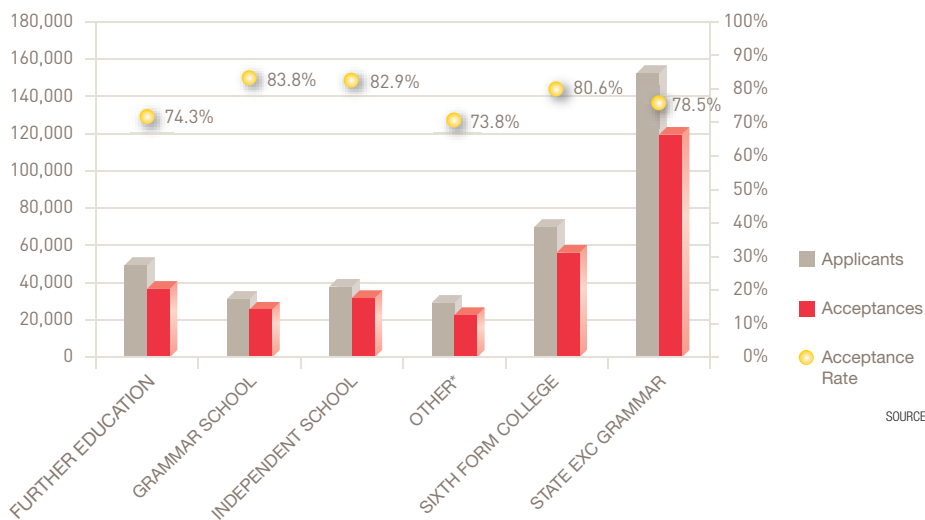
EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT	2007	2008	% CHANGE 07/08	2009	% CHANGE 08/09	2010	% CHANGE 09/10
FURTHER EDUCATION	39,220	41,858	+6.7%	46,426	+10.9%	49,808	+7.3%
GRAMMAR SCHOOL	28,237	29,496	+4.5%	30,293	+2.7%	31,277	+3.2%
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL	34,436	36,750	+6.7%	37,888	+3.1%	38,616	+1.9%
OTHER*	29,557	25,338	-14.3%	25,230	-0.4%	29,778	+18.0%
SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	54,552	60,093	+10.2%	65,767	+9.4%	69,794	+6.1%
STATE EXC GRAMMAR	125,788	136,379	+8.4%	144,457	+5.9%	152,830	+5.8%
TOTAL	311,790	329,914	+5.8%	350,061	+6.1%	372,103	+6.3%

SOURCE: UCAS

FIGURE 12B: ACCEPTANCES BY EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT (UK APPLICANTS AGED 17-19 ONLY)

EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT	2007	2008	% CHANGE 07/08	2009	% CHANGE 08/09	2010	% CHANGE 09/10
FURTHER EDUCATION	30,992	33,556	+8.3%	36,792	+9.6%	37,030	+0.6%
GRAMMAR SCHOOL	24,930	26,126	+4.8%	26,301	+0.7%	26,222	-0.3%
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL	29,827	31,607	+6.0%	31,998	+1.2%	31,999	+0.0%
OTHER*	24,676	21,232	-14.0%	20,613	-2.9%	21,987	+6.7%
SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	46,541	51,765	+11.2%	55,651	+7.5%	56,238	+1.1%
STATE EXC GRAMMAR	105,651	115,663	+9.5%	120,544	+4.2%	119,955	-0.5%
TOTAL	262,617	279,949	+6.6%	291,899	+4.3%	293,431	+0.5%

SOURCE: UCAS



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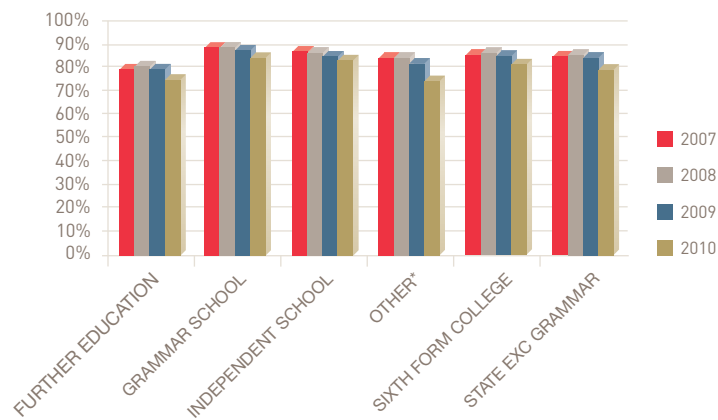
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FIGURE 13: ACCEPTANCE RATE OVER TIME (UK APPLICANTS AGED 17-19 ONLY)

EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT	2007	2008	2009	2010
FURTHER EDUCATION	79.0%	80.2%	79.2%	74.3%
GRAMMAR SCHOOL	88.3%	88.6%	86.8%	83.8%
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL	86.6%	86.0%	84.5%	82.9%
OTHER*	83.5%	83.8%	81.7%	73.8%
SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	85.3%	86.1%	84.6%	80.6%
STATE EXC GRAMMAR	84.0%	84.8%	83.4%	78.5%
TOTAL	84.2%	84.9%	83.4%	78.9%

SOURCE: UCAS



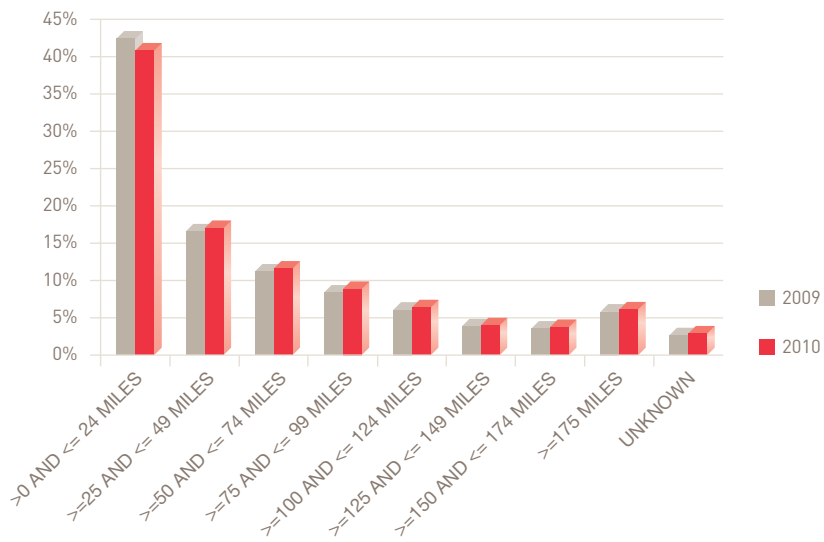
SOURCE: UCAS

* Other includes higher education colleges which provide further education, Apply Online (those applying independently of a centre), other miscellaneous such as prisons, libraries, careers offices, unknowns.

FIGURE 14: UK-DOMICILED ACCEPTED APPLICANTS BY DISTANCE TRAVELLED

DISTANCE	2009	% OF TOTAL	2010	% OF TOTAL	% CHANGE 09/10
>0 AND <= 24 MILES	179,499	42.5%	171,806	40.8%	-4.3%
>=25 AND <= 49 MILES	70,237	16.6%	70,828	16.8%	+0.8%
>=50 AND <= 74 MILES	47,007	11.1%	48,132	11.4%	+2.4%
>=75 AND <= 99 MILES	34,739	8.2%	36,163	8.6%	+4.1%
>=100 AND <=124 MILES	25,378	6.0%	26,311	6.2%	+3.7%
>=125 AND <=149 MILES	15,633	3.7%	16,325	3.9%	+4.4%
>=150 AND <=174 MILES	14,314	3.4%	15,029	3.6%	+5.0%
>=175 MILES	24,240	5.7%	25,176	6.0%	+3.9%
UNKNOWN	11,079	2.6%	11,518	2.7%	+4.0%
TOTAL	422,126		421,288		-0.2%

SOURCE: UCAS



SOURCE: UCAS

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FIGURE 15: ACCEPTANCES BY POLAR2 QUINTILE* (UK-DOMICILED APPLICANTS AGED 19 AND UNDER)

POLAR2 QUINTILE*	2009	2010	% CHANGE 09/10
QUINTILE 1	29,390	30,052	+2.3%
QUINTILE 2	43,490	44,091	+1.4%
QUINTILE 3	55,133	55,493	+0.7%
QUINTILE 4	69,201	69,409	+0.3%
QUINTILE 5	91,922	91,429	-0.5%
UNKNOWN QUINTILE	2,763	2,957	+7.0%
GRAND TOTAL	291,899	293,431	+0.5%

SOURCE: UCAS

* The POLAR2 (Participation of Local AREas 2) classification groups small areas across the UK into five quintile groups according to their rate of young participation in higher education in the early 2000s. In quintile 1 less than 1 in 5 young people enter higher education compared to well over half in quintile 5. Each quintile represents around 20 percent of the young population. Further information on the POLAR2 classification can be found on the HEFCE website (www.hefce.ac.uk/widen/polar/polar2/).

FIGURE 16A: ACCEPTED APPLICANTS WITH GCE A LEVEL GRADE A* (UK-DOMICILED ONLY, BY EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT)

EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT	NUMBER OF ACCEPTANCES WITH AT LEAST ONE A* PREDICTED	NUMBER OF ACCEPTANCES WITH AT LEAST ONE A* ACHIEVED
FURTHER EDUCATION	764	1,337
GRAMMAR SCHOOL	6,192	6,990
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL	8,060	8,681
OTHER	200	360
SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	4,176	5,661
STATE EXC GRAMMAR	8,477	12,855
GRAND TOTAL	27,869	35,884

SOURCE: UCAS

FIGURE 16B: ACCEPTED APPLICANTS WITH GCE A LEVEL GRADE A* (UK-DOMICILED ONLY, BY INSTITUTION GROUPING)

INSTITUTION GROUPING	NUMBER OF ACCEPTANCES WITH AT LEAST ONE A* PREDICTED	NUMBER OF ACCEPTANCES WITH AT LEAST ONE A* ACHIEVED
1994 GROUP	6,426	8,125
AOC	23	79
GUILDHE	148	397
MILLION PLUS	359	869
NOT ALIGNED	1,313	2,154
RUSSELL GROUP	18,485	21,602
UNIVERSITY ALLIANCE	1,115	2,658
GRAND TOTAL	27,869	35,884

SOURCE: UCAS

Note

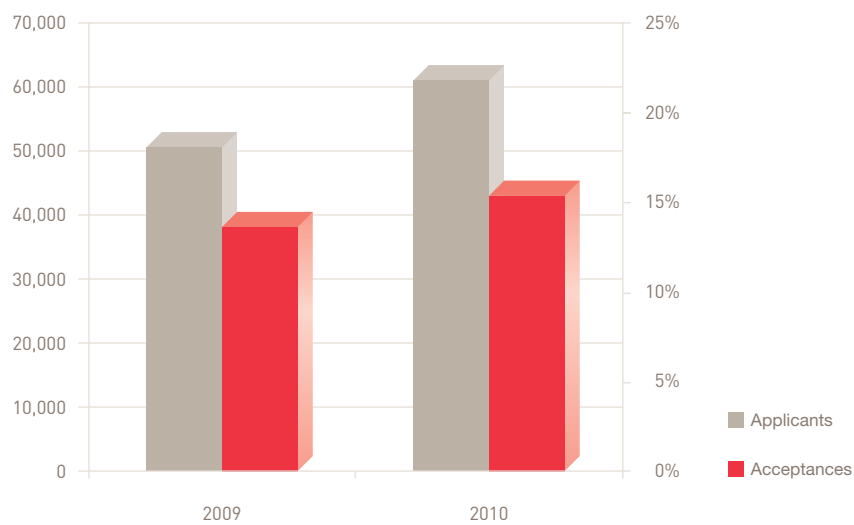
Data is for UK-domiciled applicants with predictions for a minimum of 3 GCE A levels.

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FIGURE 17: REAPPLIERS (APPLICANTS WHO APPLIED IN LATEST AND PREVIOUS ENTRY CYCLE)

	2009	2010	% CHANGE 09/10
APPLICANTS	50,752	60,978	+20.1%
ACCEPTANCES	38,276	43,208	+12.9%
ACCEPTANCE RATE	75.4%	70.9%	

SOURCE: UCAS



SOURCE: UCAS

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FIGURE 18: CLEARING APPLICANTS BY AGE

	2009	2010	% CHANGE 09/10
20 & UNDER	38,264	38,691	+1.1%
21 TO 24	7,688	7,040	-8.4%
25 & OVER	7,333	6,251	-14.8%
40 & OVER	1,556	1,259	-19.1%
TOTAL	53,285	51,982	-2.4%

SOURCE: UCAS

FIGURE 19: CLEARING APPLICANTS BY DOMICILE

	2009	2010	% CHANGE 09/10
ENGLAND	41,684	41,176	-1.2%
WALES	2,031	1,815	-10.6%
SCOTLAND	2,615	2,143	-18.0%
NORTHERN IRELAND	1,185	984	-17.0%
UK TOTAL	47,515	46,118	-2.9%
OTHER EU	2,056	2,104	+2.3%
NON EU	3,714	3,760	+1.2%
TOTAL	53,285	51,982	-2.4%

SOURCE: UCAS

FIGURE 20: CLEARING ACCEPTANCES BY JACS2* SUBJECT GROUP

JACS2* SUBJECT GROUP	2009	2010	DIFF (%)
GROUP N BUSINESS & ADMIN STUDIES	6,829	7,173	+5.0%
GROUP L SOCIAL STUDIES	3,768	4,290	+13.9%
GROUP B SUBJECTS ALLIED TO MEDICINE	4,836	3,880	-19.8%
GROUP C BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES	3,829	3,817	-0.3%
GROUP G MATHEMATICAL & COMP SCI	3,428	3,509	+2.4%
GROUP W CREATIVE ARTS & DESIGN	3,537	3,338	-5.6%
GROUP H ENGINEERING	2,931	2,970	+1.3%
GROUP M LAW	2,699	2,877	+6.6%
Y SCIENCES COMBINED WITH SOCIAL SCIENCES OR ARTS	2,137	1,902	-11.0%
GROUP F PHYSICAL SCIENCES	1,721	1,691	-1.7%
GROUP X EDUCATION	1,187	1,275	+7.4%
GROUP P MASS COMMS AND DOCUMENTATION	1,009	1,186	+17.5%
GROUP V HIST & PHILOSOPHICAL STUDIES	1,117	1,140	+2.1%
Y COMBINED ARTS	1,036	979	-5.5%
Y COMBINED SCIENCES	813	972	+19.6%
GROUP K ARCHITECTURE,BUILD & PLAN	1,031	941	-8.7%
Y SOCIAL SCIENCES COMBINED WITH ARTS	1,213	927	-23.6%
GROUP Q LINGUISTICS, CLASSICS & RELATED	1,033	885	-14.3%
Y COMBINED SOCIAL SCIENCES	705	589	-16.5%
GROUP D VET SCI,AG & RELATED	545	547	+0.4%
Z GENERAL, OTHER COMBINED & UNKNOWN	727	410	-43.6%
GROUP R EUROPEAN LANGS, LIT & RELATED	380	336	-11.6%
GROUP J TECHNOLOGIES	308	294	-4.5%
GROUP A MEDICINE & DENTISTRY	253	216	-14.6%
GROUP T NON-EUROPEAN LANGS AND RELATED	116	104	-10.3%
TOTAL	47,188	46,248	-2.0%

SOURCE: UCAS

Note

This table is arranged in rank order from the courses offering the most clearing places in 2010 to those offering the fewest.

* The Joint Academic Coding System (JACS) is owned and maintained by the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) and the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) and is used for subject coding of provision across higher education in the UK.

JACS was first introduced in 2002/03 (UCAS year of entry 2002 and reporting year 2002/03 HESA) to replace the two different classifications systems previously used by the two organisations. JACS is currently used to code the subjects of both higher education courses and the individual modules within them across the full range of higher education provision.

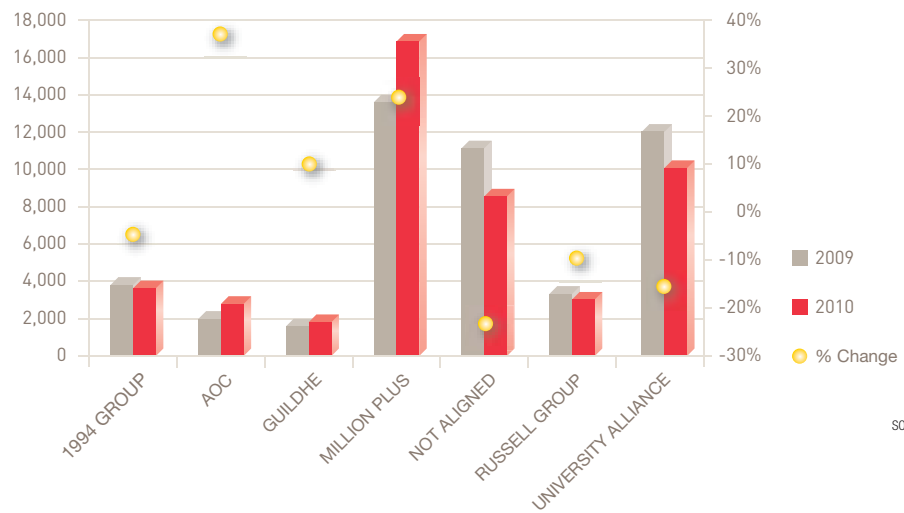
JACS2 was introduced for 2007 year of entry (UCAS) and 2007/08 reporting year (HESA) and the coding is regularly reviewed to ensure best fit with the current HE offering in the UK.

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FIGURE 21: CLEARING ACCEPTANCES BY INSTITUTION GROUPING

INSTITUTION GROUPING	2009	2010	DIFF (+/-)	% CHANGE 09/10
1994 GROUP	3,728	3,550	-178	-4.8%
AOC	2,001	2,727	726	36.3%
GUILDHE	1,565	1,714	149	9.5%
MILLION PLUS	13,570	16,754	3,184	23.5%
NOT ALIGNED	11,050	8,458	-2,592	-23.5%
RUSSELL GROUP	3,318	2,988	-330	-9.9%
UNIVERSITY ALLIANCE	11,956	10,057	-1,899	-15.9%
TOTAL	47,188	46,248	-940	-2.0%

SOURCE: UCAS



SOURCE: UCAS

FIGURE 22: COURSES ADVERTISED IN CLEARING VACANCY LISTINGS FOR WHICH UK AND EU APPLICANTS WERE ELIGIBLE

SUBJECT GROUP	TOTAL	%
GROUP N BUSINESS & ADMIN STUDIES	2,650	11.4%
Y SCIENCES COMBINED WITH SOCIAL SCIENCES	2,494	10.7%
GROUP W CREATIVE ARTS & DESIGN	2,151	9.2%
GROUP G MATHEMATICAL & COMP SCI	1,826	7.8%
GROUP L SOCIAL STUDIES	1,787	7.7%
Y COMBINED ARTS	1,636	7.0%
Y SOCIAL SCIENCES COMBINED WITH ARTS	1,554	6.7%
GROUP H ENGINEERING	1,128	4.8%
GROUP C BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES	1,041	4.5%
GROUP F PHYSICAL SCIENCES	872	3.7%
GROUP B SUBJECTS ALLIED TO MEDICINE	763	3.3%
Y COMBINED SCIENCES	697	3.0%
GROUP P MASS COMMS AND DOCUMENTATION	665	2.8%
GROUP V HIST & PHILOSOPHICAL STUDIES	583	2.5%
GROUP Q LINGUISTICS, CLASSICS & RELATE	542	2.3%
GROUP R EUROPEAN LANGS, LIT & RELATED	530	2.3%
Y COMBINED SOCIAL SCIENCES	512	2.2%
GROUP M LAW	469	2.0%
GROUP X EDUCATION	457	2.0%
GROUP D VET SCI, AG & RELATED	316	1.4%
GROUP K ARCHITECTURE, BUILD & PLAN	308	1.3%
GROUP J TECHNOLOGIES	143	0.6%
GROUP T NON-EUROPEAN LANGS AND RELATED	127	0.5%
Z GENERAL, OTHER COMBINED & UNKNOWN	70	0.3%
GROUP A MEDICINE & DENTISTRY	14	0.1%
GRAND TOTAL	23,335	100.0%

SOURCE: UCAS

Note

This table is arranged in rank order of the subject groups advertising the most courses with vacancies in clearing in 2010. The table details the number of courses that were offering places, rather than the total number of places offered.

Courses are reported as a course at an institution i.e. does not take into consideration campus codes nor option codes.

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