

**Reference Number:** EXACT\_000007

**Scheme:** UCAS Undergraduate Scheme

**Client Name:**

**Statistics Requested:** Number of Applications, Number of Acceptances

**Summary:** Breakdown of Achieved A level points score (English) filtered to 18 year old applicants, domiciled in England, Northern Ireland, or Wales applying to detailed subject group L2 - Politics at End of Cycle.

**Years:** 2013 - 2018. Year is defined as cycle year, when the application was processed, rather than entry year.

**Cycle Reference Point:** End of Cycle.

## Technical notes and definitions

### Applicant Domicile (High Level)

Applicant's area of permanent residence summarised at a high level. This variable is derived from domicile as declared by the applicant and does not guarantee fee status. Split by the following values: 'England', 'Northern Ireland', 'Scotland', 'Wales', 'EU (excluding UK)' and 'Not EU'. Please note: The Channel Islands and the Isle of Man have been assigned as 'Not EU'.

### Age Band (5 Levels)

Derived from date of birth declared by the applicant, age is aligned with the cut off points for school/college cohorts within the different administrations of the UK. For England and Wales ages are defined on the 31 August, for Northern Ireland on the 1 July and for Scotland on the 28 February the following year. Defining ages in this way matches the assignment of children to school cohorts. For applicants outside of the UK the cohort cut off for England and Wales has been used. Age then is grouped in the following bands: '17 and under', '18', '19', '20', '21 and Over'. Please note: if the derived age is outside of the range 11-100 then it is set to 18 by default.

### Subject Group (Detailed Level)

Classifies courses into a detailed level of 215 subjects. Each course is assigned up to three valid JACS3 subject codes (e.g. G100 – Mathematics) and a course balance indicator by UCAS, which are available for review by the provider. The course is assigned a subject based on these JACS3 subject codes and balance indicator, it largely correlates to the first two characters of the subject codes. Where there are more than one JACS3 subject codes for a given course, and the balance indicator is dual or triple, the first two characters of each subject code are reported in combination to a relevant category (e.g. Course with dual balance indicator with JACS3 subject codes L370 = Social Theory and M900 = Others in Law is assigned a subject 'Y Combs of soc studies/law'). Please note: Between 2007 and 2011 the subject codes assigned to each course were from the JACS2.0 classification, therefore JACS3 versions of the subject categories have been approximated for 2007 to 2011 to allow a consistent time series.

### Achieved A level points score (English)

A points score attached to the highest A level or A level Double Award grade achieved by the applicant for A level subjects grouped within English. This is identified either on the application or through awarding body linkage process. Subjects grouped within English include subject titles such as 'English', 'English Language', 'English Literature', and 'Creative Writing'. The EXACT A level subject groups broadly relate to the Joint Council for Qualifications A level Subjects or are based on existing subject titles. The following points per grade are used in the calculation: A\* = 6, A = 5, B = 4, C = 3, D = 2, E = 1. The score represents the qualifications recorded as held by the applicant at the end of the cycle to which the statistic relates. This variable is currently only available for 18 year-old applicants domiciled in England, Northern Ireland and Wales, any applicants outside of this cohort will be assigned the value 'Not applicable'. Any applicant who is within this cohort, but who has not achieved an A level in English, will be assigned the value of 'No A level in English'.

### Number of Applications

Application is defined as a choice to a course in higher education through the UCAS main scheme. Each applicant can make up to five choices, which was reduced from six in 2008. The number of applications does not include choices made through the following acceptance routes: Clearing, Extra, Adjustment and RPAs.

### Number of Acceptances

Acceptance is defined as an applicant who has been placed for entry into higher education. RPAs are included in the total. An RPA (record of prior acceptance) is an application submitted to UCAS by an institution when an unconditional firm has already been offered and accepted by the applicant.

### Disclosure Controls

Disclosure controls have been applied to the data to reduce the risk of disclosing personal data about identifiable individuals.

For counts, the controls include reporting each cell count to the nearest five. In particular cell counts of 1 and 2 are reported as 0. Rows that only report 0 are omitted from the output. These controls are applied to each cell independently so this may result in instances where totals do not equal the sum of the components.

For derived statistics (e.g. means), to ensure these disclosure controls are not undone, a minor adjustment is applied, if necessary, such that the set of records contributing to each cell matches the reported cell count (to the nearest five). This involves either removing 1 or 2 records at random, or adding in 1 or 2 duplicates at random. If the number of values contributing to a cell is 1, 2 or 0 then it is displayed as 'N'. Rows that only report 'N' are omitted from the output.

Number of Applications by Achieved A level points score (English) 18 year old applicants, domiciled in England, Northern Ireland, or Wales applying to detailed subject group  
L2 - Politics at End of Cycle

Achieved A level points score (English)	Cycle Year					
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
1 point	40	75	40	70	100	130
2 points	395	455	555	630	540	630
3 points	1,210	1,350	1,545	1,665	1,865	1,670
4 points	1,855	1,700	2,175	2,360	2,565	2,325
5 points	1,250	1,140	1,295	1,290	1,460	1,435
6 points	535	575	655	575	765	570
No A level held in English	8,930	9,495	11,610	13,585	14,405	15,675
Grand Total	14,210	14,795	17,875	20,185	21,705	22,435

Number of Acceptances by Achieved A level points score (English) 18 year old applicants, domiciled in England, Northern Ireland, or Wales applying to detailed subject group  
L2 - Politics at End of Cycle

Achieved A level points score (English)	Cycle Year					
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
1 point	5	10	5	15	20	20
2 points	65	75	100	95	90	120
3 points	230	250	280	315	350	305
4 points	360	345	400	460	480	415
5 points	240	210	255	230	255	270
6 points	80	100	105	100	120	90
No A level held in English	1,675	1,740	2,185	2,420	2,620	2,765
Grand Total	2,650	2,730	3,330	3,635	3,935	3,975