



Heriot-Watt University Student Data Summary

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1. Introduction and context

To help us to meet our legal requirements under the Equality Act 2010 we are publishing a range of student data linked to the protected characteristics of our student population.

Using headcount student enrolments, the student population is broken down for on-campus students, excluding Edinburgh Business School (EBS) which holds data separately. We will be undertaking work to include EBS in future student data.

It should be noted that we collect and report on our student population as follows:

- Gender, Age, Ethnicity and Disability data is collected at all campuses
- The additional protected characteristics of Religion or Belief, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity are not collected at the campuses in Dubai and Malaysia.

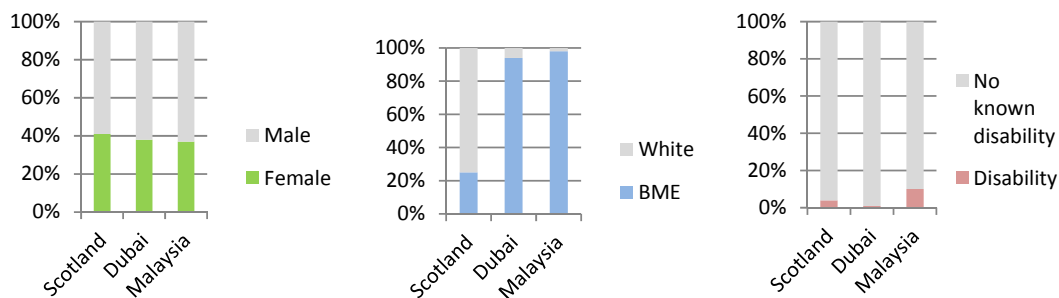
The University also gathers and reports on retention and attainment of our students which is contained under separate cover. We are taking steps to explore further integration of all student related information linked to protected characteristics for reporting, monitoring and information purposes.

Table 1: **ENROLMENT HEADCOUNT BY CAMPUS & LEVEL** (snapshot as at Feb 2017)

	Level	Dubai	Malaysia	Scotland	Scotland (Excluded from Standard Population)		
All students	Foundation	184	260	11			
	UG	2,027	889	6,951	332	Incoming Exchange & non-grad	
	PGT	1,101	109	1,372	102	PG Cap (58) & Writing-up	
	PGR	10	0	822	240	Writing-up	
	Total	3,322	1,258	9,156	(674)		13,736 (14,410)
Entrants only	Foundation	179	107	11			
	UG	609	493	2,041	330	Incoming Exchange & non-grad	
	PGT	481	76	1,207	30	PG Cap	
	PGR	3	0	221	1	Writing-up	
	Total	1,272	676	3,480	(361)		5,428 (5,789)

Table 2: **GENDER, ETHNICITY & DISABILITY** ('standard' population only)

	Level	% Female			% BME			% Declaring a disability		
		Dubai	Malaysia	Scotland	Dubai	Malaysia	Scotland	Dubai	Malaysia	Scotland
All students	Foundation	40%	32%	55%	87%	100%	91%	7%	2%	0%
	UG	44%	39%	42%	95%	98%	18%	4%	1%	11%
	PGT	27%	37%	43%	94%	98%	48%	3%	2%	5%
	PGR	60%	~	31%	89%	~	41%	10%	~	6%
	Total	38%	37%	41%	94%	98%	25%	4%	1%	10%
Entrants only	Foundation	41%	32%	55%	88%	100%	91%	7%	1%	0%
	UG	43%	41%	42%	95%	100%	18%	4%	1%	11%
	PGT	31%	33%	43%	94%	97%	47%	3%	1%	5%
	PGR	33%	~	29%	100%	~	32%	0%	~	6%
	Total	38%	39%	42%	93%	100%	29%	4%	1%	8%



2. Ethnicity

%BME is defined here as all categories other than White. Calculation excludes unknown values. White includes White; White – British; and White – Scottish where these options were available.

Table 3: **ETHNICITY DATA** (Scottish campuses)

	Ethnicity	All students					UK-domiciled only				
		Founda-tion	UG	PGT	PGR	All	Founda-tion	UG	PGT	PGR	All
All students	White	9%	81%	51%	58%	75%		88%	81%	89%	88%
	Black	0%	2%	6%	5%	3%		2%	5%	1%	2%
	Asian	18%	6%	11%	12%	7%		5%	6%	2%	5%
	Chinese	18%	5%	19%	7%	8%		1%	1%	3%	1%
	Arab	55%	1%	5%	10%	3%		0%	2%	2%	1%
	Malay	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%		0%	0%	0%	0%
	Mixed	0%	3%	3%	3%	3%		3%	3%	2%	3%
	Other	0%	0%	2%	2%	1%		0%	1%	1%	0%
	Not given	0%	1%	1%	2%	1%		0%	1%	1%	0%
	Total	11	6951	1372	822	9156	0	5785	304	244	6333
Entrants only	White	9%	81%	53%	66%	70%		87%	84%	93%	87%
	Black	0%	2%	6%	3%	4%		2%	4%	0%	2%
	Asian	18%	6%	11%	9%	8%		6%	5%	0%	5%
	Chinese	18%	6%	18%	5%	10%		1%	1%	1%	1%
	Arab	55%	1%	5%	6%	3%		0%	3%	1%	1%
	Malay	0%	0%	1%	3%	1%		0%	0%	0%	0%
	Mixed	0%	3%	3%	3%	3%		3%	2%	1%	3%
	Other	0%	0%	3%	1%	1%		0%	1%	1%	0%
	Not given	0%	0%	1%	3%	1%		0%	1%	3%	0%
	Total	11	2041	1207	221	3480	0	1736	256	80	2072

Black includes: Black-African; Black/British Black: Caribbean; and Black-Other

Asian includes: Asian-Bangladesh; Asian-Indian; Asian-Pakistani; and Asian-Other

Domicile is the student's permanent home address just prior to entry to the programme.

3. Disability

% declaring a disability is defined here as all categories declared by students other than 'No known disability'. Following current HESA reporting practices, it is assumed that the student has no disability if none is declared and therefore the full standard population is used here in the calculation.

Table 4: **DISABILITY DATA** (Scottish campuses), from those declaring a disability via enrolment

Disability	All students				UK-domiciled only			
	UG	PGT	PGR	All	UG	PGT	PGR	All
A specific learning difficulty such as dyslexia, dyspraxia or AD(H)D (01, 11)	52%	58%	40%	52%	53%	64%	42%	53%
A long standing illness or health condition such as cancer, HIV, diabetes, chronic heart disease, or epilepsy (07)	11%	13%	15%	12%	11%	10%	12%	11%
A mental health condition, such as depression, schizophrenia or anxiety disorder (06)	15%	7%	15%	15%	14%	10%	15%	14%
A social/communication impairment such as Asperger's syndrome/other autistic spectrum disorder (10)	6%	1%	4%	5%	6%	2%	3%	6%
A physical impairment or mobility issues, such as difficulty using arms or using a wheelchair or crutches (04)	4%	9%	6%	4%	4%	7%	9%	4%
Blind or a serious visual impairment uncorrected by glasses (02)	2%	1%	4%	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%
Deaf or a serious hearing impairment (03)	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	0%	0%	2%
Two or more impairments and/or disabling medical conditions (08)	4%	1%	8%	4%	4%	2%	9%	4%
A disability, impairment or medical condition that is not listed (05, 96)	4%	6%	6%	5%	4%	2%	6%	4%
Total	783	67	48	898	718	42	33	793

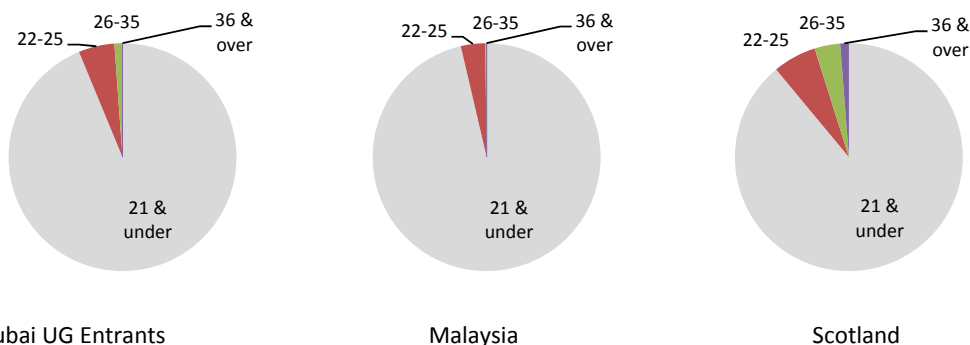
Students do not always declare a disability in their first year, whether through choice or changes in circumstances.

4. Age

UG 'Mature Entrants' are often defined as those aged 21 or over on entry. However, HESA also publish sector data in various age bands as do ECU and UCAS and a variety of different groupings are used. The current groupings used by ECU are the ones used here.

Table 5: **AGE PROFILE** (Entrants only)

Level	Dubai				Malaysia				Scotland			
	21 & under	22-25	26-35	36 & over	21 & under	22-25	26-35	36 & over	21 & under	22-25	26-35	36 & over
Foundation	97%	2%	1%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%	9%	18%	45%	27%
UG	94%	5%	1%	0%	96%	3%	0%	0%	89%	6%	4%	1%
PGT	8%	38%	36%	17%	4%	45%	37%	13%	7%	61%	27%	5%
PGR	0%	0%	33%	67%	~	~	~	~	2%	45%	44%	9%



Entrant is defined by the academic year of entry e.g. 2016-17 so includes students admitted directly into year 2 or above of a programme.

5. Additional Protected Characteristics (Scottish campuses)

Coverage

Additional questions were added to the on-line enrolment process in 2013-14, with the exception of students at the Dubai and Malaysia campuses. Responses below therefore relate to students at Scottish campuses only.

Table 6: Response rates across additional protected characteristic questions

Percentage shown based on students answering the question and with a response other than 'prefer not to say'

	Level	Religion or Belief		Sexual Orientation		Gender Identity	
		2014-15	2016-17	2014-15	2016-17	2014-15	2016-17
Entrants only	Foundation	90%	90%	52%	55%	58%	91%
	UG	89%	91%	84%	89%	57%	95%
	PGT	87%	86%	75%	77%	59%	89%
	PGR	86%	89%	71%	77%	62%	90%
	Total	88%	90%	79%	86%	58%	93%

In 2014-15, only new entrants were asked these questions. Since then, new entrants are asked and continuing students are given the option to amend their previous responses should they wish to do so.

Responses below relate to new and continuing students enrolled in 2016-17, the question asked is that table heading.

Table 7: What religion, religious body, or denomination do you belong to?

Religion or Belief	Foundation	UG	PGT	PGR	All
No religion	9%	57%	42%	41%	53%
Buddhist	9%	1%	3%	2%	1%
Christian - Church of Scotland	0%	7%	2%	2%	6%
Christian - Roman Catholic	0%	10%	11%	9%	10%
Christian - Other denomination	9%	9%	14%	13%	10%
Hindu	0%	1%	3%	2%	1%
Jewish	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Muslim	64%	5%	9%	17%	7%
Sikh	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Spiritual	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Any other religion or belief	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Prefer not to say	0%	4%	5%	6%	4%
Not answered	9%	5%	9%	5%	5%
Total	11	6951	1372	822	9156

Table 8: What is your sexual orientation?

Sexual Orientation	Foundation	UG	PGT	PGR	All
Bisexual	0%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Gay man	9%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Gay woman/lesbian	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%
Heterosexual	36%	84%	72%	70%	81%
Other	9%	1%	2%	3%	1%
Prefer not to say	18%	6%	11%	12%	7%
Not answered	27%	6%	12%	10%	7%
Total	11	6951	1372	822	9156

Table 9: Is your gender identity the same as the gender you were originally assigned at birth?

Gender Identity	Foundation	UG	PGT	PGR	All
Yes	91%	95%	89%	90%	93%
No	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Prefer not to say	0%	1%	2%	4%	2%
Not answered	9%	4%	9%	6%	5%
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