

End of Cycle 2017 Data Resources

DR3_010_03 Applications by subject group

UCAS

Statistic: Number of Applications

Variables: Subject Group (Summary Level), Cycle Year

Coverage: Applications through the main scheme

Definitions

Subject Group (Summary Level)

Classifies courses into a summary level of 26 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 B940 = Counselling and C843 = Counselling psychology is assigned a subject 'Y Combined sciences'). 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.

Cycle Year

The cycle in which the application was processed.

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.

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Subject Group (Summary Level)	Number of Applications by Cycle Year									
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Group A Medicine and Dentistry	79,810	81,800	93,235	96,455	93,945	95,045	97,560	87,535	85,545	82,080
Group B Subjects allied to Medicine	213,605	246,205	326,890	368,110	368,275	383,705	399,500	394,195	400,690	339,700
Group C Biological Sciences	166,750	186,445	216,245	228,490	218,190	234,980	255,470	272,985	280,760	278,305
Group D Veterinary Sciences, Agriculture and related	18,800	21,350	25,570	28,080	27,015	29,265	30,860	31,725	30,595	29,335
Group F Physical Sciences	75,980	81,610	92,185	99,440	98,505	104,665	109,335	112,450	108,240	105,995
Group G Mathematical Sciences	33,280	40,800	44,190	45,630	44,460	45,910	45,540	47,390	49,065	50,825
Group H Engineering	105,040	122,780	134,725	140,830	137,295	146,345	161,140	171,275	170,315	167,025
Group I Computer Sciences	71,120	79,880	90,260	97,105	89,930	99,700	112,300	124,225	129,145	130,965
Group J Technologies	10,045	11,490	12,610	12,120	9,980	10,005	11,115	10,100	9,110	8,110
Group K Architecture, Building and Planning	49,230	50,490	50,075	49,560	41,450	40,205	40,070	42,925	43,785	45,835
Group L Social Studies	179,330	204,935	237,130	243,205	215,255	218,785	231,495	241,495	248,620	255,150
Group M Law	101,400	110,885	117,020	122,850	117,830	123,820	122,660	128,020	133,925	139,720
Group N Business and Admin studies	261,130	284,540	310,000	330,200	311,175	316,750	329,685	343,890	347,110	336,390
Group P Mass Communication and Documentation	46,740	53,105	58,705	62,770	53,790	57,980	62,625	65,155	66,080	66,195
Group Q Linguistics, Classics and related	62,175	70,030	74,475	71,500	65,710	65,710	66,560	66,575	64,590	61,380
Group R European Languages, Literature and related	22,880	24,415	25,715	25,490	22,505	21,265	20,160	20,015	18,725	17,505
Group T Non-European Languages, Literature and related	7,260	7,825	8,420	8,440	6,700	6,265	5,585	6,170	5,835	5,515
Group V History and Philosophical studies	72,310	79,240	84,645	83,185	77,225	78,885	81,560	82,930	82,620	76,495
Group W Creative Arts and Design	212,725	235,505	286,810	301,950	252,830	258,525	272,345	278,150	273,885	259,540
Group X Education	66,160	74,950	87,710	94,275	85,985	83,595	83,475	93,850	92,665	91,580
Y Combined arts	70,350	66,845	72,105	70,405	58,885	56,275	55,420	51,835	49,645	44,960
Y Combined sciences	37,695	36,805	40,735	42,785	38,890	39,405	39,955	36,300	32,700	30,455
Y Combined social sciences	36,425	33,720	35,310	34,140	30,095	29,380	30,650	31,440	32,525	32,155
Y Sciences combined with Social Sciences or Arts	109,865	100,675	110,055	105,915	87,475	81,210	75,505	65,045	58,840	54,225
Y Social Sciences combined with Arts	68,110	62,460	66,690	64,865	55,900	55,190	51,990	50,775	49,425	48,920
Z General, other combined and unknown	17,420	18,635	18,990	19,205	26,950	29,005	31,975	34,620	35,155	34,980
Total	2,195,635	2,387,415	2,720,500	2,847,010	2,636,250	2,711,870	2,824,540	2,891,075	2,899,585	2,793,335