Undergraduate examination results, 2016-17

Notes to statistical tables

1. Excluded records

Since 2012-13 students have the option of recording gender as ‘Other’. Fewer than ten students fall within this category and data for these students are excluded from all tables to ensure that individuals cannot be identified (owing to the small number in this category and the detailed presentation of data).

The census date for data import from the system, on which this publication is based, is **31 July** of each academic year and the tables do not reflect any amendments to the results made at a later date. Thus, the results of the candidates who, on 31 July, were not classed and were still awaiting a decision from the Applications Committee are not included in any of the tables. If a candidate successfully re-sat all the failed components of their examination by 31 July, their results are included in the relevant class category; otherwise their results are included in the ‘Other results’ category.

All of the tables exclude:

a. Candidates for all postgraduate-level examinations. Integrated Masters courses in Chemical Engineering (Part IIB); Engineering (Part IIB); Manufacturing Engineering (Part IIB); Mathematics (Part III); Natural Sciences (Part III) are categories as undergraduate-level courses.

b. Candidates for all undergraduate-level diploma and certificate examinations.

c. Candidates who took examinations as candidates 'not for honours' or candidates who were not aiming for a qualification, e.g. all incoming exchange and other visiting students and Cambridge graduates reading Triposes.

d. Candidates for oral examinations in Modern and Medieval Languages and Asian and Middle Eastern Studies on their year abroad.

e. Candidates for the examination in Law for European Students.

2. ‘Other results’ category

The heading ‘Other results’ in all tables includes but does not differentiate between:

a. Candidates who failed their examinations.

b. Candidates who have received allowances (deemed to have deserved honours (DDH) or were granted an allowance towards the Ordinary degree) or have been permitted to take a reduced number of examinations by the Applications Committee of the Council. Allowances may be granted to candidates who have been ill or who have other extenuating circumstances and have thus been prevented from taking an examination or whose performance has been adversely affected as a consequence.

c. Candidates for examinations in Part II and Part III of the Final M.B. and Part III of the Final Vet.M.B. who failed any part of these examinations.
3. Modern and Medieval Languages Tripos, Part IA

The class obtained in each language by candidates for Part IA of the Modern and Medieval Languages Tripos has been counted as half a class. This explains why in some tables the numbers of examination results under each class division for this Tripos and in the totals are not whole units.

4. Examination types

Most of the Preliminary and Tripos examinations are classified, i.e. the names of successful candidates are arranged in three classes, of which the second class can be divided into two divisions or can remain undivided. However, some Preliminary, Tripos and other examinations are unclassified, i.e. the names of successful candidates are arranged in one class and it is noted if a candidate has passed with distinction or merit.

The results for classified and unclassified Preliminary and Tripos examinations are presented in separate tables.

Pre-clinical medical and veterinary students read the Medical and Veterinary Sciences Tripos in years one and two, but read a different Tripos in year three. In the third year their results are included under the Tripos examination for which they were entered.

5. Bio-demographic data

Ethnicity and disability data are as reported on the basis of the student’s self-assessment.

6. Further information

Questions about these tables or the approach to the statistics should be addressed to Business Information Team in the PRAO: business.information@admin.cam.ac.uk.

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