

**Table 14b - Reservations and Registrations to The Open University(1) by Subject Area and Gender, 1998 Entry**

|   |                                  | Thousands            |             |                    |             |             |             |              |          |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|----------|
|   |                                  | All<br>subject areas | Arts        | Social<br>sciences | Maths       | Science     | Technology  | Education(4) |          |
| 1 | <b>Confirmed reservations(2)</b> | <b>96.7</b>          | <b>20.1</b> | <b>32.3</b>        | <b>17.8</b> | <b>11.9</b> | <b>10.2</b> | <b>4.4</b>   | <b>1</b> |
| 2 | Men                              | 43.6                 | 7.3         | 9.1                | 12.5        | 6.1         | 7.9         | 0.7          | 2        |
| 3 | Women                            | 53.1                 | 12.8        | 23.2               | 5.3         | 5.8         | 2.3         | 3.7          | 3        |
| 4 | <b>Fully registered(3)</b>       | <b>38.6</b>          | <b>8.6</b>  | <b>11.1</b>        | <b>7.8</b>  | <b>4.9</b>  | <b>4.3</b>  | <b>1.9</b>   | <b>4</b> |
| 5 | Men                              | 18.2                 | 3.1         | 3.1                | 5.6         | 2.6         | 3.5         | 0.3          | 5        |
| 6 | Women                            | 20.4                 | 5.5         | 8.0                | 2.2         | 2.3         | 0.8         | 1.6          | 6        |

Source: The Open University.

(1) Covers all undergraduates.

(2) 'Confirmed reservations' refers to students who have applied for a course and for whom a place has been reserved.

(3) 'Fully registered' describes the status of all students who have not withdrawn by a point one third of the way into the course.

(4) Following the lifting of entry requirements, from 1997 The Open University has new students entering directly onto education courses.