

General Notes

Throughout the tables, **PG** represents postgraduate students and programmes, and **UG** represents undergraduate students and programmes, as defined in the Definitions section of this volume.

HE is used to mean higher education, and **FE** is used to mean further education.

DfEE refers to the Department for Education and Employment.

UCAS refers to the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service.

Notes on Tables

Table 0 'Total Higher Education Level Students in the UK 1997/98' includes data about HE students studying at HE institutions collected directly by HESA, and data about HE students studying at FE colleges (FECs) which was provided by the following collecting bodies:

- The Further Education Funding Council for FECs in England
- The Scottish Office Education and Industry Department for FECs in Scotland
- The Further Education Funding Council for Wales
- The Department of Education for Northern Ireland for FECs in Northern Ireland.

Data about HE students studying at FECs was requested according to HESA definitions.

It should be noted that for 1996/97, the definition of 'Full-time' for students studying in England related to students on programmes of study of at least 450 guided learning hours per year and included students studying at external institutions. Data returned for 1997/98, in accordance with the HESA definition of full-time, presents 4,464 students who would formerly have been classified as 'Part-time'.

It should also be noted that the part-time figures for Scotland include 1,095 students whose mode of study was coded as 'Assessment to Prior Learning' or 'Assessment of Work Based Learning'. For the 1996/97 academic year, these modes of study were regarded as dormant and therefore excluded from last year's table.

University of London is a confederal organisation. The colleges of the university, shown separately in Table 1, are:

- Birkbeck College
- Institute of Education
- Goldsmiths College
- Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine
- King's College London
- London Business School
- London School of Economics and Political Science
- London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
- The School of Oriental and African Studies
- The School of Pharmacy
- Queen Mary and Westfield College
- Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine
- Royal Holloway and Bedford New College
- The Royal Veterinary College
- St. George's Hospital Medical School
- United Medical and Dental Schools of Guy's and St Thomas's Hospitals
- University College London
- Wye College

(Heythrop College is also a College of University of London, but is not included in HESA statistics as it is not publicly-funded.)

In addition, the institutes within the umbrella of University of London (Institutes and activities) are:

British Institute in Paris
 Courtauld Institute of Art
 School of Slavonic and East European Studies
 University Marine Biological Station
 The Institute of Cancer Research
 School of Advanced Study comprises:
 Institute of Advanced Legal Studies
 Institute of Classical Studies
 Institute of Commonwealth Studies
 Centre for English Studies
 Institute of Germanic Studies
 Institute of Historical Research
 Institute of Latin American Studies
 Institute of Romance Studies
 Institute of United States Studies
 Warburg Institute

The official names of institutions are currently presented in Table 1. However, there are institutions which are known by other names. Some of these are as follows:

The Victoria University of Manchester is also known as the University of Manchester
 University of Wales, Cardiff is also known as Cardiff University.

Since the production of these tables the following institutions have changed their names:

Chichester Institute of Higher Education is now University College Chichester
 Queen Margaret College is now Queen Margaret University College, Edinburgh.

Changes between 1996/97 and 1997/98

Transfers from FE to HE in 1997/98

- Cumbria College of Art and Design, Carlisle

The list of institutions in Table 1 has changed and the following institutions are no longer shown separately:

- Charing Cross & Westminster Medical School
- Institute of Psychiatry (associated with King's College London)
- La Sainte Union College of HE
- Royal Postgraduate Medical School

In 1997 The Open University removed entry requirements for post-level 1 entry, and 'new students' consequently includes all students commencing undergraduate level study with the university. In previous years (pre-1996/97) this term included level 1 students only. Therefore comparisons with previous years should be regarded with caution. It should also be noted that a student can reserve and register on more than one course in the same or different subject areas.

The Open University also introduced a system of 'course-based registration' in this year, by which all undergraduate students register for modules rather than specific named awards, thus removing the distinction between students registering for an institutional undergraduate credit and those registering for a first degree. This has resulted in a shift of approximately 95,000 Open University students from the 'first degree' category to 'other undergraduate' for this academic year.

Other Notes to Tables

The figures for the Queen's University of Belfast also include students studying at the Northern Ireland teacher training establishments.

It is known that classification data for students who obtained a first degree qualification in 1997/98 was not available for the University of Luton.