

Table 14a - Reservations and Registrations to The Open University(1) by Subject Area and Gender, 1997 Entry

		Thousands							
		All subject areas	Arts	Social sciences	Maths	Science	Technology	Education(4)	
1	Confirmed reservations(2)	83.1	17.1	27.0	14.2	12.4	10.0	2.4	1
2	Men	38.5	6.0	7.7	10.1	6.4	7.9	0.4	2
3	Women	44.6	11.1	19.3	4.1	6.0	2.1	2.0	3
4	Fully registered(3)	36.9	7.8	10.5	7.3	5.3	5.0	1.0	4
5	Men	18.4	2.8	3.0	5.4	2.9	4.1	0.2	5
6	Women	18.5	5.0	7.5	1.9	2.4	0.9	0.8	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(3) 'Fully registered' describes the status of all students who have not withdrawn by a point one third of the way into the course.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.