
CLASSICS AT UK UNIVERSITIES, 2015-16

Statistics

This year's statistics show that numbers have remained broadly steady at undergraduate level across both 'Traditional' and 'Modern' Single and Joint Honours. Ancient History in particular continues to see growth as both a Single Honours subject and as a subsidiary or supplementary subject (under 'other' here), with the OU's introduction of a new Roman Empire module having a significant impact on these figures. There is greater variation in staff-student ratios this year and the lowest and highest figures have both increased (to 1:8 and 1:27), although the average remains the same (1:17). The figures for Beginners' Latin appear relatively low for the second year running, but are likely to rise after the OU's relaunch of Latin in 2016.

We were delighted to see the Women's Classical Committee making use of the CUCD Statistics to calculate the optimal sample size for their survey of Classics in the UK. This prompted us to think about the usefulness of the data we collect, and the Standing Committee agreed that, from next year, we will include some additional questions on staff gender and contract type, which will allow us to look at issues such as casualisation.

Having taken over the role of Statistics Officer, I must extend a huge vote of thanks to my predecessor, Dr Ulrike Roth, for preparing so diligently for our handover and for her generous support. Very many thanks also to all those academic and administrative colleagues who have spent considerable time and effort in compiling departmental returns. As ever, your continued support for the CUCD and for Classics in HE more broadly is enormously appreciated.

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Contributing Institutions

Birkbeck	Manchester Met.
Birmingham	Newcastle
Bristol	Nottingham
Cambridge	The Open University
Cardiff	Oxford
Durham	Queen's University Belfast
Edinburgh	Reading
Exeter	Roehampton
Glasgow	Royal Holloway
KCL	St. Andrews
Kent	Swansea
Lancaster	Trinity Saint David
Leeds	UCL
Leicester	Warwick
Liverpool	Winchester
Manchester	

For three institutions, data from a previous return have been re-used.

Table A: Overview

	Honours students (SH + JH)				All students (incl. Other)							
	no.	FTE	% change FTE	index (1992– 3 = 100)	<i>excluding OU</i>				<i>including OU</i>			
					no.	FTE	% change FTE	index (1992– 3 = 100)	no.	FTE	% change FTE	index (1997– 8 = 100)
2006-7	6,258	4,878	0.2	142	9,296	5,600	1.8	114	15,032	6,696	2.6	107
2007-8	6,812	5,044	3.4	146	9,851	5,672	1.3	115	16,183	6,831	2	109
2008-9	6,922	5,163	2.4	150	9,980	5,808	2.4	118	16,334	6,864	0.5	110
2009-10	6,500	5,149	-0.3	149	9,456	5,791	-0.3	118	12,070	7,716	12.4	123
2010-11	6,465	5,164	0.3	150	10,530	5,817	0.5	118	14,028	7,566	-2.0	121
2011-12	7,247	5,385	4.3	156	9,916	5,825	0.1	118	12,628	7,855	3.8	126
2012-13	6,785	5,450	1.2	158	8,545	5,675	-2.6	115	10,921	7,527	-4.2	120
2013-14	7,450	5,418	-0.6	157	9,009	5,777	1.8	117	11,203	7,521	-0.07	120
2014-15	7,373	5,542	2.3	161	8,799	5,875	1.7	119	10,795	6,956	-7.5	111
2015-16	7,349	5,538	-0.1	161	9,253	6,022	2.5	122	11,248	7,023	1.0	112

Table B: Single and Joint Honours

	'Traditional classics' (Classics, Greek, Latin)								'Modern classics' (Class. Studs, Anc. Hist., Art/Arch.)							
	single honours				joint honours				single honours				joint honours			
	no.	FTE	% change FTE	index (‘92–3 = 100)	no.	FTE	% change FTE	index (‘92–3 = 100)	no.	FTE	% change FTE	index (‘92–3 = 100)	no.	FTE	% change FTE	index (‘92–3 = 100)
	trad SH			trad JH				mod SH				mod JH				
2006-7	1,616	1,306	0.4	108	187	92	-4.2	60	2,808	2,575	0.0	175	1,647	905	1.0	149
2007-8	1,773	1,440	10.3	119	296	163	77.2	106	2,924	2,506	-2.7	170	1,819	935	3.3	153
2008-9	1,958	1,600	11.1	132	289	164	0.6	107	2,822	2,488	-0.7	169	1,853	911	2.6	150
2009-10	1,399	1,271	-20.6	105	252	124	-24.4	119	2,989	2,824	13.5	192	1,860	929	2.0	152
2010-11	1,437	1,276	0.4	105	254	136	9.7	88	2,961	2,832	0.3	192	1,813	920	-1.0	151
2011-12	1,754	1,376	7.8	114	314	112	-17.6	73	3,388	3,008	6.2	204	1,791	889	-3.0	146
2012-13	1,600	1,433	4.1	118	261	132	17.9	85	3,195	2,915	-3.1	198	1,729	970	9.1	159
2013-14	2,081	1,572	9.7	130	271	145	9.8	94	3,397	2,810	-3.6	190	1,701	891	-8.1	146
2014-15	2,063	1,571	0.1	130	206	103	-28.9	67	3,406	3,050	8.5	207	1,698	818	-8.2	134
205-16	2,048	1,566	-0.3	129	204	106	2.9	69	3,463	3,060	0.3	207	1,635	805	-1.6	132

**TABLE C.1:
ALL STUDENTS**

	'Traditional classics'					
	Classics		Greek		Latin	
	No.	FTE	No.	FTE	No.	FTE
SINGLE HONOURS						
2011-12	1,306	1,161	105	24	152	50
2012-13	1,497	1,358	40	27	63	48
2013-14	1,780	1,444	107	46	194	82
2014-15	1,788	1,453	101	46	174	72
2015-16	1,780	1,446	102	48	166	73
JOINT HONOURS						
2011-12	134	47	33	8	147	57
2012-13	144	72	23	12	94	48
2013-14	164	85	25	12	82	48
2014-15	98	56	22	10	86	38
2015-16	110	62	21	10	73	34
OTHER						
2011-12	184	55	223	97	743	311
2012-13	204	35	191	89	589	245
2013-14	58	32	199	175	580	248
2014-15	104	30	189	89	224	92
2015-16	104	29	149	67	124	33
ALL						
2011-12	1,624	1,263	361	129	1,052	418
2012-13	1,845	1,465	254	128	746	341
2013-14	2,002	1,561	331	233	856	378
2014-15	1,990	1,539	312	145	484	202
2015-16	1,994	1,537	272	125	363	140

Figures in italics include Open University data.

**TABLE C.2:
ALL STUDENTS**

	'Modern classics'					
	Class. Civ./Studs		Anc. Hist.		Class. Art/Arch.	
	No.	FTE	No.	FTE	No.	FTE
SINGLE HONOURS						
<i>2011-12</i>	1,641	1,457	1,672	1,500	75	51
<i>2012-13</i>	1,565	1,376	1,594	1,519	36	20
<i>2013-14</i>	1,423	1,224	1,749	1,535	225	52
<i>2014-15</i>	1,422	1,343	1,726	1,639	258	68
<i>2015-16</i>	1,395	1,319	1,814	1,675	254	66
JOINT HONOURS						
<i>2011-12</i>	558	268	1,131	565	102	56
<i>2012-13</i>	582	294	1,031	599	115	77
<i>2013-14</i>	655	289	1,055	561	91	41
<i>2014-15</i>	564	266	1027	504	107	48
<i>2015-16</i>	563	264	996	497	77	45
OTHER						
<i>2011-12</i>	1,971	1,517	1,538	284	903	347
<i>2012-13</i>	1,887	1,471	717	169	549	237
<i>2013-14</i>	1,570	1,239	625	146	621	262
<i>2014-15</i>	1,870	849	562	141	473	211
<i>2015-16</i>	1,750	703	1,099	399	269	52
ALL						
<i>2011-12</i>	4,170	3,424	4,341	2,349	1,080	454
<i>2012-13</i>	4,034	3,141	3,342	2,118	700	334
<i>2013-14</i>	3,648	2,752	3,429	2,242	937	355
<i>2014-15</i>	3,856	2,459	3,315	2,284	838	327
<i>2015-16</i>	3,708	2,286	3,909	2,571	600	163

Figures in *italics* include OU data.

TABLE D: STAFF

	Full-time				Part-time				Other	
	permanent		temporary		permanent		temporary		no.	FTE
	no.	FTE	no.	FTE	no.	FTE	no.	FTE		
<i>2006-7</i>	370	367	34	35	38	18	73	18	115	48
<i>2007-8</i>	394	390	33	34	30	14	72	27	124	36
<i>2008-9</i>	401	398	33	34	29	16	87	32	125	31
<i>2009-10</i>	369	369	45	45	26	12	92	39	155	33
<i>2010-11</i>	380	377	36	24	26	12	106	44	161	44
<i>2011-12</i>	399	389	40	38	28	13	71	24	135	55
<i>2012-13</i>	392	389	41	39	22	11	80	20	114	50
<i>2013-14</i>	395	388	41	40	22	10	56	17	68	60
<i>2014-15</i>	397	386	49	47	30	14	64	23	172	82
<i>2015-16</i>	382	374	50	48	28	16	52	10	183	90

Summary (all staff)

	no.	FTE	% <i>change</i>	on leave (FTE)	effective FTE	% <i>change</i>
<i>2011-12</i>	665	519	3.6	85	434	0
<i>2012-13</i>	650	509	-1.9	67	442	1.8
<i>2013-14</i>	656	515	1.2	47	468	5.9
<i>2014-15</i>	795	552	7.2	76	476	1.7
<i>2015-16</i>	695	547	-0.9	78	469	-1.5

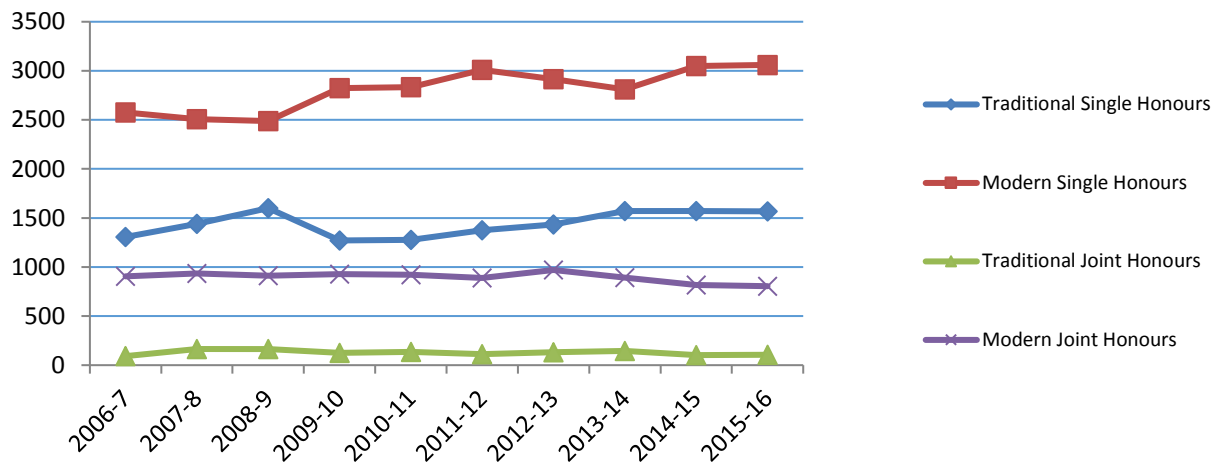
**TABLE E: BEGINNERS'
LANGUAGES**

	Greek			Latin		
	no.	FTE	% <i>change</i>	no.	FTE	% <i>change</i>
Undergraduates						
2011-12	736	228	-14.6	1,170	397	-12.6
2012-13	800	446	95.6	1,100	468	17.8
2013-14	723	303	-32.1	1,020	398	-14.9
2014-15	729	298	-1.7	768	224	-43.7
2015-16	762	279	-6.4	740	222	-0.9
Postgraduates						
2011-12	119	32	68.4	123	43	-32.8
2012-13	93	41	28.1	165	79	83.7
2013-14	114	22	-46.3	149	29	-63.3
2014-15	124	37	68.2	162	39	34.5
2015-16	99	36	-2.7	118	37	-5.1

TABLE F: POSTGRADUATES

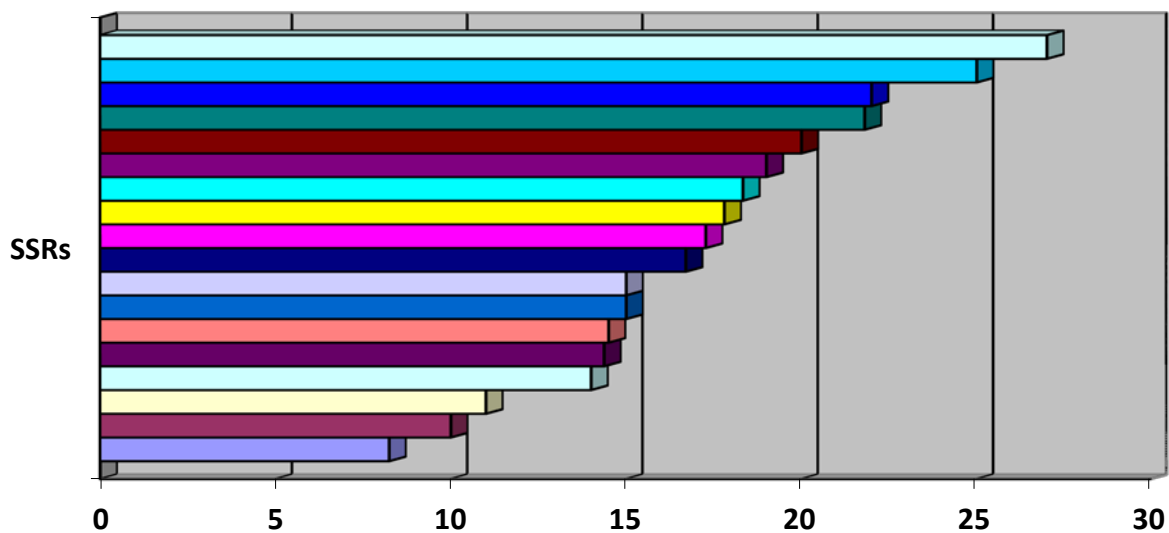
	Full-time	Part-time	Other (FTE = 0)	Total no.	FTE	% change
TAUGHT						
2011-12	452	184	3	739	518	10.4
2012-13	328	189	1	519	432	-16.6
2013-14	405	227	6	633	484	12.0
2014-15	399	226	10	635	475	-1.9
2015-16	347	243	8	598	467	-6.9
RESEARCH						
2011-12	455	128	0	583	520	3.2
2012-13	507	139	20	666	575	10.6
2013-14	552	143	17	695	599	4.2
2014-15	566	164	25	755	625	4.3
2015-16	535	131	24	690	578	-7.5

FTE Student Numbers in the UK
 'Traditional' vs. 'Modern' Classics, Single and Joint Honours
 10-year view (2006-16)



Staff-Student Ratios
 2015-16*

The average SSR is 1:17.1. The highest SSR is 1:27; the lowest SSR is 1:8.2.



*figures included in this graph are from the following 18 departments: Bristol, Cambridge, Cardiff, Durham, Edinburgh, Exeter, Glasgow, Kent, Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle, Nottingham, Oxford, Royal Holloway, St. Andrews, Trinity St David, UCL, Warwick.