

UNISTATS Most Popular Course Enrolments

UNISTATS "most popular course enrolments" report for BoS information and approval.

The attached report lists all UG degree programmes receiving applications in 18/19 for entry in 19/20. We have removed all programmes scheduled for closure, and included all new degree programmes (modelling their "most popular course enrolments" from degree programmes that they are replacing, where appropriate). If there are any programmes missing from the list please let us know.

The report shows the most popular course enrolments in session 17/18 by programme year. Column M on the spreadsheet indicates whether the course will be "included" or "excluded" in that degree programme UNISTATS calculation.

Please see the notes below and be advised that UNISTATS replaces the previously termed KIS (Key Information Sets), but the process is the same – we need to check the course list, identify any anomalies/issues, and provided we are happy with the data, confirm this with Student Systems.

0 credit courses

Please note that due to the formula HEFCE use to calculate the UNISTATS, all 0 credit courses have been set as "excluded by user". This is because UNISTATS uses the credit value as part of the calculation (i.e. $0 \times \text{any number} = 0$). Therefore any T&L/assessment related to 0 credit courses can *only* be represented through the Programme Level Learning and Teaching values which are set as a default value of 2 hours per 10 credits.

Alternative Projects/Dissertations

Please note that where there are options to undertake alternative projects/dissertations in year 4, the software may include both projects or dissertations in the most popular course enrolments calculation, where in effect students would undertake only one of the projects or dissertations. In this case schools should advise us which project or dissertation they wish to be excluded, and which course(s) should be included to make up credits to the correct value.

Programme Years with small numbers of students

Where there are small numbers of students in any programme year, the most popular course enrolments may not reflect the typical curriculum followed by students in this year (e.g. one student on programme year who is taking an optional year abroad). In this case schools should advise us of the most popular course enrolments that should be used for this year of programme.

Placement/Non-Compulsory Year Abroad Activity

For a number of programmes significant numbers of students may opt to take placements or non-compulsory years abroad as part of study which leads to an accredited qualification (e.g. Law). Due to these high numbers these optional placements and non-compulsory years abroad are included in the most “popular course enrolments” resulting in Teaching and Learning and Assessment data which is at odds with the published DPT for these programmes. In this case the school should advise what courses should be used for that programme year.

Missing Programme Data

Degree programmes missing from the “most popular course enrolments report” – are in “Programme_Years_with_no_most_popular_course_enrolments_2018_9”). This is due to no student registrations in 2017/18.

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