



## Factsheet of Student Figures, 2020/21: Introduction

Our factsheet presents summaries for all students who were matriculated during the session; in session 2020/21, some 45,615 students were matriculated. By the end of the session many of our students had successfully completed their studies, some had interrupted their studies, and a small minority (just under 1%) had withdrawn without an award.

**45,615**  
students  
in total

During the session our peak count of matriculated students was 42,165 at the end of January 2021; semester 1 peaked at 42,095 at the end of October 2020. Some 210 visiting students and 640 postgraduate students had left by the end of semester 1, whilst other visiting students and postgraduate students joined us during semester 2.



Readers familiar with statistics provided by [HESA](#), the Higher Education Statistics Agency, should note that compared to our total of 45,615 the HESA “Standard Registration Population” excludes some students, principally:

- 2,755 non-graduating and visiting students (incoming visiting)
- 2,340 postgraduates writing up
- 2,755 online learning students living abroad

*(HESA data for session 2020/21 will be published around Feb 2022)*

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### Notes:

- In line with best practice for data protection our factsheet figures are rounded to the nearest 5 (counts of 1 or 2 are rounded to zero). The sum of the rounded row or column contents shown, may not always be equal to the rounded totals shown because all figures, including the totals, are calculated first and then rounded. Each total is a consistent representation of the underlying figure.
- Within the figures shown are 335 PGDE (Professional Graduate Diploma in Education) students, categorised as Taught Postgraduates. Factsheets up to 2017/18 categorised these students as Undergraduates. The PGDE is funded at the undergraduate rate, as is the 2 year MSc Transformative Learning and Teaching (50 students), but these are postgraduate programmes and it is appropriate to describe them as such in the context of general purpose statistics.

## STUDENT FIGURES

31/07/2021

Students by Level and Method of Study	Undergraduate	Taught Postgraduate	Research Postgraduate	All Levels of Study
Full-time	24,505	6,955	3,395	34,855
Part-time	2,345	5,965	2,450	10,760
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,850</b>	<b>12,920</b>	<b>5,845</b>	<b>45,615</b>

Students by Level and College	Undergraduate	Taught Postgraduate	Research Postgraduate	All Levels of Study
Arts, Humanities & Social Science	16,310	7,575	2,245	26,130
Medicine & Vet Medicine	3,425	3,095	1,215	7,740
Science & Engineering	7,115	2,250	2,385	11,745
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,850</b>	<b>12,920</b>	<b>5,845</b>	<b>45,615</b>

Students by Level and Gender	Undergraduate	Taught Postgraduate	Research Postgraduate	All Levels of Study
F	16,530	8,465	2,905	27,895
M	10,275	4,380	2,905	17,560
Other	45	75	35	160
<b>Sum:</b>	<b>26,850</b>	<b>12,920</b>	<b>5,845</b>	<b>45,615</b>

Students by Level and Age Group	Undergraduate	Taught Postgraduate	Research Postgraduate	All Levels of Study
17 or under	2,630	0	0	2,635
18 to 20	20,525	70	10	20,605
21 to 24	2,365	5,950	2,330	10,645
25 or over	1,325	6,905	3,505	11,735
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,850</b>	<b>12,920</b>	<b>5,845</b>	<b>45,615</b>

Students by Level and Domicile on Entry	Undergraduate	Taught Postgraduate	Research Postgraduate	All Levels of Study
Scotland	8,080	2,405	1,485	11,970
Other UK	8,595	2,190	1,170	11,955
EU	2,720	1,315	1,045	5,075
Overseas	7,415	6,990	2,145	16,550
Channel Islands and Isle of Man	45	15	5	65
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,850</b>	<b>12,920</b>	<b>5,845</b>	<b>45,615</b>

Excluding Unassigned

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## ENTRANTS FIGURES

31/07/2021

Students by Level and Method of Study	Undergraduate	Taught Postgraduate	Research Postgraduate	All Levels of Study
Full-time	7,075	6,480	1,365	14,920
Part-time	2,005	2,635	170	4,810
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,080</b>	<b>9,115</b>	<b>1,540</b>	<b>19,735</b>

Students by Level and College	Undergraduate	Taught Postgraduate	Research Postgraduate	All Levels of Study
Arts, Humanities & Social Science	6,235	5,715	570	12,520
Medicine & Vet Medicine	910	1,425	355	2,690
Science & Engineering	1,935	1,975	610	4,520
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,080</b>	<b>9,115</b>	<b>1,540</b>	<b>19,735</b>

Students by Level and Gender	Undergraduate	Taught Postgraduate	Research Postgraduate	All Levels of Study
F	5,775	6,065	805	12,645
M	3,285	3,015	720	7,020
Other	20	35	15	70
<b>Sum:</b>	<b>9,080</b>	<b>9,115</b>	<b>1,540</b>	<b>19,735</b>

Students by Level and Age Group	Undergraduate	Taught Postgraduate	Research Postgraduate	All Levels of Study
17 or under	710	0	0	710
18 to 20	5,910	65	5	5,980
21 to 24	1,640	5,255	720	7,620
25 or over	820	3,795	810	5,425
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,080</b>	<b>9,115</b>	<b>1,540</b>	<b>19,735</b>

\*\*Data rounded\*\*

Students by Level and Domicile on Entry	Undergraduate	Taught Postgraduate	Research Postgraduate	All Levels of Study
Scotland	2,510	1,485	345	4,335
Other UK	2,330	1,330	305	3,965
EU	1,025	895	265	2,185
Overseas	3,210	5,405	620	9,235
Channel Islands and Isle of Man	10	5	0	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,080</b>	<b>9,115</b>	<b>1,540</b>	<b>19,735</b>

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## STUDENTS BY COLLEGE &amp; SCHOOL

Data Rounded

31/07/2021

College	School	Undergraduate	Taught Postgraduate	Research Postgraduate	All Levels of Study
Arts, Humanities & Social Science	Business School	1,325	785	150	2,260
	Centre for Open Learning	1,635	0	0	1,635
	College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences	435	15	30	475
	Edinburgh College of Art	2,210	885	265	3,365
	Moray House School of Education and Sport	945	2,135	190	3,270
	School of Divinity	295	55	155	510
	School of Economics	1,040	100	35	1,170
	School of Health in Social Science	230	885	160	1,275
	School of History, Classics and Archaeology	1,585	305	220	2,110
	School of Law	990	740	130	1,860
	School of Literatures, Languages and Cultures	2,065	420	300	2,780
	School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences	1,765	335	230	2,330
	School of Social and Political Science	1,785	915	385	3,090
<b>Arts, Humanities &amp; Social Science</b>		<b>16,310</b>	<b>7,575</b>	<b>2,245</b>	<b>26,130</b>
Medicine & Vet Medicine	College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine	0	0	5	5
	Deanery of Biomedical Sciences	1,370	500	275	2,145
	Deanery of Clinical Sciences	40	1,085	335	1,460
	Deanery of Molecular, Genetic and Population Health Sciences	0	390	380	770
	Edinburgh Medical School	1,180	280	10	1,475
	Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies	835	840	210	1,885
<b>Medicine &amp; Vet Medicine</b>		<b>3,425</b>	<b>3,095</b>	<b>1,215</b>	<b>7,740</b>
Science & Engineering	College of Science and Engineering	40	330	5	370
	School of Biological Sciences	790	180	335	1,310
	School of Chemistry	670	50	240	960
	School of Engineering	1,830	295	585	2,715
	School of Geosciences	970	560	290	1,820
	School of Informatics	1,190	460	525	2,175
	School of Mathematics	835	315	180	1,330
	School of Physics and Astronomy	785	55	225	1,065
<b>Science &amp; Engineering</b>		<b>7,115</b>	<b>2,250</b>	<b>2,385</b>	<b>11,745</b>
<b>University of Edinburgh</b>		<b>26,850</b>	<b>12,920</b>	<b>5,845</b>	<b>45,615</b>

## ENTRANTS BY COLLEGE &amp; SCHOOL

Data Rounded

31/07/2021

College	School	Undergraduate	Taught Postgraduate	Research Postgraduate	All Levels of Study
Arts, Humanities & Social Science	Business School	410	740	45	1,190
	Centre for Open Learning	1,605	0	0	1,605
	College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences	430	15	20	465
	Edinburgh College of Art	645	635	50	1,330
	Moray House School of Education and Sport	230	1,525	50	1,805
	School of Divinity	95	50	50	195
	School of Economics	330	95	5	430
	School of Health in Social Science	75	550	40	665
	School of History, Classics and Archaeology	470	200	45	715
	School of Law	285	585	40	910
	School of Literatures, Languages and Cultures	575	360	85	1,020
	School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences	540	230	45	815
	School of Social and Political Science	545	735	95	1,375
<b>Arts, Humanities &amp; Social Science</b>		<b>6,235</b>	<b>5,715</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>12,520</b>
Medicine & Vet Medicine	Deanery of Biomedical Sciences	385	245	145	775
	Deanery of Clinical Sciences	10	480	75	565
	Deanery of Molecular, Genetic and Population Health Sciences	0	175	75	255
	Edinburgh Medical School	310	175	0	485
	Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies	205	350	55	610
<b>Medicine &amp; Vet Medicine</b>		<b>910</b>	<b>1,425</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>2,690</b>
Science & Engineering	College of Science and Engineering	15	195	0	205
	School of Biological Sciences	210	175	90	475
	School of Chemistry	170	50	50	275
	School of Engineering	440	290	145	870
	School of Geosciences	275	470	90	835
	School of Informatics	330	430	130	885
	School of Mathematics	295	310	55	660
	School of Physics and Astronomy	205	55	55	315
<b>Science &amp; Engineering</b>		<b>1,935</b>	<b>1,975</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>4,520</b>
<b>University of Edinburgh</b>		<b>9,080</b>	<b>9,115</b>	<b>1,540</b>	<b>19,735</b>

**STUDENT FIGURES - Online Distance Learning only**

31/07/2021

<b>Students by Level and Method of Study</b>	<b>Undergraduate</b>	<b>Taught Postgraduate</b>	<b>Research Postgraduate</b>	<b>All Levels of Study</b>
Full-time	0	80	10	<b>90</b>
Part-time	75	4,510	25	<b>4,610</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>4,595</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>4,705</b>

<b>Students by Level and College</b>	<b>Undergraduate</b>	<b>Taught Postgraduate</b>	<b>Research Postgraduate</b>	<b>All Levels of Study</b>
Arts, Humanities & Social Science	50	1,185	35	<b>1,270</b>
Medicine & Vet Medicine	25	2,940	0	<b>2,965</b>
Science & Engineering	0	470	0	<b>470</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>4,595</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>4,705</b>

<b>Students by Level and Gender</b>	<b>Undergraduate</b>	<b>Taught Postgraduate</b>	<b>Research Postgraduate</b>	<b>All Levels of Study</b>
F	50	2,765	10	<b>2,825</b>
M	25	1,815	25	<b>1,860</b>
Other	5	15	0	<b>20</b>
<b>Sum:</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>4,595</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>4,705</b>

<b>Students by Level and Age Group</b>	<b>Undergraduate</b>	<b>Taught Postgraduate</b>	<b>Research Postgraduate</b>	<b>All Levels of Study</b>
18 to 20	10	5	0	<b>10</b>
21 to 24	10	480	0	<b>490</b>
25 or over	60	4,110	35	<b>4,200</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>4,595</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>4,705</b>

<b>Students by Level and Domicile on Entry</b>	<b>Undergraduate</b>	<b>Taught Postgraduate</b>	<b>Research Postgraduate</b>	<b>All Levels of Study</b>
Scotland	45	540	0	<b>585</b>
Other UK	0	1,345	10	<b>1,355</b>
EU	20	510	5	<b>535</b>
Overseas	10	2,190	20	<b>2,220</b>
Channel Islands and Isle of Man	0	10	0	<b>10</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>4,595</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>4,705</b>

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**STUDENT FIGURES****(COUNTRIES OF AT LEAST 100 STUDENTS)****31/07/2021**

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Scotland	8,080	2,405	1,485	<b>11,970</b>
England	7,920	2,020	1,065	<b>11,010</b>
China	3,365	3,550	680	<b>7,595</b>
United States of America	1,060	830	295	<b>2,185</b>
Germany	280	245	165	<b>690</b>
India	210	220	125	<b>555</b>
Canada	240	260	0	<b>500</b>
Northern Ireland	475	0	0	<b>475</b>
Malaysia	345	105	0	<b>450</b>
Spain	335	0	100	<b>435</b>
France	300	110	0	<b>415</b>
Hong Kong	310	100	0	<b>410</b>
Ireland	110	240	0	<b>355</b>
Italy	190	0	145	<b>335</b>
Wales	195	100	0	<b>295</b>
Australia	0	240	0	<b>240</b>
Poland	215	0	0	<b>215</b>
Singapore	205	0	0	<b>205</b>
Norway	160	0	0	<b>160</b>
South Africa	135	0	0	<b>135</b>
Cyprus (European Union)	130	0	0	<b>130</b>
Greece	0	0	130	<b>130</b>
Sweden	115	0	0	<b>115</b>
Switzerland	110	0	0	<b>110</b>
United Arab Emirates	110	0	0	<b>110</b>

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