

Library resource use and student success

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# Library training and attainment

Each year, we analyse data about student attainment and how participation in library training and use of Library resources relate to student success. We have repeatedly found a correlation between student attainment and engagement with the Library.

Figure 1 shows the percentage of all students who began a module in October 2023 (2023J) that have attended or not attended one of the [training sessions](https://www.open.ac.uk/library/training-and-events) with their attendance status split by their module result.

Across the university, **32%** of students who attended a live session gained a distinction at the end of their module.

*Figure 1. Percentage of 2023J students (all schools, all levels) attending or not attending live sessions split by their module result*

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Fail | Pass | Distinction | (n) |
| Attended live | 5.8% | 61.7% | 32.4% | 1,338 |
| Did not attend | 18.8% | 62.5% | 18.7% | 159,438 |

# Library resources use and attainment

Similarly, students who access Library resources more frequently correlate to a greater number of distinctions. For most modules across the OU, students who received a distinction accessed on average more Library resources than students who passed or failed the module.

Across the OU, students who gained a Distinction averaged 34 resource accesses. Those who passed averaged 19 resources, and those who failed averaged 3 resources (Figure 2).

The number of Library resources accessed by students typically increases as their level of study progresses.

*Figure 2. Average number of Library resources accessed per student against result obtained for 2023J presentation (all modules, all schools)*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Grade | Average |
| Distinction | 33.9 |
| Pass | 18.6 |
| Fail | 3.2 |

# Resources accessed and attainment for each school and module

## Data for individual schools (2023J unless otherwise specified)

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS):

* [Arts and Humanities](#_FASS_Arts_and)
* [Psychology and Counselling](#_FASS_Psychology_and)
* [Social Science and Global Studies](#_FASS_Social_Science)

Faculty of Business and Law (FBL):

* [Undergraduate Business](#_FBL_Undergraduate_Business)
* [Graduate Business](#_FBL_Graduate_Business)
* [Law](#_FBL_Law)

Faculty of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM):

* [Computing and Communications](#_STEM_Computing_and)
* [Engineering and Innovation](#_STEM_Engineering_and)
* [Environment, Earth and Ecosystem Sciences](#_STEM_Environment,_Earth)
* [Life, Health and Chemical Sciences](#_STEM_Life,_Health)
* [Maths and Statistics](#_STEM_Maths_and)
* [Physical Sciences](#_STEM_Physical_Sciences)

School of Wellbeing, Education and Language Studies (WELS):

* [Education, Childhood, Youth and Sport](#_WELS_Education,_Childhood,)
* [Health, Wellbeing and Social Care](#_WELS_Health,_Wellbeing)
* [Languages and Applied Linguistics](#_WELS_Languages_and)

[Open Programme](#_Open_Programme)

## FASS Arts and Humanities

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Module | Distinction | Pass | Fail |
| A111 | 30 | 16 | 2 |
| A112 | 55 | 26 | 2 |
| A113 | 65 | 36 | 6 |
| A215 | 18 | 9 | 2 |
| A223 | 77 | 34 | 7 |
| A225 | 76 | 32 | 4 |
| A226 | 42 | 22 | 12 |
| A229 | 148 | 53 | 5 |
| A230 | 54 | 16 | 2 |
| A232 | 27 | 10 | 2 |
| A233 | 76 | 31 | 7 |
| A234 | 7 | 9 | 3 |
| A236 | 113 | 47 | 17 |
| A276 | 58 | 20 | 5 |
| A327 | 239 | 111 | 25 |
| A328 | 221 | 109 | 20 |
| A329 | 499 | 255 | 81 |
| A334 | 135 | 85 | 14 |
| A335 | 175 | 75 | 18 |
| A336 | 173 | 139 | 7 |
| A340 | 188 | 79 | 21 |
| A342 | 236 | 89 | 25 |
| A344 | 167 | 76 | 16 |
| A350 | 214 | 105 | 22 |
| A363 | 33 | 13 | 6 |
| A802 | 78 | 39 | 8 |
| A843 | 231 | 212 | 45 |
| A863 | 262 | 198 | 57 |
| A873 | 149 | 147 | 64 |

## FASS Psychology and Counselling

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Module | Distinction | Pass | Fail |
| D110 | 16 | 9 | 2 |
| D120 | 9 | 5 | 1 |
| D241 | 52 | 23 | 4 |
| DD210 | 46 | 19 | 3 |
| DE200 | 82 | 39 | 4 |
| DD310 | 87 | 38 | 8 |
| DD317 | 140 | 64 | 7 |
| DE300 | 92 | 49 | 20 |
| DD801 | 222 | 134 | 52 |

## FASS Social Science and Global Studies

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Module | Distinction | Pass | Fail |
| D113 | 11 | 8 | 2 |
| DB125 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| DD102 | 5 | 2 | 0 |
| DD105 | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| DD126 | 8 | 4 | 0 |
| DST206 | 23 | 15 | 3 |
| A222 | 19 | 9 | 4 |
| A227 | 41 | 34 | 3 |
| D217 | 14 | 7 | 1 |
| D225 | 24 | 7 | 1 |
| DD211 | 10 | 6 | 3 |
| DD212 | 14 | 5 | 1 |
| DD213 | 9 | 7 | 3 |
| DD215 | 15 | 7 | 2 |
| DD218 | 38 | 14 | 6 |
| DD226 | 5 | 5 | 1 |
| TD223 | 15 | 9 | 5 |
| A332 | 162 | 88 | 17 |
| A333 | 82 | 44 | 14 |
| D325 | 98 | 32 | 2 |
| DD309 | 39 | 18 | 0 |
| DD311 | 106 | 50 | 10 |
| DD313 | 110 | 42 | 6 |
| DD316 | 136 | 66 | 9 |
| DD318 | 63 | 0 | 1 |
| DD319 | 65 | 29 | 18 |
| DD321 | 8 | 8 | 0 |
| A853 | 133 | 130 | 19 |
| D890 | 88 | 31 | 0 |
| DD870 | 90 | 111 | 43 |
| DD871 | 170 | 138 | 0 |
| DD872 | 197 | 111 | 85 |

## FBL Undergraduate Business

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Module | Distinction | Pass | Fail |
| B100 | 8 | 4 | 0 |
| B205 | 29 | 13 | 2 |
| B206 | 25 | 13 | 3 |
| B207 | 24 | 12 | 3 |
| B208 | 11 | 5 | 1 |
| B293 | 5 | 3 | 1 |
| BXY207 | 14 | 9 | 0 |
| B302 | 18 | 9 | 20 |
| B327 | 26 | 12 | 5 |
| B329 | 17 | 11 | 2 |
| B391 | 14 | 6 | 2 |
| BXY302 | 13 | 5 | 1 |

## FBL Postgraduate Business

### Presentations E and K

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| B810 | 72 | 61 | 26 |
| B811 | 68 | 38 | 82 |
| B812 | 31 | 31 | 0 |
| B815 | 35 | 12 | 17 |
| B816 | 79 | 37 | 20 |
| B817 | 63 | 18 | 6 |
| B861 | 41 | 19 | 0 |
| B862 | 11 | 28 | 0 |
| B867 | 17 | 21 | 0 |
| B870 | 95 | 35 | 11 |
| B872 | 55 | 30 | 19 |
| B873 | 14 | 13 | 9 |
| B874 | 23 | 10 | 4 |
| B875 | 78 | 44 | 2 |
| BB842 | 18 | 19 | 0 |
| BB849 | 29 | 27 | 1 |
| BB851 | 5 | 10 | 13 |
| BB852 | 50 | 22 | 5 |
| BB853 | 7 | 10 | 0 |
| BBXY857 | 33 | 0 | 0 |
| BXR873 | 0 | 25 | 0 |
| BXY870 | 17 | 7 | 11 |
| BXY873 | 7 | 6 | 0 |
| BXY874 | 16 | 13 | 0 |
| BXY875 | 34 | 25 | 18 |
| U810 | 56 | 37 | 20 |

## FBL Law

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Module | Distinction | Pass | Fail |
| W111 | 9 | 4 | 1 |
| W112 | 8 | 5 | 1 |
| W203 | 17 | 8 | 3 |
| W211 | 47 | 22 | 5 |
| W212 | 32 | 15 | 3 |
| W302 | 57 | 28 | 6 |
| W311 | 42 | 15 | 7 |
| W321 | 10 | 5 | 1 |
| W330 | 58 | 22 | 4 |
| W340 | 63 | 22 | 6 |
| W350 | 42 | 20 | 2 |
| W360 | 21 | 7 | 0 |

## STEM Computing and Communications

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Module | Distinction | Pass | Fail |
| T122 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| TM111 | 7 | 3 | 1 |
| TM112 | 8 | 4 | 1 |
| TM129 | 8 | 4 | 1 |
| TMXY130 | 2 | 1 | 7 |
| TXY122 | 7 | 2 | 0 |
| M250 | 6 | 3 | 1 |
| M269 | 5 | 3 | 0 |
| MXY250 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| MXY269 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| T227 | 8 | 3 | 0 |
| TM254 | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| TM255 | 12 | 6 | 2 |
| TM257 | 8 | 5 | 1 |
| TMXY254 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| TMXY257 | 12 | 2 | 0 |
| TT284 | 12 | 5 | 1 |
| TTXY284 | 8 | 3 | 0 |
| TM311 | 27 | 15 | 8 |
| TM351 | 29 | 23 | 6 |
| TM352 | 23 | 12 | 2 |
| TM353 | 35 | 21 | 5 |
| TM354 | 12 | 9 | 2 |
| TM355 | 13 | 8 | 11 |
| TM356 | 6 | 5 | 1 |
| TM357 | 19 | 12 | 6 |
| TM358 | 14 | 13 | 5 |
| TMXY311 | 11 | 5 | 0 |
| TMXY351 | 9 | 13 | 0 |
| TMXY352 | 20 | 7 | 0 |
| TMXY353 | 23 | 9 | 0 |
| TMXY354 | 6 | 2 | 0 |
| TMXY356 | 18 | 8 | 0 |
| TMXY357 | 0 | 6 | 0 |

### Presentation B

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Module | Distinction | Pass | Fail |
| TXY122 | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| TM129 | 9 | 5 | 1 |
| TXY227 | 6 | 3 | 2 |
| TM256 | 19 | 10 | 8 |
| TMXY350 | 8 | 9 | 0 |
| TM359 | 39 | 26 | 4 |
| TM470 | 52 | 34 | 19 |
| TMXY470 | 151 | 34 | 0 |
| T802 | 193 | 127 | 296 |

### Presentations E and K

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Module | Distinction | Pass | Fail |
| M811 | 60 | 35 | 8 |
| M812 | 31 | 33 | 16 |
| M813 | 66 | 40 | 12 |
| M814 | 71 | 30 | 20 |
| M815 | 213 | 30 | 5 |
| M816 | 0 | 67 | 10 |
| M817 | 86 | 59 | 11 |
| MXY845 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| MXY855 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| T828 | 26 | 17 | 11 |
| TXY828 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

## STEM Engineering and Innovation

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Module | Distinction | Pass | Fail |
| T192 | 12 | 5 | 1 |
| T193 | 8 | 4 | 1 |
| T194 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| U101 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| U116 | 9 | 3 | 0 |
| T212 | 11 | 3 | 0 |
| T213 | 11 | 5 | 1 |
| T217 | 5 | 3 | 0 |
| T218 | 7 | 3 | 0 |
| T220 | 33 | 8 | 1 |
| T229 | 10 | 5 | 6 |
| T271 | 16 | 7 | 1 |
| T312 | 10 | 5 | 4 |
| T313 | 17 | 12 | 5 |
| T317 | 13 | 14 | 3 |
| T319 | 30 | 10 | 2 |
| T329 | 43 | 20 | 6 |
| T366 | 39 | 18 | 5 |
| T367 | 23 | 18 | 5 |
| T460 | 87 | 26 | 54 |

## STEM Environment, Earth and Ecosystem Sciences

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Module | Distinction | Pass | Fail |
| S112 | 11 | 7 | 1 |
| S206 | 41 | 19 | 2 |
| S209 | 36 | 20 | 5 |
| SXF206 | 47 | 19 | 4 |
| S309 | 66 | 100 | 14 |
| S319 | 210 | 69 | 9 |
| S397 | 76 | 38 | 6 |
| SDT306 | 109 | 48 | 43 |
| S831 | 31 | 35 | 3 |

## STEM Life, Health and Chemical Sciences

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Module | Distinction | Pass | Fail |
| SDK100 | 13 | 8 | 4 |
| SK190 | 7 | 4 | 2 |
| S215 | 13 | 6 | 2 |
| S248 | 14 | 14 | 6 |
| S285 | 38 | 16 | 6 |
| S290 | 22 | 11 | 3 |
| S295 | 43 | 26 | 9 |
| S296 | 60 | 36 | 10 |
| SK298 | 19 | 10 | 2 |
| SK299 | 26 | 16 | 7 |
| S315 | 33 | 43 | 20 |
| S317 | 36 | 20 | 10 |
| S350 | 87 | 43 | 10 |
| SD329 | 56 | 28 | 9 |
| SK320 | 44 | 26 | 10 |
| SD816 | 76 | 50 | 67 |

### Presentations E, K and B

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Module | Distinction | Pass | Fail |
| SXB390 | 129 | 70 | 40 |
| SXC390 | 230 | 110 | 10 |
| SXH390 | 89 | 76 | 18 |
| S826 | 104 | 57 | 17 |

## STEM Maths and Statistics

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Module | Distinction | Pass | Fail |
| MST124 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| MU123 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| M208 | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| MST210 | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| MST224 | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| M348 | 10 | 5 | 1 |
| ME321 | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| ME322 | 4 | 3 | 0 |
| MS327 | 5 | 3 | 0 |
| MST326 | 12 | 6 | 3 |
| MST368 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| MST374 | 7 | 3 | 3 |
| ME620 | 9 | 3 | 0 |
| M820 | 11 | 3 | 0 |
| M823 | 6 | 5 | 1 |
| M833 | 13 | 13 | 2 |
| M835 | 15 | 7 | 5 |
| M836 | 5 | 4 | 1 |
| M840 | 31 | 17 | 5 |

## STEM Physical Sciences

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Module | Distinction | Pass | Fail |
| S111 | 19 | 7 | 1 |
| SM123 | 10 | 2 | 0 |
| S217 | 4 | 4 | 1 |
| S283 | 7 | 6 | 1 |
| S284 | 7 | 5 | 1 |
| SXPS288 | 33 | 14 | 2 |
| S384 | 8 | 12 | 1 |
| S385 | 6 | 5 | 2 |
| SM380 | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| SM381 | 16 | 5 | 2 |

## WELS Education, Childhood, Youth and Sport

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Module | Distinction | Pass | Fail |
| E103 | 5 | 3 | 1 |
| E104 | 6 | 4 | 1 |
| E117 | 20 | 8 | 1 |
| E119 | 9 | 4 | 1 |
| E209 | 29 | 12 | 3 |
| E219 | 57 | 29 | 4 |
| E229 | 30 | 18 | 6 |
| E232 | 22 | 16 | 4 |
| E235 | 58 | 21 | 4 |
| E236 | 77 | 37 | 8 |
| E309 | 65 | 33 | 6 |
| E312 | 111 | 49 | 7 |
| E314 | 123 | 61 | 10 |
| EE306 | 0 | 37 | 25 |
| EEXP306 | 0 | 43 | 19 |
| EK313 | 97 | 52 | 17 |
| E808 | 244 | 139 | 63 |
| EE811 | 107 | 61 | 27 |
| EE814 | 78 | 136 | 37 |
| EE830 | 82 | 78 | 22 |

## WELS Health, Wellbeing and Social Care

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Module | Distinction | Pass | Fail |
| K102 | 16 | 3 | 9 |
| K119 | 14 | 2 | 11 |
| KXY102 | 31 | 17 | 18 |
| KYN102 | 35 | 26 | 26 |
| KYNL102 | 42 | 9 | 11 |
| K219 | 29 | 5 | 13 |
| K220 | 34 | 2 | 16 |
| K240 | 15 | 3 | 5 |
| K271 | 19 | 9 | 8 |
| KE206 | 24 | 5 | 12 |
| KXY210 | 111 | 20 | 50 |
| KXY271 | 14 | 0 | 10 |
| KYN210 | 77 | 21 | 43 |
| KYNL210 | 0 | 12 | 40 |
| K310 | 52 | 11 | 39 |
| K314 | 66 | 10 | 41 |
| K316 | 111 | 7 | 39 |
| K318 | 45 | 8 | 23 |
| K323 | 148 | 26 | 114 |
| KE322 | 83 | 13 | 39 |
| KEXY322 | 41 | 36 | 26 |
| KXY314 | 53 | 0 | 32 |
| KXY318 | 40 | 0 | 23 |
| KXY323 | 0 | 0 | 24 |
| KXY325 | 98 | 14 | 42 |
| KYNL325 | 0 | 0 | 17 |
| K805 | 121 | 28 | 67 |
| K833 | 32 | 30 | 27 |
| KXY806 | 141 | 63 | 176 |

## WELS Languages and Applied Linguistics

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Module | Distinction | Pass | Fail |
| L101 | 14 | 8 | 1 |
| L112 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| L161 | 5 | 2 | 1 |
| L185 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| LB170 | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| L201 | 46 | 26 | 14 |
| L222 | 8 | 7 | 3 |
| L223 | 16 | 5 | 1 |
| L226 | 8 | 6 | 0 |
| L301 | 41 | 14 | 2 |
| E302 | 39 | 10 | 2 |
| L332 | 18 | 9 | 2 |
| L333 | 16 | 16 | 1 |
| L336 | 18 | 7 | 0 |
| EE817 | 268 | 123 | 39 |
| L802 | 67 | 36 | 25 |

## Open Programme

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Module | Distinction | Pass |  | Fail |
| A215 | 13 | 15 |  | 5 |
| A802 | 200 | 35 |  | 0 |
| A853 | 0 | 153 |  | 30 |
| B124 | 4 | 5 |  | 1 |
| B329 | 26 | 23 |  | 1 |
| DD310 | 103 | 48 |  | 9 |
| E209 | 51 | 26 |  | 5 |
| E808 | 423 | 198 |  | 157 |
| K314 | 85 | 54 |  | 17 |
| M250 | 4 | 14 |  | 4 |
| MST124 | 6 | 1 |  | 0 |
| S111 | 40 | 14 |  | 1 |
| SD329 | 34 | 39 |  | 5 |
| SDK100 | 13 | 11 |  | 7 |
| SK299 | 26 | 41 |  | 9 |
| T192 | 4 | 14 |  | 1 |
| T313 | 1 | 33 |  | 2 |
| TM111 | 18 | 2 |  | 1 |
| U116 | 7 | 2 |  | 0 |
| YXM830 | 0 | 120 |  | 300 |

