UCAS releases HE applications data at the January deadline

08 February 2018: UCAS has released data regarding Higher Education applications for the January deadline. This data covers application rates and trends for the 2018 cycle.

Overall, the applications rate for HE placements across all subjects has fallen nationally by -3% compared to the same period last year. Conversely, applications from both the EU (excluding the UK) and not-EU countries have risen by 3% and 11% respectively.

This release only provides general data for each subject group; more specific in-line data will be released later in the year.

Overall, our Q, R, and T groups have been affected by a small decline in applications numbers. Compared to last year, each group has fallen by the following percentages:

- Group Q (Linguistics, Classics & related): -7%
- Group R (European Langs, Lit & related): -11%
- Group T (Non-European Langs, Lit & related): -3%

With the next summary of the cycle due in April, we will be able to see what languages and subjects have been most affected and which ones are recruiting the highest numbers of students. At the moment, the biggest decline can be detected in Men’s applications from all domiciles compared to the same data for Women on last year’s figures, much in line with the national trend in Languages application whose main cohort is represented by women (ca. ¾ women vs ¼ men).