



NCUK's 2015/16 cohort will provide NCUK partner universities with:

£18.8 million

of tuition fee income in the financial year 2016/17 (+15% on the 2014/15 cohort)

£48.6 million

over the duration of their degree course (+20% on the 2014/15 cohort)

1420 students

were placed to partner universities, including

266 students

placed to degree programmes at SBC

This Annual Report reflects another strong year for NCUK, achieved in the context of considerable organisational change and investment in the development of a long-term strategy and business plan. The value of NCUK's graduating cohort of students to our universities increased by 20% on 2014/15 and targets for diversity were achieved or exceeded. Our students continue to perform well on their NCUK qualifications and on into their university studies.

We have sustained the highest academic standards, refined and clarified our brand messaging and expanded our customer base to include larger, global players.

The significant political events of 2016 and continued pressure on UK immigration present both threats and opportunities for NCUK. Our history of success in the offshore delivery of pathway programmes sets us apart from other providers and gives our universities access to student channels at lower risk from changes to UK immigration policy. To sustain those channels NCUK must broaden its offer to students whose 'global' expectations have never been higher.

We have 30 years of experience – and resilience – in the delivery of transnational education. Over the next five years we will achieve growth by applying our core strengths in new, creative ways and through strategic, global, partnerships.

Neil McLean CBE, Chair, NCUK Board of Directors

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Volume & Value to NCUK Universities

Value: NCUK's 2015/16 cohort will provide NCUK universities with...

NCUK's 2015/16 cohort was of significantly greater value to NCUK partners than the 2014/15, with rises above inflation by both single-year and course-duration metrics.

£18.8 million
in the financial year 2016/17 (+15%)
and
£48.6 million
over the duration of their degree course (+20%)

Volume and Diversity: 1420 student placements

1154 to NCUK Universities' UK-based degree programmes
266 to degree completion programmes at SBC

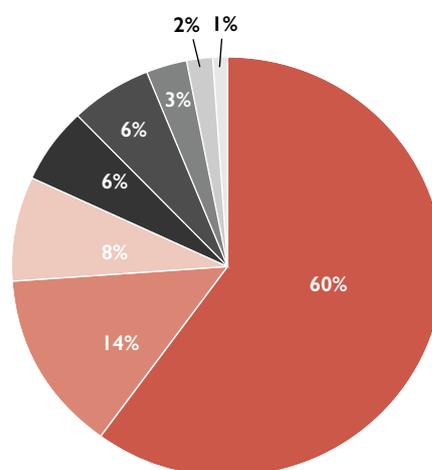
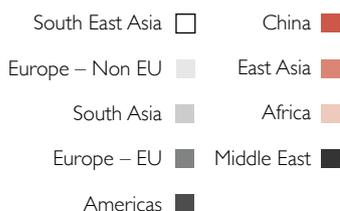
NCUK placements to UK campuses are up against 2014/15 (1154 against 1085 in 2014/15) and favourable to a target of 1091.

Diversity by Nationality

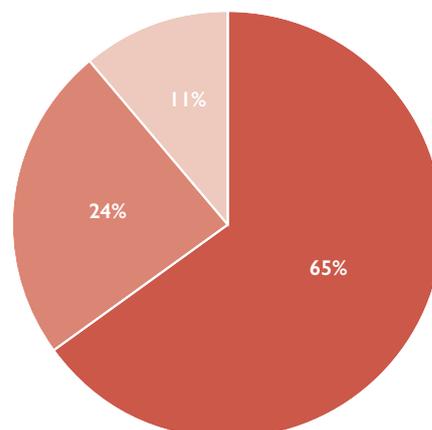
NCUK aims to achieve 45% non-Chinese placements by 2021. There is a very slight decrease in placements from non-Chinese students (to 40% from 41% in 2015/16) but NCUK remains on target to achieve this strategic objective.

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2016 Placements by Nationality



2016 Placements by NCUK Qualification

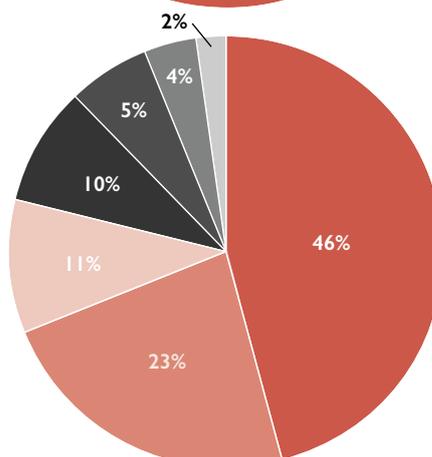
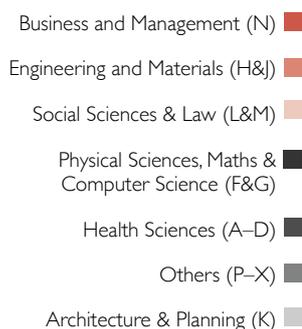


Diversity by NCUK Programme

IFY placements are up as a percentage of total placements (from 60% in 2015/16) and PMP placements down (from 15% to 11%).

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2016 Placements by Degree Subject Area



Diversity by Destination Degree

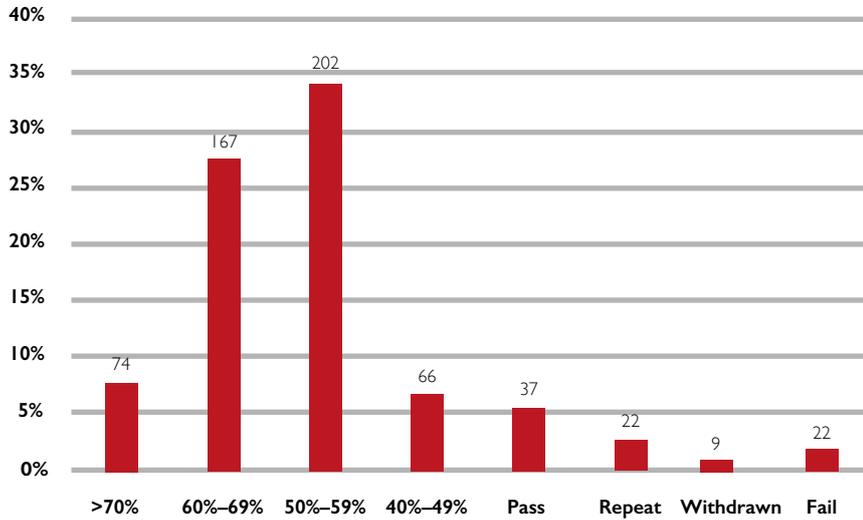
The proportion of placements to degree subjects outside of Business and Management disciplines are up from 51% in 2014/15 to 54%, with the significant increase into Engineering & Materials (from 19% in 2014/15 to 23% this year.)

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Quality: How NCUK students performed at university in 2015/16

Each year NCUK collects data relating to the performance of NCUK students in their university study. This data relates to those who entered university in 2015 and engaged with their first year of university study. Entry to the university programmes is at universities' discretion.

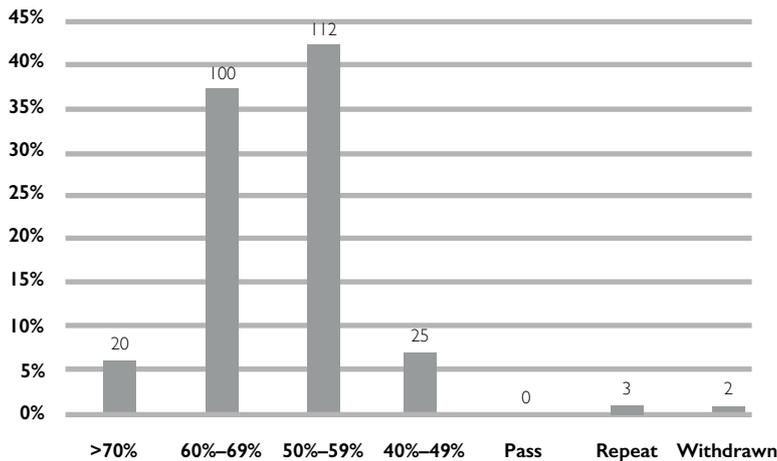
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International Foundation Year Students in their first year of university study (FHEQ* Level 4)

See Note A below.

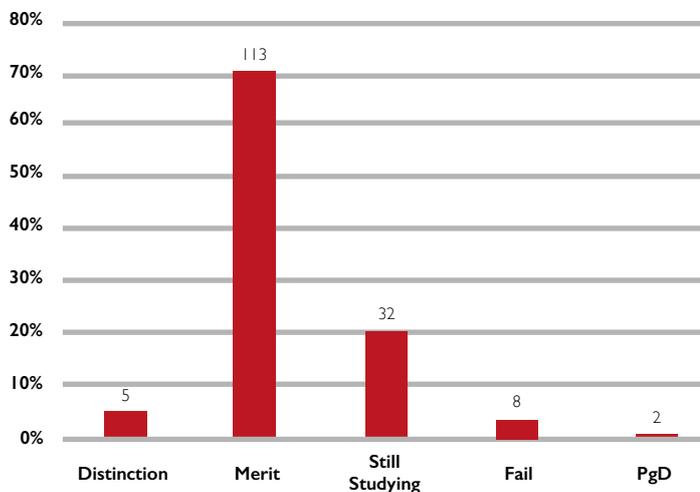
91% of NCUK IFY students from the 2014/15 cohort passed their first year of university study in 2015/16, above NCUK's target of 90%.



International Year One Students in their first year of university study (FHEQ* Level 5)

See Note B below.

98% of NCUK International Year One students from the 2014/15 cohort passed their first year of university study in 2015/16, above NCUK's target of 90%.



Pre-Masters Programme Students in their first year of university study (FHEQ* Level 7)

See Note C below.

NCUK's target is that 90% pass rate for PMP students will complete their Masters within 12 months.

74% of NCUK's 2014/15 are confirmed to have completed and passed their programme within 12 months. However, 'still studying' may indicate that results were not available at the time of data collection.

Note: The progression data above excludes students from Aston, Bristol and Liverpool.

Note A: There are 599 students in this dataset

Note B: There are 340 students in this data set.

Note C: There are 184 students in this data set.

*Framework for Higher Education Qualifications

Celebrating NCUK Student Success

Over the last 30 years, NCUK has helped tens of thousands students progress to university. Many of these are high achievers and are celebrated on an annual basis through merit grants that are awarded by the Northern Consortium. Below are highlights of the students own thoughts on how NCUK has helped them get in to university and get on with their future studies and career.

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I studied at the Sino-British College in Shanghai and then in the UK, with a placement year in my home country of Mexico. Thanks to NCUK, I had a truly global learning and cultural experience – and I'll graduate with a UK degree.

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– KAREN ABRIL DOMINGUEZ MONTES

from Mexico
BA (Hons) International Business Management
(with placement)
Manchester Metropolitan University



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The NCUK course was well designed, and truly equivalent to the first year of a Bachelors degree. I feel fully prepared to achieve more in Year 2 of my degree. I'm confident writing in English after completing my studies with NCUK.

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– HIN FUNG IP

from China
BSc (Hons) Management (Marketing)
The University of Manchester

