

Analysis of level 4 BSc Finance and Investment results (2013-14)

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The total number of students was 34. The outcomes at the summer board are in Table 1.

Number of Students	
FWD	3
Pass	19
Refer	6
Withdrawal	6

Table 1: Outcome of Level 4 BSc. Finance and Investment Students

The figures show that 8.8235 percent of the students failed and were asked to withdraw; 55.8824 percent passed at the first attempt; 17.6471 were referred and 17.6471 withdrew before taking exams.

There are four issues to consider in detail: the first is the proportion of student who do not complete the first year; the second is the performance of students taken onto the course through clearing; the third is the relationship between student entry grades and the level four performance; the final issue is that of the performance of overseas students.

Proportion of students completing level 4

Though the University counts these fail-withdrawals and withdrawal as the same, it is clear from an investigation of the student files that these are two distinct categories. The second group include two students who switched to another course and it is clear that these students did not find the course to their taste

For example, Eleanor Alabaster withdrew for “family and personal reasons”; Erikas Gringaliunas withdrew because for financial reasons, he was an

overseas student from Lithuania, had no financial support and found it too expensive in Brighton; Laura Battle withdrew because she found it impossible to keep up with the mathematical elements of Economics and had not settled in Brighton; Jack Bridges transferred out to Sport and Exercise Science; Craig O'Neill withdrew (Not sure look at notes); Samuel Peka transferred to Computer Science.

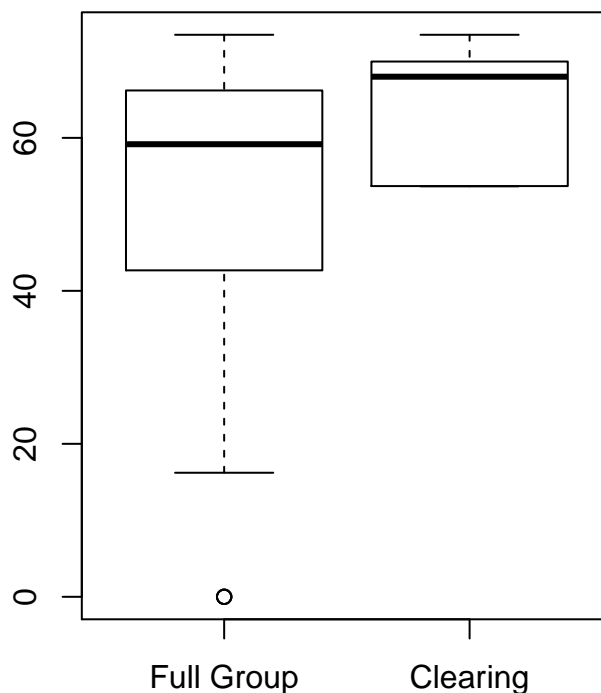
I spoke to Erikas and Laura before they left.

Performance of clearing students

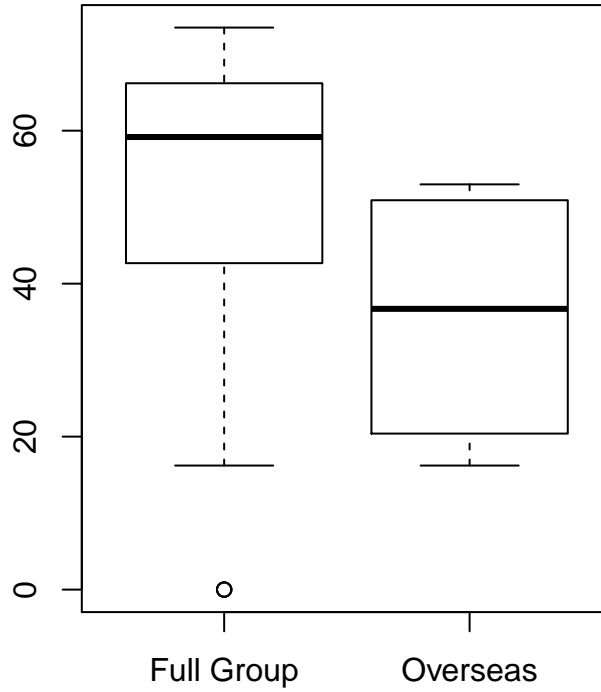
There were 6 students taken onto the course through clearing.

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	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
da\$AlevelABB or close	62.32	8.90	7.00	0.00
da\$AlevelLower A-Level	58.67	5.14	11.42	0.00
da\$AlevelBTEC and other	36.96	5.52	6.70	0.00

Table 2: Level 4 grade for A-level category