

Academic Appeals*

In the figures below 'Cohort' refers to the year in which the academic decision under appeal was made. Therefore '2014-15 cohort' refers to decisions made in session 2014-15, with the academic appeals being considered through the appeals process either late in 2014-15 or during session 2015-16.

1. The number of appeals submitted to and considered by the College Appeals Committees for the past four cohorts

Cohort	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
No. of Appeals per College				
College of Arts	16	9	10	17
College of MVLS	21	22	28	23
College of Science & Engineering	25	20	27	20
College of Social Sciences	39	26	41	42
TOTAL	101	77	106	102

The proportion of appeals for the total student body in 2014-15 (25,000+) is low, at less than 0.5%.

2. The number of College appeals upheld or referred for the past four cohorts

Cohort	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
No. of Appeals Upheld/Referred				
Unfair/defective procedure	9	4	5	6
Other Circumstances	19	22	31	37
Both unfair/defective procedure and other circumstances	8	8	1	1
TOTAL	36	34	37	44
Proportion of appeals upheld/referred	36%	44%	35%	43%

A College Appeals Committee does not have authority to make academic decisions so cases can be referred back for reconsideration by the relevant decision-making body (Exam Board or Progress Committee) with appropriate guidance or direction.

*Information as reported to Senate in June 2016

3. The number of appeals to the Senate Appeals Committee

Appeals to Senate allow appellants who are dissatisfied with the appeals procedure at College level the opportunity to seek a review. Out of the 58 unsuccessful College appeals, 8 (14%) proceeded to become Senate appeals. For the 2012-13 and 2013-14 cohorts the equivalent figures were 26% and 23% respectively.

Cohort	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Total No. of Appeals	17	11	16	8
Appeals Upheld or Referred Back to College				
TOTAL	6	2	3	2

The Senate Appeals Committee may refer cases back for reconsideration by the College Appeals Committee or by the relevant academic-decision making body, as appropriate. As with College Appeals Committees, the Senate Appeals Committee does not have authority to make academic decisions.