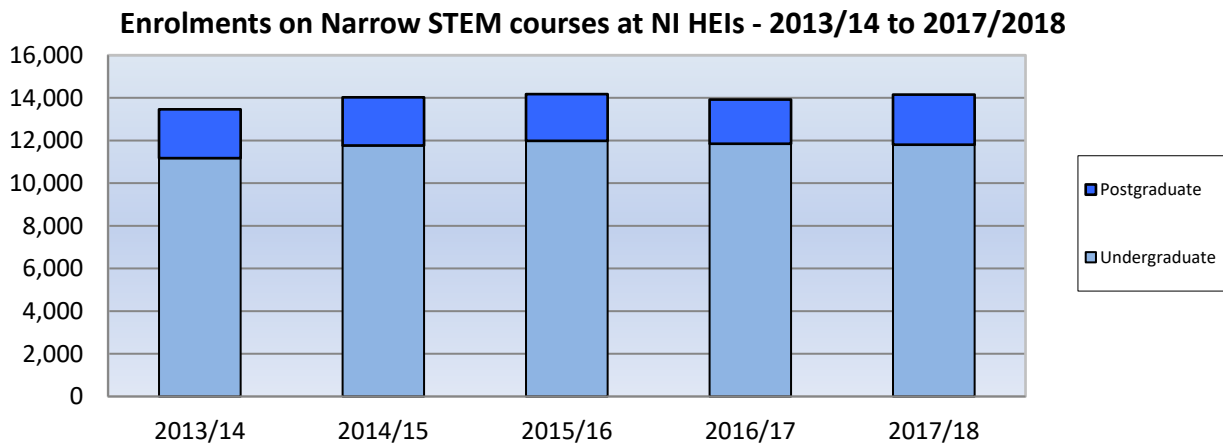


Statistical Fact Sheet 6

Section 1: Enrolments on Narrow STEM¹ related courses at NI Higher Education Institutions - 2013/14 to 2017/18

- Between 2013/14 and 2017/18, the total number of students enrolled on Narrow STEM related courses at NI Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) increased by 5.1%, from 13,460 to 14,155.
- Although there was a 3.4% net decrease in all enrolments at NI HEIs between 2013/14 and 2017/18, the proportion of Narrow STEM enrolments increased from 23.9% to 26.0% over the same period.
- Between 2016/17 and 2017/18, the total number of students enrolled on Narrow STEM related courses at NI HEIs increased by 235 (1.7%), from 13,920 to 14,155.
- Between 2013/14 and 2017/18, the number of undergraduate enrolments on Narrow STEM related courses at NI HEIs increased from 11,175 to 11,805 (a rise of 5.7%). Over the same time period, postgraduate Narrow STEM enrolments increased from 2,290 to 2,345 (a rise of 2.5%).



	Narrow STEM Enrolments				All Enrolments
	Undergraduate	Postgraduate	Total	Proportion	
2013/14	11,175	2,290	13,460	23.9%	56,395
2014/15	11,765	2,260	14,025	24.8%	56,445
2015/16	11,985	2,190	14,175	25.7%	55,245
2016/17	11,845	2,075	13,920	25.5%	54,570
2017/18	11,805	2,345	14,155	26.0%	55,460

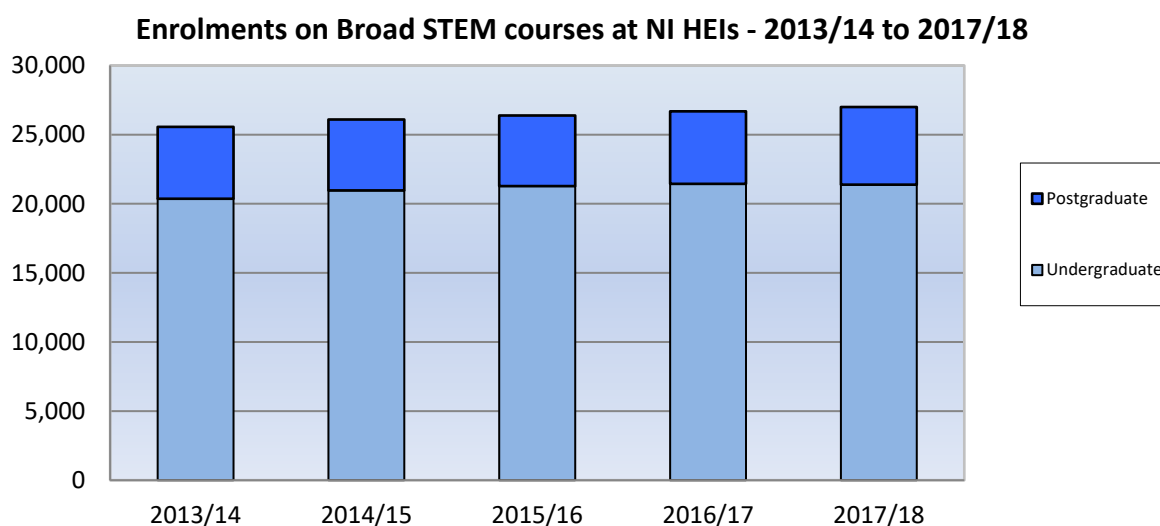
Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA)

Notes:

1. Narrow STEM related courses include: Biological Sciences; Physical Sciences; Mathematical Sciences; Computer Science and Engineering & Technology.
2. Figures are rounded to the nearest 5. Due to rounding, figures may not sum to totals. Percentages are based on unrounded figures.
3. From the 2014/15 academic year onwards, DfE no longer counts the Open University as a wholly English institution, but splits it between England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, depending on where the national centre is located. Figures for previous years have been updated to reflect this change in methodology.

Section 2: Enrolments on Broad STEM¹ related courses at NI Higher Education Institutions - 2013/14 to 2017/18

- Between 2013/14 and 2017/18, the total number of students enrolled on Broad STEM related courses at NI Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) rose from 25,565 to 26,995 (a 5.6% increase).
- Although there was a 3.4% net decrease in all enrolments at NI HEIs between 2013/14 and 2017/18, the proportion of Broad STEM enrolments increased from 45.3% to 49.6% over the same period.
- Between 2016/17 and 2017/18, the total number of students enrolled on Broad STEM related courses at NI HEIs increased by 315 (1.2%), from 26,680 to 26,995.
- Between 2013/14 and 2017/18, undergraduate enrolments on Broad STEM related courses at NI HEIs increased from 20,365 to 21,380 (a rise of 5%). Although some fluctuations occurred, the number of postgraduate Broad STEM enrolments increased from 5,200 to 5,615 (a rise of 8%) over the same period.



	Broad STEM Enrolments				All Enrolments
	Undergraduate	Postgraduate	Total	Proportion	
2013/14	20,365	5,200	25,565	45.3%	56,395
2014/15	20,960	5,135	26,095	46.2%	56,445
2015/16	21,280	5,100	26,380	47.8%	55,245
2016/17	21,440	5,240	26,680	48.9%	54,570
2017/18	21,380	5,615	26,995	49.6%	55,460

Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA)

Notes:

1. Broad STEM related courses include: Medicine & Dentistry; Subjects allied to Medicine; Biological Sciences; Agriculture & related subjects; Physical Sciences; Mathematical Sciences; Computer Science; Engineering & Technology; and Architecture, Building & Planning.
2. Figures are rounded to the nearest 5. Due to rounding, figures may not sum to totals. Percentages are based on unrounded figures.
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