

Tariff Entry Requirements for Surveying Degree Courses in the UK

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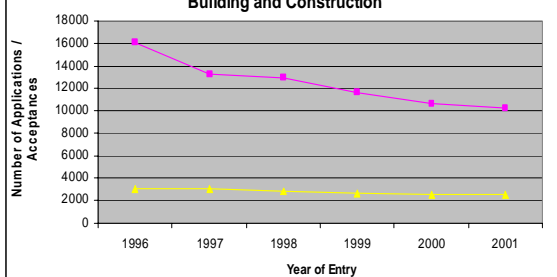


UK Construction Higher Education Sector

- ◆ Falling application numbers
- ◆ Falling graduate numbers
- ◆ Increasing industrial demand for graduates
- ◆ Above average earnings for graduates
- ◆ Consistently top of graduate employment league tables



Applications and Acceptances to JCAS Subject Group K2 Building and Construction



RICS - Agenda for Change

- ◆ “Vision of high quality education”
- ◆ “highly competitive entry to courses at undergraduate and postgraduate level”
- ◆ “elevate the status of the RICS qualification”
- ◆ “RICS has access to high calibre graduate output”



Admissions threshold

- ◆ A-levels are a crude yardstick
- ◆ Acts against Government and RICS initiatives
- ◆ Narrows participation
- ◆ Penalises non A-level students
- ◆ HE sector very concerned at impact
- ◆ Much criticism in press



RICS Response

- ◆ Claim that threshold had increased numbers
- ◆ Predicted further increases
- ◆ “New starters will hit 5000 mark”
- ◆ Published statistics combined UG and PG
- ◆ At odds with HE experience
- ◆ Analysis of statistics revealing

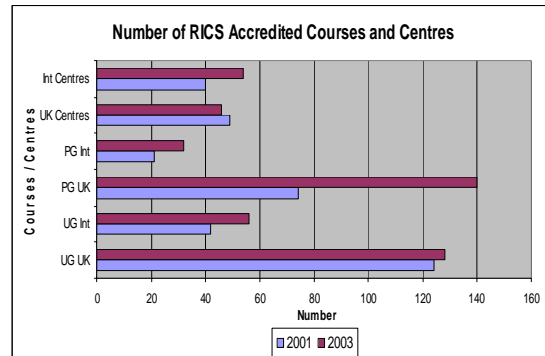


Detail of Changes

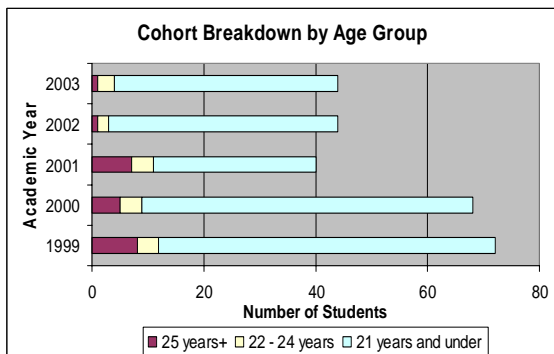
- ◆ Increase in number of RICS centers
- ◆ Increase in number of RICS courses
- ◆ Massive increase in PG numbers
- ◆ Reduction in UG numbers
- ◆ Threshold only effects UG courses - no entry threshold for PG



Number of RICS Accredited Courses and Centres



Cohort Breakdown by Age Group

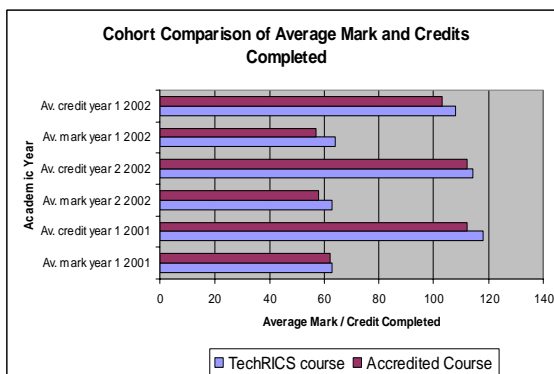


Degree classification and A-Level correlation

- ◆ Large body of research
- ◆ Black and William (2002)
- ◆ Bekhradnia and Thompson (2002)
- ◆ Universities UK (2003)
- ◆ Case study at SHU



Cohort Comparison of Average Mark and Credits Completed



RICS New Proposal

- ◆ Raise threshold higher
- ◆ No evaluation of impact of original
- ◆ Full figures unpublished
- ◆ Very short consultation



Thank you for listening

