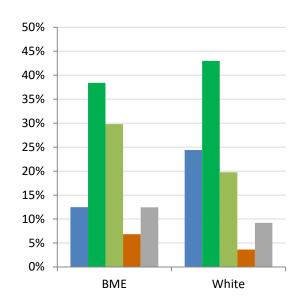
# Is low motivation a factor in BME underperformance?

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# **KU summary 14/15**

#### All faculties

Class	BME	White
1	12%	24%
2.1	38%	43%
2.2	30%	20%
3	7%	4%
Ord/Fdn	12%	9%

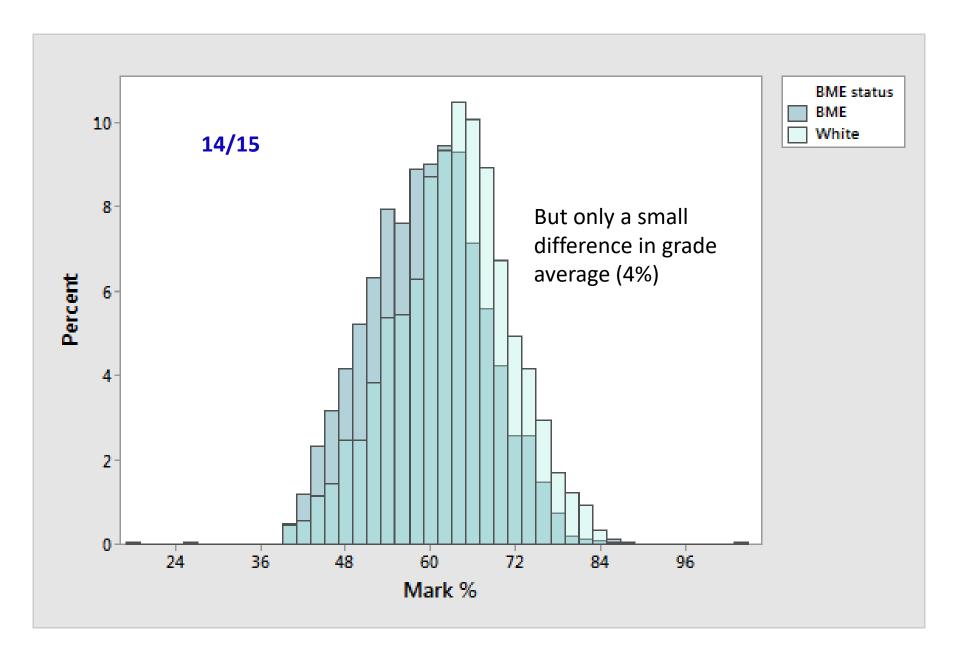


Odds of a good degree (1 or 2.1) = 1 (BME)
2.03 (White)

odds = 
$$p/(1-p)$$

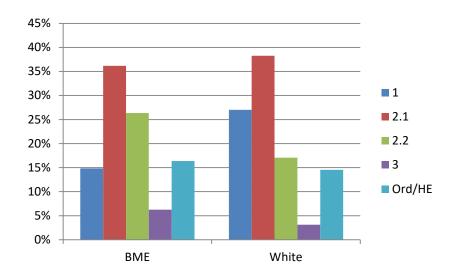
White students are twice as likely to get a good degree as BME

Similar to the rest of the country



# **KU summary 15/16**

Class	BME	White
1	15%	27%
2.1	36%	38%
2.2	26%	17%
3	6%	3%
Ord/HE	16%	15%



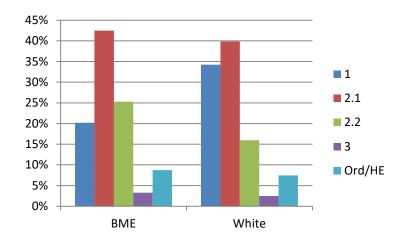
Odds of a good degree (1 or 2.1) = 1.04 (BME) [0.72 for Black students] 1.86 (White)

White students are 1.79 times as likely to get a good degree as BME but 2.58 times as likely as Black students

Class	Asian	Black	Mixed	Other	White
1	17%	10%	21%	13%	27%
2.1	39%	32%	32%	38%	38%
2.2	25%	30%	23%	26%	17%
3	5%	8%	6%	5%	3%
Ord/HE	14%	20%	19%	17%	15%

# **KU summary 16/17**

Class	BME	White
1	20%	34%
2.1	42%	40%
2.2	25%	16%
3	3%	2%
Ord/HE	9%	7%

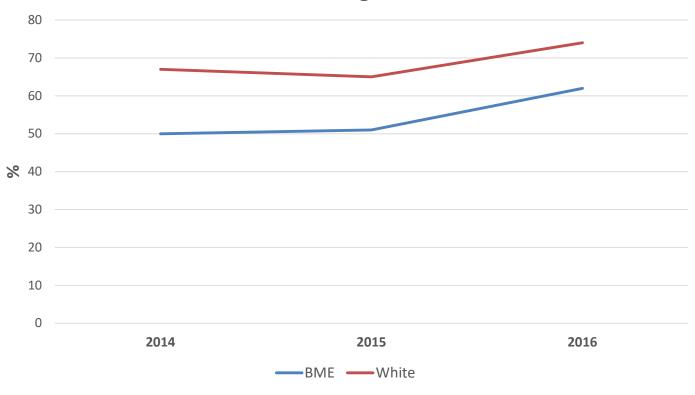


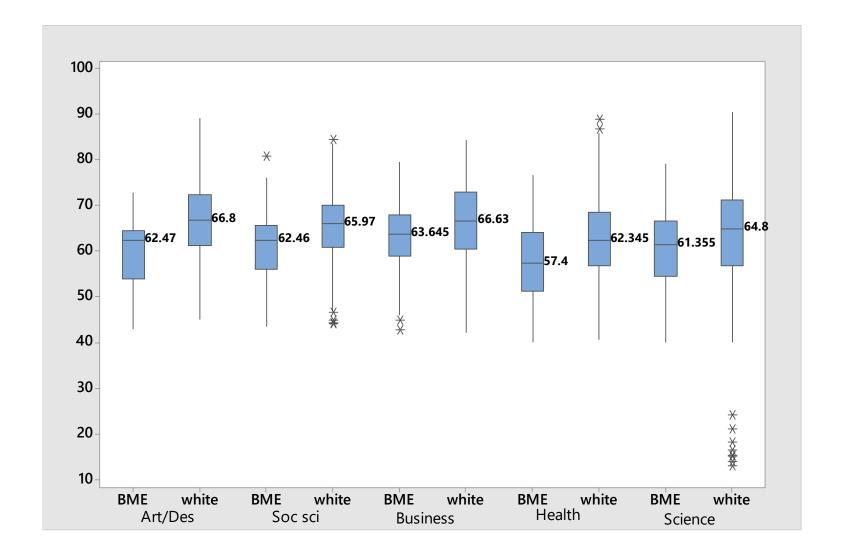
Odds of a good degree (1 or 2.1) = 1.63 (BME) [1.4 for Black students] 2.85 (White)

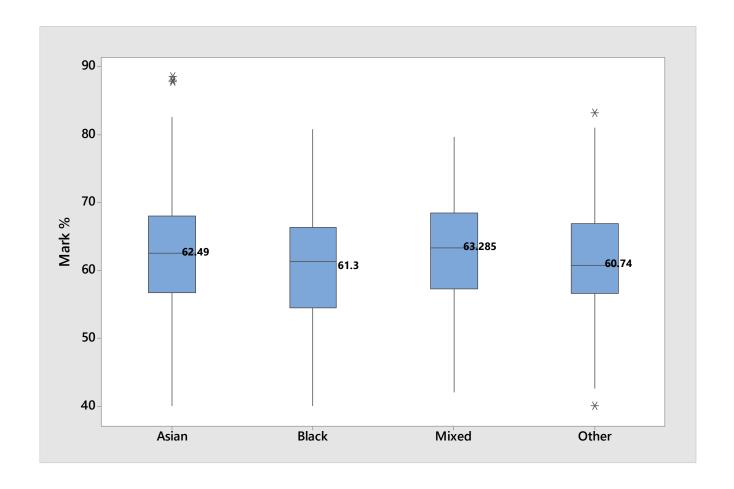
White students are 1.75 times as likely to get a good degree as BME but still 2.04 times as likely as Black students

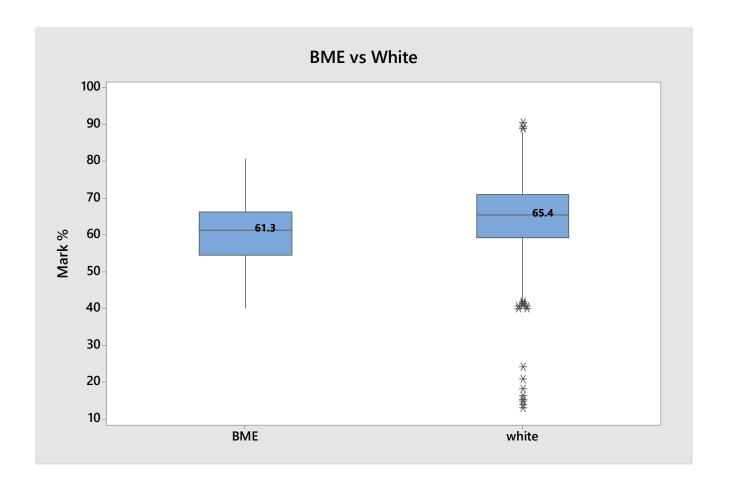
Class	Asian	Black	Mixed	Other	White
1	22%	16%	23%	17%	34%
2.1	42%	43%	44%	43%	40%
2.2	26%	26%	19%	30%	16%
3	4%	4%	2%	2%	2%
Ord/HE	7%	12%	12%	9%	7%

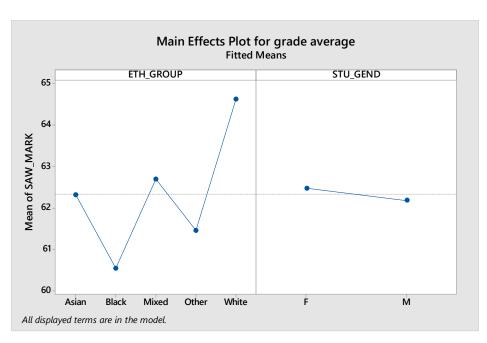
#### Good degrees

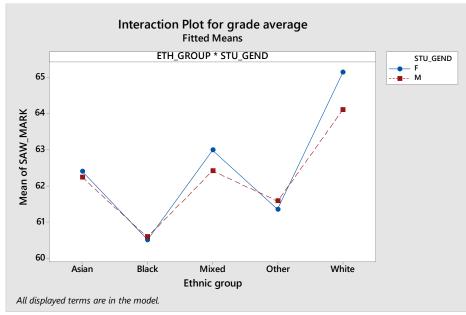








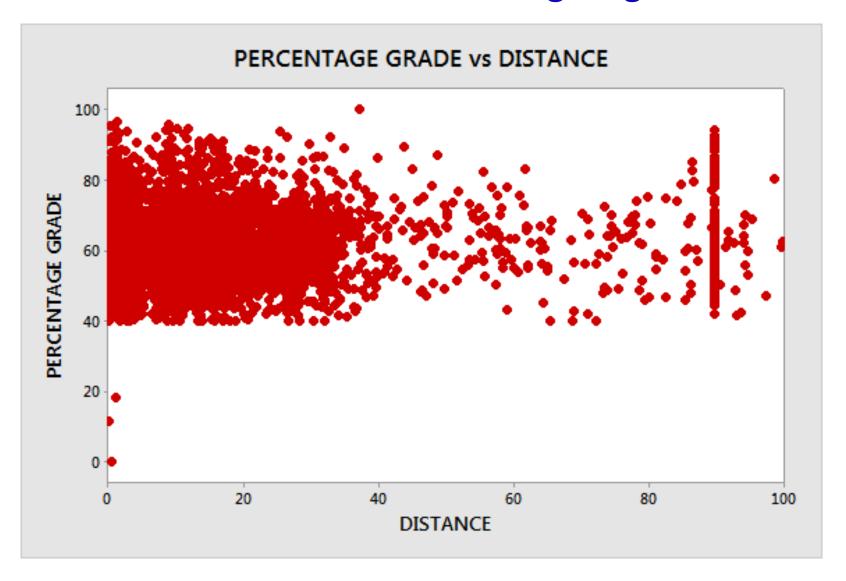




#### **Analysis of Variance**

Source	DF	Adj SS	Adj MS	F-Value	P-Value
ETH_GROUP	4	9159	2289.63	31.05	0.000
STU_GEND	1	44	44.07	0.60	0.440
ETH_GROUP*STU_GEND	4	239	59.76	0.81	0.518
Error	4171	307562	73.74		
Total	4180	318495			

# Does commute distance influence degree grade?



# What then of the gap?

It still exists but appears to have shrunk a little (odds ratio)

Median mark differs between BME and White by about 4% (stat significant)

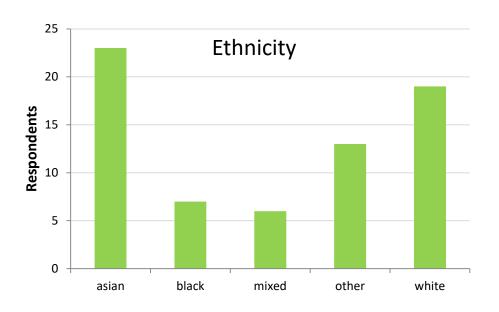
Count of good degrees is sensitive to the shape of the marks distribution: determined at the margins

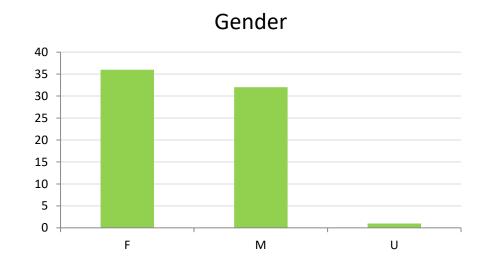
# Student questionnaire on motivation

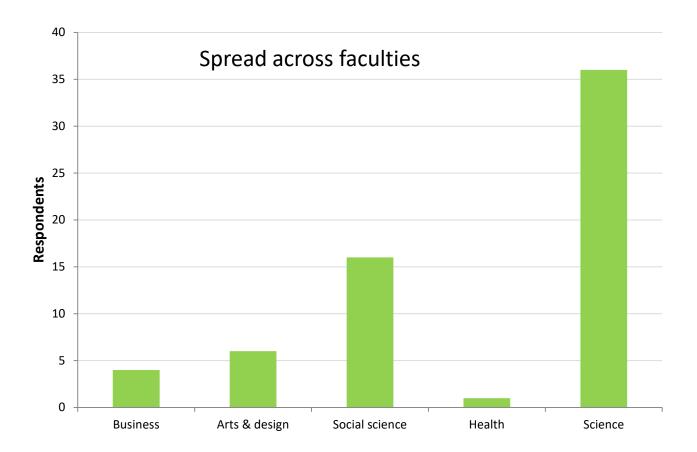
Questions on motivation, level of confidence put to students earlier this year.

# Questionnaire responses

Ethnicity	Respondents
asian	23
black	7
mixed	6
other	13
white	19
not	
answered	2
BME	49
White	19





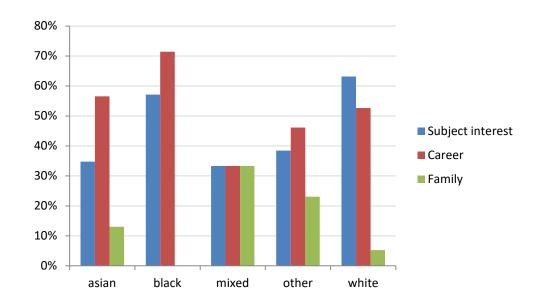


# What was your motivation to go to university?

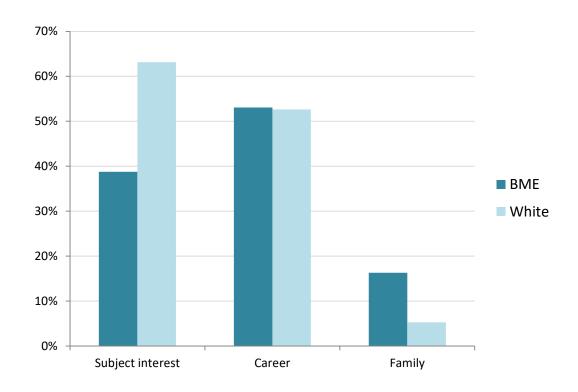
- Interest in subject
- Career benefits
- Family pressure
- Peer pressure
- No satisfactory alternatives
- Other (please specify)

	Subject interest	Career	Family
asian	35%	57%	13%
black	57%	71%	0%
mixed	33%	33%	33%
other	38%	46%	23%
white	63%	53%	5%
BME	39%	53%	16%
White	63%	53%	5%

	Subject interest	Career	Family
asian	8	13	3
black	4	5	0
mixed	2	2	2
other	5	6	3
white	12	10	1

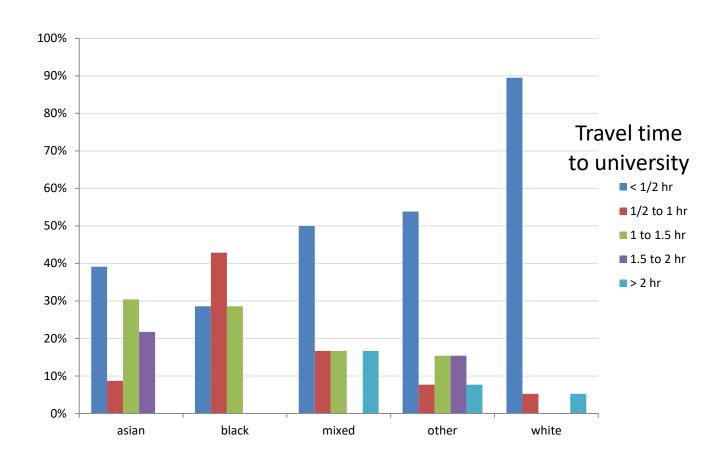


# **Motivation to study**

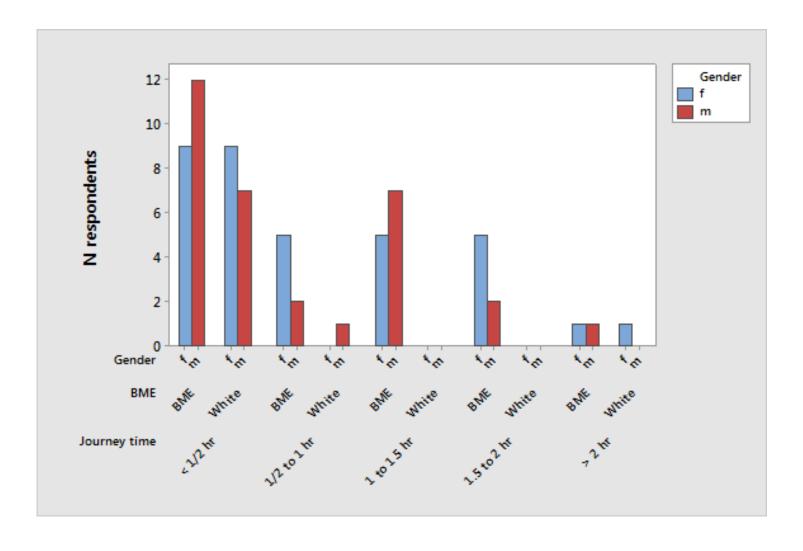


Not statistically significant difference (but sample too small to judge)

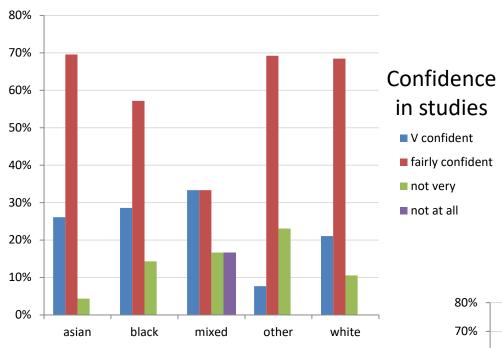
## **Commute time**

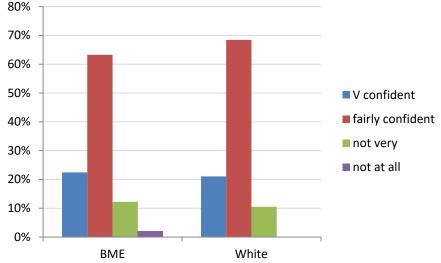


### **Commute time**

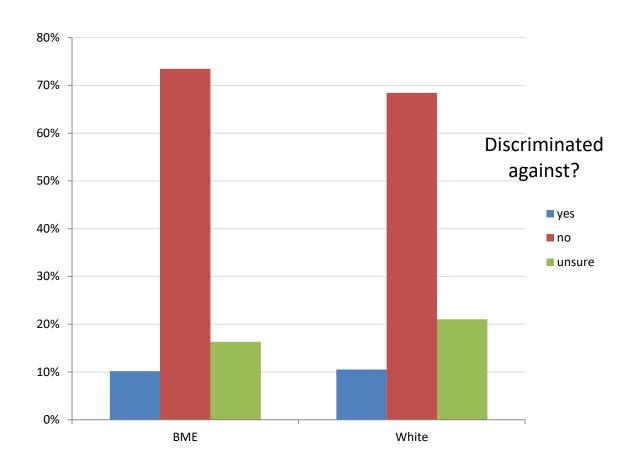


### **Self confidence**





# **Perception of discrimination**



No difference apparent between faculties