

Library resource use and student success

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Library training and attainment

Each year, we analyse data about student attainment and how participation in library training and use of Library resources relate to student success. We have repeatedly found a correlation between student attainment and engagement with the Library.

Figure 1 shows the percentage of all students who began a module in October 2024 (2024J) that have attended or not attended one of the [training sessions](#) with their attendance status split by their module result.

Across the university, **37%** of students who attended a live session gained a distinction at the end of their module.

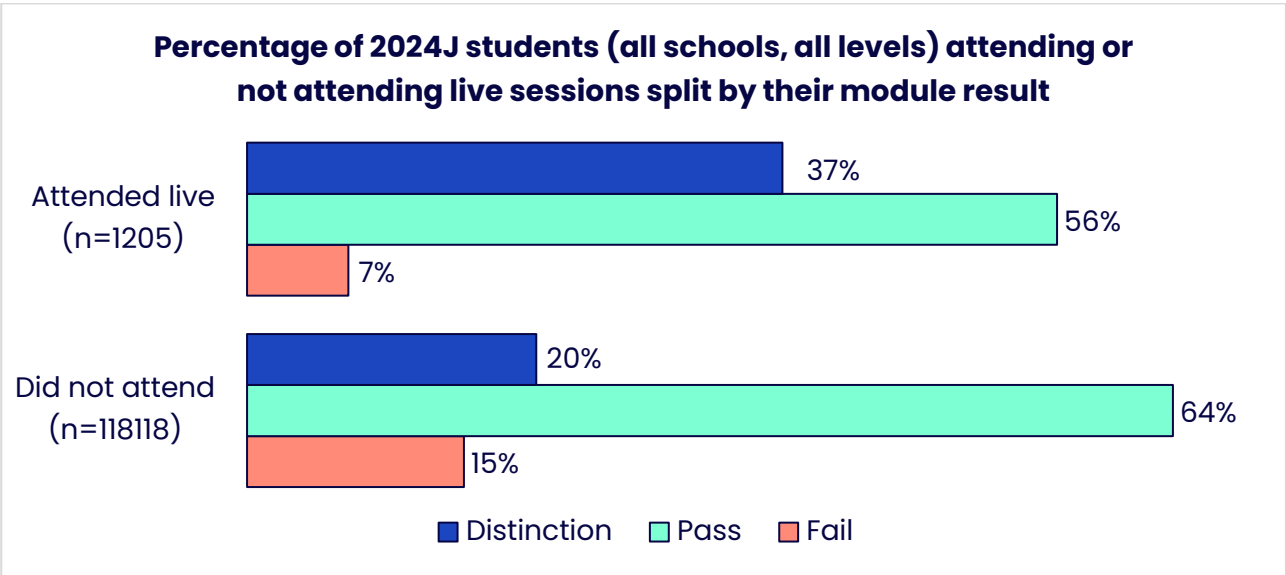


Figure 1. Percentage of 2024J students (all schools, all levels) attending or not attending live sessions split by their module result

	Fail	Pass	Distinction	(n)
Attended live	7.1%	55.6%	37.3%	1,205
Did not attend	15.4%	64.2%	20.5%	118,118

Library resources use and attainment

Similarly, students who access Library resources more frequently correlate to a greater number of distinctions. For most modules across the OU, students who received a distinction accessed on average more Library resources than students who passed or failed the module.

Across the OU, students who gained a Distinction averaged 32 resource accesses. Those who passed averaged 18 resources, and those who failed averaged 3 resources (Figure 2).

The number of Library resources accessed by students typically increases as their level of study progresses.

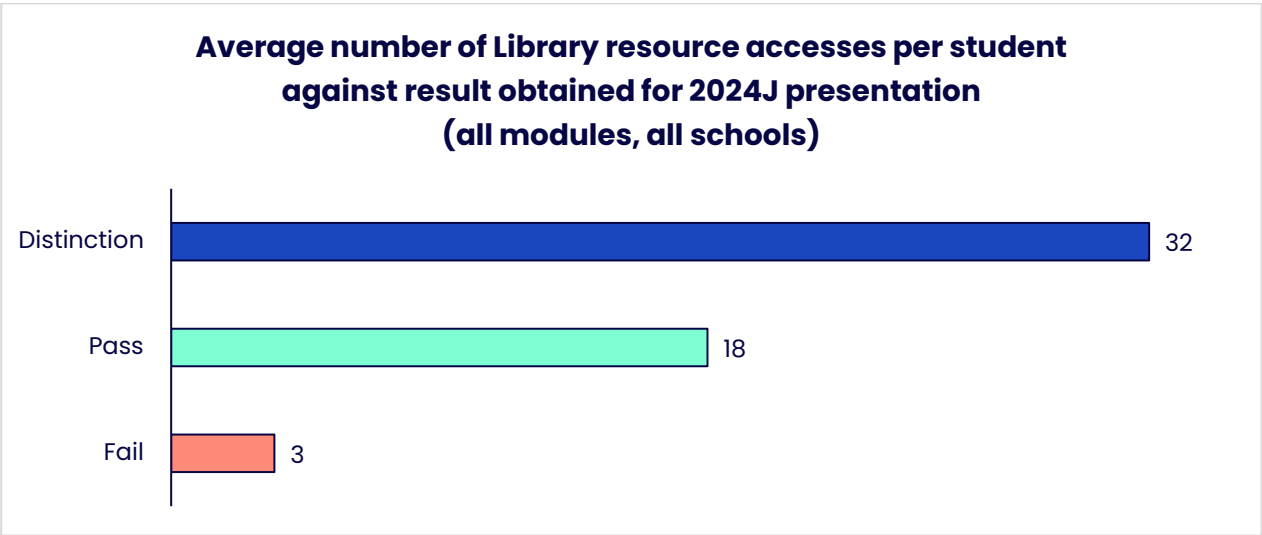


Figure 2. Average number of Library resources accessed per student against result obtained for 2024J presentation (all modules, all schools)

Grade	Average
Distinction	32.3
Pass	17.7
Fail	3.4

Resources accessed and attainment for each school and module

Data for individual schools (2024J unless otherwise specified)

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS):

- [Arts and Humanities](#)
- [Psychology and Counselling](#)
- [Social Science and Global Studies](#)
- [Creative Industries](#)

Faculty of Business and Law (FBL):

- [Business School \(Undergraduate\)](#)
- [Business School \(Postgraduate\)](#)
- [Law \(including Policing\)](#)

Faculty of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM):

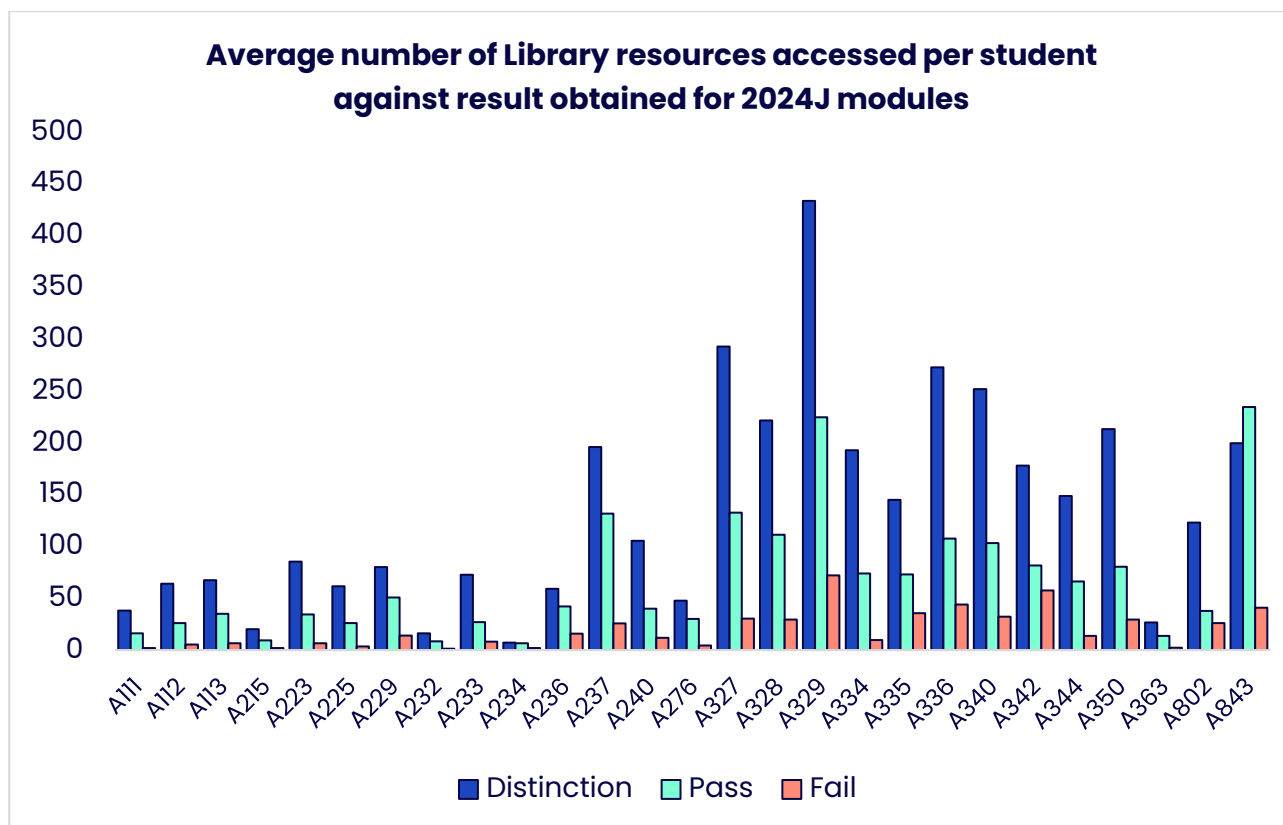
- [Computing and Communications](#)
- [Engineering and Innovation](#)
- [Environment, Earth and Ecosystem Sciences](#)
- [Life, Health and Chemical Sciences](#)
- [Maths and Statistics](#)
- [Physical Sciences](#)

School of Wellbeing, Education and Language Studies (WELS):

- [Education, Childhood, Youth and Sport](#)
- [Health, Wellbeing and Social Care](#)
- [Languages and Applied Linguistics](#)

[Open Programme](#)

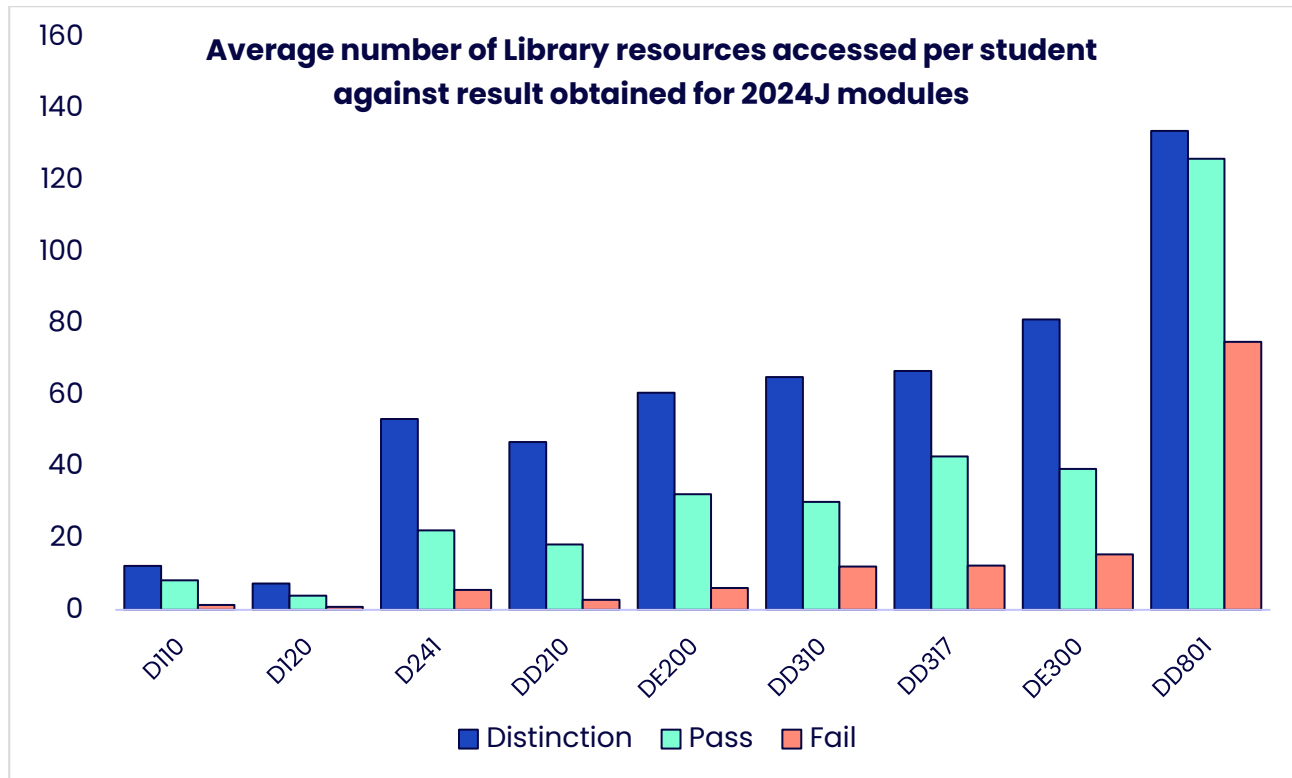
FASS Arts and Humanities



Module	Distinction	Pass	Fail
A111	38	16	2
A112	64	26	5
A113	67	35	7
A215	20	9	2
A223	85	34	6
A225	61	26	3
A229	80	51	14
A232	16	8	1
A233	73	27	8

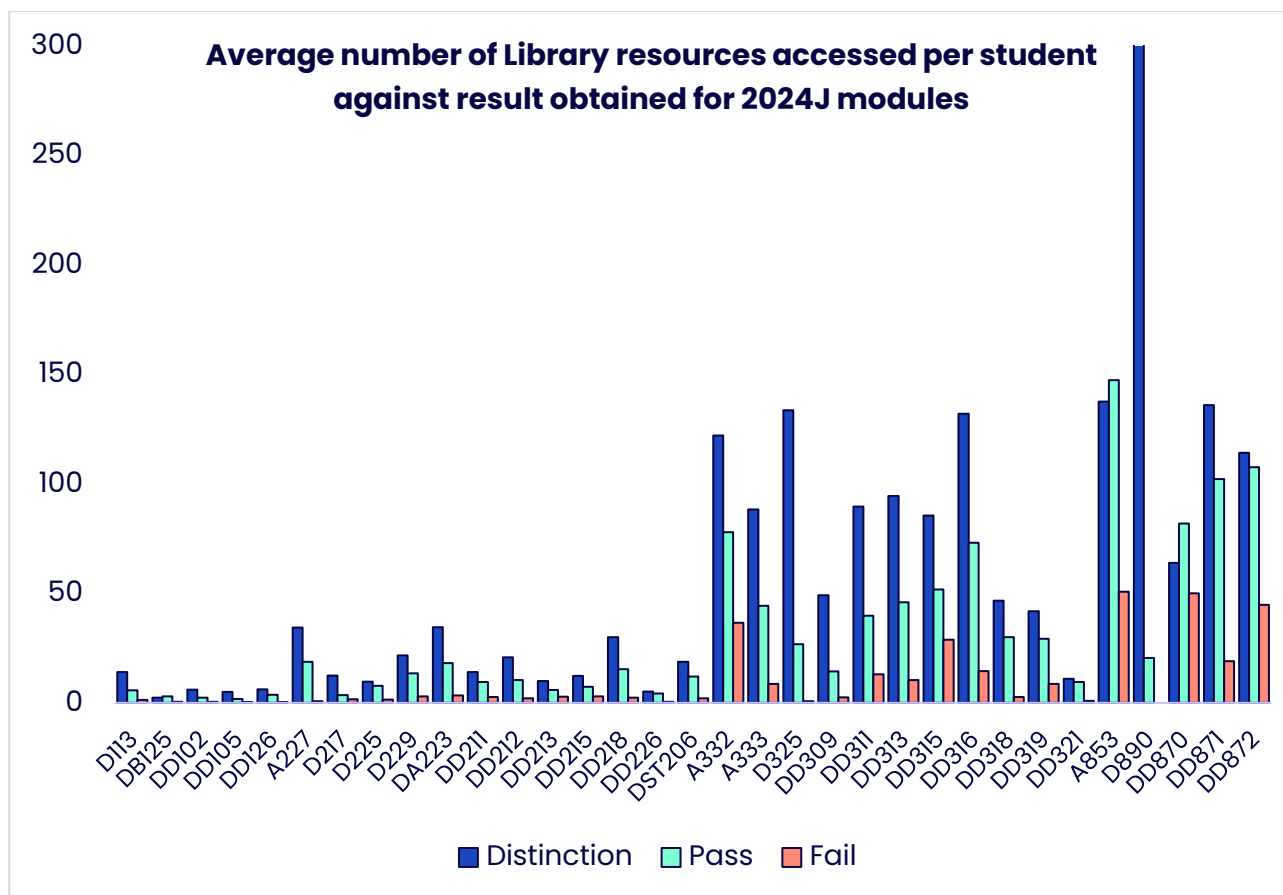
A234	7	6	2
A236	59	42	16
A237	196	132	26
A240	105	40	12
A276	47	30	5
A327	293	132	30
A328	221	111	29
A329	433	225	72
A334	193	74	10
A335	145	73	36
A336	273	107	44
A340	252	103	32
A342	178	82	57
A344	149	66	14
A350	213	80	29
A363	27	14	2
A802	123	38	26
A843	200	234	41

FASS Psychology and Counselling



Module	Distinction	Pass	Fail
D110	12	8	1
D120	7	4	1
D241	53	22	6
DD210	47	18	3
DE200	61	32	6
DD310	65	30	12
DD317	67	43	12
DE300	81	39	16
DD801	134	126	75

FASS Social Science and Global Studies



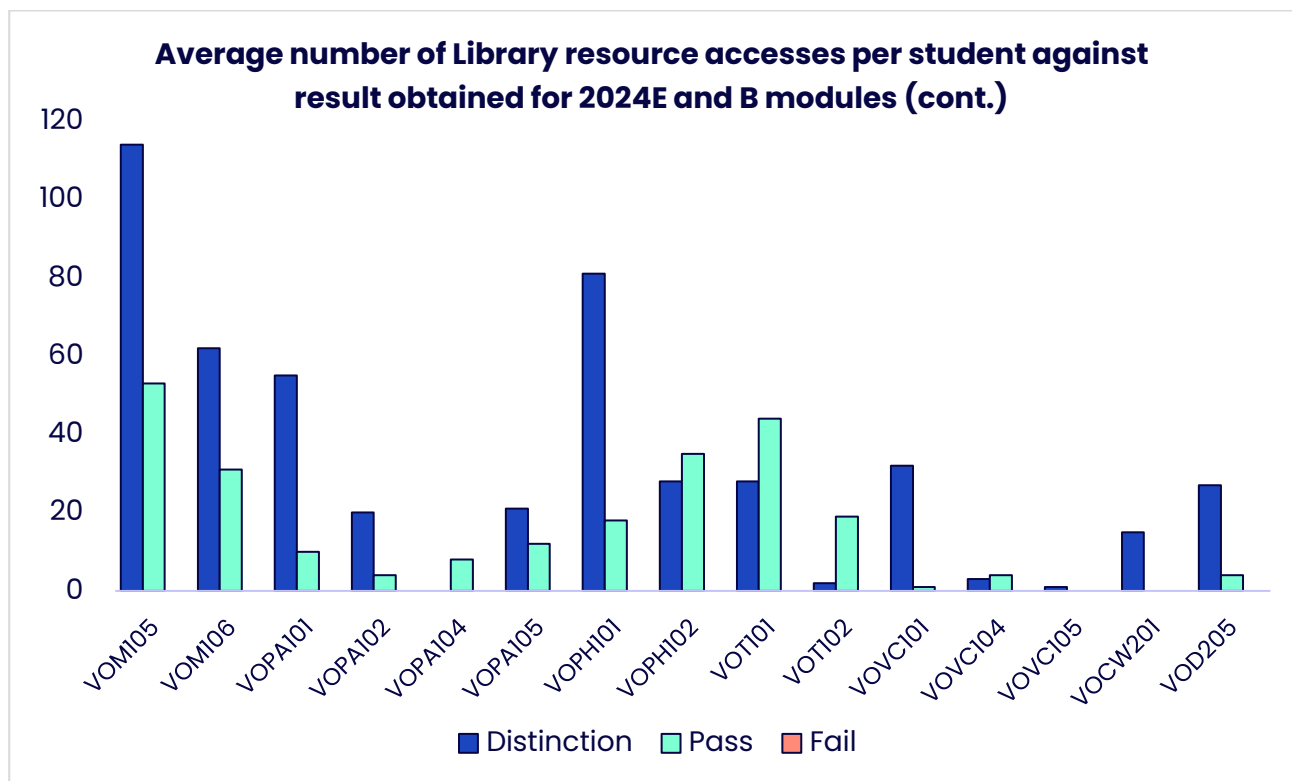
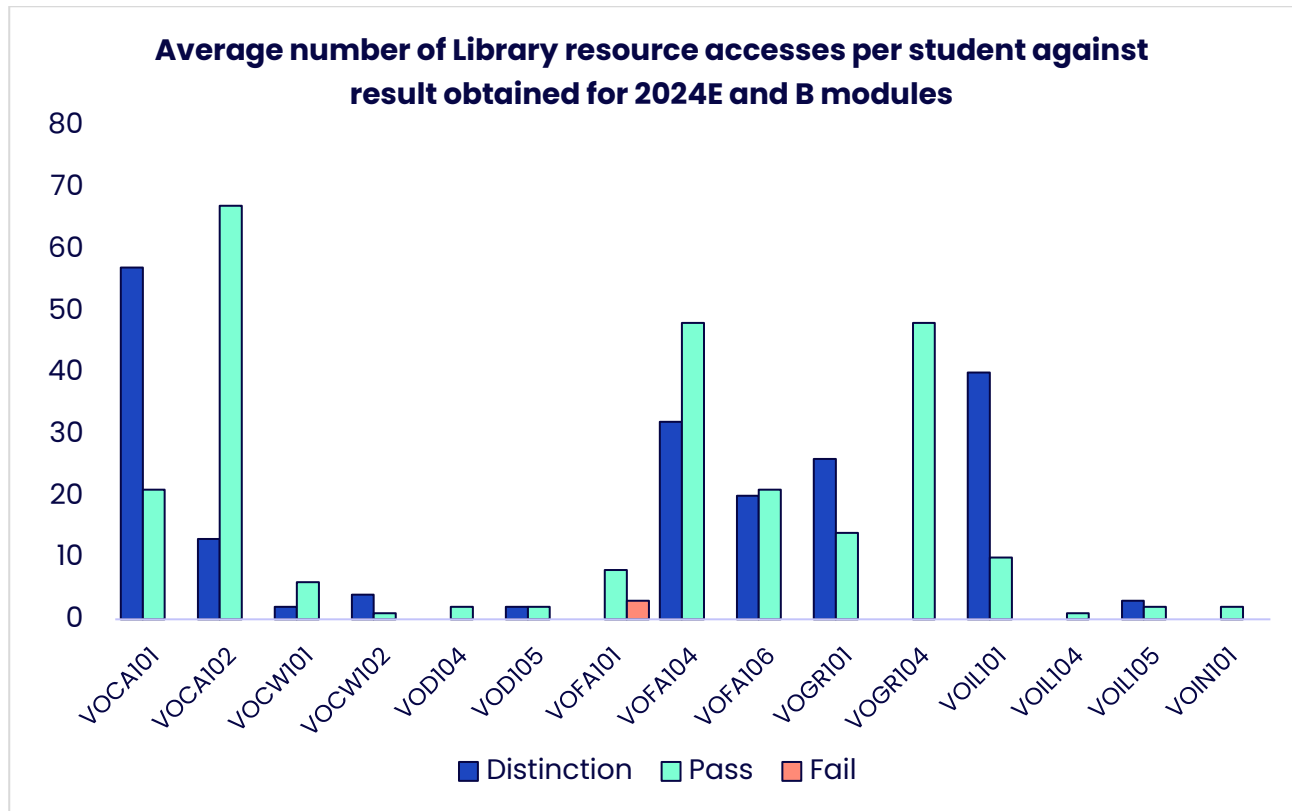
Module	Distinction	Pass	Fail
D113	14	6	1
DB125	2	3	1
DD102	6	2	0
DD105	5	2	0
DD126	6	4	0
A227	34	19	1
D217	12	4	2
D225	10	8	2

D229	22	13	3
DA223	35	18	3
DD211	14	10	3
DD212	21	10	2
DD213	10	6	3
DD215	12	7	3
DD218	30	15	2
DD226	5	4	1
DST206	19	12	2
A332	122	78	37
A333	88	44	9
D325	134	27	1
DD309	49	14	3
DD311	90	40	13
DD313	95	46	10
DD315	86	52	29
DD316	132	73	15
DD318	47	30	3
DD319	42	29	9
DD321	11	10	1
A853	138	147	51
D890	465	21	0

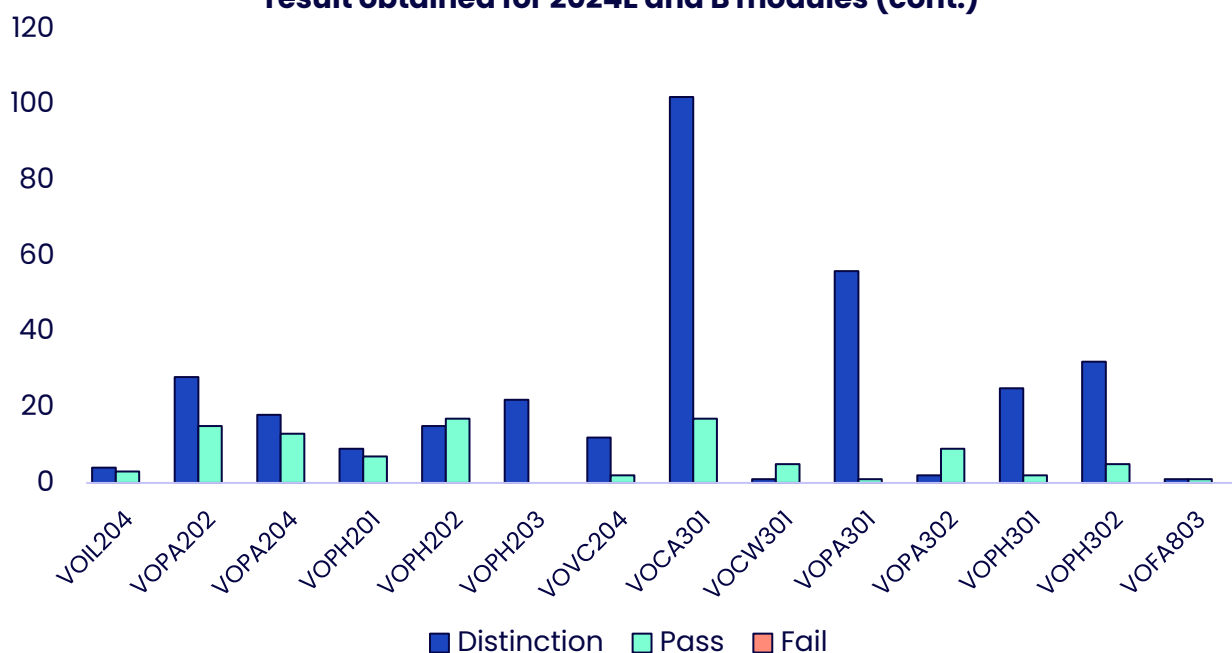
DD870	64	82	50
DD871	136	102	19
DD872	114	108	45

FASS Creative Industries

Presentations E and B



Average number of Library resource accesses per student against result obtained for 2024E and B modules (cont.)

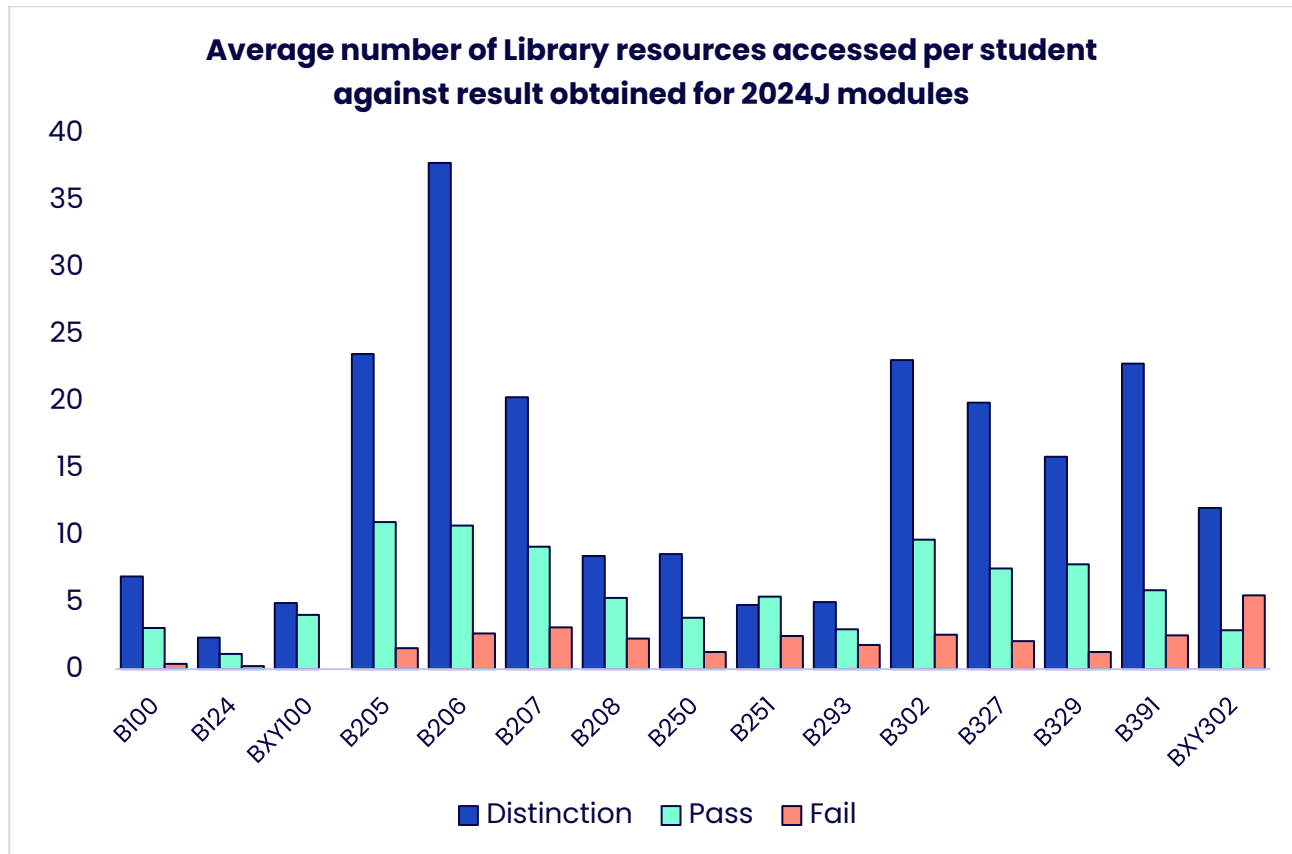


Module	Distinction	Pass	Fail
VOCA101	57	21	0
VOCA102	13	67	0
VOCW101	2	6	0
VOCW102	4	1	0
VOD104	0	2	0
VOD105	2	2	0
VOFA101	0	8	3
VOFA104	32	48	0
VOFA106	20	21	0
VOGR101	26	14	0
VOGR104	0	48	0

VOIL101	40	10	0
VOIL104	0	1	0
VOIL105	3	2	0
VOIN101	0	2	0
VOM105	114	53	0
VOM106	62	31	0
VOPA101	55	10	0
VOPA102	20	4	0
VOPA104	0	8	0
VOPA105	21	12	0
VOPH101	81	18	0
VOPH102	28	35	0
VOT101	28	44	0
VOT102	2	19	0
VOVC101	32	1	0
VOVC104	3	4	0
VOVC105	1	0	0
VOCW201	15	0	0
VOD205	27	4	0
VOIL204	4	3	0
VOPA202	28	15	0
VOPA204	18	13	0

VOPH201	9	7	0
VOPH202	15	17	0
VOPH203	22	0	0
VOVC204	12	2	0
VOCA301	102	17	0
VOCW301	1	5	0
VOPA301	56	1	0
VOPA302	2	9	0
VOPH301	25	2	0
VOPH302	32	5	0
VOFA803	1	1	0

FBL Business School (Undergraduate)

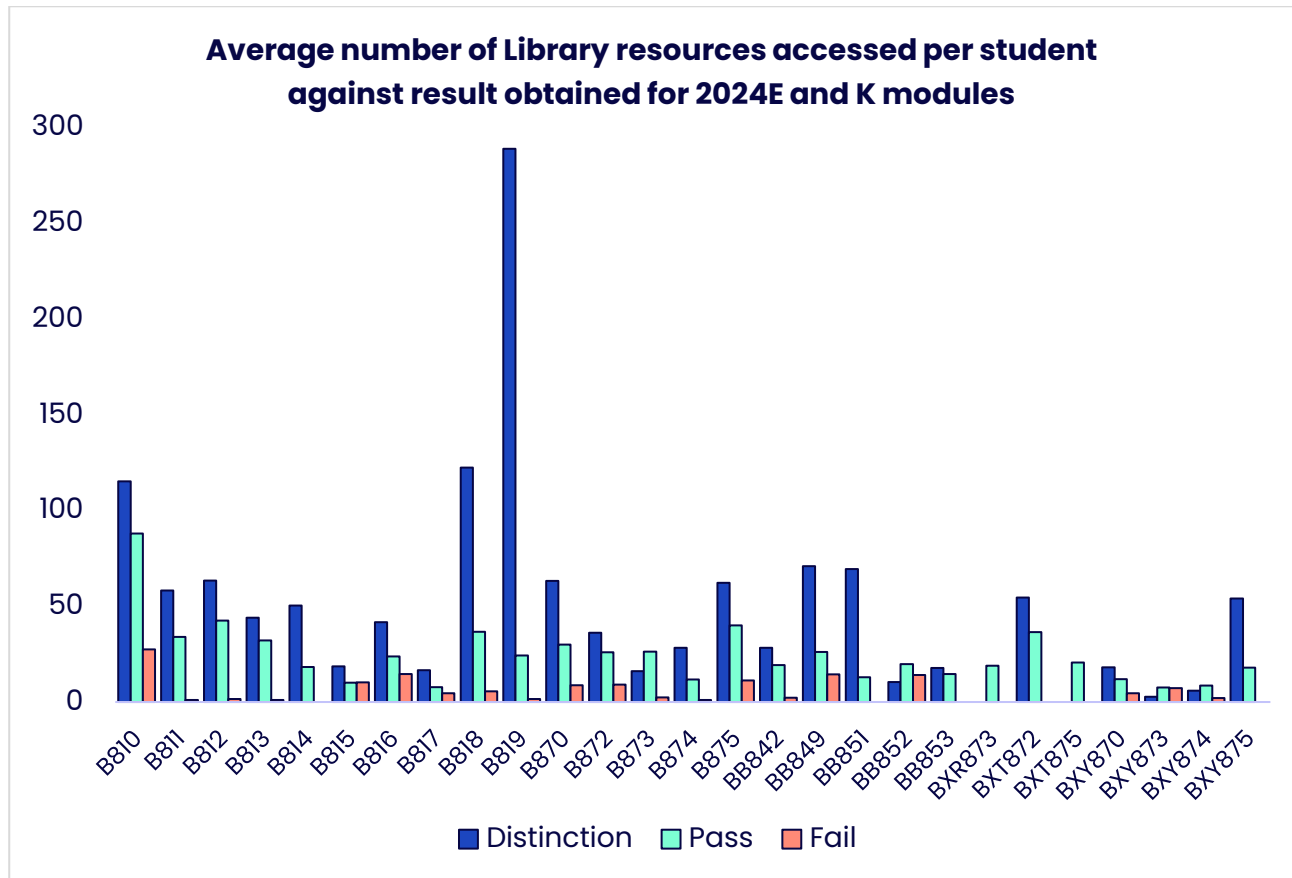


Module	Distinction	Pass	Fail
B100	7	3	0
B124	2	1	0
BXY100	5	4	0
B205	24	11	2
B206	38	11	3
B207	20	9	3
B208	8	5	2
B250	9	4	1
B251	5	5	2

B293	5	3	2
B302	23	10	3
B327	20	8	2
B329	16	8	1
B391	23	6	3
BXY302	12	3	6

FBL Business School (Postgraduate)

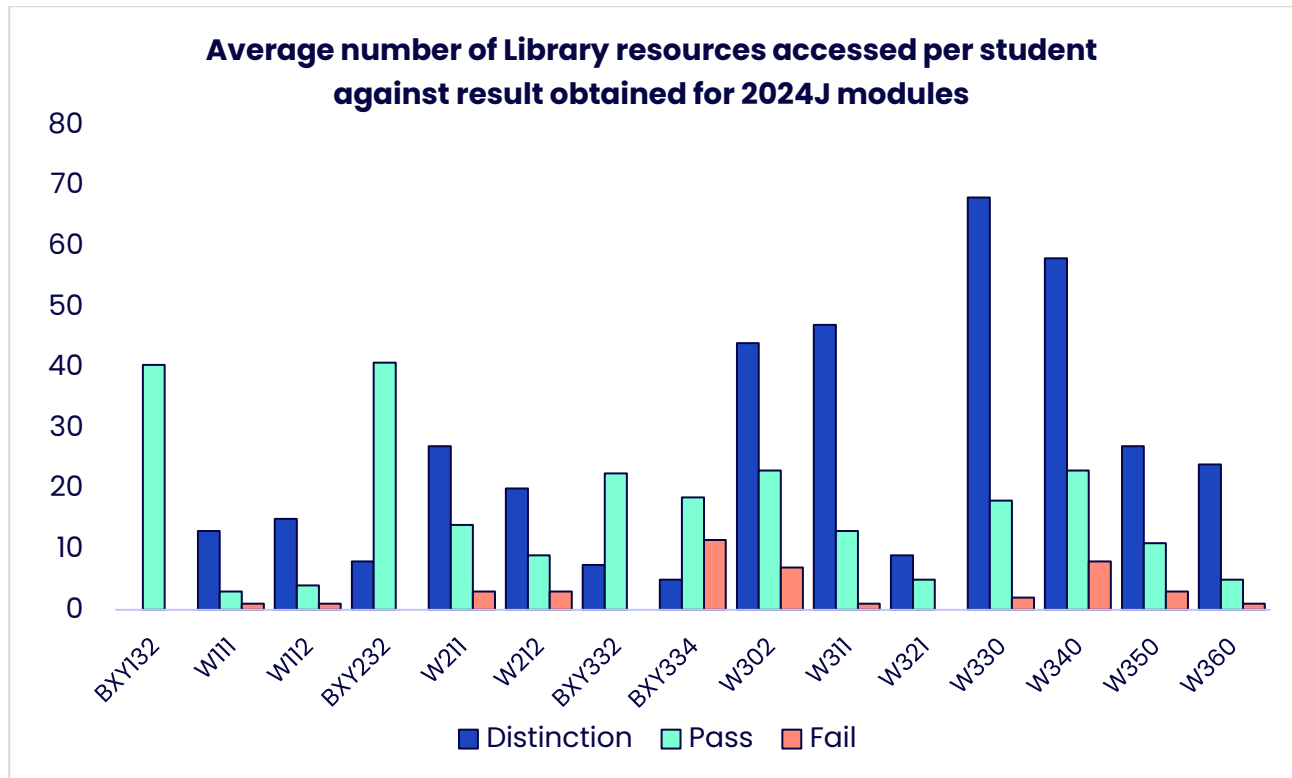
Presentations E and K



Module	Distinction	Pass	Fail
B810	115	88	27
B811	58	34	1
B812	63	42	2
B813	44	32	1
B814	50	18	0
B815	19	10	10
B816	42	24	15
B817	17	8	5

B818	123	37	6
B819	289	24	2
B870	63	30	9
B872	36	26	9
B873	16	26	2
B874	28	12	1
B875	62	40	11
BB842	28	19	2
BB849	71	26	14
BB851	70	13	0
BB852	10	20	14
BB853	18	15	0
BXR873	0	19	0
BXT872	55	37	0
BXT875	0	21	0
BXY870	18	12	5
BXY873	3	8	7
BXY874	6	9	2
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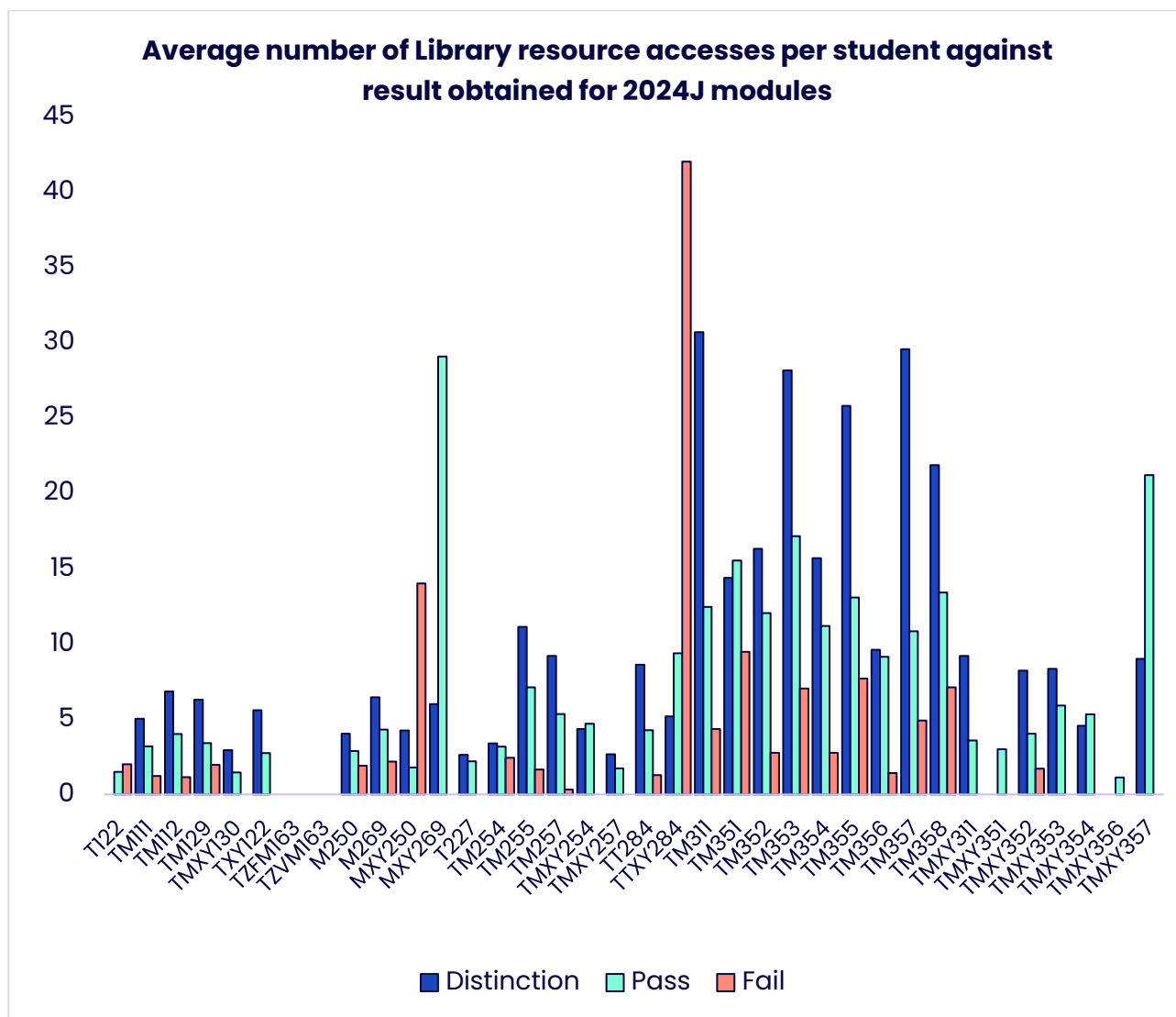
FBL Law (including Policing)



Module	Distinction	Pass	Fail
BXY132	0	40	0
W111	13	3	1
W112	15	4	1
BXY232	8	41	0
W211	27	14	3
W212	20	9	3
BXY332	7	23	0
BXY334	5	19	12
W302	44	23	7
W311	47	13	1

W321	9	5	0
W330	68	18	2
W340	58	23	8
W350	27	11	3
W360	24	5	1

STEM Computing and Communications

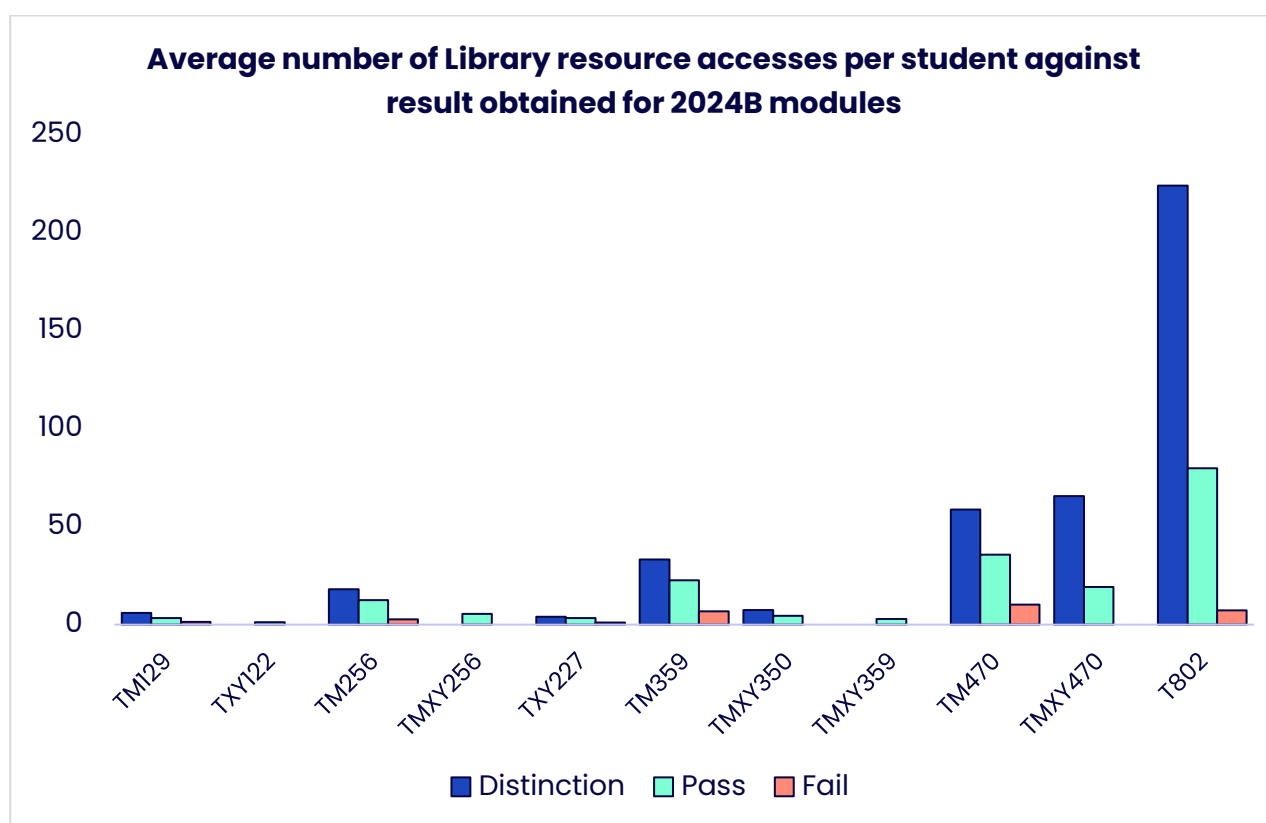


Module	Distinction	Pass	Fail
T122	0	1	2
TM111	5	3	1
TM112	7	4	1
TM129	6	3	2
TMXY130	3	1	0
TXY122	6	3	0

TZFM163	0	0	0
TZVM163	0	0	0
M250	4	3	2
M269	6	4	2
MXY250	4	2	14
MXY269	6	29	0
T227	3	2	0
TM254	3	3	2
TM255	11	7	2
TM257	9	5	0
TMXY254	4	5	0
TMXY257	3	2	0
TT284	9	4	1
TTXY284	5	9	42
TM311	31	12	4
TM351	14	16	9
TM352	16	12	3
TM353	28	17	7
TM354	16	11	3
TM355	26	13	8
TM356	10	9	1
TM357	30	11	5

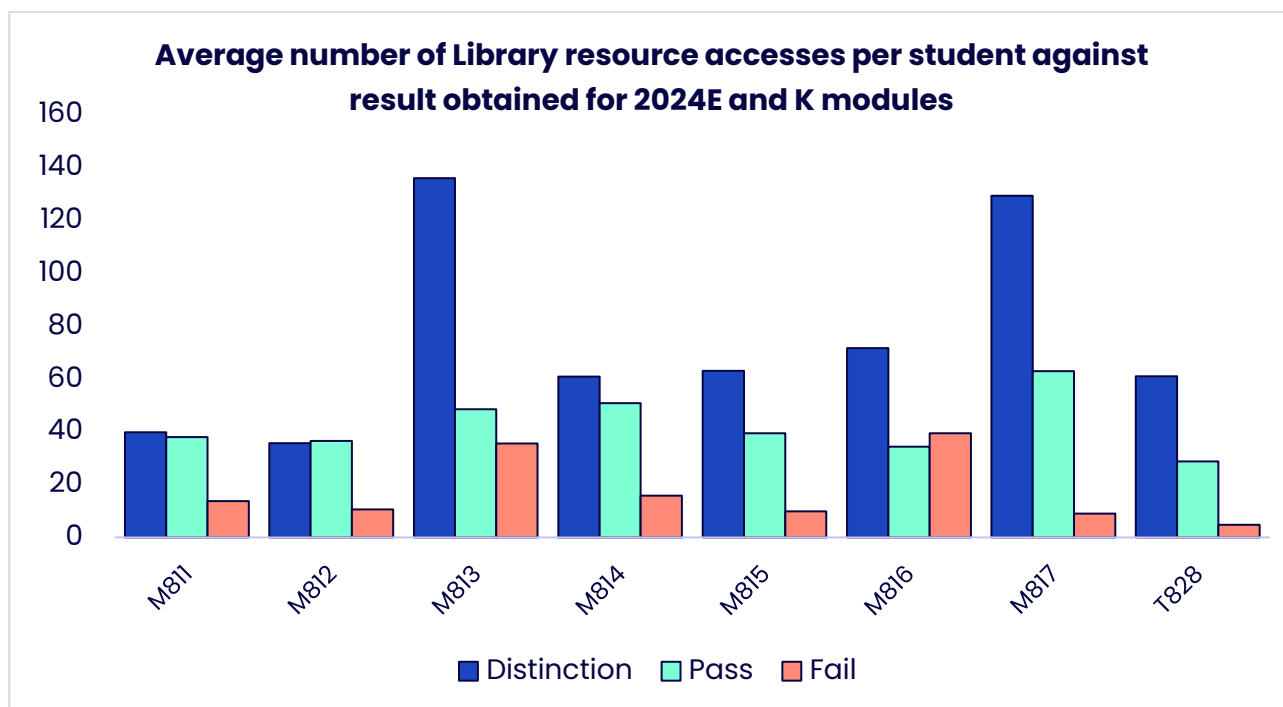
TM358	22	13	7
TMXY311	9	4	0
TMXY351	0	3	0
TMXY352	8	4	2
TMXY353	8	6	0
TMXY354	5	5	0
TMXY356	0	1	0
TMXY357	9	21	0

Presentation B



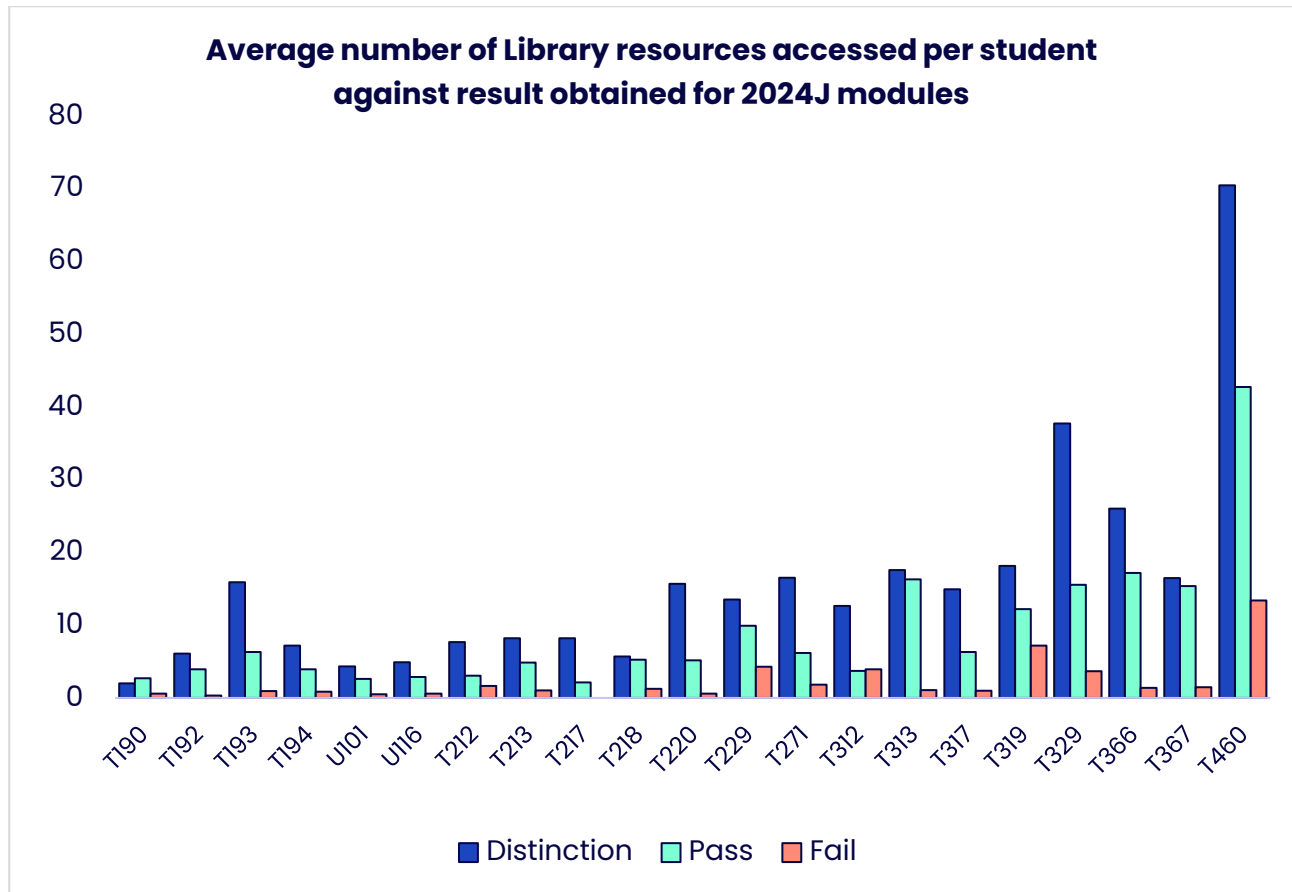
Module	Distinction	Pass	Fail
TM129	6	3	1
TXY122	0	1	0
TM256	18	12	3
TMXY256	0	6	0
TXY227	4	3	1
TM359	33	23	7
TMXY350	7	4	0
TMXY359	0	3	0
TM470	59	36	10
TMXY470	66	19	0
T802	224	80	7

Presentations E and K



Module	Distinction	Pass	Fail
M811	40	38	14
M812	36	36	11
M813	136	48	36
M814	61	51	16
M815	63	39	10
M816	72	34	39
M817	129	63	9
T828	61	29	5

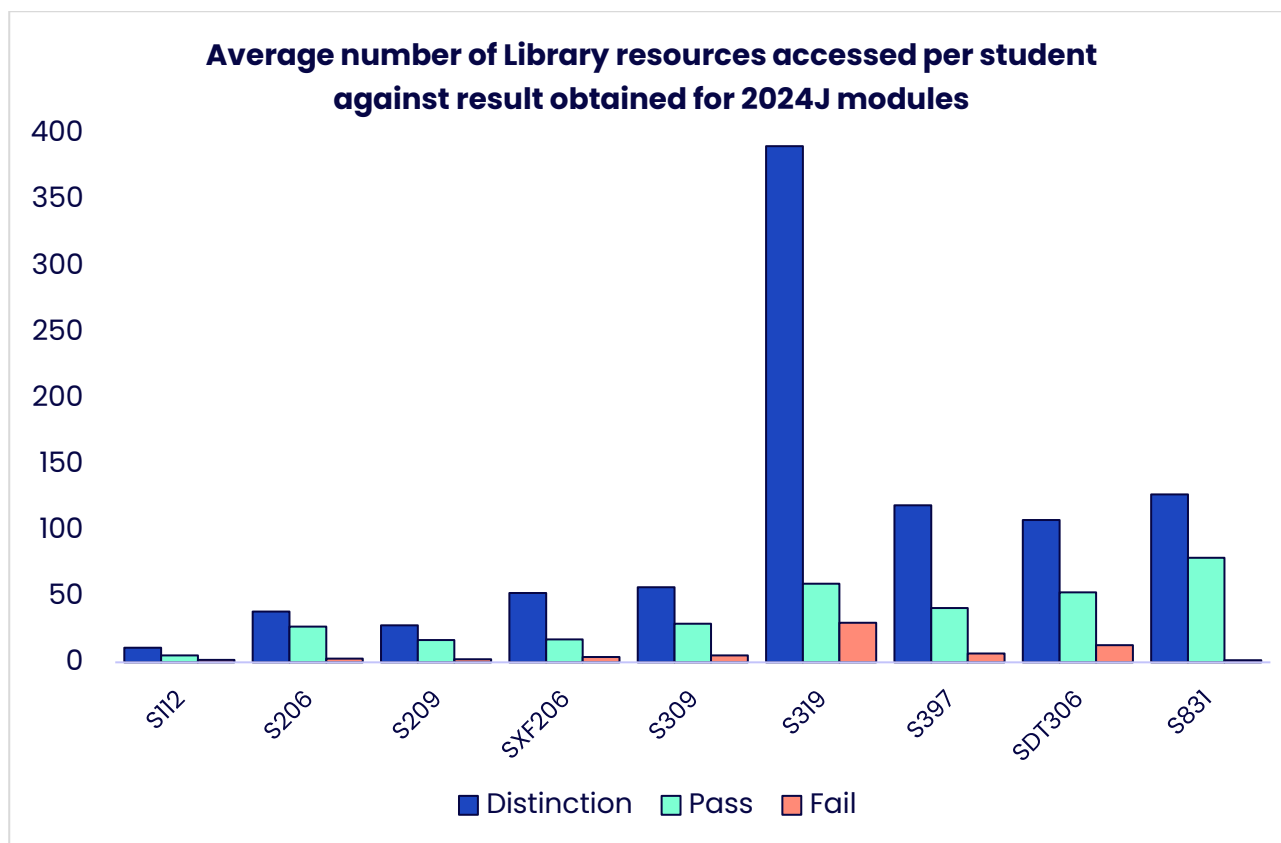
STEM Engineering and Innovation



Module	Distinction	Pass	Fail
T190	2	3	1
T192	6	4	0
T193	16	6	1
T194	7	4	1
U101	4	3	1
U116	5	3	1
T212	8	3	2
T213	8	5	1

T217	8	2	0
T218	6	5	1
T220	16	5	1
T229	14	10	4
T271	17	6	2
T312	13	4	4
T313	18	16	1
T317	15	6	1
T319	18	12	7
T329	38	16	4
T366	26	17	1
T367	16	15	1
T460	70	43	13

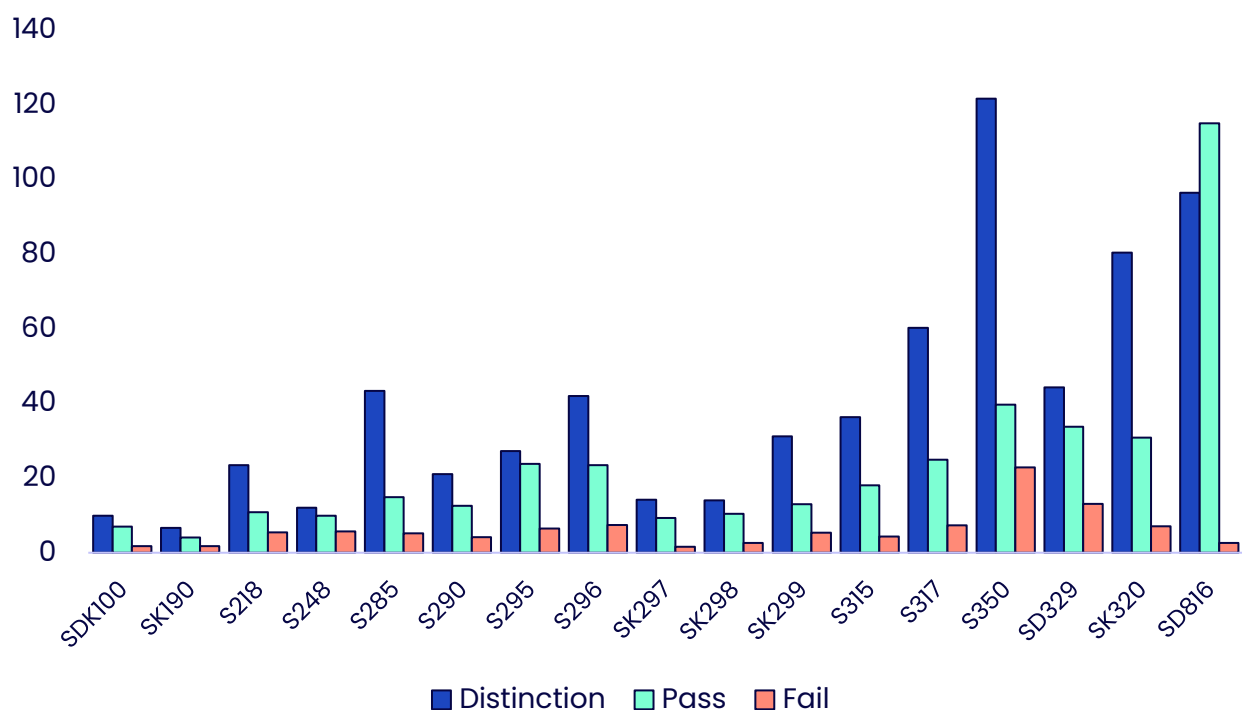
STEM Environment, Earth and Ecosystem Sciences



Module	Distinction	Pass	Fail
S112	11	5	2
S206	38	27	3
S209	28	17	2
SXF206	53	17	4
S309	57	29	5
S319	390	59	30
S397	119	41	7
SDT306	108	53	13
S831	127	79	2

STEM Life, Health and Chemical Sciences

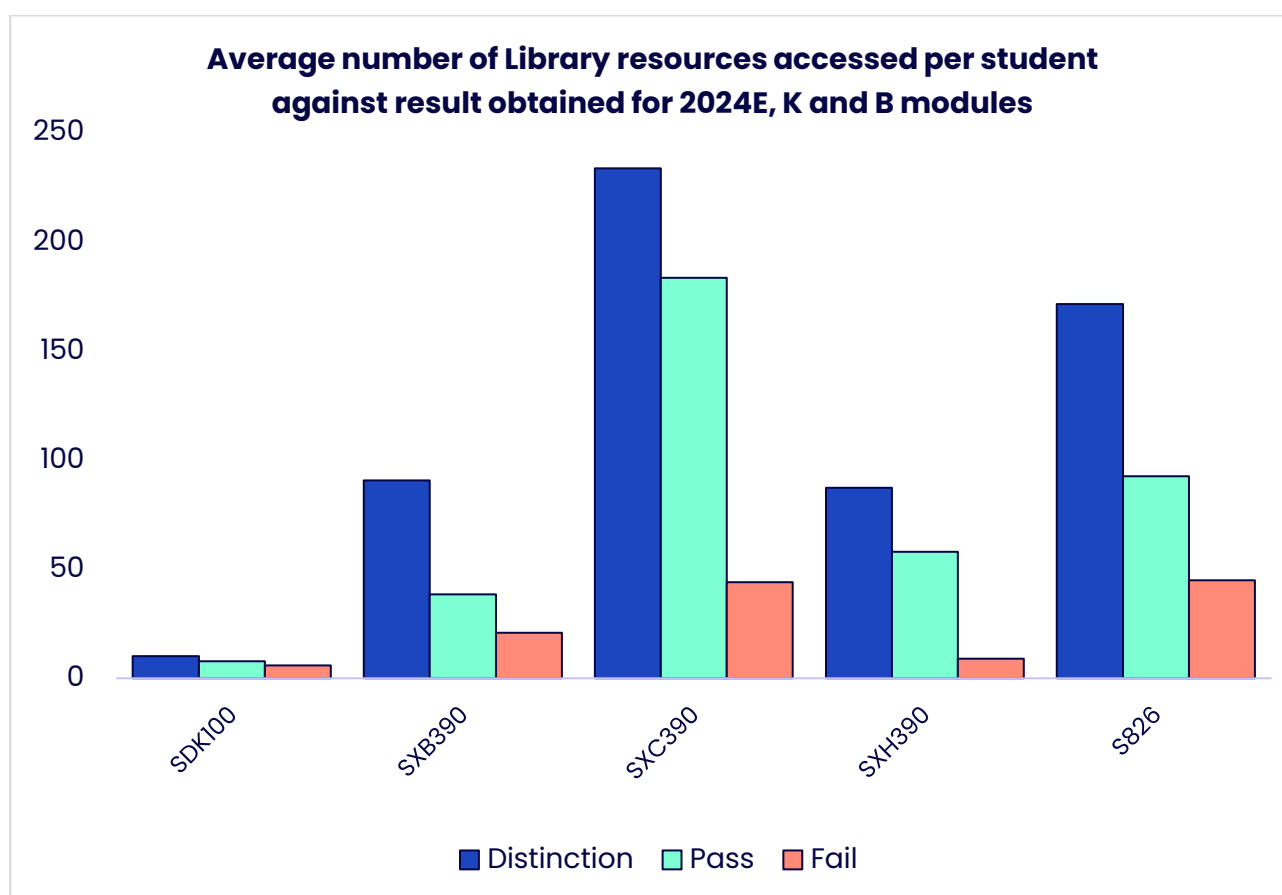
Average number of Library resources accessed per student against result obtained for 2024J modules



Module	Distinction	Pass	Fail
SDK100	10	7	2
SK190	7	4	2
S218	23	11	5
S248	12	10	6
S285	43	15	5
S290	21	13	4
S295	27	24	7
S296	42	23	7
SK297	14	9	2

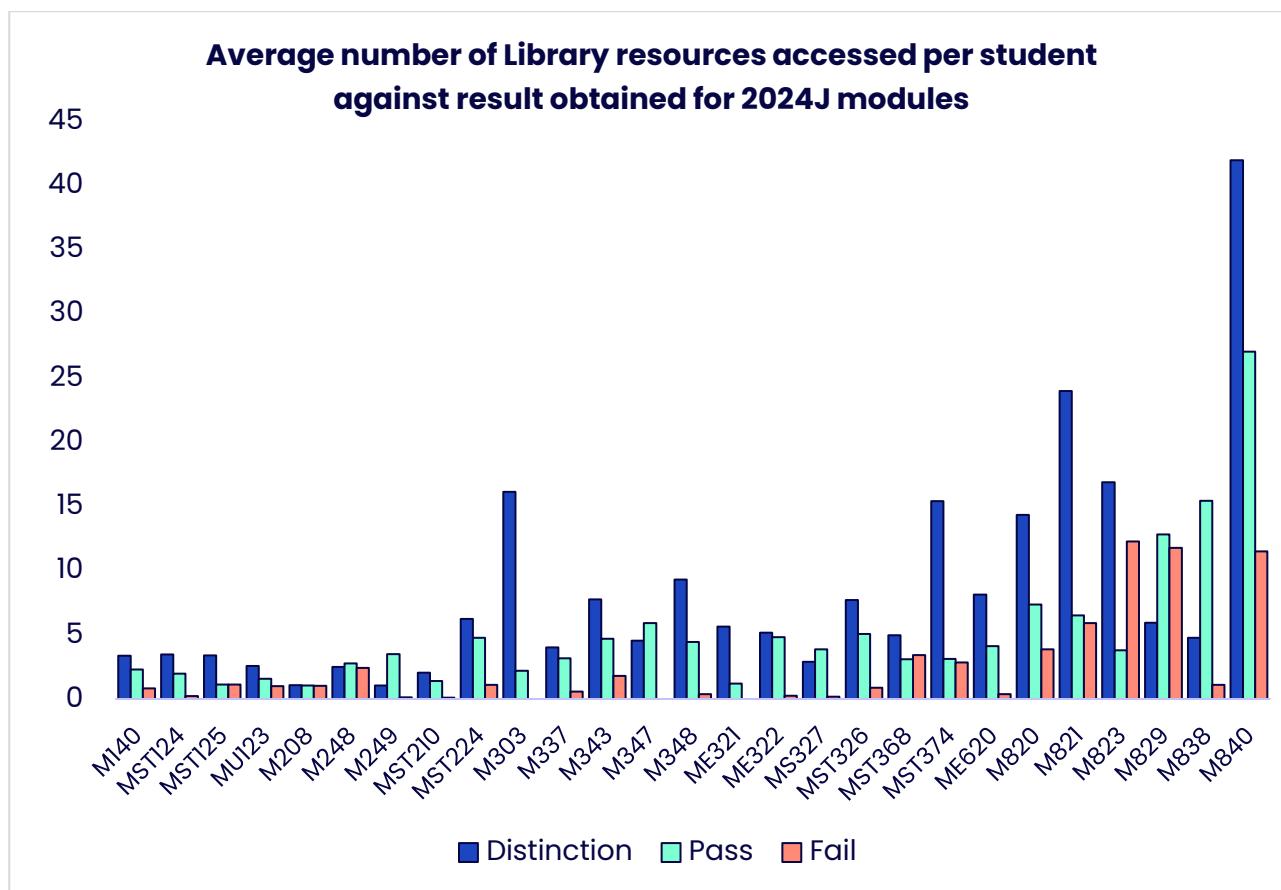
SK298	14	10	3
SK299	31	13	5
S315	36	18	4
S317	60	25	7
S350	122	40	23
SD329	44	34	13
SK320	80	31	7
SD816	96	115	3

Presentations E, K and B



Module	Distinction	Pass	Fail
SDK100	10	8	6
SXB390	91	38	21
SXC390	234	183	44
SXH390	87	58	9
S826	171	93	45

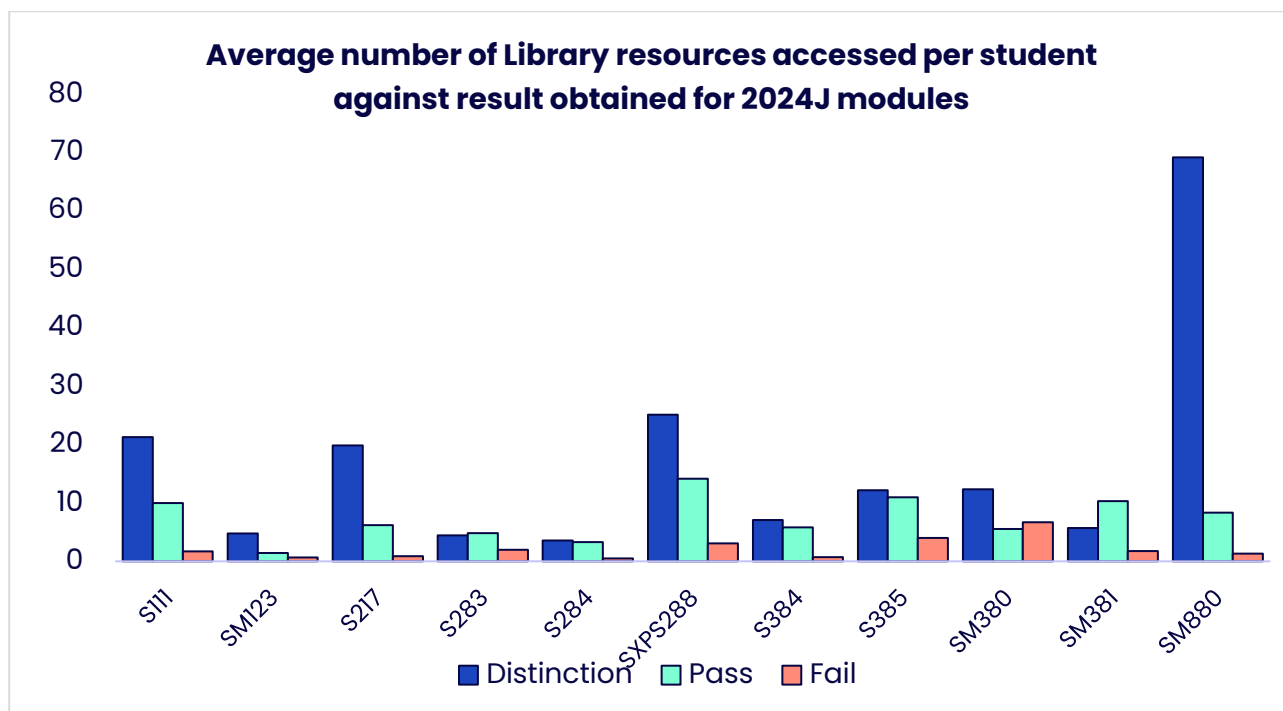
STEM Maths and Statistics



Module	Distinction	Pass	Fail
M140	3	2	1
MST124	3	2	0
MST125	3	1	1
MU123	3	2	1
M208	1	1	1
M248	2	3	2
M249	1	4	0
MST210	2	1	0

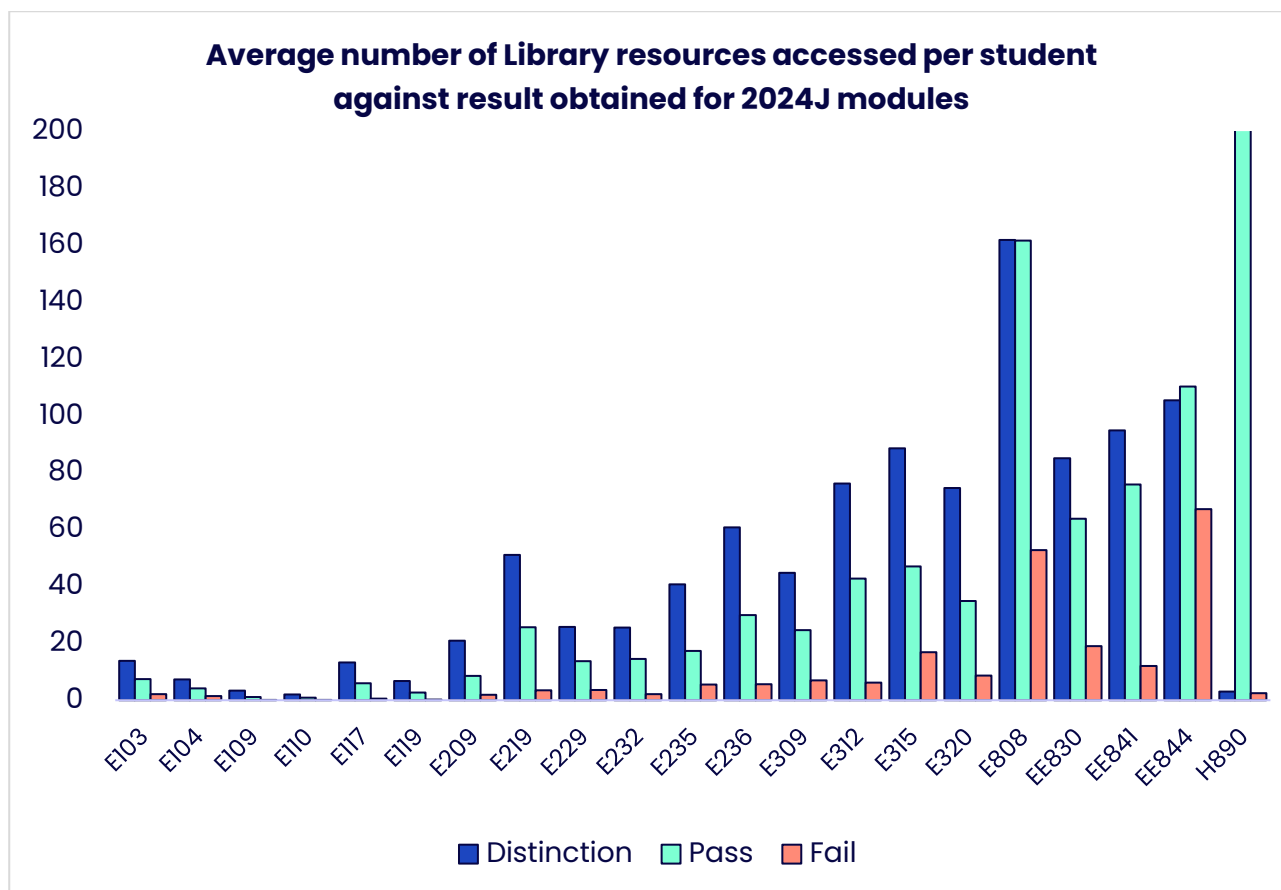
MST224	6	5	1
M303	16	2	0
M337	4	3	1
M343	8	5	2
M347	5	6	0
M348	9	4	0
ME321	6	1	0
ME322	5	5	0
MS327	3	4	0
MST326	8	5	1
MST368	5	3	3
MST374	15	3	3
ME620	8	4	0
M820	14	7	4
M821	24	7	6
M823	17	4	12
M829	6	13	12
M838	5	15	1
M840	42	27	11

STEM Physical Sciences



Module	Distinction	Pass	Fail
S111	21	10	2
SM123	5	1	1
S217	20	6	1
S283	4	5	2
S284	4	3	0
SXPS288	25	14	3
S384	7	6	1
S385	12	11	4
SM380	12	6	7
SM381	6	10	2
SM880	69	8	1

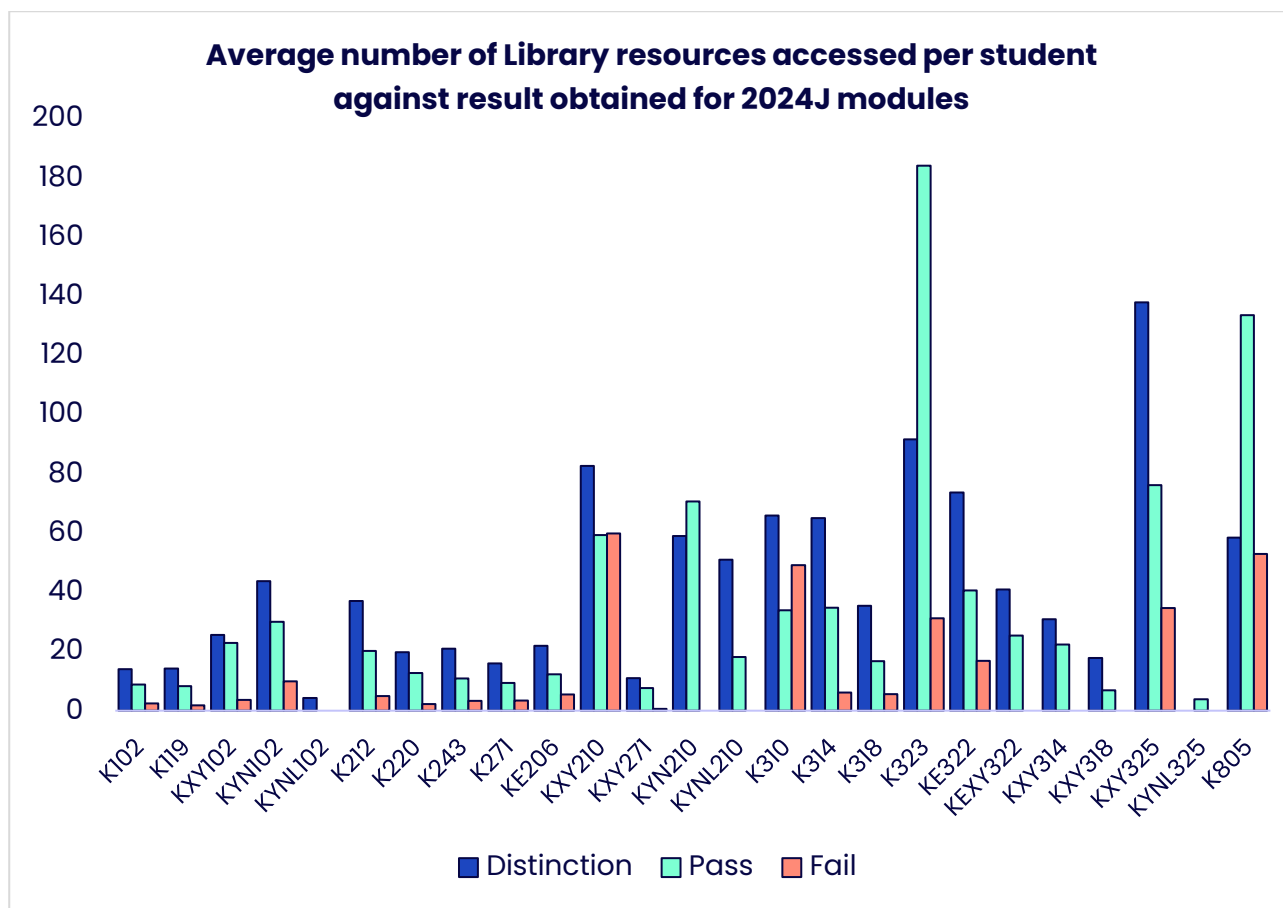
WELS Education, Childhood, Youth and Sport



Module	Distinction	Pass	Fail
E103	14	7	2
E104	7	4	2
E109	3	1	0
E110	2	1	0
E117	13	6	1
E119	7	3	0
E209	21	9	2
E219	51	26	3

E229	26	14	4
E232	26	15	2
E235	41	17	5
E236	61	30	6
E309	45	25	7
E312	76	43	6
E315	89	47	17
E320	75	35	9
E808	162	162	53
EE830	85	64	19
EE841	95	76	12
EE844	106	110	67
H890	3	203	3

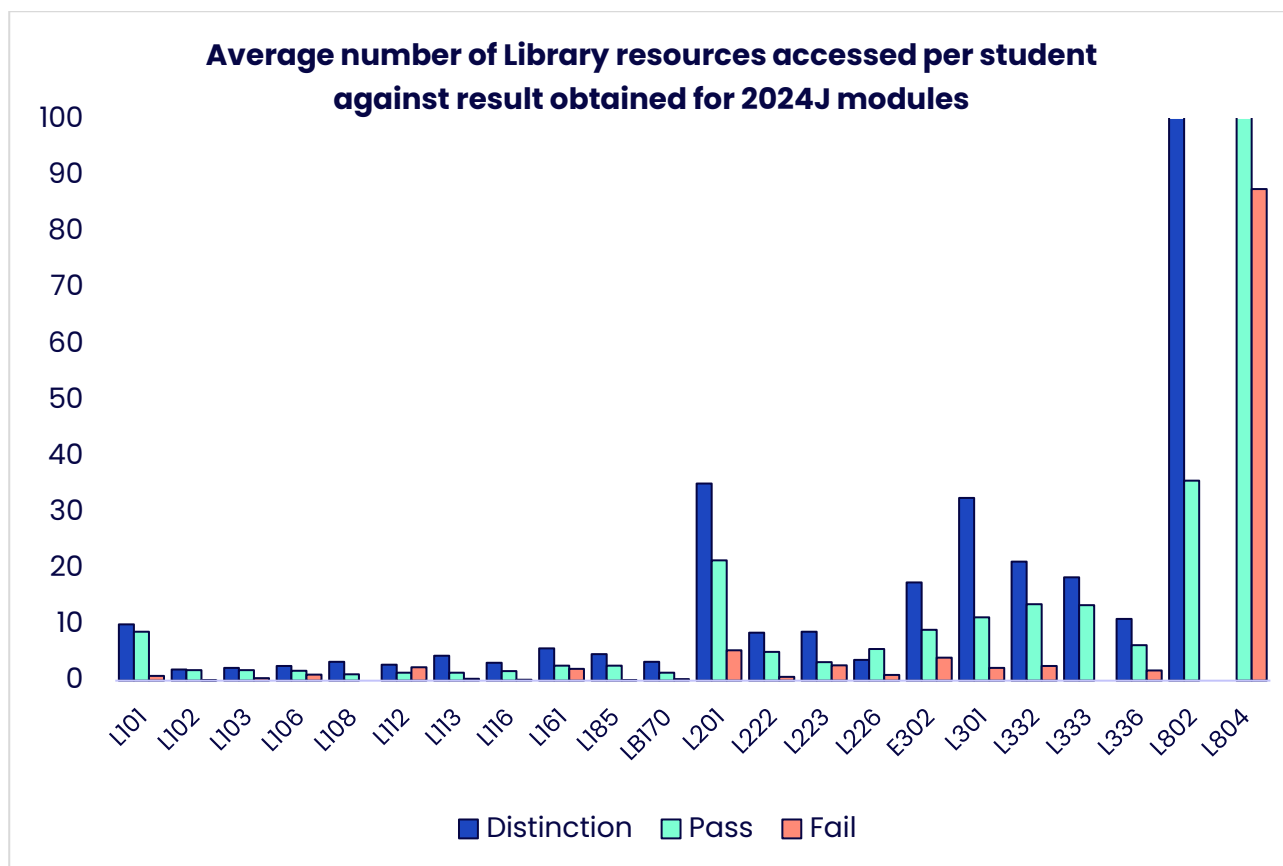
WELS Health, Wellbeing and Social Care



Module	Distinction	Pass	Fail
K102	14	9	3
K119	14	8	2
KXY102	26	23	4
KYN102	44	30	10
KYNL102	4	0	0
K212	37	20	5
K220	20	13	2
K243	21	11	3

K271	16	9	3
KE206	22	12	5
KXY210	83	59	60
KXY271	11	8	1
KYN210	59	71	0
KYNL210	51	18	0
K310	66	34	49
K314	65	35	6
K318	35	17	6
K323	92	184	31
KE322	74	41	17
KEXY322	41	25	0
KXY314	31	22	0
KXY318	18	7	0
KXY325	138	76	35
KYNL325	0	4	0
K805	59	134	53

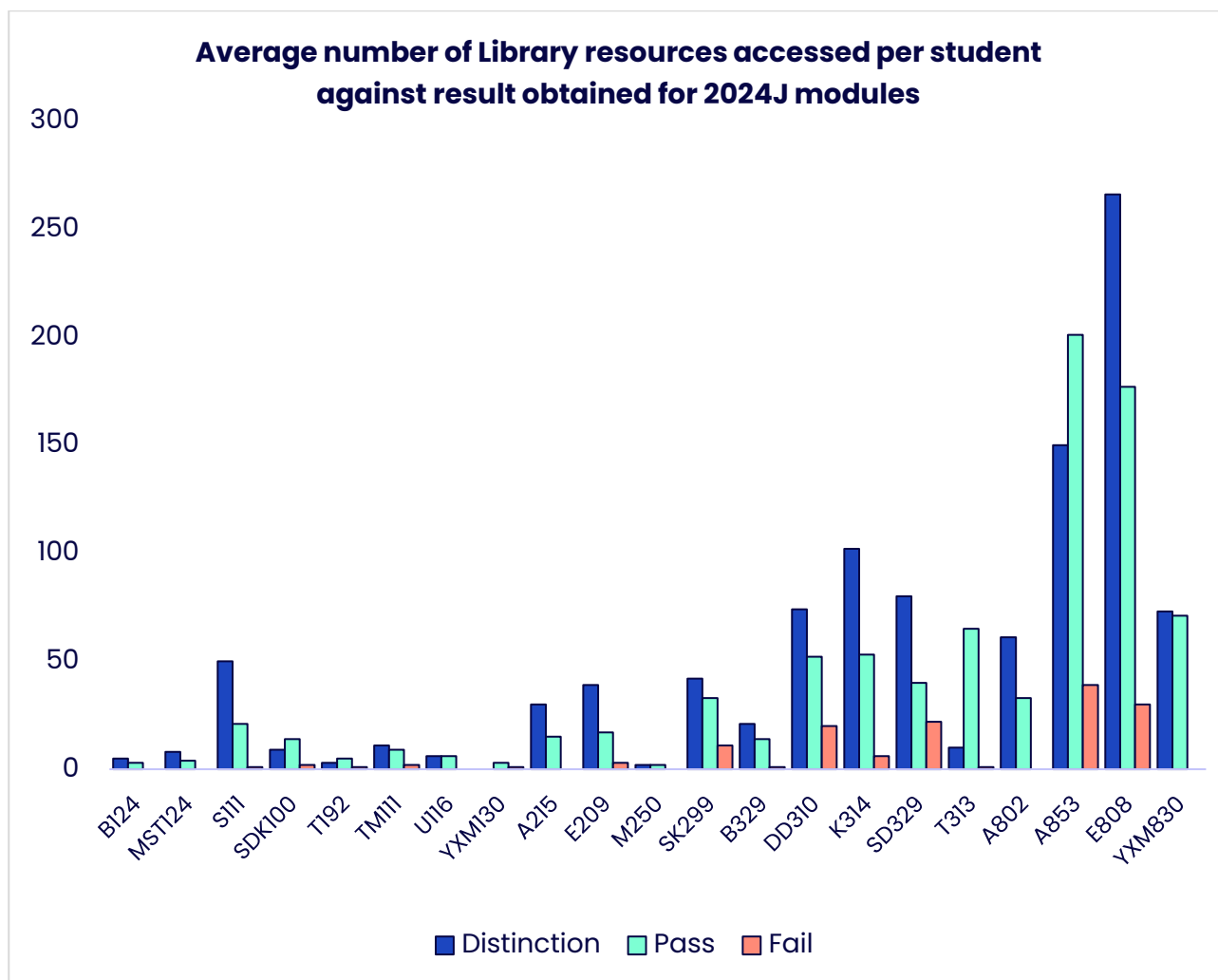
WELS Languages and Applied Linguistics



Module	Distinction	Pass	Fail
L101	10	9	1
L102	2	2	0
L103	2	2	0
L106	3	2	1
L108	3	1	0
L112	3	1	2
L113	4	1	0
L116	3	2	0
L161	6	3	2

L185	5	3	0
LB170	3	1	0
L201	35	21	5
L222	9	5	1
L223	9	3	3
L226	4	6	1
E302	17	9	4
L301	33	11	2
L332	21	14	3
L333	18	13	0
L336	11	6	2
L802	102	36	0
L804	0	158	88

Open Programme



Module	Distinction	Pass	Fail
BI24	5	3	0
MST124	8	4	0
S111	50	21	1
SDK100	9	14	2
T192	3	5	1
TM111	11	9	2
U116	6	6	0

YXM130	0	3	1
A215	30	15	0
E209	39	17	3
M250	2	2	0
SK299	42	33	11
B329	21	14	1
DD310	74	52	20
K314	102	53	6
SD329	80	40	22
T313	10	65	1
A802	61	33	0
A853	150	201	39
E808	266	177	30
YXM830	73	71	0

