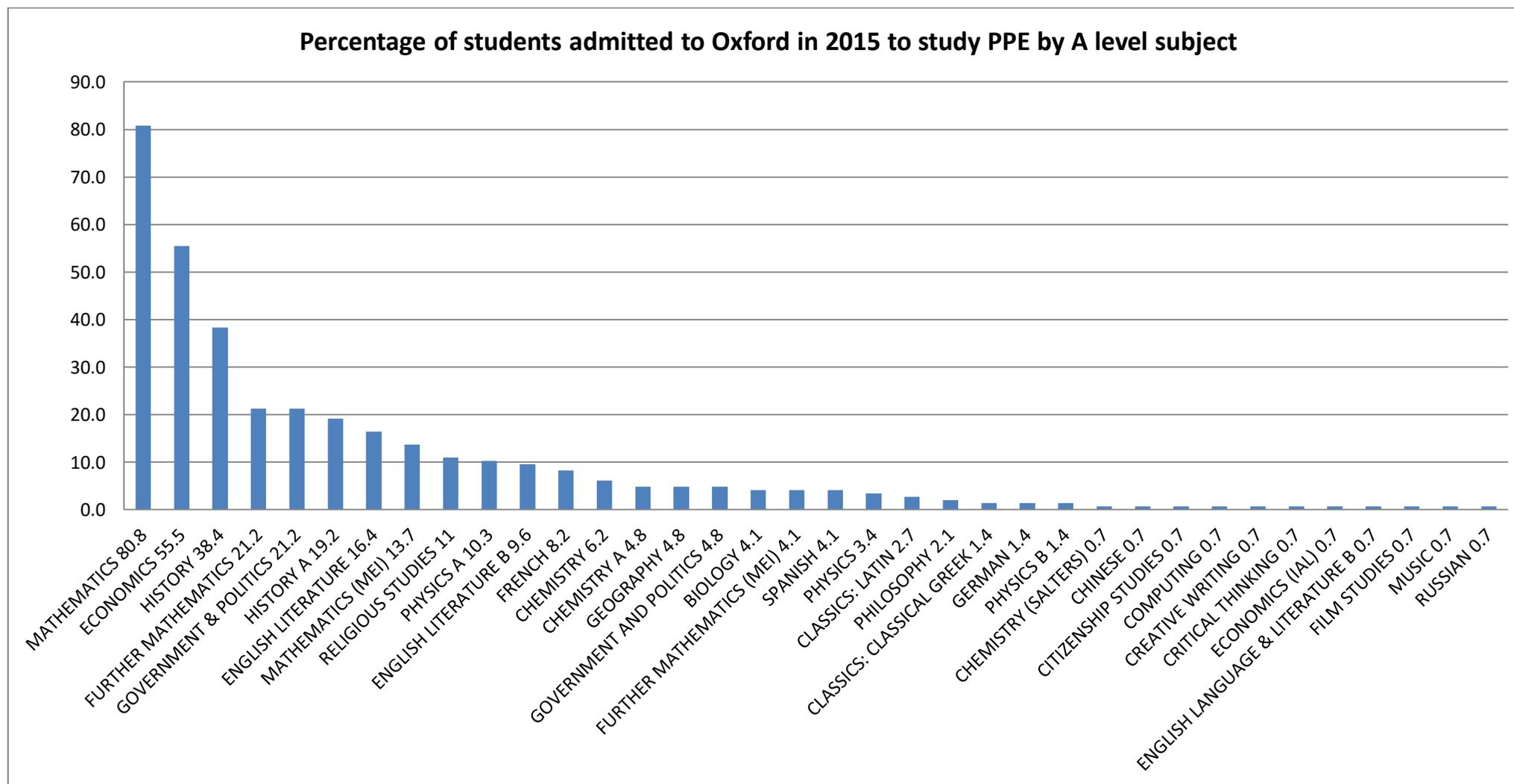


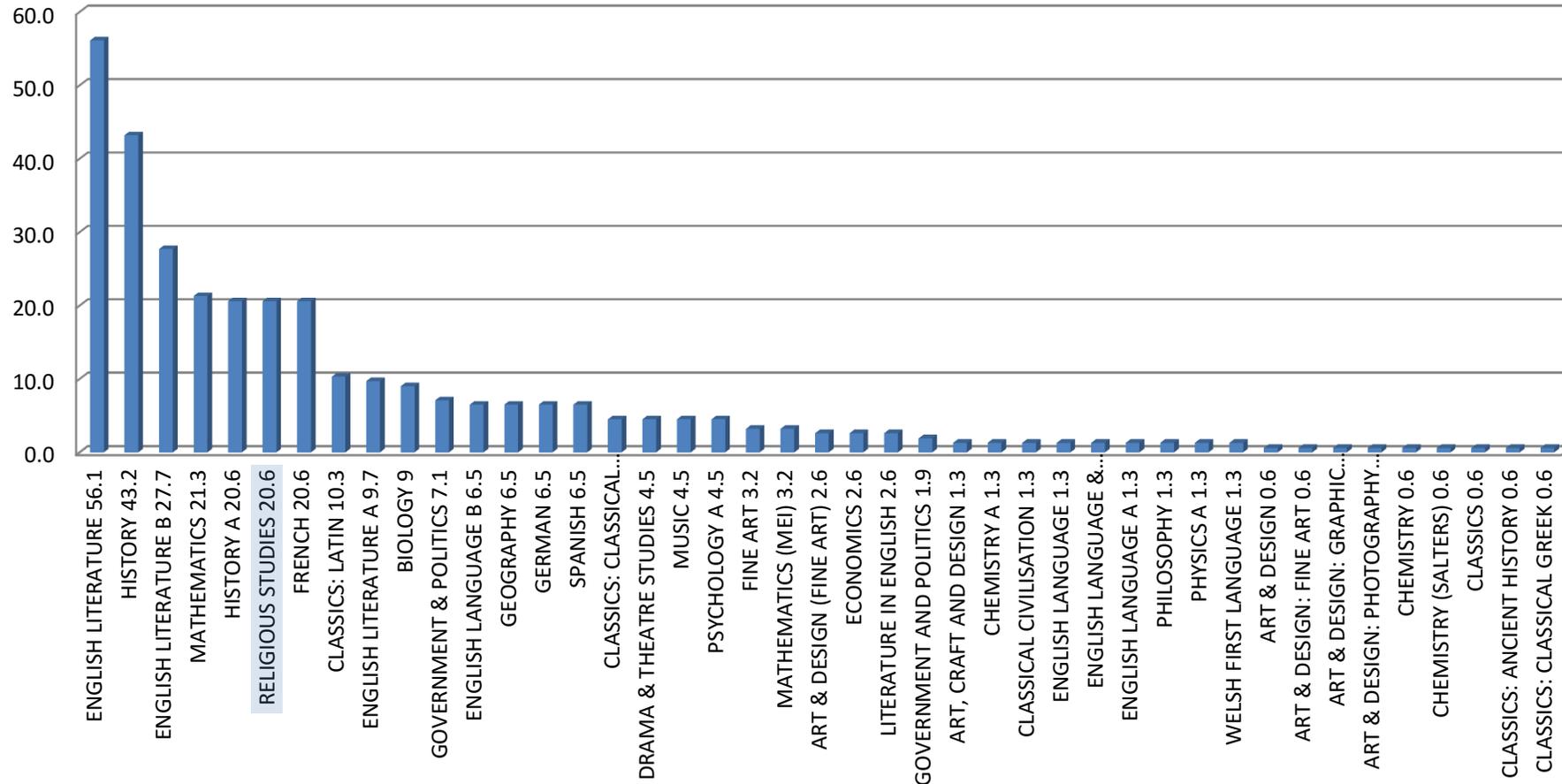
Religious Studies 'A' level continues to be popular with Universities

NATRE served the University of Oxford with a Freedom of Information request earlier this year and the response in February 2016 shows that RS A level continues to be popular with Universities. This evidence is contrary to the myth that only facilitating subjects give students the best chance of admission, irrespective of the course of study. NATRE released an explanation of the reason why this is a misinterpretation of the Russell Group publication, Informed Choices [here](#)



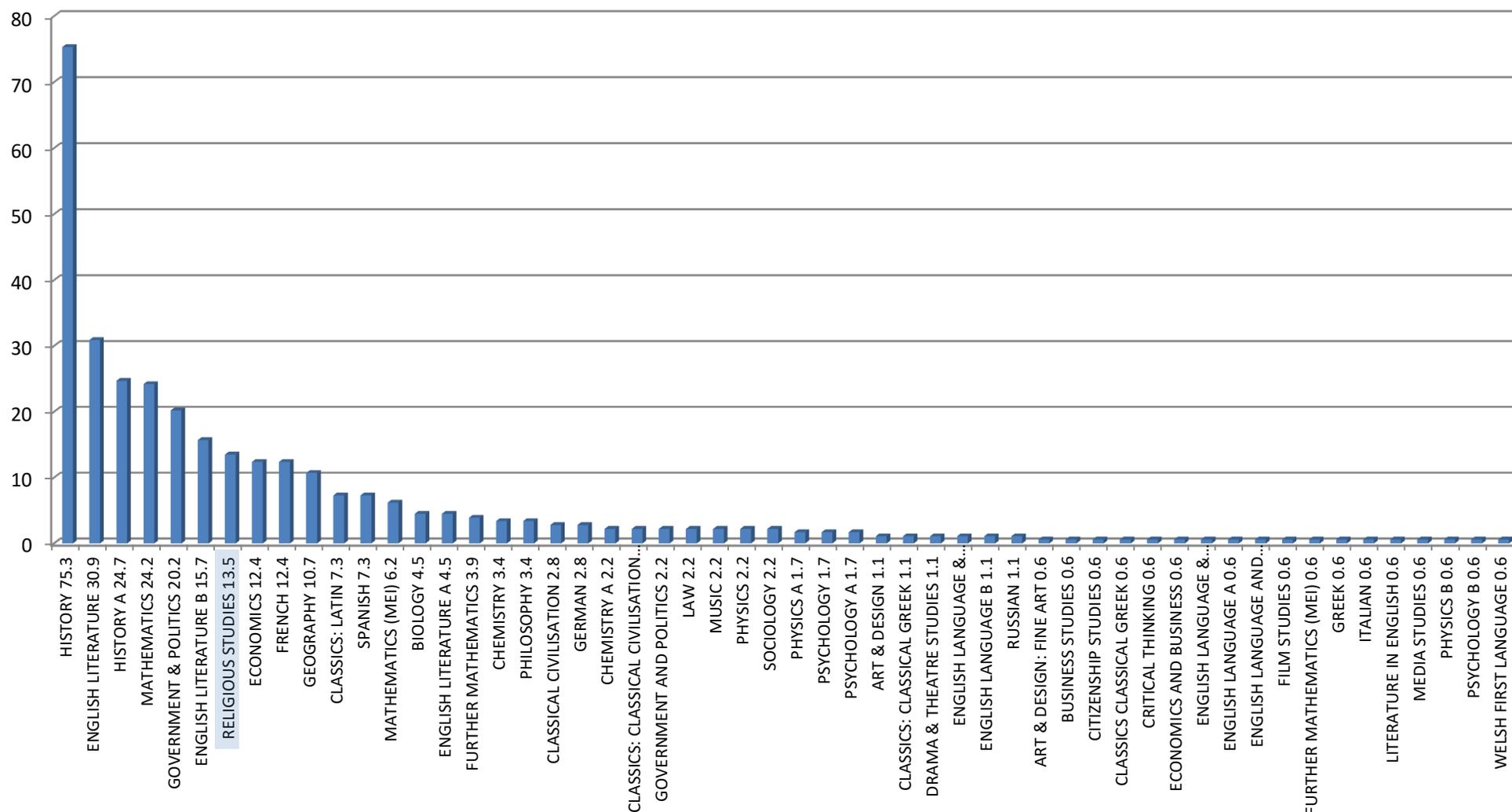
In 2012, applicants to Oxford with A level Religious Studies made up 12.1% of those who were admitted to study English. This made the subject the 11th most popular subject. In 2015, RS moved up to 9th place with 11% of those admitted having secured an A level in the subject.

Percentage of students admitted to Oxford in 2015 to study English by A level subject



In 2012, applicants to Oxford with A level Religious Studies made up 18.1% of those who were admitted to study English. This made the subject the 7th most popular subject. In 2015, RS moved up to 6th place, overtaking French with more than 20% of those admitted having studied the A level.

Percentage of students admitted to Oxford in 2015 to study History by A level subject



In 2012, applicants to Oxford with A level Religious Studies made up 13.8% of those who were admitted to study History. This made the subject the 9th most popular subject. In 2015, RS moved up to 7th place, overtaking Economics and French with 13.5% of those admitted having studied the A level.