

23 July 2024

By email: fyi-request-27331-1bab291a@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe LR,

I refer to your information request dated 22 June 2024 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You requested mark and grade distributions for the research and writing assignments of the LAWS302, LAWS409 and LAWS412 papers offered by the University of Otago.

We also acknowledge your clarification by email on 27 June 2024, in which you advised that you were interested in the data for the Semester 1 2024 papers as above.

Subject to the following comments, please see attached the information you have requested.

- the data is correct as at 17 July 2024.
- please note that the research and writing assessments are optional, therefore not all students enrolled in these papers will undertake them.
- on occasions where fewer than five students have failed an assignment (i.e. received a grade of Fail D, Fail E, Failed Compulsory Assessment or Failed Terms), we have determined that it is necessary to withhold the marks and specific grades for these students to protect their privacy and wellbeing. We consider that withholding this information is necessary to protect against the identity of these students being determined or inferred, and their personal information (i.e. their marks) could be disclosed. We therefore withhold this information pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Act.

I trust that this information will be helpful.

In the above cases, we consider that good reasons exist for withholding information, and this is not outweighed by other considerations which would make it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available.

If you are not satisfied with our response to your information request, section 28(3) of the Act provides you with the right to ask an Ombudsman to investigate and review this response. However, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss any concerns with you first.

Ngā mihi



Jo Pearson
Official Information Act Administrator
Office of the Registrar