

22 July 2024

Taisei Sano

By email: fyi-request-27431-d72c67cb@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe Taisei,

I refer to your information request dated 28 June 2024 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested mark and grade distributions for the 2021 - 2024 JAPA231, JAPA233, JAPA243, JAPA244, JAPA331, JAPA332 and JAPA343 papers offered by the University of Otago.

Subject to the following comments, please see attached the information you have requested. Please note that there are four pages in the attached spreadsheet (one for each year).

- the data is correct as at 10 July 2024.
- on occasions where fewer than five students have failed a paper (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.
- on occasions where fewer than ten students are enrolled in a paper, we determine that it is necessary to withhold the mark and grade distributions for these papers. As there were fewer than ten enrolments in the 2021 JAPA244 and 2024 JAPA331 papers, we have withheld the mark and grade distributions for these papers to protect students' 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 and grades) could be disclosed. We therefore withhold this information pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
- please note that JAPA233, JAPA243, JAPA332 and JAPA343 are offered in Semester 2, 2024. Therefore, we are unable to provide you with the mark and grade distributions for these papers for 2024 yet, as they are still running.
- please note that not all papers were offered each year, therefore we have only provided mark and grade breakdowns for the years that the papers were offered:
 - 2021: JAPA243 and JAPA343 not offered.
 - 2023: JAPA243, JAPA244 and JAPA343 not offered.
- in the attached grade and mark distributions, we note that students who withdrew from the papers or received an Aegrotat Pass (not a grade or mark) are excluded from the data.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jo Pearson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jo Pearson
Official Information Act Administrator
Office of the Registrar