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By email: fyi-request-27518-417a83fb@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe G,

I refer to your information request dated 5 July 2024 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested the following information:

I would like to request the grade distributions for ANAT241, MICR221, PHSL231, FORS201 and GENE221 from 2020-2024 by the number of students with each grade by number and letter. I would also like to request the grades obtained in from external assessment as a whole and internal assessment as a whole for these papers.

Subject to the following comments, please see attached the information you have requested. Please note there two spreadsheets attached, one for final mark and grade distributions and one for a breakdown of internal and external assessments. Each spreadsheet contains multiple pages (one for each paper).

- the data is correct as at 30 July 2024.
- 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.

Final mark and grade distributions

- we note that the grade and mark distributions for the Semester 1 2024 ANAT241 and GENE221 papers have not been finalised yet as the final grades for some students have not been confirmed. On that basis, we decline this part of your request pursuant to section 18(g) of the Act, as the information requested is not held by the University as at today's date. We would be happy to consider a new request from you at a later date if you still wish to receive this information.
- 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.
- please note that all final grades for papers completed in Semester 1 2020 were increased by 5 marks to account for disruptions created by COVID-19. In Semester 2 2020, final grades of 47, 48 or 49 were bumped up to 50 (pass).

Internal and external assessment breakdowns

- we note that in the internal and external assessment breakdown data we have provided a grade equivalent alongside the actual marks. Please be reminded that these are only equivalent grades, not actual. Grades are only given for overall marks once all assessments, both internal and external, have been completed and marked.

- on occasions where fewer than five students have a grade equivalent as a fail (i.e. their scores across internal and/or external assessment are below 50), we have determined that it is necessary to withhold the marks 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.
- please note that the internal and external assessment breakdown data excludes any adjustments due to special consideration or any impairment (for example due to illness). These adjustments are however incorporated into the final mark and grade distribution.
- we note that PHSL231 does not conduct internal assessments, therefore there is no further breakdown of assessments possible for this paper and it is excluded from the internal and external assessment breakdown data.
- we note that we are unable to provide internal and external assessment breakdowns for the 2020-2022 ANAT241 and FORS201 papers as the reporting facility used during that time period is no longer accessible. On that basis, we decline this part of your request pursuant to section 18(g) of the Act, as the information requested is not held by the University as at today's date.

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



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Official Information Act Administrator
Office of the Registrar