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Tēnā koe Mar

I refer to your information request dated 12 September 2024 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested mark and grade distributions for the following papers offered by the University of Otago between 2022 – 2024 (where offered):

- AGRI321, AGRI322, AGRI323
- ANAT335, ANAT312, ANAT331
- BIOA301
- GENE315
- HUNT345
- MART310
- NEUR303
- ZOOL314, ZOOL313, ZOOL316, ZOOL318, ZOOL319

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

- the data is correct as at 30 September 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 Semester 2 2022 AGRI322 and AGRI323 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 not all papers were offered each year or within each teaching period, therefore we have only provided mark and grade breakdowns for the years and teaching periods that the papers were offered.

- we note that ANAT312 is a new paper being offered for the first time in 2025. Therefore, we do not hold any mark and grade distributions for this paper.
- 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



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