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Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

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Stephanie

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Dear Stephanie,

Official Information request – ALPSS Pro Vice Chancellor Award GPA 2025

I refer to your request for official information of 23 June 2026 in which you have requested the following information:

Provide the minimum, maximum, mean and median GPA of students who were on the 2025 Pro Vice-Chancellor's List for Academic Excellence (for the division of Arts, Law, Psychology and Social Science).

Categorise this by degrees (BA, LLB etc) as well as list the total number of students enrolled in the degree vs the number of people in the degree who got the award.

Under the Official Information Act 1982 (**Act**) the University of Waikato (**University**) has considered your request and responds as follows.

The minimum, maximum, mean and median GPA of students who were on the 2025 Pro Vice-Chancellor's List for Academic Excellence (for the division of Arts, Law, Psychology and Social Science) are set out below:

Minimum GPA	Maximum GPA	Mean GPA	Median GPA
8.00	9.00	8.31	8.25

The **attached** information provides the GPA by qualification, total number of enrolled students, number of students who received the award, and the corresponding minimum, maximum, mean, and median GPA of award recipients.

Please note that some students were enrolled in more than one qualification during the relevant period and may therefore be represented across multiple qualifications. In addition, four award recipients were enrolled under Individual Paper Credit (IPC). As IPC study is assessed on a Pass/Fail basis, these students do not receive standard grade points, and their GPA is calculated using a different methodology and scale from the University's standard 9-point GPA system. To ensure consistency and comparability of the GPA data provided, these students have been excluded from the GPA analysis. Certain figures have also been aggregated to protect the privacy of natural persons pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Act.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jim Mercer

Chief Operating Officer

Qualification Abbrev	Students Enrolled	Students Awarded	Min	Max	Mean	Median
BA	878	45	8.00	9.00	8.35	8.25
BBus/LLB	58	<5	8.00	8.33	8.19	8.21
BBus/LLB(Hons)	<5	<5	8.20	8.20	8.20	8.20
BCC	58	<5	8.13	8.50	8.34	8.38
BEP	78	11	8.00	8.75	8.29	8.29
BGS	24	<5	8.00	8.75	8.39	8.40
BMus	37	8	8.00	8.63	8.36	8.44
BMus(Hons)	8	<5	8.25	8.25	8.25	8.25
BSc/LLB	11	<5	8.44	8.44	8.44	8.44
BSc/LLB(Hons)	<5	<5	8.86	8.86	8.86	8.86
BSocSc	681	40	8.00	9.00	8.29	8.25
BSocSc(Hons)	13	<5	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50
BSocSc/LLB	17	<5	8.50	8.67	8.59	8.59
BSocSc/LLB(Hons)	<5	<5	8.00	8.14	8.07	8.07
GradDip	128	<5	8.00	8.38	8.13	8.00
LLB	1141	28	8.00	8.63	8.21	8.16
LLB(Hons)	60	23	8.00	8.92	8.35	8.30
LLM	73	5	8.25	9.00	8.60	8.50
LLM(Māori/Pacific/Indigenous)	<5	<5	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
MA	73	<5	8.00	9.00	8.50	8.50
MAppPsy	54	6	8.00	9.00	8.29	8.19
MEnvSoc	6	<5	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
MEP	32	<5	8.00	8.25	8.13	8.13
MLS	12	<5	8.25	8.25	8.25	8.25
MMCT	21	<5	8.00	8.75	8.31	8.25
MMus	11	<5	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
MSocSc	41	<5	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
PGDip	125	<5	8.63	8.63	8.63	8.63