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Mr Green

By email: [fyi-request-13438-59b69312@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-13438-59b69312@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear Mr Green

### Official information request for Victoria University's graduating numbers

I refer to your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) dated 3 August 2020:

- 1. How many students graduated in International Relations (undergrad) in 2019 and 2020?*
- 2. I would like to know the Bachelor of Arts GPA's (of their whole degree) of those who finished their degree in 2019/2020 - in those who majored in either political science and/or international relations. Please use the 9-point scale. Please include all those who have majored in either of these two subjects, incl. those who have graduated with another major/minor as well, such as Intl. Relations and History, or Political Science and Public Policy.*
- 3. Similarly, I would like to know: Of those who started the MSS, MIR, and MPOLS program in 2019 and 2020, I would like to know their GPA's from their previous study, say, as an undergraduate or from another degree. Please use the 9-point scale.*

Each of your requests, and the University's response, is set out below.

Please note that GPA records have been truncated for any qualifications that had less than, or equal to, five students.

1. University graduates who had selected International Relations as a major in 2019 and 2020:

Student Count by Qual status	Completion Year		Grand Total
	2019	2020	
Qual Status			
DA - Qualification Granted	172	1	173
DC - Qualification Completed	16	25	41
DX - Qualification to be Granted	1	15	16
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>230</b>

2. The average GPA for BA qualifications in 2019 is 5.45 and in 2020 it is 5.37.

3. The average GPA of the prior qualifications for students who started MSS, MIR, MPOLS in 2019 from their 'previous UG qualifications' is 5.2. The average GPA of the prior qualifications for students who started MSS, MIR, MPOLS in 2020 from their 'previous UG qualifications' is 5.4.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact us at [oiarequests@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:oiarequests@vuw.ac.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "T. Goldsack". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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