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Tēnā koe Alice

Official information request regarding disabled students at VUW Law School

I refer to your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) dated 28 March 2021:

- 1. What percentage of students in Laws121 self-identified as having a disability over the past five years?*
- 2. What percentage of students in Laws121 were enrolled in disability services over the past five years?*
- 3. What percentage of graduates of law self-identified as having a disability over the past five years?*
- 4. What percentage of graduates of law were enrolled in disability services over the past five years?*
- 5. What percentage of people enrolled in laws 121 graduate with an LLB, over the last five years?*
- 6. How many students over the past five years have been granted extensions for assignments in a compulsory law course (Laws121, Laws122, Laws123, Laws211, Laws214, Laws213, Laws 212, Laws301)?*
- 7. How many students over the past five years have been granted special assessment conditions in Laws121 and Laws301?*
- 8. What is the percentage of students in Laws301 who self-identify as having a disability over the past five years?*
- 9. What is the percentage of students in Laws301 who are enrolled in disability services over the past five years?*
- 10. What percentage of Law Honours students have identified as having a disability over the past five years?*
- 11. What percentage of Law Honours students are enrolled with disability services over the past five years?*

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

1. What percentage of students in Laws121 self-identified as having a disability over the past five years?

LAWS121			
Year	Total students enrolled	Self-identified as having a disability	Percentage
2021	732	40	5.46
2020	712	31	4.35
2019	757	21	2.77
2018	832	34	4.09
2017	913	30	3.29
Total	3946	156	3.95

This data refers to students who were registered in the course for at least 2 weeks from course start date and had declared a disability during the year they were enrolled in the course.

2. What percentage of students in Laws121 were enrolled in disability services over the past five years?

LAWS121			
Year	Total students enrolled	Students registered with DS	Percentage
2021	732	65	8.88
2020	712	65	9.13
2019	757	59	12.55
2018	832	86	8.17
2017	913	71	7.78
Total	3946	346	8.77

3. What percentage of graduates of law self-identified as having a disability over the past five years?

Year	Number of graduates	LLB graduates who identified as having a disability	Percentage
2017	210	8	3.81
2018	193	10	5.18
2019	215	7	3.26
2020	236	17	7.2
2021	174	9	5.17

This data refers to students with graduation status as ‘Qualification Granted’ or ‘Qualification to be Granted’ in the applicable year who declared disability at any year before their graduation year.

4. What percentage of graduates of law were enrolled in disability services over the past five years?

Compiling the information required to provide a response to this question would involve substantial research and collation. Therefore this aspect of your request is refused in accordance with Section 18(f) of the Act.

5. What percentage of people enrolled in laws 121 graduate with an LLB, over the last five years?

Year	Number of students enrolled	Number of students who graduated with LLB	Percentage
2010	807	234	29.00
2011	788	245	31.09
2012	767	224	29.20
2013	703	257	36.56
2014	713	235	32.96
2015	726	231	31.82
2016	812	193	23.77*
2017	913	29	3.18*
2018	832	0	0.00*
2019	757	0	0.00*
2020	712	0	0.00*

* likely to increase with graduations still to come

Please note, the Bachelor of Laws (LLB) is a four-year degree. However most students take it as part of a conjoint degree which usually requires 5-6 years of study. We have provided data from 2010 onwards as most students who enrolled in LAWS 121 in the last five years will not have completed their requirements.

This data includes all students enrolled in LAWS 121, not just those taking it for the LLB. Therefore, some students may be taking it to count towards another qualification. The data does not include information on whether students went on to graduate with another degree. Due to the varying timeframes of the degree, students do not graduate as a cohort relative to their initial year of enrolment. Additionally, some students may enrol in LAWS 121 more than once in order to obtain the grade required for selection to second year LAWS courses.

6. How many students over the past five years have been granted extensions for assignments in a compulsory law course (LAWS121, LAWS122, LAWS123, LAWS211, LAWS214, LAWS213, LAWS 212, LAWS301)?

Number of extensions granted					
Course	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
LAWS 121	18	1	1	0	0
LAWS 122	6	7	3	0	0
LAWS 123	8	8	9	5	5
LAWS 211	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	31
LAWS 212	0	0	0	0	0
LAWS 213	9	36	18	37	31
LAWS 214	0	4	0	0	3
LAWS 297	32	48	40	39	148
LAWS 301	4	0	12	0	66

* Assessments in these years consisted of tests or exams so not applicable for extensions.

7. How many students over the past five years have been granted special assessment conditions in LAWS121 and LAWS301?

LAWS121 Students registered with DS			
Year	Number	Accessible Test Arrangements	Accessible Exam Arrangements
2021	65	22	10
2020	65	36	25
2019	59	26	27
2018	86	40	40
2017	71	21	22
Total	346	145	124

LAWS301 Students registered with DS			
Year	Number	Accessible Test Arrangements	Accessible Exam Arrangements
2021	45	28	22
2020	42	23	23
2019	51	28	29
2018	41	28	25
2017	31	8	5
Total	210	115	104

8. What is the percentage of students in LAWS301 who self-identify as having a disability over the past five years?

LAWS301			
Year	Total students enrolled	Self-identified as having a disability	Percentage
2021	304	23	7.57
2020	284	16	5.63
2019	303	20	6.60
2018	294	15	5.10
2017	265	9	3.40
Total	1450	83	5.72

This data refers to students who were registered in the course for at least 2 weeks from course start date and had declared a disability during the year they were enrolled in the course.

9. What is the percentage of students in LAWS301 who are enrolled in disability services over the past five years?

LAWS301			
Year	Total students enrolled	Students registered with DS	Percentage
2021	304	45	14.80
2020	284	42	14.78
2019	303	51	16.83
2018	294	41	13.95
2017	265	31	11.70
Total	1450	210	14.48

10. What percentage of Law Honours students have identified as having a disability over the past five years?

LLBHON			
Year	Total students enrolled	Self-identified as having a disability	Percentage
2021	89	8	8.99
2020	91	2	2.20
2019	85	1	1.18
2018	84	3	3.57
2017	83	5	6.02
Total	432	19	4.40

This data refers to students who were enrolled in LLBHON in the year and declared a disability in the same year

11. What percentage of Law Honours students are enrolled with disability services over the past five years?

Compiling the information required to provide a response to this question would involve substantial research and collation. Therefore this aspect of your request is refused in accordance with Section 18(f) 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.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact me at oiarequests@vuw.ac.nz.

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