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Tēnā koe Mr Green

**Official information request for average grades for QUAN203, ECON201, and PUBL203**

I refer to your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) dated 24 May 2021:

- 1. I would like to know the median AND average student grades for QUAN203 - Quantitative Methods for Economics and Finance, of each year, for the years 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015.***

QUAN203						
Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Mean Grade	C+	B-	C+	C+	C+	C+
Median Grade	C+	B	C	B-	C	B-

- 2. I would also like to know the median AND average student grades for ECON201 - Intermediate Microeconomics, of each year, for the years 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015.***

ECON201						
Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Mean Grade	B-	B-	B-	B-	B-	B-
Median Grade	B	B-	B	B	B	B-

- 3. I would also like to know the median AND average student grades for PUBL203 - Introduction to Public Economics, of each year, for the years 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016.***

PUBL203						
Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Mean Grade	B-	C+	C+	C+	B	C+
Median Grade	B	B-	B-	C+	B+	B-

Please note, the PUBL203 and PUBL209 Introduction to Public Economics courses are co-taught and moderated as a whole which may induce greater variation in the grades achieved.

4. ***I would also like you to include the pre-adjusted (pre-scaled) grades for the above questions as well. I.e. the pre-scaled median and average grades for each course, and each year of the course. If this data does not exist, please disregard this question.***

Pre scaled grades are calculated based on the marks achieved through coursework and/or examinations prior to the final confirmation of a grade. Courses may differ in the way they assess students work and may utilise scaling of individual assessment items and/or scaling of final grades. The following figures are calculated based on final figures achieved prior to any final scaling.

Please note, as the pre-scaled average letter grades are calculated from the students final scores, they may not fall directly within the range of one specific letter grade. Therefore, the average letter grade may be given as a range.

<b>QUAN203</b>						
Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Mean Grade	C+/B-	B/B-	B/B-	B/B-	C+/B-	C+/B-
Median Grade	B-	B	B	B	C+	B-

<b>ECON201</b>						
Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Mean Grade	C+	B	C+	C	C+	C+
Median Grade	B-	B	B-	C	B-	C+

PUBL 203 does not utilise scaling so there is no data to provide for that course.

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 me at [oiarequests@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:oiarequests@vuw.ac.nz).

Ngā mihi nui

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