



7 October 2022

Sean Kim

By email: fyi-request-20456-38c6ca78@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Sean

I refer to your information request dated 3 September 2022 (clarified on 8 September 2022 and 13 September 2022) made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested mark and grade distributions for the CELS191, CHEM191, HUBS191, PHSI191, BIOC192, HUBS192, POPH192 and STAT115 papers from 2020 – 2022.

I note that the original due date for your request was Thursday 6 October 2022. However, with the passing of the Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Day Act 2022, Memorial Day (26 September 2022) [was not considered](#) a 'working day' for the purposes of the Act.

Subject to the following comments, please find attached the information that you have requested. Please note that there are three sheets in the attached document (one for each year).

- we note we emailed you 8 September 2022 to clarify whether you were interested in receiving the grade and mark distributions for students who were enrolled in Health Sciences First Year (HSFY) only, or whether you were interested in receiving the grade and mark distributions for all students enrolled in the papers, regardless of programme. Your response of 8 September 2022 confirmed that you were interested in receiving the information for students enrolled in HSFY only. Accordingly, the attached data contains the mark and grade distributions for students who were enrolled in HSFY only.
- please note that differences in the number of students enrolled in the papers between Semester One and Semester Two can be due to students moving out of the HSFY programme between semesters. Therefore, a student may be included in the Semester 1 data but not included in the Semester 2 data as they have changed programmes between semesters.
- we note that BIOC192, HUBS192, POPH192 and STAT115 are Semester Two papers. Accordingly, we decline providing the 2022 grade and mark breakdowns for these papers pursuant to section 18(e) of the Act, on the basis that the information request does not exist.
- on occasions where fewer than five students have failed a paper (i.e. received a grade of Fail D or Fail E), we have determined that it is necessary to withhold the marks and specific grades for these students to protect their privacy and wellbeing. This is consistent with section 9(2)(a) of the Act. 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 consider that good reasons exist for withholding this information and this is not outweighed by other considerations which would make it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available.

- please note that all final grades for papers completed in Semester 1 2020 were increased by 5 marks to account for disruptions created by COVID-19.
- students who withdrew from the papers or received an Aegrotat Pass (not a mark) are excluded from the data.
- results are correct as at 6 October 2022.

I trust that this information will be helpful.

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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kelsey Kennard', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kelsey Kennard
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