



23 June 2023

By email: [fyi-request-23070-46ed5ea8@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-23070-46ed5ea8@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Tēnā koe B

I refer to your information request dated 9 June 2023 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested mark and grade distributions of the following papers offered by the University of Otago in 2021 and 2022:

- Semester 1 2021: BIOC221, CHEM201, CHEM205, PHSL231
- Semester 2 2021: BIOC222, CHEM202, CHEM203, PHSL232
- Summer School 2022: FINC204
- Semester 1 2022: CHEM301, CHEM303, CHEM305, SPEX201
- Semester 2 2022: CHEM302, CHEM306, SPEX301, SPEX202
- Pre-Christmas Summer School 2022: RELS203

Subject to the following comments, please see attached the information you have requested. Please note that there are six pages in the attached spreadsheet (one for each teaching period).

- on occasions where fewer than five students have failed a paper (i.e. received a grade of Fail D, Fail E, Failed Compulsory Assessment or Failed Terms), we have determined that it is necessary to withhold the marks and specific grades for these students to protect their privacy and wellbeing. 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 therefore withhold this information pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
- in the attached mark and grade distributions, we note that students who withdrew from the papers and students who gained an Aegrotat Pass (where no mark or grade is awarded) are excluded from the data.

I trust that this information will be helpful.

In the above cases, we consider that good reasons exist for withholding information, and this is not outweighed by other considerations which would make it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available. 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.

Ngā mihi

Kelsey Kennard

Official Information and Compliance Coordinator  
Office of the Registrar