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Dear Liam,

### **OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 15/01**

The Academic Development Group (ADG), who produced the 2005-2009 Comparison of Subject Area Grade Distributions report you refer to, have informed us that this was a special ad hoc report produced at the request of the Academic Administration Committee (see page 3 Introduction in that report). At this stage there is no plan in place to develop a similar report for the 2010-2015 period. The document compared data from 2000-2004 and 2005-2009. It was an inaccurate assumption we made in our previous OIA response in 2012 to say they produce this "every five years", and I apologise for this error.

However we do produce Grade Variability reports on a yearly basis, which analyse grading practices across the University. Students' grades in a particular paper are compared to the average grade the same students achieved in all their other papers in the same year, at the same level. The reporting format has varied over the years, from analysis for each individual department in 2010 to a more college level approach in 2012. Besides the yearly reports, several departments have asked us to perform additional analyses.

These reports are reported annually by college since 2009. I have provided an index of these documents below if you wish to view any of them. Any particular document that we supply will be assessed under the Official Information Act before we release.

Yours faithfully

Tom Norcliffe

**Information Manager** 

# **Grade Variability Reports**

Overall University	Ad hoc reports: Repeated outlier courses: a supplement to the 2012 grade variability report
College of Arts	Annual reports: Grade variability in level 100, 200 and 300 papers in 2013 in the College of Arts (PDF, 816KB)
	Grade variability in level 100, 200 and 300 papers in 2012 in the College of Arts (PDF, 1.46MB)
	Grade variability in level 100, 200 and 300 level papers in 2011 - College of Arts (PDF, 1.7MB)
	Grade variability in level 100, 200 and 300 papers in 2010 (PDF, 4.38MB) All colleges in one file.
	Grade variability in the Maori and Indigenous Studies papers in 2009 (PDF, 667KB)
	Grade variability in the Languages, Cultures and Linguistics papers in 2009 (PDF, 970KB)
	Grade variability in Humanities paper in 2009 (PDF, 1.04MB)
	Grade variability in the Fine Arts, Music and Theatre papers in 2009 (PDF, 624KB)
	Grade variability in the Pacific Studies paper in 2009 (PDF, 239KB)
	Grade variability in the Social and Political Sciences in 2009 (PDF, 1.41MB)
College of Business, Economics & Law	Annual reports: Grade variability in level 100, 200 and 300 papers in 2013 in the College of Business & Law (PDF, 816KB)
	Grade variability in level 100, 200 and 300 papers in 2012 in the College of

Business & Law (PDF, 1.04MB)

Grade variability in level 100, 200 and 300 level papers in 2011 - College of Business, Economics & School of Law (PDF, 1.45MB)

Grade variability in level 100, 200 and 300 papers in 2010 (PDF, 4.38MB) All colleges in one file.

Grade variability in the Accounting and Information Systems papers in 2009 (PFD, 587KB)

Grade variability in the Economics and Finance papers in 2009 (PDF, 726KB)

Grade variability in the Laws papers in 2009 (PDF, 504KB)

Grade variability in the Management and Management Science (PDF, 666KB)

#### College Education

of Annual reports:

Grade variability in level 100, 200 and 300 papers in 2013 in the College of Education (PDF, 816KB)

Grade variability in level 100, 200 and 300 papers in 2012 in the College of Education (PDF, 1.67MB)

Grade variability in level 100, 200 and 300 level papers in 2011 - College of Education (PDF, 1.71MB)

Grade variability in level 100, 200 and 300 papers in 2010 (PDF, 4.38MB) All colleges in one file.

Grade variability in the Education papers in 2009 (PDF, 1.53MB)

Ad hoc follow-ups:

Grade variability comparisons of EDUC 102 & TEDU 110 and EDUC 103 & TEDU 111 campus-based courses in Semester 1, 2010 (PDF, 129KB)

## College o Engineering

Annual reports:

Grade variability in level 100, 200 and 300 papers in 2013 in the College of Engineering (PDF, 816KB)

Grade variability in level 100, 200 and 300 papers in 2012 in the College of Engineering (PDF, 445KB)

Grade variability in level 100, 200 and 300 level papers in 2011 - College of Engineering (PDF, 667KB)

Grade variability in level 100, 200 and 300 papers in 2010 (PDF, 4.38MB) All colleges in one file.

Grade variability in the Civil and Natural Resources Engineering papers in 2009 (PDF, 323KB)

Grade variability in the Computer Science and Software Engineering papers in 2009 (PDF, 455KB)

Grade variability in the Forestry, Soil Science and Bio Security papers in 2009 (PDF, 440KB)

Grade variability in the Electrical and Computer Engineering papers in 2009 (PDF, 317KB)

Grade variability in the Mathematics, Statistics and Engineering Mathematics papers in 2009 (PDF, 985KB)

Grade variability in the Chemical and Process Engineering papers in 2009 (PDF, 318KB)

Grade variability in the Mechanical Engineering papers in 2009 (PDF, 324KB)

Grade variability in Forestry papers in 2009 and 2010 (PDF, 1.04MB)

# College of Science

Annual reports:

Grade variability in level 100, 200 and 300 papers in 2013 in the College of Science (PDF, 816KB)

Grade variability in level 100, 200 and 300 papers in 2012 in the College of Science (PDF, 923KB)

Grade variability in level 100, 200 and 300 level papers in 2011 - College of Science (PDF, 1.04MB)

Grade variability in level 100, 200 and 300 papers in 2010 (PDF, 4.38MB) All colleges in one file.

Grade variability in the Physics and Astronomy papers in 2009 (PDF, 655KB)

Grade variability in the Biological Sciences papers in 2009 (PDF, 547KB)

Grade variability in the Chemistry and Biochemistry papers in 2009 (PDF, 538KB)

Grade variability in the Communication Disorders papers in 2009 (PDF, 447KB)

Grade variability in the Geological Sciences papers in 2009 (PDF, 282KB)

Grade variability in the Psychology papers in 2009 (PDF, 280KB)

Grade variability in the Geography papers in 2009 (PDF, 521KB)

Ad hoc follow-ups:

Grade variability in the Communication Disorders 600 level papers in 2009 (PDF, 302KB)