



26 March 2024

By email: fyi-request-25908-361a252f@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe John

I refer to your information request dated 27 February 2024 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested:

“a spreadsheet containing confirmed final grade percentages of all students who sat 200-level Law papers (LAWS201, 202, 203, and 204) in 2023.

the 200-level Law 2023 grade required to be offered a position in the LLB(Hons) programme.”

Please see below our response to your request.

1) Mark and grade distributions for the 2023 LAWS201, LAWS202, LAWS203, and LAWS204 papers offered by the University of Otago.

Subject to the following comments, please see attached the information you have requested.

- the data is correct as at 28 February 2024.
- 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. 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 grade and mark distributions, we note that students who withdrew from the papers or received an Aegrotat Pass or Compensation Pass (not a grade or mark) are excluded from the data.

2) The minimum grade of 200-level Law required to be offered a position in the LLB(Hons) programme in 2023.

Students with an average grade of 79.5 or higher across the four 200-level LAWS papers were eligible for entry into the LLB(Hons) programme through invitation for the year 2023.

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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joey Lin', with a horizontal line drawn through the middle of the signature.

Joey Lin
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