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Tēnā koe AC

I refer to your request for information dated 21 July 2024 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested:

“I would like to request the method of calculation and grade boundaries for awards of First Class, Second Class (Division I) and Second Class (Division II) Honours for the LLB(Hons) programme.

Additionally, I would like to request a grade distribution showing the aggregate grade (as used to calculate the class of honours) of students who have completed the LLB(Hons) programme for 2021, 2022 and 2023 with an indication of whether they received First Class, Second Class (Div I) or Second Class (Div II) Honours.

If this is not possible I would like to request the number of students who received each class of honours for the LLB(Hons) programme in 2021, 2022 and 2023.”

Please see below our response to your request.

1. Method of calculation and grade boundaries for awards of First Class, Second Class (Division I) and Second Class (Division II) Honours for the LLB(Hons) programme

The level of award of the LLB(Hons) degree is determined by a calculation with two components:

- Average grades in 300- and 400-level LAWS papers
- Dissertation grade

If the level of honours calculation is 80 or above, the LLB(Hons) degree is awarded with First Class Honours. If the calculation is 70 – 79.99, the LLB(Hons) degree is awarded with Second Class (Division I) Honours. If the calculation is below 70, the LLB(Hons) degree is awarded with Second Class (Division II) Honours. The calculations are not rounded up, so if the result of the calculation is (for example) 79.99, the level of award is Second Class (Division I).

2. Grade distribution showing the aggregate grade (as used to calculate the class of honours) of students who have completed the LLB(Hons) programme for 2021, 2022 and 2023 with an indication of whether they received First Class, Second Class (Div I) or Second Class (Div II) Honours

3. If this is not possible I would like to request the number of students who received each class of honours for the LLB(Hons) programme in 2021, 2022 and 2023

We are unable to provide you with the “grade distribution showing the aggregate grade (as used to calculate the class of hours) of students who have completed the LLB(Hons) programme for 2021, 2022 and 2023 with an indication of whether they received First Class or Second Class (Div I or Div II) Honours.” However, please find below the number of students who received each class of honours for the LLB(Hons) programme in 2021 and 2023:

Number of students who received each class of honours for the LLB(Hons) programme		
	First Class	Second Class
2021	28	3
2023	29	2

The equivalent information for the 2022 LLB(Hons) programme is still being checked and confirmed by staff. We will provide this to you as soon as it is available. We thank you for your patience in this matter.

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.

Ngā mihi



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