

17 September 2024

By email: fyi-request-28278-ba61734b@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe Zain

I refer to your information request dated 2 September 2024 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested:

“a spreadsheet or document containing confirmed grades of HSFY students for the optional papers PHS1132, MATH130 & STAT115 for 2020-2023 (if available). This need not contain further data other than their overall grades. I require the specific grade percentage including the grade letter.”

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

- the data is correct as at 17 September 2024.
- the data is limited to students specifically enrolled in the Health Sciences First Year (HSFY) programme only.
- please note that not all papers were offered each year, therefore we have only provided mark and grade breakdowns for the years that the papers were offered:
 - MATH130 was only offered in 2022 and 2023
 - PHS1132 was offered each year, however no HSFY students enrolled in this paper in 2021 and 2023
 - STAT115 was offered each year
- on occasions where fewer than ten HSFY students are enrolled in a paper, we determine that it is necessary to withhold the mark and grade distributions for these papers. As there were fewer than ten HSFY enrolments in the 2020 PHS1132 paper, 2022 PHS1132 paper, and 2023 MATH130 paper, we have withheld the mark and grade distributions for these papers to protect students' 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 and grades) could be disclosed. We therefore withhold this information pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
- on occasions where fewer than five HSFY 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.

- 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. In Semester 2 2020, final grades of 47, 48 or 49 were bumped up to 50 (pass).
- in the attached grade and mark distributions, we note that students who withdrew from the papers 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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kelsey Kennard', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kelsey Kennard
Official Information and Compliance Coordinator
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