

13 November 2024

By email: fyi-request-29114-39f62bfb@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe J

I refer to your information request dated 8 November 2024 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested mark and grade distributions for the following papers offered by the University of Otago during Semester 1 2023, Semester 2 2023, and Semester 1 2024:

- FINC502, FINC503, FINC520, FINC505
- BSNS411, BSNS412, BSNS580
- ACFI406, ACFI525
- ACCT504
- INFO411

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

- the data is correct as at 12 November 2024.
- we note that ACCT504, ACFI406, ACFI525, BSNS411, BSNS412, FINC502, FINC503, FINC505 and FINC520 papers are new papers, being offered for the first time in 2025. Therefore, we decline providing the mark and grade distributions for these papers for 2023 and 2024 as the information is not held, pursuant to section 18(g) of the Act.
- we note that BSNS580 was not offered in 2023 or 2024. It is planned to be offered in 2025.
- therefore, the only mark and grade distribution we are able to provide you is the 2023 INFO411 paper. This paper has been offered in 2024, but as a Semester 2 paper. As the mark and grade distributions for Semester 2 2024 papers have not been confirmed yet, we decline providing you with this information as it is not held, pursuant to section 18(g) of the Act.
- as fewer than five students failed the 2023 INFO411 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) being disclosed. We therefore withhold this information pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
- in the attached grade and mark distribution, we note that students who withdrew from the paper) 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 black ink, appearing to read 'Kelsey Kennard', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kelsey Kennard
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Office of the Registrar