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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI_14-236)

We have now considered your request of 20 November (clarified on 21 November) for information on marks awarded to students on LLB programmes. Your original and clarified request is copied on page 3 of this letter for reference.

Unfortunately, on this occasion we have determined that the cost of finding and assembling the requested information will exceed the 'appropriate limit', as defined by section 12 of the Act and the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004/3244.

The 'appropriate limit' of £450, which equates to 18 hours' work, relates to a request in its entirety. If the University cannot locate, retrieve and extract some or all of the requested information within the 18 hours, we are not obliged to retrieve any of the requested information.

Extracting the requested information as currently held would require a manual review of each of the modules available in each of the requested years (to establish the marks of each student who had studied each subject). Having encountered this same issue recently with a similar FOI request we believe this approach would exceed 18 hours of work.

We have established it would take one member of staff 15-30 minutes to review each module. There are a total of 116 modules in all three years to consider and therefore we estimate it would take approximately 29-58 hours to obtain the required information.

We are sorry we cannot provide this information, however we would be happy to consider a new or revised enquiry as a new request under the terms of the Act. For example, we could provide the maximum, minimum, average marks and student count for each of the 116 modules. It would also be possible to present the data for all 116 modules for all three years in the form of a box plot format by quartile.¹

You have the right of appeal against this decision. If you wish to appeal, please set out in writing your reasons for appealing and send to the above address.

¹ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Box_plot

You must appeal our decision within 60 calendar days of the date of this letter. Any appeal received after that date will not be considered nor acknowledged. This policy has been reviewed and approved by the Information Commissioner's Office.

You also have a subsequent right of appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office. Further information is available on their website:

https://ico.org.uk/Global/contact_us, or by telephone on 0303 123 1113.

Please quote our reference given at the head of this letter in all correspondence.

Yours sincerely

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Response to Freedom of Information Act 2000 request (FOI_14-236)

For each of the subjects taught on LLB programmes provided by the University:

- (a) the average mark awarded to students in 2012, 2013 and 2014.*
- (b) the percentage of students awarded a mark of 60 - 69% in 2012, 2013 and 2014.*
- (c) the percentage of students awarded a mark of 70 - 100% in 2012, 2013 and 2014.*

Clarification received on 21 November:

In respect each of the law subjects taught at the University (eg Contract, Public Law, Tort, Land Law etc)

- (a) the average mark awarded to students in 2012, 2013 and 2014.*
- (b) the percentage of students awarded a mark of 60 - 69% in 2012, 2013 and 2014.*
- (c) the percentage of students awarded a mark of 70 - 100% in 2012, 2013 and 2014.*

In respect of (a) this would be the average mark for all students on all LLB programmes (whether single or joint honours and irrespective of mode or level) who took Contract, Public, Land etc

So there should be one 'average mark' for each subject calculated by reference to the aggregate mark of all students who took that subject in each of the years designated.

Similarly for (b) and (c) I am looking for the percentage of all students on all LLB programmes (whether single or joint and irrespective of mode or level) who took Contract, Public, Land Law etc.

Again, there should be one percentage figure for each of the law subjects taught at the University.

[Information withheld pursuant to s.12(1), Freedom of Information Act]