

The Degree of Master of Policy and Governance (MPAG – 180 points)

These regulations must be read in conjunction with the General Regulations for the University.

1. Version

- (a) These Regulations came into force on 1 January 2018.
- (b) This degree was first offered in 2017.

2. Variations

In exceptional circumstances the Amo Matua, Toi Tangata | Executive Dean of Arts or delegate may approve a personal programme of study which does not conform to these Regulations.

3. The structure of the qualification

To qualify for the Master of Policy and Governance a student must be credited with a minimum of 180 points towards the qualification; including

- (a) POLS440 (30 points); and
- (b) up to 60 points from Schedule E Group 1 to this degree; and
- (c) up to 30 points from Schedule E Group 2 to this degree; and
- (d) either
 - i. POLS688 (60 points); or
 - ii. POLS689 (90 points). A student wishing to enrol in POLS689 must have the approval of the Programme Director in consultation with the Amo Matua, Toi Tangata | Executive Dean of Arts or delegate. Approval will be granted where the student:
 - a. has achieved an A- Grade Point Average in 300-level courses; and
 - b. has the support of a potential supervisor and/or specific research funding.

4. Admission to the qualification

To be admitted to the Master of Policy and Governance a student must have:

- (a) either
 - i. a Bachelor's degree in any subject, normally with a B Grade Point Average or better in 60 points of 300-level courses in the majoring subject, or
 - ii. have been admitted with Academic Equivalent Standing as fulfilling these requirements; and
- (b) been approved as a student for the degree by the Amo Matua, Toi Tangata | Executive Dean of Arts or delegate.

5. Subjects

The subject for this qualification is Policy and Governance..

6. Time limits

The time limits for this qualification are:

- (a) The time limit for full-time enrolment is:
 - i. A minimum of 12 months
 - ii. A maximum of 18 months.
- (b) The time limit for part-time enrolment is:
 - i. A minimum of 24 months
 - ii. A maximum of 36 months.
- (c) POLS689 must be submitted by such date as may be prescribed by the Amo Matua, Toi Tangata Executive Dean of Arts or delegate unless an exemption is granted.

7. Transfers of credit, substitutions and cross-credits

This qualification adheres to the Credit Recognition and Transfer Regulations, with no additional stipulations.

8. Progression

This qualification adheres to the General Regulations for the University, with the following stipulations:

- A student who fails up to 30 points for the Master of Policy and Governance degree, may, with the permission of the Amo Matua, Toi Tangata | Executive Dean of Arts or delegate, repeat that course or courses, or substitute another course or courses of equal weight.
- A student who fails more than 30 points will be withdrawn from the qualification.

9. Honours, Distinction and Merit

This qualification adheres to the General Regulations for the University and may be awarded with Distinction and Merit.

10. Exit and Upgrade Pathways to other Qualifications

- There are no advancing qualifications for this degree.
- A student who has not met the requirements for the Master of Policy and Governance or who wishes to transfer to the Postgraduate Certificate in Arts, or the Postgraduate Diploma in Arts, or the Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Political Science and International Relations may apply to the Amo Matua, Toi Tangata | Executive Dean of Arts or delegate for admission provided that they meet the regulations for that qualification.

Schedule C: Compulsory Courses for the Degree of Master of Policy and Governance

For full course information, go to courseinfo.canterbury.ac.nz

Group 1

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
POLS440	Principles and Practice of Policy and Governance	30	S1	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the Head of Department.
			S1	Distance Learning	

Group 2

Students take one of the following:

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
POLS688	Dissertation	60	A	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the Head of Department.
POLS689	Thesis	90	A	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the Head of Department.

Note: The 90-points research option will normally only be approved for a student with a GPA of 7, where the student is on a PBRF-funded scholarship grant, or with the approval of the Kairuruku Hōtaka | Head of the Programme in consultation with the relevant Amo | Dean. A well-developed plan of research and support from a supervisor will also be required prior to approval for the 90 points research option.

Schedule E: Elective Courses for the Degree of Master of Policy and Governance

Group 1

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
POLS442	Policy and Governance in Small States of New Zealand and the Pacific	30	S2	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the Head of Department. R: POLS402
POLS443	Policy Issues in Science and Technology	30	NO		P: Subject to approval of the Head of Department.
POLS446	Political Economy of Economic Growth and Development	30	S2	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the Head of Department. R: POLS407, DIPL407, ILAP671
POLS449	Wicked Problems, Politics, and Justice	30	S2	Campus	P: Subject to approval by the Head of Department

Group 2

Up to 30 points from relevant 400-level courses related to the necessary specialist knowledge required to undertake a student-directed dissertation or thesis in policy and governance (eg, courses from Economics, Geography, History, Māori and Indigenous Studies, Pacific Studies, Sociology), with the approval of the MPAG Kairuruku Hōtaka | Programme Coordinator in consultation with the relevant Faculty Amo | Dean.