

# The Degree of Bachelor of Social Work with Honours (BSW(Hons) – 480 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 2025.
- (b) This degree was first offered in 2019

## 2. Variations

In exceptional circumstances the Amo Matua, Te Kaupeka Oranga | Executive Dean of Health 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 Bachelor of Social Work with Honours a student must:

- (a) 405 points must be for the courses listed in Schedule C to these Regulations; and
- (b) 75 points, at 100-level or 200-level, for courses from Schedule E to these Regulations.

## 4. Admission to the qualification

A student must satisfy the Admission Regulations for the University to be admitted to this qualification.

## 5. Subjects

The subject for this degree is Social Work.

## 6. Time limits

- (a) The time limit for this qualification is 8 years.
- (b) Unless approved otherwise by the Amo Matua, Te Kaupeka Oranga | Executive Dean of Health or delegate, students must complete SOWK490, SOWK491 and SOWK492 in their final year of study.

## 7. Transfers of credit, substitutions and cross-credits

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

## 8. Progression

- (a) In order to gain admission to limited entry 200-level Social Work courses, a student for whom English or te reo Māori or New Zealand Sign is not their first language, must provide evidence of their English language ability as follows:
  - i. IELTS (Academic) 6.5, with no individual score below 6.5. Preference will be given to students with a score of 7; or
  - ii. An alternative English language assessment, approved by the Amo Matua, Te Kaupeka Oranga | Executive Dean of Health or delegate.
  - iii. At least two years of successful study in an Aotearoa New Zealand secondary school, with at least ten Level 2 NCEA credits in Literacy (five reading and five writing) or equivalent.
- (b) Prior to being admitted to limited entry 200-level Social Work courses, a student must also meet criteria in relation to suitability including:
  - i. criteria identified in the BSW(Hons) 200-level Limited Entry application documentation; and
  - ii. the New Zealand Social Workers Registration Board's "Entitlement to Registration Fit and Proper Person Policy Statement"; and
  - iii. the Aotearoa New Zealand Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics; and
  - iv. the New Zealand Social Workers Registration Board Code of Conduct, and
    - a. a satisfactory Police vetting; and
    - b. any such other processes deemed necessary by the Kaihautū Tauwhiro Hapori | Programme Director, Social Work to determine suitability e.g., the meeting of the requirements stipulated in the Children's Act 2014.

- (c) A student whose circumstances change in regard to character of suitability must inform the BSW(Hons) Coordinator immediately. Changes in circumstances, whether notified by the student or others, may result in the student being required to undergo a reassessment of suitability, as defined by Regulation 8(b) above.
- (d) Application for admission to 300-level Social Work courses shall be made in the previous year by 30 September. In order to be admitted to these courses, a student must:
  - i. have completed 240 points from the 100 and 200-level requirements of the degree; and
  - ii. be confirmed as being eligible for the degree.
- (e) Application for admission to 400-level Social Work courses shall be made in the previous year by 30 September. In order to be admitted to these courses, a student must:
  - i. have passed SOWK301 and SOWK308.
  - ii. provided attestations as to character and suitability for beginning practice; and
  - iii. agree to practice in accordance with and be bound by the Code of Ethics of the Aotearoa New Zealand Association of Social Workers (Inc.) and the Code of Conduct of the New Zealand Social Workers Registration Board, and
  - iv. meet any additional criteria for fieldwork acceptance imposed by the relevant Social Service agency.
- (f) A part-time student must complete SOWK301 concurrently with SOWK308 and immediately prior to their enrolment in 400-level courses.
- (g) If a student fails SOWK301 or SOWK308, or a Fieldwork Practicum (SOWK491 or 492), they may, under exceptional circumstances and with the permission of the Kaihautū Tauwhiro Hapori | Programme Director, Social Work and the Amo Matua, Te Kaupeka Oranga | Executive Dean of Health or delegate, repeat that course once only. If the course is failed a second time, the student 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 Honours, with the following stipulations:

- (a) the BSW(Hons) may be awarded with First, Second, or with Third Class Honours. Second Class Honours will be listed in Division I or Division II.
- (b) Honours are awarded for academic achievement, measured by weighted GPA, 40% on the 300-level courses for the degree and 60% on the 400-level courses for the degree. Only the grade for the first attempt at a course will be considered in the calculation.
- (c) to be eligible for Honours a student must:
  - i. complete all courses for the BSW(Hons) in no more than 8 years of study; and
  - ii. complete the 300-level and 400-level courses for the BSW(Hons) within four years of their first enrolment in any 300-level course for the degree.

### 10. Exit and Upgrade Pathways to other Qualifications

- (a) There are no advancing qualifications for this degree.
- (b) A student who has not met the requirements for admission to limited entry 200-level BSW(Hons) courses, or who wishes to transfer to the Bachelor of Health Sciences, may apply to the Amo Matua, Te Kaupeka Oranga | Executive Dean of Health or delegate for admission.

### 11. Disclosure of charges and convictions

A student in the Bachelor of Social Work with Honours is required to inform the Kaihautū Tauwhiro Hapori | Programme Director, Social Work and the Amo Matua, Te Kaupeka Oranga | Executive Dean of Health or delegate within three working days if they are charged or convicted of an offence while participating in the programme, and of any other incidents or matters that may compromise their fitness to be a social worker.

### 12. Transition Regulation

A student who enrolled in the degree of Bachelor of Social Work with Honours for the first time prior to 1 January 2024 is required to include HSRV204 in their degree in place of MAOR219.

A student who enrolled in the Bachelor of Social Work with Honours for the first time prior to 1 January 2025 can replace HLTH106 and PACS111 with HSRV103 and SOWK104.

## Schedule C: Compulsory Courses for the Degree of Bachelor of Social Work with Honours

For full course information, go to [courseinfo.canterbury.ac.nz](http://courseinfo.canterbury.ac.nz)

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
HLTH106	Te Wero - Māori Health Issues and Opportunities	15	S1	Campus	
			S1	Distance Learning	
PACS111	The Global Pacific	15	S1	Campus	
			S1	Distance Learning	
SOWK101	Introduction to Social Policy	15	S2	Distance Learning	R: HSRV101 EQ: HSRV101
			S2	Campus	
SOWK102	Social Services in Aotearoa	15	S1	Distance Learning	R: HSRV102 EQ: HSRV102
			S1	Campus	
MAOR219	Te Tiriti: The Treaty of Waitangi	15	S2	Campus	P: Any 15 points at 100-level from CULT, HIST, HSRV, MAOR, POLS, SOCI, SOWK, or TREQ, or any 60 points at 100-level from the Schedule V of the BA. R: POLS218, POLS258, HIST268, SOCI209, HSRV207, CULT219 EQ: POLS218, POLS258, HIST268, SOCI209, HSRV207, CULT219
MAOR212	Māori and Indigenous Development	15	S1	Campus	P: Any 15 points at 100-level from HIST, MAOR, SOWK, or TREQ, or any 60 points at 100-level from the Schedule V of the BA. R: HIST262, HIST379 EQ: HIST262
SOWK202	Human Behaviour and Human Systems	15	S1	Campus	P: 15 points at 100-level in HSRV or SOWK; OR 60 points from the BA, BSW(Hons) or BCJ. R: HSRV202 EQ: HSRV202
			S1	Distance Learning	
SOWK203	Social Policy, Social Justice and Activism	15	S1	Distance Learning	P: Any 15 points at 100-level from HSRV or SOWK, or any 60 points at 100-level from the Schedule V of the BA, or from the Schedule C to the BSW(Hons). R: HSRV203 EQ: HSRV203
			S1	Campus	
SOWK205	Social Work and Community Engagement	15	S2	Campus	P: 60 points from the BSW Honours schedules. Permission of the Programme Co-ordinator required.
SOWK206	Communication for Practice	15	S2	Campus	P: Any 15 points at 100-level from HSRV or SOWK, or any 60 points at 100-level from the Schedule V of the BA or BC, or from Schedule C to the BSW(Hons). R: HSRV201, SOWK201
SOWK212	Family Violence	15	S2	Distance Learning	P: Any 15 points at 100-level in HSRV or SOWK, or any 60 points at 100-level from the Schedule V of the BA or from Schedule C or E of the BCJ. R: HSRV206, HSRV212 EQ: HSRV212

SOWK301	Theory, Methods and Integration	30	W	Campus	P: Any 240 points at 100 and 200-level from the Schedule C and E of the BSW(Hons). Programme Coordinator approval mandatory. C: SOWK308. For students undertaking part-time study, SOWK301, together with SOWK308, must be completed in the last two years of study. R: SOWK514, SOWK614
SOWK303	Mental Health	15	S2	Distance Learning	P: Any 240 points at 100 and 200-level from Schedule C and E of the BSW(Hons); or 240 points from Schedule C and S to the Bachelor of Health Sciences. Programme Coordinator approval mandatory. R: SOWK611
SOWK304	Tino Rangatiratanga and Mana Motuhake in Practice	15	S1	Campus	P: Any 240 points at 100 and 200-level from the Schedule C and E of the BSW(Hons); or any 240 points from the Schedule C, S and E of the Bachelor of Youth and Community Leadership. Programme Coordinator approval mandatory. R: HSRV304 EQ: HSRV304
SOWK308	Social Work Principles and Skills	30	W	Campus	P: Any 240 points at 100 and 200-level from the Schedule C and E of the BSW(Hons). Programme Coordinator approval mandatory. C: SOWK301. For students undertaking part time study, SOWK301 together with SOWK308, must be completed in the last two years of study. R: SOWK515, SOWK615
SOWK340	Practice research for social work	30	W	Campus	P: Any 240 points at 100 and 200-level from the Schedule C and E of the BSW(Hons). Programme Coordinator approval mandatory. R: HSRV302; HSRV305; SOWK302; SOWK305; SOWK310; SOWK390
SOWK490	Social Work Practice Integration Research Project	30	A	Campus	P: 360 points including SOWK301, SOWK303, SOWK304, SOWK308 and SOWK340 C: SOWK491 and SOWK492 R: SOWK451, SOWK456, SOWK525, SOWK526, SOWK572
			W	Campus	
SOWK491	Field Education 1	45	A	Campus	P: 360 points including SOWK301, SOWK303, SOWK304, SOWK308 and SOWK340 C: SOWK490 R: SOWK571, SOWK671 EQ: SOWK671
			S1	Campus	
SOWK492	Field Education 2	45	A	Campus	P: SOWK491 C: SOWK490 R: SOWK572, SOWK672 EQ: SOWK672
			S2	Campus	

## Schedule E: Elective Courses for the Degree of Bachelor of Social Work with Honours

A student must complete 75 points in 100 or 200-level courses chosen from the following:

- Either MAOR165 or MAOR108; and
- 45 points from Anthropology, Criminal Justice, Education, Health, Māori and Indigenous Studies, Pacific Studies, Political Science and International Relations, Psychology, Sociology, and Te Reo Māori programmes, or WRIT101.
- 15 points from CULT202, HLTH101, HLED121, HLED122, HLED222, HSRV103, HSRV208, HSRV210, MAOR270, MAOR285, POLS206, PACS211, PACS221, SOCI218, SOWK104, SPRT101.