

# The Degree of Master of Social Work (MSW – 120 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 2002.

## 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

The degree must consist of the submission of a thesis SOWK 695.

## 4. Admission to the qualification

To be admitted to the Master of Social Work a student must have:

- (a) either
  - i. qualified for a Bachelor of Social Work degree with First Class Honours, or Second Class Honours Division I, in Aotearoa New Zealand; or
  - ii. qualified for a bachelor's degree and the Graduate Diploma in Social Work (if conferred before 2009) or Postgraduate Diploma in Social Work with B+ Grade Point Average or above; or
  - iii. qualified for a bachelor's degree and completed a qualifying course prescribed by the Head of Social Work, and approved by the Amo Matua, Toi Tangata | Executive Dean of Arts or delegate of a standard equivalent to the prerequisite courses; or
  - iv. been admitted under the Regulations for admission with Academic Equivalent Standing as entitled to enrol for the Degree of Master of Social Work; and
- (b) obtained a professional qualification in Social Work approved by the Tumuaki Tari | Head of Department, and
- (c) been approved as a student for the degree by the Amo Matua, Toi Tangata | Executive Dean of Arts or delegate.
- (d) Notwithstanding the above, in special cases the Amo Matua, Toi Tangata | Executive Dean of Arts or delegate may determine the conditions under which a student who does not meet Regulation 4(a) shall be admitted to the qualification.

## 5. Subjects

The subject for this degree is Social Work.

## 6. Time limits

The time limit for the Master of Social Work is:

- (a) 12 months for a full-time student, or
- (b) 36 months for a part-time student.
- (c) The thesis 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 no additional stipulations.

## 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

A student who wishes to transfer to the PhD may apply to the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research to be considered for admission to the programme, under the General Regulations for the University.