

The Degree of Master of Systems Change (MSCH – 180 points)

Not open to new enrolments in 2026.

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 2022.

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

- (a) To qualify for the Master of Systems Change, a student must be credited with courses having a minimum total value of 180 points from Schedule C to these regulations.
- (b) A student may, on the basis of previous study, be permitted to replace a course or courses with another approved postgraduate course or courses with the permission of the Amo Matua, Toi Tangata | Executive Dean of Arts or delegate and Tumuaki Tari | Head of Department.

4. Admission to the qualification

To be admitted to the Master of Systems Change a student must:

- (a) either:
- have qualified for a bachelor's degree, with a B Grade Point Average or better in 60 points of 300-level courses in the majoring subject; or
 - have qualified for a bachelor's degree and completed a qualifying course with a B Grade Point Average or better in 60 points of 300-level courses; or
 - have qualified for a bachelor's degree and provided evidence to the satisfaction of the Amo Matua, Toi Tangata | Executive Dean of Arts or delegate and Tumuaki Tari | Head of Department of relevant professional or other work experience, or
 - have been admitted with Academic Equivalent Standing; and
- (b) have had three or more years of professional experience in a role or roles relevant to systems or social change since graduation, as approved by the Amo Matua, Toi Tangata | Executive Dean of Arts or delegate and have submitted a portfolio of experience and attended a selection interview; and
- (c) 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 Systems Change.

6. Time limits

The time limit for the Master of Systems Change is:

- (a) 18 months for a full-time student, or
- (b) 36 months for a part-time student

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) A student who fails up to 30 points for the Master of Systems Change, 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.
- (b) 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

- (a) There are no upgrade pathways to other qualifications for this degree.
- (b) There are no exit pathways to other qualifications for this degree.

Schedule C to the Regulations for the Degree of Master of Systems Change

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

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2026	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
MSCH401	Systems and Social Change 1	15	NO		P: Subject to approval of the Head of Department.
MSCH402	Futures Approach to Systems and Social Change	15	NO		P: Subject to approval of the Head of Department.
MSCH403	Applied Systems Change 1	15	NO		P: Subject to approval of the Head of Department.
MSCH404	Applied Systems Change 2	30	NO		P: Subject to approval of the Head of Department.
MSCH405	Impact Evaluation	15	NO		P: Subject to approval of the Head of Department.
MSCH407	Systems Change Initiative	30	NO		P: Subject to approval of the Head of Department.
MSCH670	Dissertation	60	NO		P: Subject to approval of the Head of Department.