

# The Degree of Master of Writing (MWRIT – 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 2018.

## 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 Writing a student must pass courses having a minimum value of 180 points including:

- (a) all courses on Schedule C to these Regulations, and
- (b) 30 or 60 points from courses on Schedule E Group 1 to these Regulations; and
- (c) 30 or 60 points from courses on Schedule E Group 2 of these Regulations.

## 4. Admission to the qualification

A student for the Master of Writing, before enrolling in a programme of study, must have:

- (a) either
  - i. qualified for any bachelor's degree (with at least a B Grade Point Average in 300-level courses) in a subject in which writing comprises a significant part of the assessment; or
  - ii. have qualified for any bachelor's degree (with at least a B Grade Point Average in 300-level courses) and have completed a qualifying course as specified by the Head of English and Amo Matua, Toi Tangata | Executive Dean of Arts or delegate; or
  - iii. have qualified for any bachelor's degree (with at least a B Grade Point Average in 300-level courses), and have demonstrated graduate-level writing skills to the satisfaction of the Head of the English Department, based on a portfolio of three pieces of writing (each of which is at least 2,000 words in length); or
  - iv. been admitted with Academic Equivalent Standing as fulfilling these requirements, and
- (b) A student for whom English 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 over, and
- (c) been approved as a student for the degree by the Tumuaki Kura | Head of School and the Amo Matua, Toi Tangata | Executive Dean of Arts or delegate.

## 5. Subjects

The subject for this degree is Writing.

## 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.

## 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:

- If a student fails up to 30 points for the MWrit degree, they 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, with no additional stipulations.

## 10. Exit and Upgrade Pathways to other Qualifications

- There are no advancing qualifications for the Master of Writing.
- A student who does not meet the requirements for the Master of Writing, or who wishes to transfer to the Postgraduate Certificate in Arts or the Postgraduate Diploma in Arts or the Bachelor of Arts with Honours, may apply to the Amo Matua, Toi Tangata | Executive Dean of Arts or delegate for admission, provided they meet the requirements for entry to that qualification.

## Schedule C: Compulsory Courses for the Master of Writing

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
WRIT401	Advanced Reading and Writing	30	S1	Campus	P: Entry is subject to approval of the Head of Department. RP: A Bachelor's degree (with at least a B average in 300-level courses) in any subject in which writing comprises a significant part of the assessment
WRIT680	Extended Writing Project	60	A	Campus	P: Entry is subject to approval of the Head of Department. RP: A Bachelor's degree (with at least a B average in 300-level courses) in any subject in which writing comprises a significant part of the assessment

## Schedule E: Elective Courses for the Master of Writing

### Group 1

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
WRIT402	Writing for Community Change	30	S2	Campus	P: Entry is subject to approval of the Head of Department. RP: A Bachelor's degree (with at least a B average in 300-level courses) in any subject in which writing comprises a significant part of the assessment.
WRIT403	Creative Writing	30	S1	Campus	P: Entry is subject to approval of the Head of Department. RP: A Bachelor's degree (with at least a B average in 300-level courses) in any subject in which writing comprises a significant part of the assessment

### Group 2

Courses at 400 or 600-level in English or another subject as approved by the Tumuaki Tari | Head of Department and Amo Matua, Toi Tangata | Executive Dean of Arts or delegate.