

# Postgraduate Certificate in Policy and Governance in the Pacific\* (PGCertPAGP – 60 points)

\* Subject to CUAP and TEC approval.

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 2026.
- (b) This qualification was first offered in 2026.

## 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 Postgraduate Certificate in Policy and Governance in the Pacific, a student must be credited with a minimum of 60 points from Schedule C to these regulations.

## 4. Admission to the qualification

A student for the Postgraduate Certificate in Policy and Governance in the Pacific must have:

- (a) either:
  - i. a bachelor's degree in any subject, with a B Grade Point Average or better in 60 points of 300-level courses in the majoring subject; or
  - ii. have qualified for a bachelor's degree and provided evidence to the satisfaction of the Amo Matua, Toi Tangata | Executive Dean of Arts and Tumuaki Tari | Head of Department of relevant professional or other work experience; or
  - iii. provided evidence to the satisfaction of the Amo Matua, Toi Tangata | Executive Dean of Arts and Tumuaki Tari | Head of Department of qualification for entry to the Certificate through extensive practical, professional, or scholarly experience of an appropriate kind; or
  - iv. been admitted with Academic Equivalent Standing; and
- (b) been approved as a student for the Certificate by the Amo Matua, Toi Tangata | Executive Dean of Arts or delegate.

## 5. Subjects

The subject for this qualification is Policy and Governance in the Pacific.

## 6. Time Limits

The time limit for this qualification is 12 months.

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

This qualification adheres to the General Conditions for Credit 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 Certificate 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, with no additional stipulations.

10. Exit and Upgrade Pathways to other Qualifications

- (a) A student who has completed the requirements for the Postgraduate Certificate in Policy and Governance in the Pacific, with at least a B average grade in courses for the Certificate, and who has not yet graduated may, provided they meet the requirements for entry, apply to the Amo Matua, Toi Tangata | Executive Dean of Arts or delegate to be admitted to the Master of Policy and Governance and to have courses passed credited to that qualification.
- (b) A student who has graduated with a Postgraduate Certificate in Policy and Governance in the Pacific may, provided they meet the requirements for entry, apply to the Amo Matua, Toi Tangata | Executive Dean of Arts or delegate to be admitted to the Master of Policy and Governance, and have their Certificate subsumed in accordance with the General Regulations of the University.
- (c) There are no exit qualifications for the Postgraduate Certificate in Policy and Governance in the Pacific.

Schedule C: Compulsory Courses for the Postgraduate Certificate in Policy and Governance in the Pacific

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

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2026	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	
POLS442	Policy and Governance in the Pacific and New Zealand	30	S2	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the Head of Department. R: POLS402
			S2	Distance Learning	