

Postgraduate Certificate in Sustainable Futures and Innovation* (PGCertSFI – 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 certificate 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 Sustainable Futures and Innovation:

- (a) A student must be credited with 60 points from courses in Schedule C.
- (b) A student who is exempted from the requirement to include a specific course in Schedule C may substitute courses from Schedule S or Schedule E of the Master of Sustainable Futures and Innovation as recommended by the Programme Coordinator and approved by the Amo Matua, Toi Tangata | Executive Dean of Arts or delegate.

4. Admission to the qualification

To be admitted to the Postgraduate Certificate in Sustainable Futures and Innovation a student must have:

- (a) either:
 - i. qualified for a bachelor's degree in any discipline from a New Zealand university, with a minimum B Grade Point Average in 300 level courses of the degree; or
 - ii. qualified for a bachelor's degree from an Aotearoa New Zealand university, and provided evidence to the satisfaction of the Amo Matua, Toi Tangata | Executive Dean of Arts or delegate of relevant professional practice or work experience; or
 - iii. provided evidence to the satisfaction of the Amo Matua, Toi Tangata | Executive Dean of Arts or delegate of at least 5 years relevant professional practice or work experience; 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 Certificate is Sustainable Futures and Innovation.

6. Time Limits

The time limit for this qualification is 24 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 qualification may, with the permission of 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 or Merit.

10. Exit and Upgrade Pathways to other Qualifications

- (a) A student who has completed the requirements for the Postgraduate Certificate in Sustainable Futures and Innovation from Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury, with a B average grade in the courses for the Certificate, but has not yet graduated, may apply to the Amo Matua, Toi Tangata | Executive Dean of Arts or delegate to be admitted to the Postgraduate Diploma in Sustainable Futures and Innovation or the Master of Sustainable Futures and Innovation and have credits transferred.
- (b) A student who has graduated with a Postgraduate Certificate in Sustainable Futures and Innovation from Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury, with a B average grade in the courses for the Certificate, may apply to the Amo Matua, Toi Tangata | Executive Dean of Arts or delegate to be admitted to the Postgraduate Diploma in Sustainable Futures and Innovation or the Master of Sustainable Futures and Innovation and have their Certificate subsumed in accordance with the General Regulations to the University.
- (c) There are no exit qualifications for the Postgraduate Certificate in Sustainable Futures and Innovation.

Schedule C: Compulsory Courses for the Postgraduate Certificate in Sustainable Futures and Innovation

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

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2026	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
COMS430	Building Influence: Strategic Communication, Organisational Identity and Change	15	X9	UC Online	P: Subject to approval of the Programme Coordinator. R: COMS421
			X3	UC Online	
SUST401	Innovative Perspectives for Next Generation Sustainable Transformations	15	X1	UC Online	P: With permission of the Programme Director.
SUST402	Disruptive Practices for Regenerative Futures	15	X2	UC Online	P: Subject to permission of the Programme Director.
SUST403	Catalysing Impact: Research Strategy and Design	15	X3	UC Online	P: Subject to permission of the Programme Director.