

Postgraduate Diploma in Sustainable Futures and Innovation* (PGDipSFI – 120 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 degree 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 Diploma of Sustainable Futures and Innovation a student must be credited with a minimum of 120 points towards the qualification.

- (a) The 120 points should include:
 - i. 45 points from courses listed in Schedule C to these regulations; and
 - ii. 60 points from courses listed in Schedule S to these regulations; and
 - iii. 15 points selected from courses listed in Schedule V to these regulations.

4. Admission to the qualification

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

- (a) either:
 - i. have qualified for a bachelor's degree from an Aotearoa New Zealand university, with a minimum B Grade Point Average in 300 level courses of the degree; or
 - ii. have 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. have qualified for the Postgraduate Certificate in Sustainable Futures and Innovation with a B Grade Point Average or better; or
 - iv. have been admitted with Academic Equivalent Standing; and
- (b) been approved as a student for the degree by the Amo Matua, Toi Tangata | Executive Dean of Arts or delegate.

5. Subjects

This qualification may be awarded with an endorsement as listed in Schedule S to these Regulations.

6. Time Limits

The time limit for this qualification is 36 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 and merit.

10. Exit and Upgrade Pathways to other Qualifications

- A student who has completed the requirements for the Postgraduate Diploma of Sustainable Futures and Innovation but has not yet graduated, may apply to the Amo Matua, Toi Tangata | Executive Dean of Arts or delegate, to be admitted to the Master of Sustainable Futures and Innovation and have credits transferred.
- A student who has graduated with the Postgraduate Diploma of Sustainable Futures and Innovation, may apply to the Amo Matua, Toi Tangata | Executive Dean of Arts or delegate, to be admitted to the Master of Sustainable Futures and Innovation and have their Postgraduate Diploma subsumed as stipulated in the General Regulations to the University.
- A student who has not met the requirements for the Postgraduate Diploma or who wishes to transfer to the Postgraduate Certificate of Sustainable Futures and Innovation may apply to the Amo Matua, Toi Tangata | Executive Dean of Arts or delegate, for admission.

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

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2026	Location	P/C/R/PP/EQ
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.

Schedule S: Subject Courses for the Postgraduate Diploma in Sustainable Futures and Innovation

Business

- MBUS644 and ACCT640
- 15 points from ENVR411, MKTG615, ACCT647
- at least 15 points from ACCT640, ACCT647, COMS430, COMS438, ENVR411, MAOR425, MBAD643, MBAD615, MBUS644, MBUS673, MKTG615, PMGT453

Environment

- ENVR411
- at least 30 points from ENVR402, ENVR415, FORE449, GEOG402, GEOG404, GEOG409, GISC422, WATR413
- at least 15 points from ENVR402, ENVR411, ENVR415, EPEC605, FORE449, HLTH403, GEOG402, GEOG404, GEOG409, GISC422, MAOR425, POLS442, SOCI406, WATR413

Energy

- 45 points from ENGR621, ENCN627, ENAE605, ENAE610, ENGR682, ENTR614, EPEC605
- at least 15 minutes from EMGT611, EMGT612, EMGT613, ENAE610, ENAE605, ENCN627, ENGR621, ENGR682, ENTR614, EPEC605, GEOG402, MAOR425, PMGT453

Social Impact

- COMS430 and
- at least 30 points from HLTH403, MAOR425, MKTG615, POLS440, POLS442, POLS449, SOCI406
- at least 15 points from COMS430, COMS438, ENGR621, EPEC605, HLTH403, MAOR425, MKTG615, POLS440, POLS442, POLS449, SOCI406, GEOG402

Schedule V: Valid Courses for the Postgraduate Diploma in Sustainable Futures and Innovation

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2026	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
ACCT640	Corporate Accountability: Social & Environmental Reporting	15	NO		P: Subject to approval of the Head of Department R: ACCT340
ACCT647	Indigenous Perspectives on Accounting and Accountability	15	NO		P: Approval by the Head of Department R: ACCT347
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	
COMS438	Leadership Communication for Workplace Engagement	15	S2	Campus	P: COMS430 and COMS431; or, COMS421. Subject to Programme Coordinator approval R: COMS441
EMGT611	Risk Management Essentials	5	NO		R: ENCI601 - Risk Management
EMGT612	Risk Management Tools	5	X2	UC Online	R: ENCI601
EMGT613	Risk Communication and Reporting	5	X1	UC Online	R: ENCI601
ENAE605	Sustainable Building Design Practice	15	X	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the Head of Department
ENAE610	Building Sustainability Assessment	15	X	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the Head of Department
ENCN627	Sustainable Energy Technologies	15	S1	Campus	P: Approval from the Head of Department required. R: ENME605, ENCN423, ENGR404, ENME405
ENGR621	Energy Policy and Society	15	S1	Campus	P: Subject to the approval of the Head of Department.
ENGR682	Special Topic: Energy Project	15	A	Campus	P: Subject to the approval of the Head of Department.
ENTR614	Planning and Design of Sustainable Transport	15	X	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the Programme Director
ENVR402	Carbon and Environmental Change	15	S1	Campus	P: Subject to approval by the Head of School. R: ENVR302
ENVR411	Case Studies in Environmental Science with a Focus on Circular Economy	15	S1	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the Head of Department.
ENVR415	Environmental Risk Assessment	15	S2	Campus	P: Students wishing to enrol in ENVR415 must have completed ENVR302 or ENVR402 or have Head of Department approval.
EPEC605	Sustainable Transition in Action	15	NO		P: BE(Hons) or Approval from Head of Department R: EPEC601, EPEC602, EPEC603, MCEN601, EMGT607 (Special topic offered 2022)
FORE449	Environmental Forestry	15	S2	Campus	P: Subject to approval by Head of School. R: FORE444, FORE445, BIOL379, FORE447
GEOG402	Sustainable and Resilient Cities	30	S1	Campus	P: Entry subject to approval of the Head of Department. R: GEOG446
GEOG404	Resource and Environmental Management (REM) in New Zealand	30	S2	Campus	P: Entry subject to approval of the Head of Department. R: GEOG444
GEOG409	Coasts and Rivers: from Natural Processes to Urban Environments	30	S1	Campus	P: Entry subject to approval of the Head of Department. R: GEOG437
GISC422	Foundations of Geographic Information Systems	15	SU1	Campus	R: GEOG205; DIGI205 RP: Undergraduate degree or diploma
			S1	Campus	
HLTH403	Environmental Health	30	S2	Campus	P: Subject to the approval of the Associate Dean - Academic.
			S2	Distance Learning	

MAOR425	Ngāti Āpōpō: Māori Futures	30	NO		P: Permission of the Programme Coordinator R: MAOR301, CULT319, POLS331, POLS358
MBAD615	Leading Ourselves	10	X9	UC Online	P: Subject to approval of the MBA Director.
			X3	UC Online	
MBAD643	Leading Decisions and Change	10	X2	UC Online	
MBUS644	Principles of Business Sustainability	15	NO		
MBUS673	Innovation	15	S2	Campus	P: (1) 60 points from MBAZ, MBUS, MPAC, MBIS, MFIN; or (2) 30 points from PROD at 600-level (01 Jan 2021 - present); or (3) with approval from the Head of Department. R: MBAZ673 EQ: MBAZ673
MKTG615	Behavioural Change and Social Marketing	15	S1	UC Online	R: MKTG315
PMGT453	Project Management for Professional Contexts	5	NO		
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	
POLS449	Wicked Problems, Politics, and Justice	30	NO		P: Subject to approval by the Head of Department
SOCI406	Food Systems, Sustainability & Social Change	30	S2	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the Head of Department. R: SOCI377, ANTH326
WATR413	Freshwater Restoration and Recovery	15	S2	Campus	