The Degree of Master of Business Administration (MBA – 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 2020.
(b) This degree was first offered in 1983.

2. Variations

In exceptional circumstances the Amo Matua, Umanga | Executive Dean of Business 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 Business Administration a student must:

(a) successfully complete 125 points from the courses listed in Schedule C: Group 1 to the degree with a B grade point average or better; and
(b) successfully complete 10 points from the electives listed in Schedule E to the degree; and
(c) successfully complete a project of at least 45 points from courses listed in Schedule C: Group 2; and
(d) satisfactorily pass preparatory courses as specified by the Amo Matua, Umanga | Executive Dean of Business or delegate; and
(e) have their personal programme of study approved by the Amo Matua, Umanga | Executive Dean of Business or delegate.

4. Admission to the qualification

To be admitted to the Master of Business Administration a student must have:

(a) either
    i. qualified for a degree of this University with a B Grade Average or better for all courses; or
    ii. been admitted with Academic Equivalent Standing; or
    iii. completed the requirements for the Postgraduate Diploma in Business Administration with a B grade point average or better and not failed a course; and
(b) produced evidence of a minimum of five years of practical, professional or scholarly experience of an appropriate kind; and
(c) demonstrated a high proficiency in English
    i. A student who speaks English as a second language will be required to produce evidence that their English ability meets the standard specified in the General Regulations for the University.
(d) been approved as a student for the degree by the Amo Matua, Umanga | Executive Dean of Business or delegate.

5. Subjects

There are no majors or minors for this qualification.

6. Time limits

The time limit for this qualification is 5 years.

7. Transfers of credit, substitutions and cross-credits

This qualification adheres to the Credit Recognition and Transfer Regulations for the University, with the following stipulations:

(a) A student may, on the basis of previous studies, be credited with up to 60 points. In such cases, a student may be required to substitute other courses for those in Schedule C: Group 1.
(b) A student may, on the basis of previous studies, be restricted from doing specified courses and may be required to substitute other courses for those restricted.

8. Progression

This qualification adheres to the General Regulations for the University, with the following stipulations:

(a) Unless an exemption is granted by the MBA Kaihautū Hōtaka | Programme Director, a student will be withdrawn from the degree if they fail:
   i. three or more Schedule C: Group 1 courses
   ii. a Schedule C: Group 1 course more than once.

(b) Subject to the approval of the Amo Matua, Umanga | Executive Dean of Business or delegate, a student who fails a Schedule E course may sit another Schedule E course.

(c) A student is not permitted to repeat or resubmit a Schedule C: Group 2 course.

9. Honours, Distinction and Merit

This qualification adheres to the General Regulations for the University and may be awarded with Distinction.

10. Pathways to other qualifications

(a) There is no advancing qualification for this degree.

(b) A student for the degree who has not met the requirements for the Master of Business Administration but who has satisfied all requirements for the Postgraduate Diploma in Business Administration may apply to withdraw from the degree and be awarded the Diploma.

Schedule C: Compulsory courses for the Degree of Master of Business Administration

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

Group 1

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2026	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
MBAM601	Digital Transformation and Technology Preparedness	15	T3	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the MBA Director.
MBAM603	Innovation by Design	15	T1	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the MBA Director.
MBAM604	Future Focussed Strategy	15	T2	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the MBA Director.
MBAM610	Agile and Innovation-driven Leadership	15	T1	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the MBA Director.
			T3	Campus	
MBAM614	Business Research Methods	5	T1	Campus	P: 90 points from MBAM601, MBAM602, MBAM603, MBAM604, MBAM605, MBAM606, MBAM610, MBAM615, MBAM620, MBAM622, MBAM623.
			T2	Campus	
			T3	Campus	
MBAM615	Managerial Finance, Accounting and Governance	15	T2	Campus	P: Subject to the approval of the MBA Director.
MBAM620	Creative Challenge	15	T1	Campus	P: MBAM 603
			T3	Campus	
MBAM622	Marketing and Strategic Intelligence	15	T3	Campus	R: MBAD606
MBAM623	Business Sustainability and Economic Decision-making	15	T1	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the MBA Director R: MBAM602 and MBAM605

Group 2

Note: Not all courses offered in a given year.

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2026	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
MBAM680	Consulting Project	45	A	Campus	P: 125 points from MBAM601, MBAM602, MBAM603, MBAM604, MBAM605, MBAM610, MBAM614, MBAM615, MBAM620, MBAM622, MBAM623 and approval of the MBA Director.

Note: Students who first enrolled in the MBA before 2022 are not required to complete MBAM615 or MBAM614.

Schedule E: Elective courses for the Degree of Master of Business Administration

Note: Not all courses offered in a given year.

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2026	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
MBAM613	Societies in Smart Cities	10	NO		P: P: Subject to the approval of the Programme Director R: MBAM606
MBAM624	Global Business: Advocacy, Influencing and Negotiation	10	T2	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the MBA Director R: MBAD653
MBAM625	Entrepreneurship	10	SU2	Campus	P: Students should have a startup concept that needs to be approved by the co-ordinator prior to commencing the course. R: MBAD654
MBAM626	International Study Tour	10	T3	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the MBA Director. R: MBAD671
MBAM627	Special Topic	10	X	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the MBA Director
MBAM628	Special Topic	10	X	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the MBA Director
MBAM629	Special Topic	10	X	Campus	P: Subject to MBA director approval.