

# The Degree of Master of Forestry Science (MForSc – 240 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 2026.
- (b) This degree was first offered in 1969.

## 2. Variations

In exceptional circumstances the Amo Matua, Pūhanga | Executive Dean of Engineering or delegate may approve a personal programme of study which does not conform to these Regulations.

## 3. The structure of the Qualification

A student must complete a programme of study that consists of either:

- (a) 240 points of coursework including the MForSc report selected from Schedule E to these Regulations; or
- (b) 120 points of coursework selected from Schedule E to these Regulations and 120 points of thesis; or
- (c) 120 points of thesis alone, providing that they have completed a minimum of 120 points of postgraduate level studies, or equivalent, in an appropriate field of study to Forestry Science.

Up to 30 points may be taken from coursework not on Schedule E of the Degree for Master of Forestry Science.

## 4. Admission to the Qualification

A student for the degree of Master of Forestry must have:

- (a) either:
  - i. completed the requirements for the Bachelor of Forestry Science with or without Honours; or
  - ii. completed the requirements for another bachelor's degree; or
  - iii. completed the requirements for a Postgraduate Diploma in Forestry; and
- (b) been approved as a student for the degree by the Amo Matua, Pūhanga | Executive Dean of Engineering or delegate based on relevance and standard of previous study.

## 5. Subjects

There are no majors, minors, or endorsements for this qualification.

## 6. Time limits

A student must study full-time unless they have applied in writing to the Amo Matua, Pūhanga | Executive Dean of Engineering or delegate and been approved.

- (a) A student enrolled for coursework and report or coursework and thesis must complete either:
  - i. Within 36 months if in full-time study; or
  - ii. Within 48 months if in part-time study.
- (b) A student enrolled for thesis only must complete either:
  - i. Within 24 months if in full-time study; or
  - ii. Within 36 months if in part-time study.

## 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 stipulation:

- (a) 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 the following stipulations:

- (a) Distinction shall be awarded for a GPA of 7 or better.
- (b) Merit shall be awarded for a GPA between 5.5 and 6.99.
- (c) No student will be eligible for Distinction or Merit where an extension in time, as set out in Regulation 6, has been required.

## 10. Exit and Upgrade Pathways to other Qualifications

- (a) There is no advancing qualification for this degree.
- (b) Subject to approval of the Amo Matua, Pūhanga | Executive Dean of Engineering or delegate, a student may transfer from the Master of Forestry Science to the Postgraduate Diploma in Forestry.

## 11. Transition Regulation

A student who has commenced a Master of Forestry Science degree before 2026 shall complete the degree by taking courses approved by the Amo Matua, Pūhanga | Executive Dean of Engineering or delegate which are consistent with the regulations of the current Calendar.

## Schedule E: Elective Courses for the Degree of Master of Forestry Science

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
FORE422	Forest Harvest Planning	15	S1	Campus	P: FORE 205 (01 Jan 2010 - present) or FORE305 (01 Jan 2009 - present) or FORE305 (01 Jan 2009 - present) R: ENFO422
FORE423	Forest Transportation and Road Design	15	S2	Campus	P: FORE205 or FORE305 R: ENFO423
FORE426	Forest Products Marketing and International Trade	15	S1	Campus	
FORE435	Forest Economics 2	15	S2	Campus	P: FORE215 or subject to approval of the Head of Department. R: FORE211, FORE425
FORE436	Forest Tree Breeding	15	S1	Campus	P: FORE 219, FORE222 and FORE224 R: FORE408 (2006-2007)
FORE437	Advanced Wood Products Processing	15	S1	Campus	P: Subject to approval from the Head of Department
FORE443	Biosecurity Risk Management	15	S2	Campus	R: BIOS201
FORE448	Advanced Remote Sensing in Forestry and Natural Resource Management	15	S2	Campus	P: FORE342 or subject to approval from the Head of Department.
FORE449	Environmental Forestry	15	S2	Campus	P: Subject to approval by Head of School. R: FORE444, FORE445, BIOL379, FORE447
FORE450	Advanced Silviculture	15	NO		P: FORE331 R: FORE307
FORE610	Research Methods	15	NO		P: Subject to approval by the Head of School
FORE618	Wood Science	15	S2	Campus	P: Subject to approval by the Head of School. R: FORE327, ENFO327
FORE619	Wood Processing	15	S2	Campus	P: Subject to approval by the Head of School R: FORE327
FORE620	Plantation Silviculture	15	S1	Campus	P: Subject to approval by Director of Studies R: FORE307, FORE331
FORE641	Plantation Forest Management	30	S2	Campus	P: Subject to approval by the Head of School. R: FORE632, FORE633
FORE642	Geospatial Science in Forest Monitoring and Management	15	S1	Campus	P: Subject to approval of Head of School. R: FORE342; FORE242
FORE679	MForSc Report	60	A	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the Head of Department.
			S1	Campus	
			S2	Campus	