

# 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 2025.
- (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.

## 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 | 2025 | 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)<br>R: ENFO422 |
| FORE423     | Forest Transportation and Road Design                               | 15  | S2   | Campus            | P: FORE205 or FORE305<br>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.<br>R: FORE211, FORE425                                     |
| FORE436     | Forest Tree Breeding  | 15  | S1   | Campus            | P: FORE 219, FORE222 and FORE224<br>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.<br>R: FORE444, FORE445, BIOL379, FORE447                                      |
| FORE610     | Research Methods  | 15  | S1   | Campus            | P: Subject to approval by the Head of School  |
|             |   |     | S2   | Campus            |   |
| FORE618     | Wood Quality  | 15  | S2   | Campus            | P: Subject to approval by the Head of School.<br>R: FORE327, ENFO327  |
| FORE619     | Wood Processing   | 15  | S2   | Campus            | P: Subject to approval by the Head of School<br>R: FORE327  |
| FORE624     | Plantation Silviculture   | 30  | S1   | Campus            | P: Subject to approval of the Head of Department.<br>R: FORE631   |
| FORE641     | Plantation Forest Management  | 30  | S2   | Campus            | P: Subject to approval by the Head of School.<br>R: FORE632, FORE633  |
| FORE642     | Advanced Geospatial Science in Forest Monitoring and Management     | 15  | S1   | Campus            | P: Subject to approval of Head of School.<br>R: FORE342   |
| FORE643     | Modelling for Forest Management                                     | 15  | S1   | Distance Learning | P: Subject to approval by the Head of School  |
|             |   |     | S2   | Distance Learning |   |
| FORE679     | MForSc Report   | 60  | A    | Campus            | P: Subject to approval of the Head of Department.   |
|             |   |     | S1   | Campus            |   |
|             |   |     | S2   | Campus            |   |