

The Degree of Master of Product Design (MProdDesign – 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 2025.
- (b) This degree was first offered in 2020.

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

To qualify for the Master of Product Design degree a student must complete a programme of study that consists of courses totalling not less than 180 points including:

- (a) all courses listed in Schedule C; and
- (b) at least 30 points of courses selected from Schedule E.

4. Admission to the Qualification

A student for the Master of Product Design must have:

- (a) either
 - i. qualified for the award of the Degree of Bachelor of Product Design with the equivalent of a GPA of 5.0 or more in their 300-level PROD courses; or
 - ii. qualified for the award of the Conjoint Degree of Bachelor of Product Design and Commerce with the equivalent of a GPA of 5.0 or more in their 300-level PROD design-centred courses; or
 - iii. qualified for the award of the Conjoint Degree of Bachelor of Product Design and Science with the equivalent of a GPA of 5.0 or more in their 300-level PROD design-centred courses; or
 - iv. qualified for the award of another appropriate design-related degree in Aotearoa New Zealand with the equivalent of a GPA of 5.0 or more in their 300-level or higher design-centred courses; or
 - v. been admitted with Academic Equivalent Standing; 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) A student must study full-time unless approval for part-time study is granted by the Amo Matua, Pūhanga | Executive Dean of Engineering or delegate.
- (b) The time limit for this qualification is 36 months.

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, which permits 30 points of course failures to qualify for the degree, with no additional stipulations.

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 Master of Product Design student demonstrating high research potential may, with the support of the relevant Tumuaki Tari | Head of Department, apply to transfer to a PhD degree, with thesis enrolment backdating as approved by the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research. If approved, the Master of Product Design degree must be abandoned.
- A graduate of the Master of Product Design will be eligible for entry to a PhD degree in Product Design, subject to approval by the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research.
- Students who complete a minimum of 60 points in the Master of Product Design but do not complete the qualification may apply to the Amo Matua, Pūhanga | Executive Dean of Engineering or delegate to graduate with a Postgraduate Certificate in Product Design.

Schedule C: Compulsory Courses for the Regulations for the Degree of Master of Product Design

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

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/RR/EQ
PROD601	Design Critique and Research Methods	15	S1	Campus	P: Approval of the Head of the School of Product Design
PROD614	Design Ethics	15	S2	Campus	P: Approval of the Head of the School of Product Design
PROD690	Product Design Thesis	120	A	Campus	P: Approval by the Head of School, based upon the student identifying an appropriate thesis supervisor.

Schedule E: Elective Courses for the Regulations for the Degree of Master of Product Design

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/RR/EQ
PROD602	Systems Thinking for Product Design	15	NO		P: Approval of the Head of the School of Product Design
PROD611	Design and Manufacture	15	NO		P: Approval of the Head of the School of Product Design
PROD612	Bio-inspired design	15	S2	Campus	P: Approval of the Head of the School of Product Design
PROD613	Development of Interdisciplinary Practice and Self	15	NO		P: Approval of the Head of the School of Product Design
PROD621	Games for Health & Wellbeing	15	NO		P: Approval of the Head of the School of Product Design
PROD622	Immersive Collaborative Play and Design	15	S2	Campus	P: Approval of the Head of the School of Product Design
PROD623	Gamification for Enterprises	15	NO		P: Approval of the Head of the School of Product Design
PROD631	Fragrance Design	15	S2	Campus	P: Approval of the Head of the School of Product Design

Or any course in the University at 400-level or higher approved for this endorsement by the Amo Matua, Pūhanga | Executive Dean of Engineering or delegate.