

# 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) 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.
- (b) 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.
- (c) 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](http://courseinfo.canterbury.ac.nz)

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/RP/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/RP/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.