

Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Artificial Intelligence (PGDipAAI – 120 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 July 2026.
- (b) This diploma was first offered in 2026.

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 Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Artificial Intelligence a student must be credited with a minimum of 120 points towards the qualification, including:

- (a) 60 points from Schedule C, Group 1 to these regulations; and
- (b) 15 points from Schedule C, Group 2 to these regulations; and
- (c) 45 points from courses listed in one endorsement from Schedule S to these regulations.

4. Admission to the qualification

To be admitted to the Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Artificial Intelligence a student must have:

- (a) either:
 - i. qualified for a bachelor's degree in any discipline from an Aotearoa New Zealand university, with a B or above average grade for all courses; or
 - ii. qualified for a bachelor's degree in any discipline from an Aotearoa New Zealand university and provided evidence to the satisfaction of the Amo Pūhanga | Executive Dean of Engineering or delegate of relevant professional practice or work experience; or
 - iii. qualified for the Postgraduate Certificate in Applied Artificial Intelligence from this University with a B or above average grade; or
 - iv. been admitted with Academic Equivalent Standing as assessed by the Amo Pūhanga | Executive Dean of Engineering or delegate; and
- (b) been approved as a student for the degree by the Amo Pūhanga | Executive Dean of Engineering or delegate.

5. Subjects

The endorsements for the degree and their requirements are listed in Schedule S to these Regulations.

6. Time limits

The time limit for this qualification is 36 months.

7. Transfers of credit, substitutions and cross-credits

This qualification adheres to the General Conditions for Credit and Transfer Regulations, with the following stipulation:

- (a) A student, on the basis of previous study or knowledge, may be exempt from courses in the schedule to the regulations for the degree of Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Artificial Intelligence, to a maximum of 30 points. The student will be required to complete elective courses to the same points value as the exempted courses.

8. Progression

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

- (a) A student who fails up to 30 points for the qualification may, with the permission of the Amo Matua, Pūhanga | Executive Dean of Engineering or delegate, repeat that course or courses.
- (b) A student will be withdrawn from the qualification if they fail more than 30 points.

9. Honours, Distinction and Merit

Honours, Distinction, and Merit are not awarded for this qualification.

10. Exit and Upgrade Pathways to other Qualifications

- (a) A student who has completed the requirements for the Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Artificial Intelligence, with a B or above average grade in all courses, but has not yet graduated, may apply to the Amo Matua, Pūhanga | Executive Dean of Engineering or delegate to be admitted to the Master of Applied Artificial Intelligence and have credits transferred.
- (b) A student who has graduated with the Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Artificial Intelligence, with a B or above average grade in all courses, may apply to the Amo Matua, Pūhanga | Executive Dean of Engineering or delegate to be admitted to the Master of Applied Artificial Intelligence and have their Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Artificial Intelligence subsumed as stipulated in the General Regulations to the University.
- (c) A student who has not met the requirements for the Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Artificial Intelligence or who wishes to transfer to the Postgraduate Certificate in Applied Artificial Intelligence may apply to the Amo Matua, Pūhanga | Executive Dean of Engineering or delegate for admission.

Schedule C: Compulsory Courses for the Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Artificial Intelligence

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

Group 1

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2026	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
APAI601	Foundations of Applied Artificial Intelligence	15	X3	UC Online	P: Subject to Approval by Programme Director
APAI602	Applied Artificial Intelligence in Practice: Applications and Case Studies	15	NO		P: Approval of Programme Director
APAI677	Applied Artificial Intelligence Project Design	15	NO		P: APAI601 and APAI602 and LLAW606 and PHIL426
LLAW606	Law for Artificial Intelligence Professionals	5	X4	UC Online	P: Approval of Programme Director.
PHIL426	Data Ethics	10	X1	UC Online	P: Entry subject to approval by the Head of School.
			X2	UC Online	
			X3	UC Online	
			X4	UC Online	

Group 2

The project course will be focused on the discipline of the endorsement

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2026	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
APAI678	Applied Artificial Intelligence Project	15	NO		P: APAI603 and APAI677, or approval of the Programme Director or Head of Department

Schedule S: Subject Courses for the Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Artificial Intelligence

Education

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2026	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
APAI603	Contemporary Issues in Applied Artificial Intelligence	15	NO		P: Approval of Programme Director.

and 30 points from

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2026	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
EADE441	Foundation of AI Education				
EADE443	AI-Enabled Learning Design				

or

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2026	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
EDME433	Digital pedagogies for enhanced learning	30	S2	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the Head of School
			X3	UC Online	R: EDEM633 EQ: EDEM633

Policy, Law and Ethics

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2026	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
APAI603	Contemporary Issues in Applied Artificial Intelligence	15	NO		P: Approval of Programme Director.
LLAW607	Legal, Regulatory, and Policy Considerations Around AI Technologies	15	NO		R: DATA305, LLAW305 RP: LLAW606
PHIL425	Ethics of Artificial Intelligence	15	S2	Campus	P: Subject to approval by the Head of Department. R: COSC443, PHIL424, PHIL359
			S2	Distance Learning	

Business and Technology

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2026	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
APAI603	Contemporary Issues in Applied Artificial Intelligence	15	NO		P: Approval of Programme Director.
INFO601	Business & AI				
INFO602	AI Solutions Design and Delivery	15	NO		P: Head of Department approval R: MBAS626

Health

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2026	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
APAI603	Contemporary Issues in Applied Artificial Intelligence	15	NO		P: Approval of Programme Director.
HLTH402	Health Information Management	30	S2	Manawa	P: Subject to the approval of the Associate Dean - Academic.

Schedule E: Elective Courses for the Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Artificial Intelligence

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2026	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
DATA401	Introduction to Data Science	15	S1	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the Head of School.
			S1	Distance Learning	
			X2	UC Online	
			S2	Campus	
			S2	Distance Learning	
			X4	UC Online	
EMGT614	Risk Management in Organisational and Project Contexts	15	X4	UC Online	R: ENCI601, EMGT611, EMGT612, EMGT613
HLTH402	Health Information Management	30	S2	Manawa	P: Subject to the approval of the Associate Dean - Academic.
INFO602	AI Solutions Design and Delivery	15	NO		P: Head of Department approval R: MBAS626
LLAW607	Legal, Regulatory, and Policy Considerations Around AI Technologies	15	NO		R: DATA305, LLAW305 RP: LLAW606
PHIL425	Ethics of Artificial Intelligence	15	S2	Campus	P: Subject to approval by the Head of Department. R: COSC443, PHIL424, PHIL359
			S2	Distance Learning	