

The Degree of Master of Social Work (MSW – 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 January 2025.
- (b) This degree was first offered in 2002.

2. Variations

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

3. The structure of the qualification

The degree must consist of the submission of a thesis SOWK 695.

4. Admission to the qualification

To be admitted to the Master of Social Work a student must have:

- (a) either
 - i. qualified for a Bachelor of Social Work degree with First Class Honours, or Second Class Honours Division I, in Aotearoa New Zealand; or
 - ii. qualified for a bachelor's degree and the Graduate Diploma in Social Work (if conferred before 2009) or Postgraduate Diploma in Social Work with B+ Grade Point Average or above; or
 - iii. qualified for a bachelor's degree and completed a qualifying course prescribed by the Head of Social Work, and approved by the Amo Matua, Te Kaupeka Oranga | Executive Dean of Health or delegate of a standard equivalent to the prerequisite courses; or
 - iv. been admitted under the Regulations for admission with Academic Equivalent Standing as entitled to enrol for the Degree of Master of Social Work; and
- (b) obtained a professional qualification in Social Work approved by the Kaihautū Tauwhiro Hapori | Programme Director, Social Work, and
- (c) been approved as a student for the degree by the Amo Matua, Te Kaupeka Oranga | Executive Dean of Health or delegate.
- (d) Notwithstanding the above, in special cases the Amo Matua, Te Kaupeka Oranga | Executive Dean of Health or delegate may determine the conditions under which a student who does not meet Regulation 4(a) shall be admitted to the qualification.

5. Subjects

The subject for this degree is Social Work.

6. Time limits

The time limit for the Master of Social Work is:

- (a) 12 months for a full-time student, or
- (b) 36 months for a part-time student.
- (c) The thesis must be submitted by such date as may be prescribed by the Amo Matua, Te Kaupeka Oranga | Executive Dean of Health or delegate unless an exemption is granted.

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 no additional stipulations.

9. Honours, Distinction and Merit

This qualification adheres to the General Regulations for the University and may be awarded with Distinction and Merit.

10. Exit and Upgrade Pathways to other Qualifications

A student who wishes to transfer to the PhD may apply to the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research to be considered for admission to the programme, under the General Regulations for the University.