

The Degree of Master of Disaster Risk and Resilience (MDRR – 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 2016.

2. Variations

In exceptional circumstances the Amo Matua, Pūtaiao | Executive Dean of Science 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 Degree of Master of Disaster Risk and Resilience a student must complete:

- (a) all courses listed in Schedule C to these Regulations; and
- (b) either:
 - i. other courses at 400-level approved by the Kaihautū Akoranga | Director of Studies, to bring the total points to at least 180 points; or
 - ii. other courses at 400-level approved by the Kaihautū Akoranga | Director of Studies, to bring the total points to at least 120 points and a 60 point dissertation (DRRE691).

4. Admission to the qualification

A student for the Degree of Master of Disaster Risk and Resilience (MDRR), before enrolling in the degree, must have:

- (a) qualified for a university degree which is relevant to Disaster Risk and Resilience, with a B Grade Point Average or higher in the final year; and
- (b) completed 15 points from STAT100-level courses or equivalent. This may be waived by the Tumauaki Kura | Head of School if the student can demonstrate a suitably high level of ability in mathematics and/or statistics or;
- (c) been admitted with Academic Equivalent Standing.

5. Subjects

There are no majors, minors or endorsements for this qualification.

6. Time limits

This qualification adheres to the General Regulations for the University with a time limit of 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 qualification, with the following stipulations:

- (a) A student may pass the programme as a whole if they:
 - i. have failed not more than 30 points;
 - ii. have an overall Grade Point Average of B or higher.
- (b) Unless an exemption is granted by the Amo Matua, Pūtaiao | Executive Dean of Science or delegate, failed courses may only be those listed in Regulation 3(b).

9. Honours, Distinction and Merit

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

10. Exit and Upgrade Pathways to other Qualifications

- (a) A student who has completed the course work of MDRR (two semesters of courses) with Grade Point Average of B+ or better may apply to the Amo Matua, Pūtaiao | Executive Dean of Science or delegate for transfer to Part II of the Master of Science (MSc) in Disaster Risk and Resilience.
- (b) A student who has not met the requirements for the degree of Master of Disaster Risk and Resilience (MDRR), or wishes to transfer, may apply to the Amo Matua, Pūtaiao | Executive Dean of Science or delegate, for admission to, or award of, the Postgraduate Diploma in Disaster Risk and Resilience (PGDipDRR).

Schedule C: Compulsory Courses for the Degree of Master of Disaster Risk and Resilience

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

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
DRRE401	Introduction to Disaster Risk and Resilience	15	X	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the Programme Director R: HAZM401
DRRE402	Natural Hazard Risk Assessment	15	S1	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the Programme Director. R: HAZM410, ENCI601 RP: 100-level statistics
DRRE403	Disaster Risk and Resilience Applications	15	S2	Campus	P: Programme Director approval. R: HAZM403 RP: DRRE401
GISC422	Foundations of Geographic Information Systems	15	S1	Campus	R: GEOG205; DIGI205 RP: Undergraduate degree or diploma

GISC422 is required unless prior work in GIS has been approved by the Kaihautū Akoranga | Director of Studies.