

The Degree of Master of Water Science and Management (MWSM – 180 points)

This qualification is jointly awarded by the University of Canterbury and Lincoln University but offered through the University of Canterbury.

These regulations must be read in conjunction with the General Regulations for the University of Canterbury.

1. Version

- (a) These Regulations came into force on 1 January 2023.
- (b) This degree was first offered in 2023.

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 Master of Water Science and Management a student must have been credited with 180 points of courses selected from the Schedule to these Regulations including:

- (a) all courses listed in Schedule C to these Regulations; and
- (b) 30 points of courses selected from Schedule E to these regulations and approved by the Kaihautū | Director of the Waterways Centre for Freshwater Management.
- (c) On approval of the Kaihautū | Director, Waterways Centre for Freshwater Management a maximum of 15 points from Schedule C may be substituted with an alternative elective.

4. Admission to the qualification

A student for the Master of Water Science and Management, before enrolling for the degree, must have:

- (a) either:
 - i. qualified for a university degree which is relevant to Water Science and Management, with a B (5.0) Grade Point Average or above in the final year; or
 - ii. been admitted with Academic Equivalent Standing.
- (b) and been approved as a student by the Amo Matua Pūtaiao | Executive Dean of Science or delegate.

5. Subjects

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

6. Time limits

The qualification adheres to the General Regulations for the University of Canterbury 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 of Canterbury, which permits 30 points of course failures to qualify for the qualification, with the following stipulation:

- (a) 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 for the University of Canterbury and may be awarded with Distinction and Merit.

10. Exit and Upgrade Pathways to other Qualifications

- (a) A student who has graduated with the MWSM, with a GPA of B+ (6.0) or above, may apply to be admitted to the Master of Science in Water Science and Management by thesis only.
- (b) A student who passes all the courses for Schedule C and E except for WATR691 (the 60-point project), with a GPA of B+ (6.0) or above, may apply to transfer to the Master of Science in Water Science and Management.
- (c) A student who passes all the courses for Schedule C and E except for WATR691 (the 60-point project) or chooses not to proceed, can apply to graduate, and exit to the Postgraduate Diploma in Water Science and Management.

Schedule C: Compulsory Courses for the Degree of Master of Water Science and Management

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

Group 1

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
WATR405	Research and Communication Methods	15	NO		
WATR409	Te Mana o te Wai	15	NO		P: Subject to approval of the Programme Director
WATR410	Catchment Systems	15	S1	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the Programme Director
WATR411	Water Governance	15	S2	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the Programme Director
WATR412	Hydrological Extremes	15	S2	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the Programme Director
WATR413	Freshwater Restoration and Recovery	15	S2	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the Programme Director

Group 2

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
WATR691	Water Science and Management Project	60	A	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the Programme Director.

Schedule E: Elective Courses for the Degree of Master of Water Science and Management

At least 30 points of courses at 400 or 600-level courses subject to course approval by the Kaihautū | Director of the Waterways Centre for Freshwater Management.