

Postgraduate Diploma in Disaster Risk and Resilience (PGDipDRR – 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 Diploma was first offered in 2025.

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 Postgraduate Diploma in Disaster Risk and Resilience (PGDipDRR) a student must complete all courses listed in Schedule C to these Regulations and other courses at 400-level approved by the Kaihautū Akoranga | Director of Studies, to bring the total points to at least 120 points.

4. Admission to the qualification

There is no direct admission to this qualification as it is an exit qualification for the Master of Disaster Risk and Resilience.

A student for the Postgraduate Diploma in Disaster Risk and Resilience (PGDipDRR), 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 Tumuaki 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 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, courses listed in Schedule C cannot be failed.

9. Honours, Distinction and Merit

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

10. Exit and Upgrade Pathways to other Qualifications

There are no exit or upgrade pathways for this qualification.

Schedule C: Compulsory Courses for the Postgraduate Diploma in 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, or equivalent, is required unless prior work in GIS has been approved by the Kaihautū Akoranga | Director of Studies.