

Postgraduate Diploma in Psychological Science* (PGDipPsycSc - 120 Points)

* Subject to CUAP and TEC approval.

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 2026.
- (b) This diploma was first offered in 2026.

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 Psychological Science a student must be credited with at least 120 points towards the qualification including:

- (a) all courses on Schedule C to these Regulations; and
- (b) the remaining courses selected from Schedule E.

4. Admission to the qualification

To be admitted to the Postgraduate Diploma in Psychological Science a student must have:

- (a) satisfied the Admission Regulations for admission to the university; and
- (b) either:
 - i. qualified for an Aotearoa New Zealand university degree with a major in Psychology (or a named Psychology degree) with a GPA of at least 5.0 (B) in 75 points at 300-level in Psychology, including at least a B in PSYC375 or equivalent; or
 - ii. qualified for an Aotearoa New Zealand university degree that does not include a Psychology major and completed a qualifying course prescribed by the Tumuaki Tari | Head of Department and approved by the Amo Matua, Pūtaiao | Executive Dean of Science or delegate, with a GPA of at least 5.0 (B); and
- (c) 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 time limit for this qualification is 48 months.

7. Transfers of credit, substitutions and cross-credits

This qualification adheres to the General Conditions for Credit and Transfer Regulations, with no additional stipulations.

8. Progression

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

- (a) A student will be withdrawn from the qualification if they fail more than 30 points.

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) A student who does not meet the requirements of the Postgraduate Diploma in Psychological Science or who wishes to transfer to the Postgraduate Certificate in Psychological Science, the Postgraduate Certificate in Arts, or the Postgraduate Certificate in Science may, provided they meet the requirements for entry, apply to the relevant Amo Matua | Executive Dean or delegate to be admitted and have courses passed credited to that qualification.
- (b) A student who has graduated with a Postgraduate Diploma in Psychological Science with at least a 5.0 (B) GPA including PSYC460 and PSYC490, may apply for admission to the Master of Science or the Master of Arts (Thesis).

Schedule C: Compulsory Course for the Postgraduate Diploma in Psychological Science

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

All students complete:

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2026	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
PSYC490	Research Capstone				

Schedule E: Elective Courses for the Postgraduate Diploma in Psychological Science

Group 1

PSYC408-444, PSYC451-489, PSYC491-499 and PSYC678

Note: PSYC678 is required for students wishing to progress to further postgraduate study.

Group 2

Up to 30 points from CFPY401-CFPY407, SSCI405 or up to 45 points of courses at an equivalent level as approved by the Tumuaki Kura | Head of School.