

# College of Arts | Te Rāngai Toi Tangata

## The Degree of Master of Policy and Governance (MPAG - 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 2018.
- (b) This degree was first offered in 2017.

### 2. Variations

In exceptional circumstances the Dean of Arts (Academic) 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 Policy and Governance a student must be credited with a total of 180 points including:

- (a) POLS 440 (30 points); and
- (b) up to 60 points from Schedule A to this degree; and
- (c) up to 30 points from Schedule B to this degree; and
- (d) either
  - i. POLS 688 (60 points); or
  - ii. POLS 689 (90 points). A student wishing to enrol in POLS 689 must have the approval of the Programme Director in consultation with the Dean of Arts (Academic). Approval will be granted where the student:
    - a. has achieved an A- Grade Point Average in 300-level courses; and
    - b. has the support of a potential supervisor and/or specific research funding.

### 4. Admission to the qualification

To be admitted to the Master of Policy and Governance a student must have:

- (a) either
  - i. a bachelor's degree in any subject, normally with a B Grade Point Average or better in 60 points of 300-level courses in the majoring subject, or
  - ii. have been admitted with Academic Equivalent Standing as fulfilling these requirements; and
- (b) been approved as a student for the degree by the Dean of Arts (Academic).

### 5. Subjects

The subject for this qualification is Policy and Governance.

### 6. Time limits

The time limits for this qualification are:

- (a) The time limit for a full-time student is:
  - i. a minimum of 12 months
  - ii. a maximum of 18 months.
- (b) The time limit for a part-time student is:
  - i. a minimum of 24 months
  - ii. a maximum of 36 months.
- (c) POLS 689 must be submitted by such date as may be prescribed by the Dean of Arts (Academic) 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 the following stipulations:

- (a) A student who fails up to 30 points for the Master of Policy and Governance degree, may, with the permission of the Dean of Arts (Academic), repeat that course or courses, or substitute another course or courses of equal weight.
- (b) A student who fails more than 30 points will be withdrawn from the qualification.

### **9. Honours, Distinction and Merit**

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

### **10. Pathways to other qualifications**

- (a) There are no advancing qualifications for this degree.
- (b) A student who has not met the requirements for the Master of Policy and Governance or who wishes to transfer to the Postgraduate Certificate in Arts, or the Postgraduate Diploma in Arts, or the Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Political Science and International Relations may apply to the Dean of Arts (Academic) for admission provided that they meet the regulations for that qualification.

## Schedule to the Regulations for the Degree of Master of Policy and Governance

For full course information, go to [www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/qualifications-and-courses](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/qualifications-and-courses)

### Compulsory core course

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2019	P/C/R/RP/EQ
POLS 440	Principles and Practice of Policy and Governance	30	S1	P: Subject to the approval of the Head of Department

### Research options

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2019	P/C/R/RP/EQ
POLS 688	Dissertation	60	A	P: Subject to approval of the Head of Department
POLS 689	Thesis	90	A	P: BA in Political Science and International Relations with an A- average in 300-level courses, and with the approval of the Programme Coordinator in consultation with the POLS Head of Department and the Dean of Arts (Academic).

*Note: The 90-points research option will normally only be approved for a student with a GPA of 7, where the student is on a PBRF-funded scholarship grant, or with the approval of the Head of the Programme in consultation with the relevant Dean. A well-developed plan of research and support from a supervisor will also be required prior to approval for the 90-points research option.*

### Schedule A

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2019	P/C/R/RP/EQ
POLS 442	Policy and Governance in Small States of New Zealand and the Pacific	30	S2	P: Subject to the approval of the Head of Department and/or Programme Coordinator. R: POLS 402
POLS 443	Science, Technology and Environmental Policy	30	S1	P: Subject to approval of the Head of Department
POLS 446	Political Economy of Development	30	S2	P: Subject to the approval of the Head of Department R: POLS 407, DIPL 407, ILAP 671

### Schedule B

Up to 30 points from relevant 400-level courses related to the necessary specialist knowledge required to undertake a student-directed dissertation or thesis in policy and governance (eg, courses from Economics, Geography, History, Māori and Indigenous Studies, Pacific Studies, Sociology), with the approval of the MPAG Programme Coordinator in consultation with the relevant College Dean.