

The Degree of Master of Arts (MA – 120 or 240 points)

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

1. Version

These Regulations came into force on 1 January 2018.

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 Arts:

- (a) a student who has qualified for a bachelor's degree must complete a programme of study comprising:
 - i. Part I: at least 120 points of coursework as specified in the Schedule S to these Regulations, and,
 - ii. Part II: submission of a thesis (120 points).
- (b) A student who has qualified for a Bachelor of Arts with Honours degree shall complete Part II only.
- (c) A student for Part I may, with the approval of the Dean and the relevant Programme Coordinators, substitute courses at an equivalent level from another subject area or subject areas, up to a maximum of 60 points.

4. Admission to the qualification

To be admitted to the Master of Arts a student must have:

- (a) either
 - i. for admission to Part I, qualified for a bachelor's degree, and either
 - a. satisfied the prerequisites for the subject as specified in the Schedule S to these Regulations; or
 - b. completed a qualifying programme of study prescribed by the Head of Department/School and approved by the Dean of Arts (Academic), of a standard equivalent to the prerequisite courses;
 - ii. for admission to Part II, qualified for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts with Honours in the given subject, or, with the permission of the Dean of Arts (Academic), in another subject; or
 - iii. been admitted under the Regulations for admission with Academic Equivalent Standing as entitled to enrol for the Degree of Master of Arts; and
- (b) been approved as a student for the degree in that subject by the Dean of Arts (Academic).

5. Subjects

The degree may be awarded in: Anthropology, Art History, Art Theory, Child and Family Psychology, Chinese, Classics, Cultural Studies, Economics, Education, English, European Studies, French, Geography, German, History, Human Services, Japanese, Linguistics, Māori and Indigenous Studies, Mathematics, Media and Communication, Music, Pacific Studies, Philosophy, Political Science and International Relations, Psychology, Russian, Sociology, Spanish, Statistics, Te Reo Māori.

6. Time limits

- (a) The time limit for Part I is:
 - i. 12 months for a full-time student or
 - ii. 24 months for a part-time student.
- (b) The time limit for Part II is:
 - i. 24 months for a full-time student or
 - ii. 48 months for a part-time student.
 - iii. Part II of the degree 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) If a student fails up to 30 points for Part I of the Master of Arts degree, they 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 for Part I 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) A student who has presented Part I of a Master of Arts degree, but who has not submitted Part II, may apply to the Dean of Arts (Academic) to transfer to the Bachelor of Arts with Honours degree or the Postgraduate Diploma in Arts, provided that the programme of study meets the requirement for that degree or Diploma.
- (b) A student who has not met the requirements of the Master of Arts degree, or wishes to transfer, may apply to the Dean of Arts (Academic) for admission to the Postgraduate Diploma in Arts or the Postgraduate Certificate in Arts, and complete such courses as specified by the Dean of Arts.
- (c) A student who has started Part II (thesis) may apply to the Dean of Postgraduate Research to transfer to the PhD.

Schedule S: Subjects for the Degree of Master of Arts

For full course information, go to www.canterbury.ac.nz/courses

Anthropology

A thesis (ANTH 690) based on empirical research on a topic selected in consultation with the student's supervisor.

P: BA(Hons) in Anthropology, with First Class Honours, or Second Class Honours Division 1.

Art History

A thesis (ARTH 690), which may develop from work undertaken for the BA(Hons) degree, is selected in consultation with the student's supervisor at the earliest possible date. The first part of the thesis year is normally occupied with investigative, documentary, library and art gallery work, sometimes requiring extensive travel, and the second part with writing.

P: BA(Hons) in Art History, with First Class Honours or Second Class Honours Division 1.

Art Theory

A thesis (ARTT 690), which may develop from work undertaken for the BA(Hons) degree, is selected in consultation with the student's supervisor. Course work in Art Theory or other University departments may be required, depending on the student's research proposal.

P: BA(Hons) in Art Theory, with First Class Honours or Second Class Honours Division 1 or, subject to approval by the Programme Coordinator, BA(Hons) in Art History or Philosophy.

Child and Family Psychology

Part I: 150 points which shall normally consist of six courses comprising CFPY 601–603, COUN 671, HLTH 472 and an approved 15-point postgraduate Research Methods course, or equivalent, as approved by the Head of the School of Health Sciences.

Part II: 120 points consisting of a thesis (CFPY 690). The subject area of the thesis shall be approved prior to registration of the thesis by either:

- (a) the Head of the School of Health Sciences (in the case of students concurrently enrolled in the Postgraduate Diploma in Child and Family Psychology) or
- (b) the Head of the Department/School/Centre in which the proposed senior supervisor is located (in consultation with the Head of the School of Health Sciences and any other HOD/S involved in supervision).

P: Part I:

- (i) A bachelor's degree with a major in Psychology; or

- (2) A bachelor's degree with a major in Education and at least 135 points in Psychology, with at least 45 points in Psychology at 200-level, and 60 points in Psychology at 300-level or above; or
- (3) Any relevant bachelor's degree and a Graduate Diploma of Arts or Science in Psychology; and
- (4) PSYC 206 Research Design and Statistics or other research methods course deemed equivalent.

Note: A student will normally be expected to have at least a B average in their 300-level undergraduate courses.

Part II: Completion of Part I.

Chinese

A thesis (CHIN 690).

P: BA(Hons) in Chinese, with First Class Honours, or Second Class Honours Division I.

Classics

A thesis (CLAS 690).

P: BA(Hons) in Ancient History, Classical Studies or Classics with at least Second Class Honours, Division I and; have either completed CLAS 335 or 345 or six semesters of Greek and/or Latin, or an equivalent competence in ancient languages approved by the Programme Coordinator.

Cultural Studies

A thesis (CULT 690).

P: BA(Hons) in Cultural Studies, with First Class Honours, or Second Class Honours Division I.

Economics

Part I: Eight courses, or their equivalent, from ECON 601–679. Enrolment in any combination of courses is subject to the approval of the Head of Department. Some second semester courses may have a first semester course as a prerequisite. A student can normally attempt each course on offer only once. A full-time student must normally take four courses, or their equivalent, in each semester.

Part II: A thesis (ECON 690).

P: Part I:

- (1) ECON 201 or ECON 325; and
- (2) ECON 213 or STAT 202 or STAT 213; and
- (3) ECON 203 or (ECON 207 and ECON 208); and
- (4) 60 points in ECON 300-level courses, including at least 15 points from ECON 321, 324, 326 (or equivalent as approved by the Head of Department). *Note: Normally a B average or better is required in 300-level courses.*

Alternatively a student may apply to enter with a Graduate Diploma in Economics or a Graduate Diploma in Science, normally including ECON 321, 324 and 326.

A student who has graduated BA(Hons) in Economics may be admitted as a student for the MA in Economics for a programme of study comprising a thesis only.

Education

Part I: Four courses from EDUC 401–481, EDEM 648. The combination of courses to be taken by a student is subject to the approval of the Head of School. EDUC 480 requires the presentation of a written report on a research project approved by the Head of School. The report must be completed and presented by 15 February in the calendar year following the year of enrolment for the project. A copy of the requirements for the completion and presentation of the project is available from the School.

Part II: A thesis (EDUC 690).

P: Part I: 60 points in Education courses at 300-level. A student will normally be expected to have a B average in their prerequisite courses.

Part II: Completion of Part I.

A student who has graduated BA(Hons) in Education may be admitted as a student for the MA in Education for a programme of study comprising a thesis only.

English

A thesis (ENGL 690).

P: BA(Hons) in English, with First Class Honours, or Second Class Honours Division I.

European Studies

A thesis (EURO 690).

P: Normally BA(Hons) with at least Second Class Honours Division 1, or equivalent qualification in other appropriate disciplines, as approved by the course coordinators.

French

A thesis (FREN 690).

P: BA(Hons) in French, with First Class Honours, or Second Class Honours Division I.

Geography

Part I: Courses equivalent to 120 points from GEOG 401–420 and GISC 403–413 and GISC 416, with approval of the Head of Department.

Part II: A thesis (GEOG 690).

P: Part I:

A student will normally be expected to either:

- (1) have passed 90 points in 300-level courses approved by the Head of Department, including GEOG 309 and at least 30 other points in 300-level Geography courses; or
- (2) have completed 120 points at 300-level of which 60 points are in Geography and 60 points are in subjects approved by the Head of Department.

Part II: Completion of Part I.

A student who has qualified for a bachelor's degree with honours in Geography may be admitted as a student for the MA in Geography for a programme of study comprising a thesis only.

German

A thesis (GRMN 690).

P: BA(Hons) in German, with First Class Honours, or Second Class Honours Division I.

History

A thesis (HIST 690).

P: BA(Hons) in History, with First Class Honours, or Second Class Honours Division I.

Human Services

A thesis (HSRV 690).

P: BA(Hons) in Human Services, with First Class Honours, or Second Class Honours Division I.

Japanese

A thesis (JAPA 690).

P: BA(Hons) in Japanese, with First Class Honours, or Second Class Honours Division I.

Linguistics

A thesis (LING 690).

P: Honours degree in Linguistics.

Māori and Indigenous Studies

A thesis (MAOR 690).

P: BA(Hons) in Māori and Indigenous Studies, with First Class Honours or Second Class Honours Division I.

Mathematics

Part I: Eight courses chosen from MATH 401–490 and STAT 401–490 (other than MATH 449 or STAT 449). Normally one of the eight courses must be MATH 443 if the student has not been credited with MATH 343 previously. Normally at least six courses will be chosen from the MATH course list.

Part II: A thesis (MATH 695).

P: Part I: 45 points from MATH 201, MATH 202, MATH 203, MATH 220 and MATH 240, including MATH 201 and at least one of (MATH 202 or MATH 203); and 60 points from MATH 301–394; and an additional 30 points from MATH 301–394 and STAT 301–394 or other approved courses.

A student who has qualified for a BA(Hons) in Mathematics may be admitted as a student for the MA in Mathematics for a programme of study comprising a thesis only.

Media and Communication

A thesis (COMS 690), on a topic approved by the Programme Coordinator.

P: BA(Hons) in Media and Communication, or a related field.

Music

A thesis (MUSI 690).

P: BA(Hons) in Music, or MusB(Hons) degree, normally with First Class Honours or Second Class Honours Division 1, including credit for one of MUSI 456, 466, 480 or 481.

Pacific Studies

A thesis (PACS 690).

P: BA(Hons) in Pacific Studies, with First Class Honours, or Second Class Honours Division 1.

Philosophy

A thesis (PHIL 690).

P: BA(Hons) in Philosophy, with First Class Honours, or Second Class Honours Division 1.

Political Science and International Relations

A thesis (POLS 690).

P: Normally BA(Hons) in Political Science, with at least Second Class Honours Division 1.

Psychology

Part I: Courses totalling 120 points from any 400-level courses in Psychology, including PSYC 460.

Part II:

- (a) PSYC 690 Psychology MA Thesis
- (b) For a student who has not already been credited with PSYC 460 or PSYC 464, PSYC 601 Research Methods in Psychology OR PSYC 602 Multivariate Statistics and Methods in Psychology must be completed.

P: Part I:

165 points from PSYC courses with at least 135 points at 200-level or above, including:

- (1) PSYC 105 and PSYC 106
- (2) PSYC 206 and at least three from PSYC 207–212, and
- (3) 75 points of 300-level PSYC courses.

PSYC 344 is required for postgraduate study in Psychology and Applied Psychology.

PSYC 336 (or equivalent) is required for the MSc in Applied Psychology.

PSYC 335 (or equivalent) is required for the Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology.

A B average in three PSYC 300-level courses is normally required.

Note: A student should consult the Psychology Department Postgraduate Handbook and the Psychology Graduate Studies Coordinator for full information on the courses offered in any one year.

Part II: Completion of Part I.

A student who has qualified for a BA(Hons) in Psychology may be admitted as a student for the MA in Psychology for a programme of study comprising a thesis only.

Russian

A thesis (RUSS 690), which will embody the results of an investigation into an approved topic in Russian language or literature.

P: BA(Hons) in Russian, with First Class Honours, or Second Class Honours Division I.

Sociology

A thesis (SOC1 690).

P: BA(Hons) with First Class Honours, or Second Class Honours Division 1.

Spanish

A thesis (SPAN 690).

P: BA(Hons) in Spanish, with First Class Honours, or Second Class Honours Division I.

Statistics

Part I: Eight courses chosen from STAT 401–490 and MATH 401–490 (other than STAT 449 or MATH 449). One of the eight courses must be STAT 464 if the student has not been credited with STAT 213 or STAT 214 previously. Normally at least six courses will be chosen from the STAT course list.

Part II: A thesis (STAT 695).

P: Part I: MATH 103, MATH 109 or MATH 199; and 45 points from STAT 201–294; and 60 points from STAT 301–394; and an additional 30 points from STAT 301–394 and MATH 301–394 or other approved courses.

Part II: Completion of Part I.

A student who have qualified for a BA(Hons) in Statistics may be admitted as candidates for the MA in Statistics for a course of study comprising a thesis only.

Te Reo Māori

A thesis (TREO 690).

P: BA(Hons) in Te Reo Māori, with First Class Honours, or Second Class Honours Division I.