

The Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD – 360 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 2025.

2. Variations

The Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research may vary these Regulations where special or unusual circumstances warrant.

3. The structure of the qualification

To qualify for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy a student must have successfully completed a thesis and oral examination having a minimum total value of 360 points. The thesis must:

- (a) include original research (and may include scholarly creative practice) that makes a significant
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- iii. Other than in exceptional circumstances, a student will not be accepted for transfer if they have been enrolled in a PhD programme at the other institution for more than the equivalent of one year of full time enrolment.

5. Subjects

The Degree of Doctor of Philosophy must be taken in one of the subject areas set out in Schedule S. With the Subjects

- a. the student will be charged fees for these courses; and
 - b. completion of the courses will have no bearing on continuation of the PhD.
- (c) A student is restricted to one elective or required course per semester, to a maximum of 30 points, and a total of 60 points during their PhD candidature.

10. Progression

- (a) A student must lodge a research proposal that has been approved by the Senior Supervisor and Tumuaki Tari/Kura | Head of Department/School, with Te Kura Tura | Graduate School, within six months of enrolment in the PhD.
- (b) A student must submit a Doctoral Supervisory Agreement for approval of the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research within six months of enrolment in the PhD.
- (c) A student enrolled full-time in the degree must complete the PhD Confirmation Process, as described in the Confirmation Process Procedures, within 12 months of enrolment in the PhD. A student enrolled part-time in the degree must complete the PhD Confirmation Process within 18 months of enrolment. A student must be enrolled when they undertake the Confirmation Process.
- (d) Following the Confirmation Process, the Confirmation Chair will make a recommendation to the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research, who will decide on the outcome of the Confirmation Process. This may be to:
 - i. Confirm the student's enrolment; or
 - ii. Extend the student's enrolment for up to six months; or
 - iii. Transfer the student's enrolment to a relevant master's degree (with the student's agreement); or
 - iv. Cancel the student's enrolment in the PhD.

Where a student's research is dependent on the approval of the University's ethics committee(s), or any other committee or organisation, appropriate approvals should be obtained prior to undertaking PhD confirmation process.

- (e) A student must submit Progress Reports for consideration by their supervisory team and the Tumuaki Tari/Kura | Head of Department/School, and approval of the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research, at six monthly intervals after the date at which Confirmation is approved by the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research. If a Progress Report states that the student has not made satisfactory progress, this may result in the student being subject to the Unsatisfactory Progress Process as described in the Unsatisfactory Progress Procedures. A failure to meet any conditions imposed by the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research under the Unsatisfactory Progress Process may result in a student's enrolment being cancelled under Regulation 14.
- (f) Where there are special or unusual circumstances, the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research may impose additional conditions concerning a student's enrolment or progression in the degree. A failure to meet any conditions imposed by the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research under this Regulation may result in the student's enrolment being cancelled under Regulation 14.
- (g) Thesis submission
 - i. A student must be enrolled at the time of thesis submission.
 - ii. Submissions must be accompanied by a certificate from the Senior Supervisor stating that the work submitted was carried out under the immediate supervision of the supervisory team.
- (h) A student must not submit a thesis which has previously been submitted for another degree.

11. Examination

- (a) The examination of the thesis and oral examination must be conducted in accordance with the process described in the Thesis Examination Procedures.
- (b) Examination of the thesis is conducted by two Independent Examiners supported by a neutral Examination Chair. At least one of the Independent Examiners must be based outside Aotearoa New Zealand.
- (c) The Independent Examiners and Examination Chair must be nominated by the Tumuaki Tari/Kura | Head of Department/School and approved by the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research.
- (d) Each Independent Examiner must submit an independent thesis report and recommendation to the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research. The Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research will review the Examiners' reports and recommendations and will decide whether the student should progress to oral examination.

- i. If the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research decides that the student will not proceed to oral examination, the student may instead:
 - ii. Be invited to revise and resubmit their thesis; or
 - iii. Be awarded a relevant Master's degree; or
 - iv. Not be awarded a degree.
- (e)

15. Place of research and study

- (a) Research is expected to be conducted at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury.
- (b) If a student wishes to undertake research away from Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury, they must first obtain approval from the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research. Before making a decision, the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research will consult the Senior Supervisor and Tumuaki Tari/Kura | Head of Department/School, and will take into account any matters specified in the General Conditions for Credit Regulations.
- (c) The maximum period for conducting research away from Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury would not normally exceed twelve months in total across the duration of PhD studies.

16. Appeals

A student may appeal against any decision made by the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research under these Regulations as stipulated in the General Regulations for the University.

Schedule S: Subjects for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

Accounting;	Education;
Antarctic Studies;	Electrical and Electronic Engineering;
Anthropology;	Engineering Geology;
Art History;	Engineering Management;
Art Theory;	English;
Astronomy;	Environmental Science;
Audiology;	European Studies;
Biochemistry;	Finance;
Bioengineering;	Fire Engineering;
Biological Sciences;	Forest Engineering;
Biotechnology;	Forestry;
Cellular and Molecular Biology;	French;
Chemical and Process Engineering;	Geography;
Chemistry;	Geology;
Chinese;	German;
Civil Engineering;	Health Sciences;
Classics;	Higher Education;
Computational and Applied Mathematical Sciences;	History;
Computer Science;	Human-Animal Studies;
Creative Practice;	Human Interface Technology;
Criminal Justice	Human Services;
Cultural Studies;	Industrial and Organisational Psychology;
Data Science;	Information Systems;
Disaster Risk and Resilience;	Japanese;
Earthquake Engineering;	Journalism;
Ecology;	Law;
Economics;	Linguistics;

Management;	Product Design;
Māori and Indigenous Studies;	Psychology;
Marketing;	Renewable Energy Engineering;
Mathematical Physics;	Russian;
Mathematics;	Science Education;
Mathematics and Philosophy;	Social Work;
Mechanical Engineering;	Sociology;
Media and Communication;	Spanish;
Medical Physics;	Speech and Language Sciences;
Medical Physics (Clinical);	Statistics;
Microbiology;	Taxation;
Music;	Translation and Interpreting;
Pacific Studies;Philosophy;	Transportation Engineering;
Physics;	Te Reo Māori;
Political Science and International Relations;	Water Resource Management.