

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 Tw 8nt. A

- 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.