

The Degree of Bachelor of Social Work with Honours (BSW(Hons) – 480 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 2025.
- (b) This degree was first offered in 2019.

2. Variations

In exceptional circumstances the Amo Matua, Te Kaupeka Oranga | Executive Dean of Health or delegate may approve a personal programme of study which does not conform to these Regulations.

3. The structure of the degree

- (b) 75 points, at 100-level or 200-level, for courses from Schedule E to these Regulations.

4. Admission to the qualification

A student must satisfy the Admission Regulations for the University to be admitted to this qualification.

5. Subjects

The subject for this degree is Social Work.

6. Time limits

- (a) The time limit for this qualification is 8 years.
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- (a) In order to gain admission to limited entry 200-level Social Work courses, a student for whom English or te reo Māori or New Zealand Sign is not their first language, must provide evidence of their English language ability as follows:

- i. IELTS (Academic) 6.5, with no individual score below 6.5. Preference will be given to students with a score of 7; or
- ii. An alternative English language assessment, approved by the Amo Matua, Te Kaupeka Oranga | Executive Dean of Health or delegate.
- iii.

- (c) A student whose circumstances change in regard to character of suitability must inform the BSW(Hons) Coordinator immediately. Changes in circumstances, whether notified by the student or others, may result in the student being required to undergo a reassessment of suitability, as defined by Regulation 8(b) above.
- (d) Application for admission to 300-level Social Work courses shall be made in the previous year by 30 September. In order to be admitted to these courses, a student must:
 - i. have completed 240 points from the 100 and 200-level requirements of the degree; and
 - ii. be considered as being eligible for the degree.
- (e) Application for admission to 400-level Social Work courses shall be made in the previous year by 30 September. In order to be admitted to these courses, a student must:
 - i. have passed SOWK301 and SOWK308.
 - ii. provided attestations as to character and suitability for beginning practice; and
 - iii. agree to practice in accordance with and be bound by the Code of Ethics of the Aotearoa New Zealand Association of Social Workers (Inc.) and the Code of Conduct of the New Zealand Social Workers Registration Board, and
 - iv. meet any additional criteria for fieldwork acceptance imposed by the relevant Social Service agency.
- (f) A part-time student must complete SOWK301 concurrently with SOWK308 and immediately prior to their enrolment in 400-level courses.
- (g) If a student fails SOWK301 or SOWK308, or a Fieldwork Practicum (SOWK491 or 492), they may, under exceptional circumstances and with the permission of the Kaihautau Tauwhiro Hapori | Programme Director, Social Work and the Amo Matua, Te Kaupeka Oranga | Executive Dean of Health or delegate, repeat the course once only. If the course is failed a second time, the student 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 Honours, with the following stipulations:

- (a) the BSW(Hons) may be awarded with First, Second, or with Third Class Honours. Second Class Honours will be listed in Division I or Division II.
- (b) Honours are awarded for academic achievement, measured by weighted GPA, 40% on the 300-level courses for the degree and 60% on the 400-level courses for the degree. Only the grade for the first attempt at a course will be considered in the calculation.
- (c) to be eligible for Honours a student must:
 - i. complete all courses for the BSW(Hons) in no more than 8 years of study; and
 - ii. complete the 300-level and 400-level courses for the BSW(Hons) within four years of their first enrolment in any 300-level course for the degree.

10. Exit and Upgrade Pathways to other Qualifications

- (a) There are no advancing qualifications for this degree.
- (b) A student who has not met the requirements for admission to limited entry 200-level BSW(Hons) courses, or who wishes to transfer to the Bachelor of Health Sciences, may apply to the Amo Matua, Te Kaupeka Oranga | Executive Dean of Health or delegate for admission.

11. Disclosure of charges and convictions

A student in the Bachelor of Social Work with Honours is required to inform the Kaihautau Tauwhiro Hapori | Programme Director, Social Work and the Amo Matua, Te Kaupeka Oranga | Executive Dean of Health or delegate within three working days if they are charged or convicted of an offence while participating in the programme, and of any other incidents or matters that may compromise their fitness to be a social worker.

12. Transition Regulation

A student who enrolled in the degree of Bachelor of Social Work with Honours for the first time prior to 1 January 2024 is required to include HSRV204 in their degree in place of MAOR219.

A student who enrolled in the Bachelor of Social Work with Honours for the first time prior to 1 January 2025 can replace HLTH106 and PACS111 with HSRV103 and SOWK104.
