

# The Degree of Master of Social Work (Applied) (MSW(App) – 240 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 2003.

## 2. Variations

In exceptional circumstances the Amo Matua, Toi Tangata | Executive Dean of Arts or delegate may approve a personal programme of study which does not conform to these Regulations.

## 3. The structure of the qualification

A student must be credited with the courses listed in the Schedule C to these Regulations.

- (a) Part I comprises five courses: SOWK611, 612, 614, 615, and 640. SOWK614 and SOWK615 must be taken concurrently. Part I must be completed before the student can be credited with any course in Part II, unless special approval is given by the Kairuruku Hōtaka | Programme Coordinator.
- (b) Part II comprises three courses: SOWK671, 672, and 673. SOWK671, 672 and 673 must be taken concurrently.

## 4. Admission to the qualification

- (a) A student for the Master of Social Work (Applied), before enrolling in a programme of study for the degree, must have either:

- i. completed the prerequisite courses; or
  - ii. demonstrated relevant professional experience; or

- iii. been admitted under the Regulations for admission with Academic Equivalent Standing as entitled to enrol for the Degree of Master of Social Work (Applied); and
      - iii. been approved as a student for the degree by the Amo Matua, Toi Tangata | Executive Dean of Arts or delegate.
  - (b) A student must also meet criteria in relation to suitability including:
    - i. criteria identified in the MSW (Applied) application documentation
    - ii. the New Zealand Social Workers Registration Board's "Entitlement to Registration Fit and Proper Person Policy Statement"; and
    - iii. the Aotearoa New Zealand Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics; and
    - iv. the New Zealand Social Workers Registration Board Code of Conduct, and
    - v. a satisfactory Police vetting; and
    - vi. any such other processes deemed necessary by the Tumuaki Tari | Head of Department to determine suitability e.g., the meeting of the requirements stipulated in the Children's Act 2014.
  - (c) Prior to being recommended to agencies for fieldwork placement for SOWK671 and 672, a student must also:
    - i. provide attestations as to character and suitability for beginning practice; and
    - ii. 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
    - iii. meet any additional criteria for fieldwork acceptance imposed by the relevant Social Service agency.

(d) A student for whom English or Māori or New Zealand Sign is not their first language, must provide

- (c) to be eligible for Distinction or Merit a student must complete all courses for the MSW (Applied) in no more than 6 years of study.

### 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 the Master of Social Work (Applied) may apply to the Amo Matua, Toi Tangata | Executive Dean of Arts or delegate to be admitted to the Postgraduate Certificate in Arts or the Postgraduate Diploma in Arts and have their credits transferred to that qualification.

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The MSW (Applied) is a distance programme taught by a combination of distance, and on-campus block courses which a student is required to attend. A student should refer to the department and course materials for further information on these requirements. For SOWK671 and 672, a student is required to undertake assessed fieldwork practice under the supervision of approved Fieldwork Educators, and as determined by the Fieldwork Coordinator.