

The Degree of Master of Laws (International Law and Politics) (LLM(IntLaw&Pols) – 120 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 2004.

2. Variations

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

3. The structure of the qualification

To qualify for the Degree of Master of Laws (International Law and Politics) a student must satisfactorily complete:

- (a) 90 points of courses from Schedule C to these regulations; and
- (b) 30 points of courses from Schedule E to these regulations.

4. Admission to the qualification

In order to be admitted to the Degree of Master of Laws (International Law and Politics) a student must:

- (a) have qualified for the Bachelor or Laws with a minimum B Grade Point Average from an Aotearoa New Zealand university, or have qualified for a Postgraduate Certificate in International Law and Politics with a minimum B Grade Point Average in all courses, or be admitted with Academic Equivalent Standing; and
- (b) have been approved as a student for the degree by the Amo Matua, Ture Executive Dean of Law or delegate; and
- (c) for the purposes of Admission Regulations 5(a)(vi) and 5(b), those applicants who are required to demonstrate competency in English must provide evidence of:
 - i. IELTS (Academic) 7, with no individual score below 6.5; or
 - ii. TOEFL iBT – total minimum 100, with minimum writing score of 23; or
 - iii. Pearson Test of English (Academic) – overall score 64 and no band below 58.
- (d) Distance enrolment is not available for this qualification. Unless an exemption is granted by the Amo Matua, Ture | Executive Dean of Law or delegate, a student must attend in person.

5. Subjects

There are no majors, minors or endorsements for this qualification.

6. Time limits

- (a) Full-time study:
 - i. Unless an exemption is granted by the Amo Matua, Ture | Executive Dean of Law or delegate, a student must be enrolled full-time.
 - ii. The minimum time limit is 12 months.
 - iii. The maximum time limit is 24 consecutive months, unless enrolment is suspended.
- (b) Part-time study:
 - i. With the approval of the Amo Matua, Ture | Executive Dean of Law or delegate, a student may be enrolled part-time.
 - ii. The minimum time limit is 24 consecutive months, unless enrolment is suspended.
 - iii. The maximum time limit is 48 consecutive months, unless enrolment is suspended.
- (c) After the commencement of the qualification a student may apply to the Amo Matua, Ture | Executive Dean of Law or delegate for permission to transfer from part-time to full-time status, or vice versa. In granting such permission, the Amo Matua, Ture | Executive Dean of Law or delegate shall determine the minimum and maximum periods of study and may impose other conditions.

- (d) In special cases, the Amo Matua, Ture | Executive Dean of Law or delegate may suspend or extend the enrolment of a student and may extend the time for submission of a dissertation. In such a case the Amo Matua, Ture | Executive Dean of Law or delegate shall determine whether the student remains eligible for Honours.

7. Transfers of credit, substitutions and cross-credits

This qualification adheres to the Credit Recognition and Transfer Regulations with the following stipulations:

- credit may be awarded in terms of the provisions that apply to taught postgraduate courses;
- there is no provision for transfer of credit in relation to the dissertation;
- cross-credits and substitutions do not apply to this qualification.

8. Progression

This qualification adheres to the General Regulations for the University, with the following stipulations:

- The Amo Matua, Ture | Executive Dean of Law or delegate must approve a student's programme of study.
- A student must pass each course for which they are enrolled.
- In exceptional circumstances, the Amo Matua, Ture | Executive Dean of Law or delegate may permit a student who fails a course, or the dissertation, to re-enrol in that or another course or the dissertation, in a subsequent year. Only one failure is permitted.

9. Honours, Distinction and Merit

- This qualification adheres to the General Regulations of the University and may be awarded with Honours, which may be First Class or Second Class (Division I or II).
- Distinction or Merit are not awarded for this qualification.

10. Exit and Upgrade Pathways to other Qualifications

- A student who has not met the requirements for this qualification but who has satisfied the requirements for the Postgraduate Certificate in International Law and Politics may apply to the Amo Matua, Ture | Executive Dean of Law or delegate to withdraw from this qualification and be awarded the Certificate.
- There are no advancing qualifications for this degree.

Schedule C: Compulsory Courses for the Degree of Master of Laws (International Law and Politics)

For full course information, go to courseinfo.canterbury.ac.nz

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/PP/EQ
ILAP613	Advanced Principles of Public International Law	15	S1	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the Programme Director.
ILAP614	Principles and Practice of International Relations and Diplomacy	15	S1	Campus	P: Subject to the approval of the Head of School R: POLS 441
ILAP640	Dissertation	60	FY CY	Campus Campus	P: Subject to approval of the Programme Director. R: ILAP650

Schedule E: Elective Courses for the Degree of Master of Laws (International Law and Politics)

Note: Not all courses are offered in any one year.

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
ILAP604	International Criminal Law	15	S2	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the Programme Director. R: DIPL421 (before 2014), LAWS321
ILAP608	World Trade Law	15	S2	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the Programme Director. R: DIPL402 (before 2014), DIPL411, LAWS338
ILAP609	International Human Rights Law	15	S2	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the Programme Director. R: DIPL421 (before 2014), LAWS322
ILAP611	Antarctic Legal Studies	15	S1	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the Programme Director. R: LAWS336, LAWS372
ILAP612	International Environmental Law	15	NO		P: Subject to the approval of the Programme Director R: LAWS327, LAWS347 (2001-2004), DIPL402 (before 2014), DIPL421 (before 2014).
ILAP627	European Public Law	15	NO		P: Subject to the approval of the Programme Director R: EURO333; EURA333; LAWS388
ILAP628	Special Topic	15	NO		P: Subject to approval of the Programme Director.
ILAP629	Special Topic	15	NO		P: Subject to approval of the Programme Director.
ILAP630	Law of the Sea	15	NO		P: Subject to approval of the Programme Director. R: LAWS362 prior to 2010; LAWS364
ILAP633	Problems in International and Regional Trade	15	NO		P: Subject to the approval of the Programme Director. R: LAWS 370 RP: A course on International Trade
ILAP634	International Investment Law and Arbitration	15	S2	Campus	P: Subject to the approval of the Programme Director. R: LAWS333, ILAP632, LAWS371
ILAP641	The Rights of Indigenous Peoples	15	NO		P: Subject to the approval of the Dean of Law R: LAWS358
ILAP642	Private International Law	15	NO		P: Subject to the approval of the Programme Director R: LAWS390