

PROGRAMME REGULATIONS

Programme Schedule

Master of Applied Practice

To be read in conjunction with the [Masters Generic Regulations](#).

1. Programme Schedule

This Programme Schedule applies to the Master of Applied Practice (MAP) Level 9, 180 credits.

2. Programme Specific Admission Requirements and Special Admission

2.1 Programme Specific Admission Requirements

2.1.1 Entry to the Master of Applied Practice without a specialisation

Applicants must:

- Have a bachelor's degree (or level 7 Graduate Diploma) in the same or similar discipline;
- Provide documentary evidence of outcomes in the discipline work environment to demonstrate an ability to perform in the programme and commit to achieving its outcomes.

2.1.2 Entry to the Master of Applied Practice with specialisations in (Clinical Research) or (Health Science) or (Social Practice)

Applicants must:

- Have a bachelor's degree (or level 7 Graduate Diploma) in the same or similar discipline;
- Provide documentary evidence of outcomes in the discipline work environment to demonstrate an ability to perform in the programme and commit to achieving its outcomes.

2.1.3 Entry to the Master of Applied Practice with a specialisation in (Professional Accounting)

Applicants must have a bachelor's degree (or level 7 Graduate Diploma) with a B-Average or above.

2.1.4 Entry to the Master of Applied Practice with a specialisation in (Technological Futures)

Applicants must:

- Have a bachelor's degree (or level 7 Graduate Diploma) in the same or similar discipline;
- Provide evidence of relevant professional and technical experience in order to demonstrate an ability and potential to succeed in achieving the graduate outcomes.

2.2 Special Admission

An applicant may be considered for special admission if he/she has:

- A graduate diploma qualification in the same or similar discipline, with a B grade average or better, and has a minimum of two years' appropriate work experience approved by the Relevant Academic Authority; or
- Special Admission by successful Assessment of Prior Learning.

2.3 English Language Admission Requirements

International applicants for whom English is not their first language must also meet the English Language Entry Requirements stated in Unitec's Admission Requirements Policy.

3. Selection Criteria and Process

3.1 Master of Applied Practice without specialisations or with specialisations in (Clinical Research) or (Health Science) or (Social Practice) or (Professional Accounting)

The Relevant Academic Authority, or those with authority delegated thereby, will make the selection and the selection panel may include an industry representative where deemed appropriate.

Students applying to enrol in the programme will normally be interviewed to plan their respective programme of learning.

The following selection criteria will be applied:

- assessed level of personal motivation to complete the qualification;
- coherence in expression of ideas and opinions;
- practice aptitude;
- academic aptitude;
- level of awareness of the discipline(s);
- quality of independent references.

These criteria are not ranked in any order. Applicants who meet the greatest number of criteria will be the preferred applicants.

3.2 Master of Applied Practice with a specialisation in (Technological Futures)

All candidates for admission into this programme will be interviewed by a selection panel, which may include academic and industry representatives as appropriate.

The following selection criteria will be applied:

- Commitment to professional development and gaining a competitive advantage in relation to business disruption and transformation according to the values and strategic directions of their industry, profession and/or community.
- Experience in a technical, business and / or community transformation role.

4. Requirements for the Award of the Qualification

4.1 Requirements for the award of the Master of Applied Practice without Specialisation

To be awarded the Master of Applied Practice a candidate must successfully complete 180 credits, accumulated in the pattern set out in Table 1. Credits will be accumulated from a combination of compulsory and elective courses as described in Table 2, and elective courses as described in Table 3.

Table 1: Study pathways for the Master of Applied Practice

Course Level	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
Level 8 Compulsory	45 credits	45 credits	45 credits	45 credits
Level 8 Elective courses	90 credits	75 credits	45 credits	15 credits
Level 9 Research Component	45 credits	60 credits	90 credits	120 credits
Total	180 credits	180 credits	180 credits	180 credits

Table 2: Compulsory Courses for the Master of Applied Practice

Compulsory courses in **Bold**. *Electives are shown in Italics*.

Course	Course Name	Credits	Pre/Co-requisites	Restrictions
CISC8000	Applied Practice in Context*	15		
CISC8001	Research & Community Informed Practice*	15		
CISC8002	Research Question*	15	CISC8001	
And one of the following				
<i>CISC9045</i>	<i>Research Project</i>	45	CISC8002 or CISC8030	CISC9060 CISC9090 CISC9120
<i>CISC9060</i>	<i>Research Dissertation</i>	60	CISC8002 or	CISC9045 CISC9090

			CISC8030	CISC9120
CISC9090	Research Thesis	90	CISC8002 or CISC8030	CISC9045 CISC9060 CISC9120
CISC9120	Research Thesis (Extended)	120	CISC8002 or CISC8030	CISC9045 CISC9060 CISC9090

* Specific content of these courses must align with Graduate Capabilities and be approved by the Relevant Academic Authority.

Table 3: Elective courses

Course	Course Name	Credits	Pre/Co-requisites	Restrictions
HUBC8000	Review of Learning	15		PC approval
CISC8003	Professional Practice	15		
CISC8002	Research Question	15	CISC8001	
CISC8004	Leadership in Practice	15		
CISC8005	Aotearoa-New Zealand Social Policy	15		
CISC8006	Contemporary Issues in Community Engagement	15		
CISC8007	Human Rights and Social Justice	15		
CISC8008	Evidence-Based Healthcare in Aotearoa-New Zealand	15		
CISC8009	Practical Biostatistics	15		
CISC8010	Systematic Reviews	15		
CISC8011	Clinical Research Design	15		
CISC8012	Review of Literature	15		CISC8010
Or an approved course from another programme.				

4.2 Requirements for the award of the Master of Applied Practice with a Specialisation in Social Practice

To be awarded the Master of Applied Practice (*Social Practice*) a candidate must successfully complete 180 credits, accumulated in the pattern set out in Table 4. Credits will be accumulated from a combination of compulsory and elective courses as described in Table 5, and elective courses as described in Table 3. Topics in Level 9 study must align to with graduate capabilities for *Specialisation* and be approved by the Relevant Academic Authority.

Table 4: Study pathways for the Master Applied Practice (*Social Practice*)

Course Level	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
Level 8 Compulsory	75 credits	75 credits	75 credits	60 credits
Level 8 Elective courses	60 credits	45 credits	15 credits	0 credits
Level 9 Research Component*	45 credits	60 credits	90 credits	120 credits
Total	180 credits	180 credits	180 credits	180 credits

*Research Topic must be approved by Relevant Academic Authority to complete requirements for *Specialisation*

Table 5: Compulsory Courses for the Master of Applied Practice (Social Practice)

Compulsory courses in **Bold**. Electives are shown in *Italics*.

Course	Course Name	Credits	Pre/Co-requisites	Restrictions
CISC8000	Applied Practice in Context*	15		
CISC8001	Research & Community Informed Practice*	15		
CISC8002	Research Question*	15	CISC8001	
And two of the following (or one of the following if also enrolling in CISC9120 –Option 4)				
<i>CISC8005</i>	<i>Aotearoa-New Zealand Social Policy</i>	15		
<i>CISC8006</i>	<i>Contemporary Issues in Community Engagement</i>	15		
<i>CISC8007</i>	<i>Human Rights and Social Justice</i>	15		
<i>CISC8013</i>	<i>Advanced Social Practice Theory</i>	15		
<i>CISC8014</i>	<i>Te Tiriti o Waitangi and Social Practice in Aotearoa/ New Zealand</i>	15		
And one of the following				
<i>CISC9045</i>	<i>Research Project</i>	45	CISC8002 or CISC8030	CISC9060 CISC9090 CISC9120
<i>CISC9060</i>	<i>Research Dissertation</i>	60	CISC8002 or CISC8030	CISC9045 CISC9090 CISC9120
<i>CISC9090</i>	<i>Research Thesis</i>	90	CISC8002 or CISC8030	CISC9045 CISC9060 CISC9120
<i>CISC9120</i>	<i>Research Thesis (Extended)</i>	120	CISC8002 or CISC8030	CISC9045 CISC9060 CISC9090

* *Specialisations* – topic needs approval

* *Specific content of these courses must align with Graduate Capabilities and be approved by the Relevant Academic Authority.*

4.3 Requirements for the award of the Masters of Applied Practice with a **Specialisation in Health Science**

To be awarded the Master of Applied Practice (*Health Science*) a candidate must successfully complete 180 credits, accumulated in the pattern set out in Table 6. Credits will be accumulated from a combination of compulsory and elective courses as described in Table 7, and elective courses as described in Table 3. Topics in Level 9 study must align to graduate capabilities for *Specialisation* and approved by the Relevant Academic Authority.

Table 6: Study pathways for the Master of Applied Practice (Health Science)

Course Level	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
Level 8 Compulsory	60 credits	60 credits	60 credits	60 credits

Level 8 Elective courses	75 credits	60 credits	30 credits	0 credits
Level 9 Research Component*	45 credits	60 credits	90 credits	120 credits
Total	180 credits	180 credits	180 credits	180 credits

*Research Topic must be approved by Relevant Academic Authority to complete requirements for Specialisation

Table 7: Compulsory Courses for the Master of Applied Practice (Health Science)

Compulsory courses in **Bold**. Electives are shown in *Italics*.

Course	Course Name	Credits	Pre/Co-requisites	Restrictions
CISC8000	Applied Practice in Context*	15		
CISC8001	Research & Community Informed Practice*	15		
CISC8002	Research Question*	15	CISC8001	
CISC8008	Evidence-Based Healthcare in Aotearoa-New Zealand	15		
And one of the following:				
<i>CISC9045</i>	<i>Research Project</i>	45	CISC8002 or CISC8030	CISC9060 CISC9090 CISC9120
<i>CISC9060</i>	<i>Research Dissertation</i>	60	CISC8002 or CISC8030	CISC9045 CISC9090 CISC9120
<i>CISC9090</i>	<i>Research Thesis</i>	90	CISC8002 or CISC8030	CISC9045 CISC9060 CISC9120
<i>CISC9120</i>	<i>Research Thesis (Extended)</i>	120	CISC8002 or CISC8030	CISC9045 CISC9060 CISC9090

* Specialisations – topic needs approval

* Specific content of these courses must align with Graduate Capabilities and be approved by the Relevant Academic Authority.

4.4 Requirements for the award of the Masters of Applied Practice with a Specialisation in Clinical Research

To be awarded the Master of Applied Practice (*Clinical Research*) a candidate must successfully complete 180 credits, accumulated in the pattern set out in Table 8. Credits will be accumulated from a combination of compulsory and elective courses as described in Table 9, and elective courses as described in Table 3. Topics in Level 9 study must align to graduate capabilities for *Specialisation* and approved by the Relevant Academic Authority.

Table 8: Study pathways for the Master Applied Practice (Clinical Research)

Course Level	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Level 8 Compulsory	75 credits	75 credits	75 credits
Level 8 Elective courses	60 credits	45 credits	15 credits

Level 9 Research Component*	45 credits	60 credits	90 credits
Total	180 credits	180 credits	180 credits

*Research Topic must be approved by Relevant Academic Authority to complete requirements for Specialisation

Table 9: Compulsory Courses for the Master of Applied Practice (Clinical Research)

Compulsory courses in **Bold**. Electives are shown in *Italics*.

Course	Course Name	Credits	Pre/Co-requisites	Restrictions
CISC8000	Applied Practice in Context*	15		
CISC8001	Research & Community Informed Practice*	15		
CISC8002	Research Question*	15	CISC8001	
CISC8008	Evidence-Based Healthcare in Aotearoa-New Zealand	15		
CISC8011	Clinical Research Design	15		
And one of the following				
<i>CISC9045</i>	<i>Research Project</i>	45	CISC8002 or CISC8030	CISC9060 CISC9090 CISC9120
<i>CISC9060</i>	<i>Research Dissertation</i>	60	CISC8002 or CISC8030	CISC9045 CISC9090 CISC9120
<i>CISC9090</i>	<i>Research Thesis</i>	90	CISC8002 or CISC8030	CISC9045 CISC9060 CISC9120
<i>CISC9120</i>	<i>Research Thesis (Extended)</i>	120	CISC8002 or CISC8030	CISC9045 CISC9060 CISC9090

* Specialisations – topic needs approval

* Specific content of these courses must align with Graduate Capabilities and be approved by the Relevant Academic Authority.

4.5 Requirements for the award of the Master of Applied Practice with a Specialisation in *Professional Accounting*

To be awarded the Master of Applied Practice (Professional Accounting), a candidate must successfully complete 180 credits, accumulated in the pattern set out in Tables 10 & 11. Credits will be accumulated from courses as described in Table 11. All of the courses identified in these tables are compulsory, and there is no elective component to this degree specialisation. The specialisation is targeted and streamlined to meet professional accreditation standards. Flexibility is included by way of projects, especially within the core courses.

Table 10: Study pathway for the Master of Applied Practice (Professional Accounting)

Course Level	Credits
Level 8 Generic Compulsory	45 Credits

Level 8 Specialist Compulsory Courses	90 Credits
Level 9 Research Component*	45 Credits

*Research Topic must be approved by Relevant Academic Authority to complete requirements for *Specialisation*

Table 11: Compulsory Courses for the Master of Applied Practice (Professional Accounting)

Course	Course Name	Credits	Pre/Co-requisites	Restrictions
CISC8000	Applied Practice in Context*	15		
CISC8001	Research & Community Informed Practice*	15		
CISC8002	Research Question*	15	CISC8001	
CISC8801	Accounting and Finance	15		
CISC8802	Accounting Information Systems	15		
CISC8803	Financial Reporting	15		
CISC8804	Strategic Management Accounting	15		
CISC8805	Taxation	15		
CISC8806	Audit and Assurance	15	CISC8802 CISC8803	
CISC9045	Research Project	45	CISC8002 or CISC8030	CISC9060 CISC9090 CISC9120

* Specific content of these courses must align with Graduate Capabilities and be approved by the Relevant Academic Authority.

4.6 Requirements for the award of the Master of Applied Practice with a Specialisation in *Technological Futures*

To be awarded the Master of Applied Practice (Technological Futures), a candidate must successfully complete 180 credits, accumulated in the pattern set out in Tables 12 & 13.

Table 12: Study pathways for the Master of Applied Practice (Technological Futures):

Course Level	Option A	Option B
Level 8 core courses	45 credits	
Level 8 Project Plan	15 credits	
Level 8 Project Phase 1	30 credits	75 credits
Level 9 Research Project Phase 2	90 credits	45 credits
Total	180 credits	180 credits

Table 13: Courses for the Master of Applied Practice (Technological Futures)

Course	Course Name	Credits	Pre-
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			requisites
CISC8800	Applied Practice in the Context of Emerging and Disruptive Technologies (Technological Futures)	15	
CISC8881	Research & Community Informed Practice (Technological Futures)	15	
CISC8882	Research Question (Technological Futures)	15	
CISC8888	Project Plan (Technological Futures)	15	CISC8800 CISC8881 CISC8882
Option A:			
CISC8830	30 credit Level 8 Technological Futures Project (phase 1)	30	CISC8888
CISC9890	90 credit Level 9 Technological Futures Project (phase 2)	90	CISC8830
Option B:			
CISC8875	75 credit Level 8 Technological Futures Project (phase 1)	75	CISC8888
CISC9845	45 credit Level 9 Technological Futures Project (phase 2)	45	CISC8875

5. Credit Recognition and Assessment of Prior Learning

Credit recognition for this programme shall be governed by the Generic Master's Regulations.

Candidates wishing to gain credits through recognition of Prior Learning will normally complete the *Review of Learning* course (HUBC8000, 15 credits, level 8) and submit a claim for assessment of prior learning.

The Relevant Academic Authority may award a student credit recognition and/or Assessment of Prior Learning in recognition of successful equivalent study, at the same or a higher level in the context of another programme with the following restrictions:

5.1 Transfer of credits from project-based courses (level 8 Negotiated Study and level 9 project courses)

Unless Section 5.2 applies, Students may apply to transfer project work from any project-based course (level 8 *Negotiated Study* and level 9 project courses) to another with approval of the Relevant Academic Authority. All assessment items of the new course must be met.

5.2 Transfer of credits from courses in the MAP (Technological Futures)

Credits from courses relating to the Technological Futures specialisation cannot be transferred to other specialisations within the Applied Practice suite.

5.3 Transfer from the Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Practice to the Master of Applied Practice

Graduates of the Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Practice may apply to transfer credits of up to a maximum of 90 credits towards the Master of Applied Practice, provided that:

- The period between completing the award of the postgraduate diploma and applying for admission to the master's programme does not exceed five years.
- In order to calculate the registration period required in the assessment of eligibility for the award of honours, the student's registration in the master's degree will be deemed to have commenced at the time of first enrolment in the postgraduate diploma.

In exceptional circumstances the transfer of credits from a postgraduate diploma completed more than three years before applying for admission to the master's degree may be approved.

For postgraduate diploma graduates who are subsequently awarded the degree, Unitec's academic record shall show only the qualification of the Master of Applied Practice (including the relevant *Specialisation*).

5.4 Transfer from the Postgraduate Certificate in Applied Practice to the Master of Applied Practice

Unless Section 5.5 applies, Graduates of the Postgraduate Certificate in Applied Practice may apply to transfer credits of up to a maximum of 45 credits towards the Master of Applied Practice, provided that:

- The period between completing the award of the postgraduate certificate and applying for admission to the master's programme does not exceed three years.
- In order to calculate the registration period required in the assessment of eligibility for the award of honours, the student's registration in the master's degree will be deemed to have commenced at the time of first enrolment in the postgraduate certificate.

In exceptional circumstances the transfer of credits from a postgraduate certificate completed more than three years before applying for admission to the master's degree may be approved.

For postgraduate certificate graduates who are subsequently awarded the degree, Unitec's academic record shall show only the qualification of the Master of Applied Practice.

5.5 Transfer from the Post Graduate Diploma or Certificate in Applied Practice to the Technological Futures specialisation

The Technological Futures specialisation only relates to the Master of Applied Practice. Transfer from the Postgraduate Diploma or Certificate in Applied Practice is not applicable for this specialisation.

5.6 Assessment of Prior Learning through *Review of Learning*

Students may be eligible for credit recognition and/or exemptions from compulsory courses (Tables 2, 5, 7 and 9) following Assessment of Prior Learning (APL) claims or

following successful completion of the *Review of Learning Course*, HUBC8000 (15credits, level 8).

Assessment of Prior Learning / Review of Learning has an additional role. Following approval by the Relevant Academic Authority (and Unitec Policy) students without relevant undergraduate qualification can make a claim in order to demonstrate knowledge and capabilities to enrol in postgraduate study.

7. Assessment

7.1 Assessment basis

All assessment is achievement based using an 11-point grading scale for all strands except the Technological Futures strand.

Course grades will be determined by the mathematical aggregation of weighted assessment grades and reported according to the following scale:

Table 14: Course Grades

Grade	Percentage	Result
A+	90 – 100	Pass
A	85 – 89	Pass
A-	80 – 84	Pass
B+	75 – 79	Pass
B	70 – 74	Pass
B-	65 – 69	Pass
C+	60 – 64	Pass
C	55 – 59	Pass
C-	50 – 54	Pass
D	40 – 49	Fail
E	0 – 39	Fail

For Technological Futures strand, all assessment is achievement based on competency based system Assessment basis.

In Courses in which a competency based Assessment (CBA) system is used, results shall be specified as follows:

Table 15: Competency Based Course Grades

M	Merit pass	Credits Earned
P	Pass	Credits Earned
NC	Not Yet Competent	No Credits Earned

Students may be awarded one of the following grades for a course if they meet the criteria described.

Table 16: Grade Criteria

Grade	Meaning	Criteria
CR	Credit Recognition	The student has applied for and been awarded a credit recognition from another qualification
DEF	Deferred	The course result has been deferred
R	Restricted Pass	The student has been awarded a restricted pass
W	Withdrawn	If a student withdraws from a course after the 10% date of the course is completed and up to or at the 75% date of the course. No credits earned.
DNC	Did Not Complete	The grade DNC (Did Not Complete) is recorded if a student has either withdrawn after 75% of the scheduled Course duration; or not attempted a compulsory item of Assessment within a Course. No credits earned.

8. Commencement

These regulations came into force in Semester 1, 2019.