



# Master of Indigenous Studies



## Where tradition meets transformation

The Master of Indigenous Studies offers a dynamic, future-focused pathway for those committed to understanding and advancing Indigenous knowledge, rights, and development. Grounded in te ao Māori and enriched by global Indigenous perspectives, the programme explores critical issues such as sovereignty, environmental stewardship, language revitalisation, and social justice. Students engage with leading scholars and communities, gaining both theoretical depth and practical insight that can be applied across policy, education, research, and community leadership.

This programme is ideal for graduates, professionals, and changemakers who are passionate about Indigenous advancement and want to make a meaningful impact in Aotearoa and beyond. Whether you're currently working in or wish to work in government, NGOs, education, or iwi organisations, this programme equips you with the cultural competence, analytical skills, and leadership capability to drive positive change in diverse settings.

## Programme highlights

The Master of Indigenous Studies is a 180-point or 120-point taught masters degree, depending on what level of study you have already completed.

In a taught masters, you are guided through each process of the programme: theory, methodology, ethics, literature reviews, critical analysis and comparative research.

The programme takes an interdisciplinary approach to the complex intercultural dynamics of colonial and post-colonial societies, giving you the opportunity to study widely in relevant areas right across the University.



Find out more





# Why study a Master of Indigenous Studies?

## Globally relevant, locally connected

- Gain insights that are applicable both within Aotearoa New Zealand and in Indigenous contexts worldwide.
- Learn alongside leading academics and engage with communities, organisations, and real-world kaupapa.

## Flexible and interdisciplinary learning

- Choose from a diverse range of courses spanning politics, culture, environment, language, and development.
- Tailor your study to align with your interests and career aspirations across multiple sectors.

## Strong focus on impact and leadership

- Build the skills to contribute meaningfully to Indigenous advancement, advocacy, and self-determined development.
- Graduate prepared to lead, influence policy, and support positive change in communities and organisations.

## Pathways to meaningful careers

- Prepare for roles in government, iwi and Māori organisations, NGOs, education, research, and policy.
- Develop cultural competence and analytical expertise valued across a wide range of professions.

## Study with University of Auckland

- Join New Zealand's leading university\* and be part of a vibrant, diverse academic community.
- Benefit from strong student support, world-class research, and connections that extend beyond graduation.



## How to apply

To start your application, go to [auckland.ac.nz/apply](https://auckland.ac.nz/apply)

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## International students

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