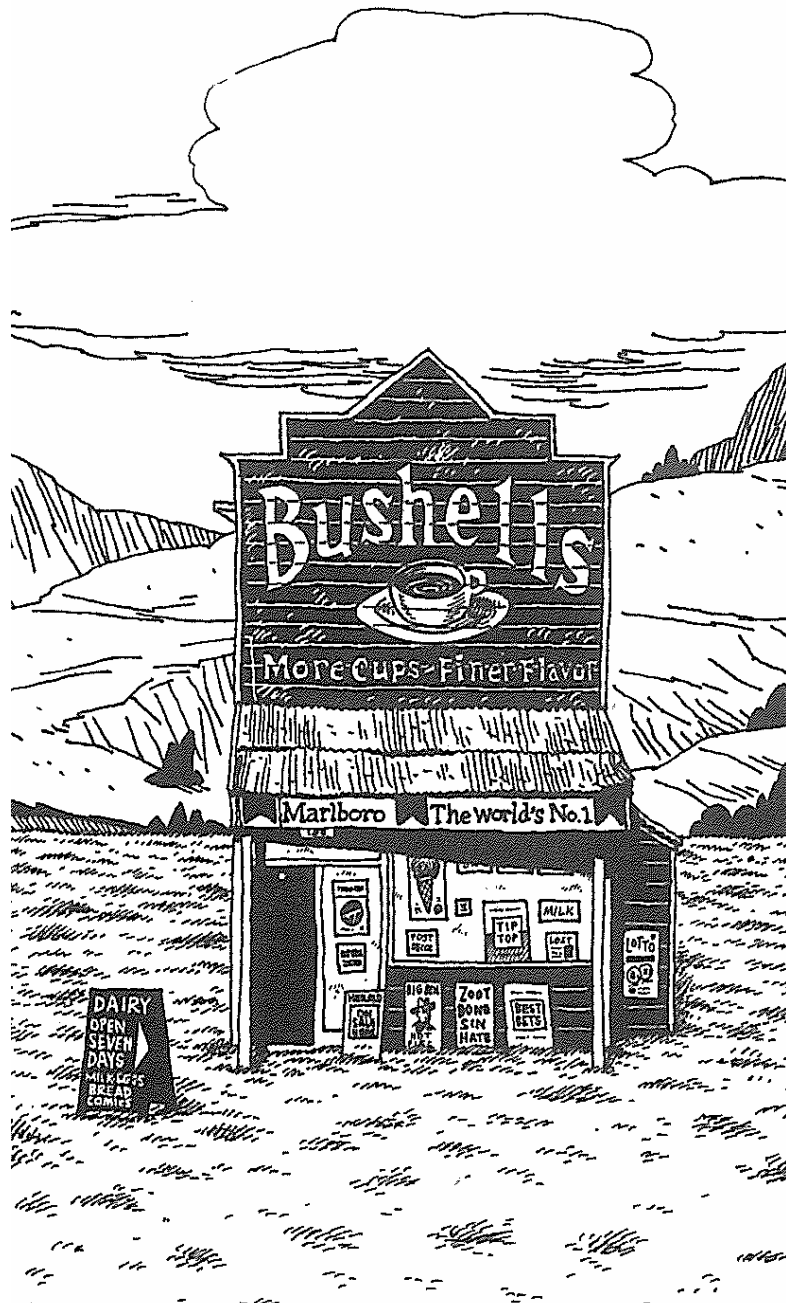


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## **Class sessions**

Lecture: Monday, 3.10pm – 4.00pm, Hunter LT323; Thursday, 3.10pm – 4.00pm, MCLT102; Friday 3.10pm – 4.00pm, Hunter LT323

Restriction: SEFT 101, THEA 112

Weekly tutorials: Tutorials begin on 2<sup>nd</sup> week of trimester; tutorial lists will be posted on School noticeboard (foyer outside HM LT206) and on Blackboard.

Each student attends eleven tutorials. Attendance at eight or more is required. The tutorials are a very important part of your development in the subject, and you should prepare fully for them by reading and being ready to contribute to the discussion.

## **Course Organisation**

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Lecturers: Mark Williams (MW), David O'Donnell (DOD) Alice Te Punga Somerville (ATPS), Bronwyn Tweddle (BT), David Carnegie (DC)

Tutors: Tutors' information will be posted on the Blackboard site.

Guests: Renee  
Makerita Urale  
Ken Duncum

## **Blackboard**

- Updated information about the course, and all handouts etc relating to the course, are posted on the Blackboard site for this course.
- Joining in the discussion about texts and issues on the class blackboard site is encouraged.
- Access to the blackboard site is available through <http://blackboard.vuw.ac.nz/>

## **Aims, Objectives, Content**

Much of the literature and theatre from, or about, Aotearoa New Zealand and the Pacific is concerned with the encounters occurring within and between the region's various cultures. In this course you will learn about the part that written, spoken, and performed narratives play in representing, and even shaping, such encounters.

The course is designed to expose you to a range of concepts relevant to more advanced students in literature and the theatre; it will equip you with an understanding of the cultural and historical contexts of the material you are studying; and it will foster your ability to respond critically to a range of literary and theatrical texts and present your findings in formal assessment tasks.

## **Course Objectives**

By the end of the course you should:

- be familiar with all of the texts studied in the course;
- have developed some sense of the comparative historical and cultural contexts of the range of texts studied;
- be able to read texts critically and discuss your findings in a formal academic essay;
- be responsive to the detail of selected passages of literature and drama and demonstrate your responsiveness in a variety of assessment tasks;
- be familiar with the literary, theatrical, social and political implications of the concept of 'cultural encounters.'

## **Required texts (in order of teaching)**

A selection of texts for the Maoriland and Baxter lectures will be supplied at the first lecture and will also be available on Blackboard.

- Renee. *Jeannie Once*. Wellington: VUP, 1991.
- David Geary. *Lovelock's Dream Run*. Wellington: VUP, 1993.
- Ken Duncum. *Cherish*. Wellington: VUP, 2005.
- Hone Kouka. *Waiora*. Wellington: Huia, 2000.
- Witi Ihimaera. *Bulibasha*. Auckland: Penguin, 1998.
- 'Maori Short Fiction' available from Student Notes
- Makerita Urale. *Frangipani Perfume*. Wellington: Play Press, 2005.

- Karlo Mila. *Dream Fish Floating*. Wellington: Huia, 2005.

### Class sessions

This course is shaped according to a number of broad themes. A discussion of the literature of ‘Maoriland’ followed by a close look at James K. Baxter’s poetry will open our course, because here we find questions about representation and cross-cultural encounters we will be exploring throughout the trimester. We then move onto a variety of more contemporary texts in which cultural encounters are negotiated, contested and celebrated.



week starting	Monday lecture	Thursday lecture	Friday lecture	tutorial topic
9 July	Intro (MW, ATPS and BT)	<i>Maoriland</i> (MW)	Baxter (MW)	no tutorial
16 July	Baxter (MW)	Baxter (MW)	Guest lecture by Renee	Baxter
23 July	<i>Jeannie Once</i> (DC)	<i>Jeannie Once</i> (DC)	<i>Lovelock</i> (BT)	Renee
30 July	Test	<i>Lovelock</i> (DO'D)	<i>Lovelock</i> (DO'D)	<i>Lovelock</i>
6 August	<i>Cherish</i> (DO'D)	<i>Cherish</i> (DO'D)	Guest lecture by Ken Duncum	<i>Cherish</i>
13 August	<i>Waiora</i> (DO'D)	<i>Waiora</i> (DO'D)	<i>Waiora</i> (DO'D)	<i>Waiora</i> /writing focus
	<i>mid-trimester break</i>	<i>mid-trimester break</i>	<i>mid-trimester break</i>	<i>mid-trimester break</i>
3 Sept	<i>Waiora</i> /Ihimaera (ATPS & DOD)	Ihimaera (ATPS)	Ihimaera (ATPS)	Ihimaera
10 Sept	Ihimaera (ATPS)	Maori Short Fiction (MW)	Maori Short Fiction (ATPS)	Maori Short Fiction
17 Sept	Maori Short Fiction (ATPS)	<i>Frangipani Perfume</i> (DOD)	Guest lecture by Makerita Urale	Urale
24 Sept	<i>Frangipani Perfume</i> (ATPS/DOD)	Mila (ATPS)	Mila (ATPS) Essay II due	writing focus

1 Oct	Mila (ATPS)	Mila (ATPS)	Mila (ATPS)	Mila
8 Oct	Guest	debate	wrap up	Exam preparation

**Assessment:**

In order to pass this course, you need to hand in all pieces of written work. Additionally, according to the rules of the School, you also need to attend at least 8 of the *tutorials* in order to pass this course.

For a course at 100-level, it is recommended that you spend *on average* 12 hours per week including class contact hours. Therefore, you should spend about 8 hours of your own time on reading, research and preparation.

All written work must be in an acceptable academic format. A Style checklist is included at the back of this handout and *A Handbook for Students of English Literature* (available online through the SEFTMS website) details an acceptable minimum standard.

The deadlines for term work must be strictly observed. If you need an *extension* beyond the due date of any piece of work, you need to apply to your tutor before the due date, providing supporting documentation if possible. If an extension is granted, work will be marked in the usual way. If an extension is not applied for, or not granted, the final mark will be reduced by one ‘step’ of the grade (eg from A to A- or B- to C+).

Each of these assessments has been designed to focus on a different aspect of the overall objectives of the course.

Assessment	% of final mark	Due date
Test (close reading)	10	30 July (in class)
Essay #1 (theatre focus)	25	31 August (5pm)
Essay #2 (literature focus)	25	28 September (5pm)
Final exam	40	tba

**10% Compulsory In-class Test**

The test will be held on Monday 30 July, during lecture time. You must take the test at this time; make-up tests will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.

**25% Essay #1 (theatre focus)**

Due by 5pm Friday 31 August: place in essay box, 8<sup>th</sup> floor Von Zedlitz.  
Length: 1200-1500 words.

**25% Essay #2 (literature focus)**

Due by 5pm Friday 28 September: place in essay box, 8<sup>th</sup> floor Von Zedlitz.  
Length: 1200-1500 words.

**40% Final examination**

The three-hour exam is made up of three sections: one has a theatre focus, one has a literature focus, and one is comparative.

### **General University policies and statutes**

Students should familiarise themselves with the University's policies and statutes, particularly the Assessment Statute, the Personal Courses of Study Statute, the Statute on Student Conduct and any statutes relating to the particular qualifications being studied; see the Victoria University Calendar available in hard copy or under 'About Victoria' on the VUW home page at [www.vuw.ac.nz](http://www.vuw.ac.nz).

### **Student and staff conduct**

The Statute on Student Conduct together with the Policy on Staff Conduct ensure that members of the University community are able to work, learn, study and participate in the academic and social aspects of the University's life in an atmosphere of safety and respect. The Statute on Student Conduct contains information on what conduct is prohibited and what steps are to be taken if there is a complaint. For information about complaint procedures under the Statute on Student Conduct, contact the Facilitator and Disputes Advisor or refer to the statute on the VUW policy website at:

[www.vuw.ac.nz/policy/studentconduct](http://www.vuw.ac.nz/policy/studentconduct)

The Policy on Staff Conduct can be found on the VUW website at:

[www.vuw.ac.nz/policy/staffconduct](http://www.vuw.ac.nz/policy/staffconduct)

### **Academic grievances**

If you have any academic problems with your course you should talk to the tutor or lecturer concerned; class representatives may be able to help you in this. If you are not satisfied with the result of that meeting, see the Head of School or the relevant Associate Dean; VUWSA Education Coordinators are available to assist in this process. If, after trying the above channels, you are still unsatisfied, formal grievance procedures can be invoked. These are set out in the Academic Grievance Policy which is published on the VUW website at:

[www.vuw.ac.nz/policy/academicgrievances](http://www.vuw.ac.nz/policy/academicgrievances)

### **Academic integrity and plagiarism**

Academic integrity is about honesty – put simply it means *no cheating*. All members of the University community are responsible for upholding academic integrity, which means staff and students are expected to behave honestly, fairly and with respect for others at all times.

Plagiarism is a form of cheating which undermines academic integrity. The University defines plagiarism as follows:

*The presentation of the work of another person or other persons as if it were one's own, whether intended or not. This includes published or unpublished work, material on the Internet and the work of other students or staff.*

It is still plagiarism even if you re-structure the material or present it in your own style or words.

*Note: It is however, perfectly acceptable to include the work of others as long as that is acknowledged by appropriate referencing.*

Plagiarism is prohibited at Victoria and is not worth the risk. Any enrolled student found guilty of plagiarism will be subject to disciplinary procedures under the Statute on Student Conduct and may be penalized severely. Consequences of being found guilty of plagiarism can include:

- an oral or written warning
- cancellation of your mark for an assessment or a fail grade for the course
- suspension from the course or the University.

Find out more about plagiarism, and how to avoid it, on the University's website:

[www.vuw.ac.nz/home/studying/plagiarism.html](http://www.vuw.ac.nz/home/studying/plagiarism.html)

### **Students with Impairments** (see Appendix 3 of the Assessment Handbook)

The University has a policy of reasonable accommodation of the needs of students with disabilities. The policy aims to give students with disabilities the same opportunity as other students to demonstrate their abilities. If you have a disability, impairment or chronic medical condition (temporary, permanent or recurring) that may impact on your ability to participate, learn and/or achieve in lectures and tutorials or in meeting the course requirements, please contact the course coordinator as early in the course as possible. Alternatively, you may wish to approach a Student Adviser from Disability Support Services (DSS) to discuss your individual needs and the available options and support on a confidential basis. DSS are located on Level 1, Robert Stout Building:

telephone: 463-6070

email: [disability@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:disability@vuw.ac.nz)

The name of your School's Disability Liaison Person is in the relevant prospectus or can be obtained from the School Office or DSS.

### **Student Support**

Staff at Victoria want students to have positive learning experiences at the University. Each faculty has a designated staff member who can either help you directly if your academic progress is causing you concern, or quickly put you in contact with someone who can. In the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences the support contact is **Dr Allison Kirkman, Murphy Building, room 407**. Assistance for specific groups is also available from the Kaiwawao Maori, Manaaki Pihipihinga or Victoria International.

In addition, the Student Services Group (email: [student-services@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:student-services@vuw.ac.nz)) is available to provide a variety of support and services. Find out more at:

[www.vuw.ac.nz/st\\_services/](http://www.vuw.ac.nz/st_services/)

VUWSA employs Education Coordinators who deal with academic problems and provide support, advice and advocacy services, as well as organising class representatives and faculty delegates. The Education Office (tel. 463-6983 or 463-6984, email at [education@vuwsa.org.nz](mailto:education@vuwsa.org.nz)) is located on the ground floor, Student Union Building.

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