

Va'aomanū Pasifika
Pacific Studies & Samoan Studies

SAMO 101 INTRODUCTION TO SAMOAN 2009
 Course Outline - Trimester 1

Course Organisation

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Lecture Times:

Aso Gafua	(Monday)	9.00-9.50am	EALT206 *
Aso Lua	(Tuesday)	9.00-9.50am	EALT206 *
Aso Lulu	(Wednesday)	9.00-9.50am	EALT206 *

(* *Easterfield Building – Lecture theatre 206 – Level 2*)

Tutorials:

Aso Lua	(Tuesday)	12.10-1.00pm	6KP*
Aso Lulu	(Wednesday)	1.10-2.00pm	6KP*

(* *6 Kelburn Pde – Seminar Room 102*)

Language Labs:

Aso Gafua	(Monday)	11.00-11.50am	VZ003 *
Aso Tofi	(Thursday)	9.00-9.50am	VZ003 *

(* *Von Zedlitz Building – Rooms 003 011 next to Hugh McKenzie building*)

Trimester dates:

Monday 2 March – First trimester begins
 Friday 10 April – Good Friday – Mid Trimester Break
 Monday 13 & 14 April – Easter Monday & Tuesday (*uni holidays*)
 Monday 27 April – First trimester resumes
Friday 5 June – **First trimester ends** – Lectures cease.
 Monday 8 June – Mid year study break
Friday 12 June – **Mid year Examinations begin**
 Wednesday 1 July – Mid year exams end

SAMOA BA GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES

Critical Thinking

1. Able to appreciate & understand the relationship between the language and culture of fa'asamoa.
2. Able to use skills and knowledge to grow in understanding Samoan society & its place in the modern world.
3. Demonstrates an awareness of the challenges to language and cultural survival in modern diaporic environment.
4. Able to relate knowledge of fa'asamoa to challenges and provide solutions in cross-cultural arenas.

Creative Thinking

1. Demonstrate creative ability to apply ideas and knowledge of fa'asamoa to modern settings.
2. Demonstrate awareness in making creative connections between a Samoan identity and cultural realities within NZ social settings.
3. Demonstrates an appreciation of the value of Samoan oral traditions such as poetry, music and oral arts such as oratory in modern applications.

Communication

1. Demonstrate ability to express self competently and confidently in writing and speaking in the Samoan language in a variety of social settings.
2. Able to use appropriate register of spoken language for appropriate social situations.
3. Able to apply knowledge of fa'asamoa in making considered responses from a Samoan point of view.
4. Ability to critique public attitudes and perceptions from a Samoan perspective.

Leadership

1. Ability to negotiate and mediate between family, community and Samoan society at large.
2. Initiative to conduct and lead in issues of importance affecting Samoan community in relation to wider community in New Zealand and diaspora.
3. Demonstrate responsibility in taking care of the relationships between Samoan and other New Zealanders –*teu le vafealoa'i* (look after the relationships).

Other

1. Ability to make informed decisions that reflect awareness of issues that impact on a smooth and safe transition in New Zealand.

Learning Objectives and Content

The study of the Samoan language can give an insight into Samoan thought and culture, and the material read during the course sheds light on Samoan society. The main focus of this course will be on speaking, reading, writing with emphasis on speaking Samoan. This will be at a basic level at first, but by the time students complete the subsequent language course 101 they will have read and should be able, with a dictionary to understand basic Samoan texts.

This course has two main objectives, and each is of equal importance. Students who pass the course should:

- * have a basic understanding and appreciation of the Samoan language, and some experience of reading Samoan.
- * have the necessary level of competence to take (SAMO 102) in the second half year.

Fa'aaliga/Notices:

Information about the course will be provided in lectures. Notices will also be posted on the Samoan Studies noticeboard at 6 Kelburn Parade.

Lecture attendances

You are required to attend at least 80% of lectures. A class roll will be kept.

Tutorials:

You are required to attend 1 hour of tutorial per week. The minimum attendance for the trimester in order to get terms is **10 tutorials**. Tutorial times will be selected, and lists of groups will be posted outside Room 101 at 6 Kelburn Pde on Friday 6 March 2009. **Tutorials will start on week of 9 March '09.**

Language Labs:

You are required to attend 1 hour of language lab per week. The minimum attendance for the trimester in order to get terms is **10 language labs**. Language Labs times will be selected and lists will be displayed outside Room 101- 6 Kelburn Pde. **Language Lab classes start on the week of 9 March '09.**

Lisi o Tusi Faitau: List of books / required texts

- (a) Language - Gagana Samoa : A Samoan Language
Language Course book - \$ 20.00
By Galumalemana A Hunkin
(available at Samoan Studies – please pay by cash)
- (b) Dictionary - Samoan-English Dictionary - GB Milner \$ 45.95
(available at Victoria Book Centre)
- (c) Course reader/student notes - SAMO101: Introduction to Samoan.
Cost : **tbc**
(available at Student Notes Shop – Student Union)
- (d) Language Laboratory notes - SAMO 101: Language Lab Manual
Cost: **tbc**
(available at Student Notes Shop – Student Union)
- (e) Vocabulary copying

References

- (i) Reference - Books recommended in class.
- (ii) Samoan Basic Readers - Published by Learning Media
(Highly recommended for reading practice) located in the Language Resource Centre Library
– Von Zedlitz building).

Gālua e Mana’omia / Assessments of Course Work

Course work	-	30%
Oral Examination	-	20%
Mafutaga	-	10%
Final written Examination	-	40% (3 hour exam)

(Examination period – 12 June-1st July 2009)

Course Work **30%**

(a) 2 Comprehension Assignments

(i) Monday 16 March - Friday 20 March '09 **2.5%**

(ii) Monday 30 March - Friday 3 April '09 **2.5%**

(b) Structure assignment

Monday 4 May – Friday 8 May '09 **5%**

(c) 1 Vocabulary assignment

(iii) Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May '09 **10%**

(d) In Course Test

(iv) Wednesday 13 May '09 **10%**

This test will take place in the class session. Details of the test will be given out during class.

2 Oral Examination **20%**

An oral examination worth 20% will be given towards the end of the course.

Students must pass this in order to get terms. This will take place on:

Wednesday 20 May 2008. Topics and written preparation required for this examination will be announced in class.

3 Mafutaga / Weekend Language Camp **10%**

All students in Samoan 101 are required to spend one Saturday at a Language camp or Mafutaga. The weekend provides opportunities to gain insight into some of the customs and practices associated with a Samoan environment. Oral skills will receive a major focus during this weekend.

Date: Saturday 2 May 2009 **Venue: tbc** **Cost: \$20.00**

Workload:

In line with faculty recommendations, it is expected that you should devote, on average 12 hours a week to this course. This includes attendance particularly at lectures, tutorials and language laboratory work as well as preparation for classes, assignment preparation and the examinations. In language learning particularly at this level, vocabulary acquisition is a very important component. Learn at least 10 new words a day is a good rule of thumb to start with.

Samoan Radio Broadcasts:

Students are encouraged to listen to radio broadcasts in the Samoan language on the following stations:

1. Samoan Capital Radio (783Am)
Monday - Thursday 7am-1pm
Friday 7am-6pm
2. Wellington Access Radio (783AM)
Tuesday nights 8.00pm-11pm
Friday nights 8.30pm-10pm
3. Niu FM (103.7FM)
Sunday nights 8.00pm – 4.00am (Mon)
Thursday nights 8.00pm – 4.00am (Thurs)
4. Webcasts / on-line
Pasefika Nius - excellent tv news broadcasts in Samoan from SBC can be viewed.
Others can be found by entering LLC website -Samoan resources

Mandatory Course Requirements:

The following requirements must be fulfilled in order for students to complete the course successfully, and be eligible to sit the final written examination.

1. Pass the Oral Examination.
2. Attend at least **10** Oral Tutorial sessions.
3. Attend at least **10** Language Laboratory sessions.
4. Attend the Mafutaga/Weekend Language Camp.
5. Complete the **four** assignments detailed above to a satisfactory standard.
6. Learn at least two Samoan songs.
7. Learn a short grace before meals (at Mafutaga).

Penalties

Assignments handed in after the due date must be accompanied by a medical certificate or other evidence of exceptional circumstances, to be considered for grading. Information on penalty arrangements will be included with detailed instructions for the exercise.

Written assignments should be handed into Va'aomanū Pasifika office at 6KP, or dropped into the assignment box outside the office door by the due date/time. Emailed or faxed assignments will not be accepted except by special arrangement with the lecturer. Late assignments will not be accepted except by special arrangement with the lecturer. If you have special circumstances, you **MUST** request an extension **BEFORE** the assignment is due. Make sure to attach a cover sheet to your assignment. These are found on assignment box outside Room 101.

General University Requirements

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* or go to the Academic Policy and Student Policy sections on:

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy>

This website also provides information for students in a number of areas including Academic Grievances, Student and Staff conduct, Meeting the needs of students with impairments, and student support/VUWSA student advocates.

Academic Integrity and Plagiarism

Academic integrity means that university staff and students, in their teaching and learning are expected to treat others honestly, fairly and with respect at all times. It is not acceptable to mistreat academic, intellectual or creative work that has been done by other people by representing it as your own original work.

Academic integrity is important because it is the core value on which the University's learning, teaching and research activities are based. Victoria University's reputation for academic integrity adds value to your qualification.

The University defines plagiarism as presenting someone else's work as if it were your own, whether you mean to or not. 'Someone else's work' means anything that is not your own idea. Even if it is presented in your own style, you must acknowledge your sources fully and appropriately. This includes:

- Material from books, journals or any other printed source
- The work of other students or staff
- Information from the internet
- Software programs and other electronic material
- Designs and ideas
- The organisation or structuring of any such material

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

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/plagiarism.aspx>

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** and **Dr Stuart Brock, Murphy Building, room 312**. 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) is available to provide a variety of support and services. Find out more at:

www.vuw.ac.nz/st_services/

Manaaki Pihipihinga Programme

This programme offers:

- Academic mentoring for all Māori & Pacific students at all levels of under graduate study for the faculties of Commerce & Administration and Humanities & Social sciences. Contact Manaaki-Pihipihinga-Programme@vuw.ac.nz or phone 463 6015 to register for Humanities & Social Science mentoring and 463 8977 to register for mentoring for Commerce and Administration courses.

Manaaki Pihipihinga is located at: 14 Kelburn Parade, back court yard, Room 109 D (for Humanities mentoring & some first year commerce mentoring) or Room 210 level 2 west wing railway station Pipitea (commerce mentoring space). Māori Studies mentoring is done at the marae.

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) is located on the ground floor, Student Union Building.

Language Learning Centre

The Language Learning Centre (Level 0, Von Zedlitz Building) facilitates independent learning and supports the teaching of languages. The LLC is a friendly and supportive environment where you can immerse yourself in language and culture through access to a variety of multimedia language resources: everything from print, audio, DVDs, comprehensive computer software and access to live satellite TV in several languages. Enjoy the freedom to choose and direct your own learning: you select the materials and activities that you find interesting, which help you meet your needs and suit your learning style. Make time to study at the LLC regularly and you will reap the rewards of higher academic success. Come and visit the centre at any time for advice and assistance, and to study. It is open year-round, with extended hours during university semesters.
