



**FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**  
**VA'AOMANŪ PASIFIKA**  
**PACIFIC STUDIES & SAMOAN STUDIES**

# Course Outline

## **SAMO 101:**

### **INTRODUCTION TO SAMOAN**

#### **CRN 1600: POINTS 20:**

*Trimester dates: 4 March – 3 July 2013*

*Teaching dates: 4 March – 7 June 2013*

*Easter Break: 28 March – 03 April 2013*

*Mid-trimester break: 22 - 28 April 2013*

*Study/Examination period: 10 June – 3 July 2013*

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**Lectures:** MON, TUES & THURS, 9AM – 9.50 AMLT106.

(Alan MacDiarmid Lecture Theatre 106)

**Tutorials:** WED 9am-9.50, FRI 9am-9.50 and FRI 3.10-4pm RM102 6KP

(6 Kelburn Parade)

**Language Labs:** THURS 3.10-4pm VZ011\* FRI 3.10 -4PM VZ011

(\*Von Zedlitz Building – RM011 next to Hugh McKenzie building)

## WITHDRAWAL DATES

Information on withdrawals and refunds may be found at:

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/payments/withdrawalsrefunds>

## COURSE PRESCRIPTION

An introduction to reading, speaking, writing and understanding Samoan with emphasis on spoken language skills.

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

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.

## BA GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES

### ***Critical Thinking***

1. Able to appreciate & understand the relationship between the language and culture of fa'asāmoa.
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 diasporic environment.
4. Able to relate knowledge of fa'asāmoa to challenges and provide solutions in cross-cultural arenas.

### ***Creative Thinking***

1. Demonstrate creative ability to apply ideas and knowledge of fa'asāmoa 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'asāmoa 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.

### **READINGS**

All undergraduate textbooks and student notes will be sold from the Memorial Theatre Foyer from 11 February to 15 March 2013, while postgraduate textbooks and student notes will be available from vicbooks' new store, Ground Floor Easterfield Building, Kelburn Parade. After week two of the trimester all undergraduate textbooks and student notes will be sold from vicbooks, Easterfield Building.

Customers can order textbooks and student notes online at [www.vicbooks.co.nz](http://www.vicbooks.co.nz) or can email an order or enquiry to [enquiries@vicbooks.co.nz](mailto:enquiries@vicbooks.co.nz). Books can be couriered to customers or they can be picked up from nominated collection points at each campus. Customers will be contacted when they are available.

Opening hours are 8.00 am – 6.00 pm, Monday – Friday during term time (closing at 5.00 pm in the holidays). Phone: 463 5515.

- a) Language - Gagana Samoa: A Samoan Language Course book by Galumalemana A Hunkin.
- b) Dictionary - Samoan-English Dictionary - GB Milner.
- c) Student Notes - SAMO101: Introduction to Samoan and Language Lab Manual.

### **COMMUNICATION OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Information about the course will be provided in lectures. Notices will also be posted on the SAMO 101 Blackboard.

## LECTURE ATTENDANCES

Lecture attendance is a mandatory requirement for SAMO 101. Therefore, 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 meet mandatory course requirements is 9 tutorials. Tutorial times will be selected, and lists of groups will be posted outside Room 101 at 6 Kelburn Pde on Friday 8 March 2013. Tutorials will start on week of 11 March 2013.

## LANGUAGE LABS

You are *required to attend 1 hour of language lab per week*. The minimum attendance for the trimester in order to meet mandatory course requirements is 9 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 11 March 2013.

## COURSE WORK

### 1. Course Work 60%

#### a) 2 Comprehension Assignments

Monday 11 March - Friday 15 March 2013 5%

Monday 1 April- Thursday 4 April 2013 5%

#### b) Samoan Language Week at the Library Assessment 10%

Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May 2013

SAMO 101 will be participating in Samoan Language Week @ Victoria University Library week long celebrations. Through participation and observation, your task is to write a writing assessment in gagana Sāmoa of no more than 150 words on the use of gagana Sāmoa at Samoan Language Week events at Victoria University. Emphasis will be focussed on sentence structure, correct use of the macron and glottal stops, and vocabulary. This assessment is due on the **6<sup>th</sup> of June**. Hard copy to be submitted to 6 Kelburn Parade.

#### c) In Course Test

Wednesday 15 May 2013 10%

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

### 2. Oral Test 20%

An oral test will be held towards the end of the course. Students must pass this in order to pass mandatory course requirements. This will take place on: **Wednesday 22 May 2013**. Topics and written preparation required for the test 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. This will take place on: **Saturday 11 May 2013**.

**Final Examination 40%**

A final exam of 3 hours length will be held during the examination period 14 June – 3 July 2013. The exact date and time will be conveyed to students after the trimester break. It is compulsory for you to attend an examination at any time during the examination period.

## **WORKLOAD**

In line with faculty recommendations, it is expected that you should devote, on average 13 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 8pm-11pm  
Friday nights 8.30pm-10pm
3. Niu FM (103.7FM)  
Sunday 8pm–4am  
Thursday 8pm–4am
4. Webcasts/on-line: Pasefika Nius - excellent TV news broadcasts in Samoan from SBC can be viewed.

## LANGUAGE LEARNING CENTRE

The Language Learning Centre is Victoria's technology-rich, multimedia centre supporting independent language learning and teaching.

### ***At the Language Learning Centre you can:***

- study at a time that suits you
- select the materials or activities that you find interesting
- meet your needs: match your level and learning style

Access a variety of multimedia language resources at the LLC: everything from print, audio materials, foreign language TV and DVDs to comprehensive computer software.

The LLC provides access to your digital course material on a server. Drop by the centre to find out more about our services (Level 0 von Zedlitz Building).

## CLASS REPRESENTATIVE

A class representative will be elected in the first class and that person's name and contact details. The class representative provides a communication channel to liaise with the Course Coordinator on behalf of students. *You can find out more information on Class Representatives on the [VUWSA website](#).*

## 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. You are required to attend at least 80% of the lectures. A class roll will be kept.
2. Pass the Oral Test.
3. Attend at least **9** Tutorial sessions.
4. Attend at least **9** Language Laboratory sessions.
5. Attend the Mafutaga/Weekend Language Camp.
6. Complete **ALL** assignments detailed above.

## 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.

### **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>

### **WHERE TO FIND MORE DETAILED INFORMATION**

Find key dates, explanations of grades and other useful information at [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study). Find out how academic progress is monitored and how enrolment can be restricted at [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/academic-progress](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/academic-progress). Most statutes and policies are available at [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy), except qualification statutes, which are available via the *Calendar* webpage at [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/calendar](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/calendar) (See Section C).

Other useful information for students may be found at the Academic Office website, at [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/avcacademic](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/avcacademic).