



**FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**SCHOOL OF SOCIAL AND CULTURAL STUDIES**

**Te Kura Mahinga Tangata**

**Cultural Anthropology**

**ANTH 314**

**SPECIAL TOPIC: KINSHIP**

**20 POINTS**

**TRIMESTER 2 2014**

### **Important dates**

**Trimester dates:** 14 July to 16 November 2014

**Teaching dates:** 14 July to 17 October 2014

**Mid-trimester break:** 25 August to 7 September 2014

**Study week:** 20–24 October 2014

**Examination/Assessment Period:** 24 October to 15 November 2014

Note: students who enrol in courses with examinations must be able to attend an examination at the University at any time during the scheduled examination period.

**Withdrawal dates:** Refer to [www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/withdrawals-refunds](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/withdrawals-refunds). If you cannot complete an assignment or sit a test or examination, refer to [www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats).

## Class times and locations

<b>Lectures:</b>	Monday 4:10-5:00pm	HMLT002
	Wednesday 4:10-5:00pm	HULT119
<b>Tutorials:</b>	Monday 2:10-3:00pm	KP24/101
	Wednesday 2:10-3:00pm	KP24/101

**Please sign up for a tutorial on S-Cubed.**

## Names and contact details

**Course Coordinator:** Dr Hal Levine  
Level 10, Murphy Building, MY1023  
Tel 463 6132  
Email: [hal.levine@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:hal.levine@vuw.ac.nz)

**Office hours:** Monday and Wednesday 1:00-2:00pm  
or by appointment

## Communication of additional information

Any additional course information will be posted on Blackboard. You will automatically receive all Blackboard announcements as an email sent to your @myvuw.ac.nz email address. If you are not going to use this Victoria email address set up for you, we strongly encourage you to forward messages received from the Victoria email system to the email address you do use.

## Prescription

This course will examine kinship as viewed by anthropologists. It is a subject that was seen as essential, then largely neglected, and now is increasingly seen as important to our understanding of human society and culture.

## Course learning objectives (CLOs)

Students who pass this course should be able to:

1. Identify and demonstrate the importance of kinship in the societies studied by anthropologists,
2. Critically analyse the relationship between culture and biology in kinship, and
3. Describe anthropological research methods in the context of their relationship with kinship.

## Teaching format

This course will use lectures (two per week) and tutorials (nine in total), supplemented by Blackboard.

## Mandatory course requirements

In addition to achieving an overall pass mark of 50%, students must:

1. Submit the Ethnographic Project,
2. Hand in the essay,
3. Sit the final examination, and
4. Attend at least 75% of lectures (attendance will be recorded).

Reasons for acceptable absence from lectures and tutorials (for which minimum attendance in lectures and tutorials will be waived): sickness, with doctor's certificate; bereavement, with

death/funeral notice from newspaper; other difficulties, with supporting documentation from a counsellor or another medical professional.

## Workload

In line with university guidelines you should devote 13 hours per week to this course; this includes 2 lecture hours and 1 hour of tutorial time. The other 10 hours will be made up by reading and essay preparation and writing. The expectations are that students will work 10 hours per point, therefore a 20-point course equates to 200 hours over the trimester. This includes scheduled contact time, individual or group study, and work on assessment tasks.

## Assessment

Assessment items and workload per item	%	CLO(s)	Due date
1 Ethnographic Project	30%	1, 2, 3	4pm, Monday 18 August
2 Essay (2,500 words)	30%	1, 2, 3	4pm, Monday 15 September
3 Final examination (2 hours)	40%	1, 2, 3	Date to be advised

More information about assessment items will be given in lectures or on Blackboard.

## Submission and return of work

Submit a paper copy to the Assignment Box at the SACS Administration Office, Level 9, Murphy Building (to the side of the lifts), by 4pm on the due date. Your essay **MUST NOT** be placed in individual staff pigeonholes, or under staff office doors, or handed to lecturers or tutors. The Assignment Box is cleared at 4pm every day. All work is date-stamped, recorded and then handed to the appropriate markers.

Marked assignments not collected in lectures or tutorials can be collected at the Murphy 9th floor reception desk, between **2.00 and 4.00 pm only from Monday to Friday**.

## Extensions and penalties

### Extensions

Extensions are possible if you are having serious difficulties in completing your work. You must contact the course coordinator before the due date if you think you will need an extension. Please note that you might be asked for written justification, e.g., a medical certificate, death notice, or letter from a counsellor.

### Penalties

Penalties will apply for lateness in presenting assignments. 5% will be deducted from the piece of work per day counting that piece of work as 100%. This penalty will only be waived by the presentation of a medical certificate or other evidence of incapacity.

Assessment work will not be accepted for marking or for receiving comments more than seven days after the due date or seven days after an approved extension date. To meet mandatory course requirements work must still be submitted.

## Set texts

The set text for this course is a prepared book of Student Notes from vicbooks. You can order textbooks and student notes online at [www.vicbooks.co.nz](http://www.vicbooks.co.nz) or visit vicbooks, ground floor Easterfield Building, Kelburn Campus.

Some additional readings will be placed on Blackboard.

## Recommended reading

- Godelier, Maurice. 2004. *The Metamorphoses of Kinship*, Verso 2011, (ISBN 978-1-84467-746-7).
- Fox, Robin. 1967. *Kinship and Marriage: an Anthropological Perspective*, Penguin books (ISBN 978-0-52127-823-2).
- Sahlins, Marshall. 2011. What kinship is (part one), *JRAI* 17, pp. 2-19 (ISSN 1359-0987).
- Sahlins, Marshall. 2011. What kinship is (part two), *JRAI* 17, pp. 227-242. (ISSN 1359-0987).

## Class representative

The class representative provides a useful way to communicate feedback to the teaching staff during the course. A class representative will be selected at the first lecture of the course. Students may like to write the Class Rep's name and details in this box:

Class Rep name and contact details:
-------------------------------------

## Student feedback

You will have an opportunity to provide feedback on this course. Student feedback on University courses may be found at [www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/feedback/feedback\\_display.php](http://www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/feedback/feedback_display.php).

## Other important information

The information above is specific to this course. There is other important information that students must familiarise themselves with, including:

- Academic Integrity and Plagiarism: [www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/integrity-plagiarism](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/integrity-plagiarism)
- Aegrotats: [www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats)
- Academic Progress: [www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/academic-progress](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/academic-progress) (including restrictions and non-engagement)
- Dates and deadlines: [www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/dates](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/dates)
- FHSS Student and Academic Services Office: [www.victoria.ac.nz/fhss/student-admin](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/fhss/student-admin)
- Grades: [www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/grades](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/grades)
- Resolving academic issues: [www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/dvc-academic/publications](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/dvc-academic/publications)
- Special passes: [www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/dvc-academic/publications](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/dvc-academic/publications)
- Statutes and policies including the Student Conduct Statute: [www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/strategy](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/strategy)
- Student support: [www.victoria.ac.nz/students/support](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/students/support)
- Students with disabilities: [www.victoria.ac.nz/st\\_services/disability](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/disability)
- Student Charter: [www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/student-charter](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/student-charter)
- Student Contract: [www.victoria.ac.nz/study/apply-enrol/terms-conditions/student-contract](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/study/apply-enrol/terms-conditions/student-contract)
- Subject Librarians: <http://library.victoria.ac.nz/library-v2/find-your-subject-librarian>
- Turnitin: [www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/wiki/index.php/Turnitin](http://www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/wiki/index.php/Turnitin)
- University structure: [www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/structure](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/structure)
- Victoria graduate profile: [www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/graduate-profile](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/graduate-profile)
- VUWSA: [www.vuwsa.org.nz](http://www.vuwsa.org.nz)

## School Contact Information

Head of School: Dr Allison Kirkman, MY1013  
Phone: 463 5676, Email: [allison.kirkman@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:allison.kirkman@vuw.ac.nz)

International Student Liaison: Dr Hal Levine, MY1023  
Phone: 463 6132, Email: [hal.levine@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:hal.levine@vuw.ac.nz)

Maori and Pacific Student Liaison: Dr Trevor Bradley, MY1101  
Phone: 463 5432, Email: [trevor.bradley@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:trevor.bradley@vuw.ac.nz)

Students with Disabilities Liaison: Dr Russil Durrant, MY1120  
Phone: 463 9980, Email: [russil.durrant@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:russil.durrant@vuw.ac.nz)

School Manager: La'Chelle Pretorius, MY918  
Phone: 463 6546, Email: [lachelle.pretorius@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:lachelle.pretorius@vuw.ac.nz)

School Administrators: Suzanne Weaver, Heather Day, Alison Melling, MY921,  
Phone: 463 5317; 463 5258; 463 5677  
Email: [sacs@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:sacs@vuw.ac.nz)

School of Social and Cultural Studies: [www.victoria.ac.nz/sacs/](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/sacs/)