



FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

SCHOOL OF HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

PHILOSOPHY PROGRAMME PHIL 309: Special Topic: Popular Art 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

Last assessment item due: 17 October.

Withdrawal dates: Refer to 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.

Class times and locations

Lectures: Mondays 11-12.50pm **HMLT001**
Wednesdays 11-12.50pm **EALT206**

Please note that the class meets at the same time, but in different rooms!

Names and contact details

Course Coordinator: Sondra Bacharach
Room No: Murphy 711
Phone: 463-5178
Email: Sondra.bacharach@vuw.ac.nz
Office hours: by appointment (I am usually around every day of trimester between 10.00 am – 2.00 pm)

Communication of additional information

This course uses Blackboard and presumes that all enrolled students have valid myvuw.ac.nz addresses. Please check that this account is active and you have organised email forwarding. Additional information and any changes to the timetable or lecture and seminar programme will be advised by email, announced in lectures, and posted on the course Blackboard site.

Prescription

This course presents a series of contemporary philosophical controversies and questions raised by popular art and culture. Case studies may include colourisation, comics and sentimental art. Students will be able to explain and evaluate the theories and the controversies to which they have been introduced.

Course content

See *Schedule in Blackboard*

Course learning objectives (CLOs)

Students who pass this course will be able to:

1. integrate disciplinary knowledge and skills developed at 200 level in the field of philosophy of popular culture
2. articulate original and useful philosophical theses or provide original arguments in support of contentious philosophical theses
3. engage in original and ethical research in philosophy under close supervision*

Teaching format

PHIL 309 is taught in two 100-minute lectures per week. A Lecture Programme will be posted on Blackboard.

Mandatory course requirements

Students must achieve an overall pass mark of 50%.

Workload

This course has been designed on the assumption that students will devote approximately 200 hours to it throughout the trimester. This is an average of 14 hours per week across the 14 weeks of trimester. This includes attendance at 2 lectures each week. The remainder of your time will need to be shared between lecture preparation and making progress on assignments.

- Essays and other written assignments may require enough time for location, retrieval and reading of a range of sources. Note-taking, planning, drafting and editing the draft will all be necessary before writing up a final version.

Assessment

Assessment items and workload per item		%	CLO(s)	Due date
1	3 short in-class assessments (3 x 45min) (10% each)	30%	1	6 August 10 September 8 October
2	Short application essay (500 words) from weeks 1-3	10%	2, 3	Friday 15 August
3	Short critical essay (500 words) from weeks 4-6	10%	2, 3	Friday 5 September

4	Argumentative Essay (2000 words) from weeks 8-10 due in week 12 a) iterated and scaffolded writing assignment: abstract (250 words) 7% b) iterated and scaffolded writing assignment: outline (500 words) 7% c) iterated and scaffolded assignment: response to feedback (500 words): 7% d) final essay: 2000 words: 29%	50%	2, 3	a) Friday 22 August b) Friday 12 Sept c) Friday 26 September d) Friday 17 October
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Submission and return of work

Essays should be submitted in hard copy through the School Office essay drop-off point, Murphy Building (MY518) and electronically through Blackboard, together with completed cover sheet available on Blackboard or from the office by **17 October at NOON**. Marked essays will be available from the School Office Murphy (MY518), between 2.00-3.00 pm Monday-Friday.

Extensions and penalties

Extensions

Extensions can be granted only with the prior approval of the course coordinator, and only in exceptional circumstances. Having lots of other assignments due around the same time is no excuse; plan ahead. If granted an extension, students must agree to a new due date. Contact Sondra Bacharach as soon as a problem emerges. There will be no make-ups for missed quizzes.

Penalties

Late submission of research essays and proposals will **not be accepted** unless the student makes an appointment as soon as practically possible with the course coordinator to explain the lateness (ideally before the deadline for submission of the assessment task). The circumstances under which an extension will be considered are outlined in section 3.2.1 of the Assessment Handbook. (see: www.victoria.ac.nz/documents/policy/staff-policy/assessment-handbook.pdf).

Set texts

Please see the PHIL 209/309 Course Book available from Vicbooks. See www.vicbooks.co.nz for details.

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. Their details will also be posted on Blackboard.

Class Rep name and contact details:

Student feedback

Changes made to this course, based on student feedback, will be covered during the course.

Student feedback on University courses may be found at 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
- Aegrotats: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats
- Academic Progress: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/academic-progress (including restrictions and non-engagement)
- Dates and deadlines: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/dates
- FHSS Student and Academic Services Office: www.victoria.ac.nz/fhss/student-admin
- Grades: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/grades
- Resolving academic issues: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/dvc-academic/publications
- Special passes: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/dvc-academic/publications
- Statutes and policies including the Student Conduct Statute: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/strategy
- Student support: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/support
- Students with disabilities: www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/disability
- Student Charter: www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/student-charter
- Student Contract: 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
- University structure: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/structure
- Victoria graduate profile: www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/graduate-profile
- VUWSA: www.vuwsa.org.nz