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FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

SCHOOL OF HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

PHILOSOPHY PROGRAMME
PHIL 412: READINGS IN HISTORICAL AND CONTEMPORARY PHILOSOPHY
30 POINTS

TRIMESTER 1 2014

Important Dates
Trimester dates: 3 March to 2 July 2014
Teaching dates: 3 March to 6 June 2014
Mid-trimester break: 18 April to 4 May 2014.
Study week: 9 – 13 June 2014
Examination/Assessment Period: 13 June to 2 July 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. If you cannot complete an assignment or sit a test or examination, refer to the following webpage www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats.

Class times and locations
These are agreed upon by each student and nominated staff member together. Meetings ideally occur every week.

Names and contact details
For the contact details of the nominated staff member please see the Programme website: www.victoria.ac.nz/hppi/about/staff#Phil. Cei Maslen is the current Coordinator of Graduate Studies (CGS), extn. 6524, email: cei.maslen@vuw.ac.nz.

Course prescription
This course is offered as a supervised reading course. Each student admitted follows a personal syllabus of reading and writing under the supervision of a nominated staff member.

Course content

The student and nominated supervisor agree upon the topic and syllabus of the course in the first meetings.

Learning objectives

Students who pass this course should be able to:

- master their particular choice of topic,
- defend a coherent position with regard to their chosen topic,
- be familiar with the major writings in the contemporary literature about their topic.

Graduate attributes

As with all Philosophy courses, learning objectives of this course contribute to the attainment of specific attributes in the areas of logical and critical thinking, conceptual analysis and rational and ethical decision-making. For more details please consult our website:
www.victoria.ac.nz/hppi/about/overview-of-the-school/phil-overview#grad-attributes

Teaching format

This course will involve regular meetings with the nominated staff member, at times to be arranged, ideally every week. Attendance in lectures of a relevant 300-level philosophy course may also be required.

Mandatory course requirements

There are no mandatory course requirements for PHIL 412.

Workload

In accordance with University guidelines, students will nominally devote 300 hours to the course throughout the trimester. This includes attending meetings with supervisor, readings, essay preparation and revision. Notional assignments of completion times appear below (which excludes the times required for attendance at seminars, reading for class and preparation for presentations):

Meetings: 10 hours

Readings and preparation for meetings: 110

Writing and revising essay 1: 90 hours

Writing and revising essay 2: 90 hours

Assessment

Assessment Item	Weighting	CLOs	Due Date
Essay 1 (5,000-6,000 words)	50%	1, 2, 3	April 14
Essay 2 (5,000-6,000 words)	50%	1, 2, 3	June 16

Each essay will be evaluated against the following criteria:

1. succinctness, clarity and precision of expression,
2. originality of thesis,
3. soundness of argument,
4. understanding and survey of related literature.

Submission and return of work

All essays must be submitted in two ways. A copy of the essay must first be submitted digitally via blackboard. Make sure you save your file as a Microsoft Word document. The title of your file should follow the following format: last name, underscore, first name, underscore, essay number, dot, docx (for example: smith_john_5.docx). A hard copy of the essay must then be submitted to one of the school administrators located in MY518. Indicative grades and comments will be posted on blackboard.

Please ensure that all essays have page numbers.

Extensions and Penalties

Extensions

- All extensions must be obtained directly from the Co-ordinator of Graduate Studies. In 2014 this is Cei Maslen, MY 707, Cei.Maslen@vuw.ac.nz.
- All extensions must be obtained prior to the deadline for submission of the assessment task unless unforeseeable circumstances prevent this.
- Short extensions of up to 3 days will be automatically granted to any student who requests it with an email prior to the scheduled deadline.
- Longer extensions need to be negotiated and require justification and supporting evidence.
- Any work submitted late without an extension having been obtained is subject to penalties (see below).

Penalties

Late essays submitted without extensions having been obtained will receive a penalty of 5 points per day late. No essay will be accepted after 2 July.

Set texts

A reading will be decided on by the student in conjunction with the student's supervisor during the first few weeks of trimester in (or by) the first class of each module.

Class representative

There can be no class representatives in a class of one. Please contact the Co-ordinator of Graduate Studies in cases of problems.

Student feedback

PHIL 412 has not been formally evaluated in recent years.

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 (see below for further details)
- Aegrotats: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats
- Academic Progress: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/academic-progess (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/resources/subjectcontacts.html
- Turnitin: www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/wiki/index.php/Turnitin
- University structure: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/structure
- VUWSA: www.vuwsa.org.nz