



FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

VA'AOMANŪ PASIFIKA

SAMOAN STUDIES SAMO 201: GAGANA SAMOA 2A 20 POINTS

TRIMESTER 1 2014

Important dates

Trimester dates: 3 March to 2 July 2014

Teaching dates: 3 March to 6 June 2014

Easter/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 www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats.

Class times and locations

Lectures: Mon, Wed 9am-9:50 KK202 (New Kirk Building) and Fri: 9am – 9.50am, MY806 (Murphy Building)

Tutorials: RM102, 6KP (6 Kelburn Parade)

Laboratory: Wednesday 10am – 10:50 LLC (Murphy building ground floor)

Names and contact details

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Communication of additional information

Any additional information or changes will be conveyed via class noticeboards located at 6 Kelburn Parade, Blackboard, and/or emails to students. 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 set a forward from the Victoria email system to the email address you do use.

Prescription

A course which concentrates on developing oral and written skills in the Samoan language. Emphasis on oral performance will be stressed in this course.

Course learning objectives (CLOs)

This course has three main objectives, and each is of equal importance. Students who pass this course should be able to:

1. Have a good understanding and command of everyday spoken and written Samoan.
2. Have a basic understanding of formal speechmaking.
3. Have the necessary level of competence to take SAMO 202.

Teaching format

Gagana Sāmoa 2A concentrates on developing oral, written and reading skills in the Samoan language. Special emphasis on *oral performance* will be stressed in this course.

The course will be organised into 3 x 1 hour lectures per week, 1 hour of tutorials and 1 hour of language laboratory per week. This is organised thus:

1. 3 lectures per week will consist of:
 - 2 x 1 hour lectures on the advanced study of the language
 - 1 x 1 hour lecture on oral Samoan language literature
2. 1 x 1 hour tutorial per week with focus on oral practise and communication
3. 1 x 1 hour language laboratory for practising oral work.

The Samoan Studies Programme works together with the Victoria University of Wellington Samoan Students' Association and Samoan Language Week in the promotion of Samoan language and culture. This year SAMO 201 students will be given the option of doing an oral performance presentation assessment for either of these as part of their in-course assessment.

Mandatory course requirements

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

- Attend at least 80% of lectures;
- Sit the two Oral Tests, and one Written Test
- Complete the written assignment;
- Present the Seminar and Oral Review;
- Attend at least 8 Tutorial sessions;
- Attend at least 8 Language Laboratory sessions;
- Sit the final exam.

Workload

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.

Course Assessment

The course's assessment is divided into internal assessment and a final examination.

Assessment items and workload per item	%	CLO(s)	Due Date/Time spent to prepare
1 1 st Oral Review	10%	1, 2	weeks 5, 6, 7 (approx. 10 hrs)
2 1 st Oral Test, 4-5 minutes	5%	1, 2	week 4 (approx. 8hrs)
3 Written Test	10%	1, 2, 3	week 6 (approx. 10hrs)
4 Seminar, max 5 minutes	10%	1, 2, 3	week 7 (approx. 10hrs)
5 Written assignment, 1000 words	10%	1, 2, 3	Fri 16 May (approx. 15hrs)
6 2 nd Oral Test, 4-5 minutes	15%	1, 2, 3	Fri 30 May (approx. 10hrs)
7 Final examination, 3 hours	40%	1, 2, 3	13 June to 2 July (approx. 20hrs)

BREAKDOWN OF COURSE WORK

(A) Oral Review (10%)

An oral review of a selected piece of spoken text chosen from a radio broadcast. Details will be given out in first week of lectures and loaded on Blackboard. The individual reviews will be presented at selected tutorial times during weeks 5, 6, 7 of trimester.

(B) First Oral Test (5%)

To be held Week 4. This test will be about 4-5 minutes long and will require you to speak on a selected topic covered in class. You will also answer two spoken questions that will be based on the topic of your speech. Details will be given out in first week of class and loaded on Blackboard.

(C) Written Test (10%)

This 50 minute class test will take place on Week 6 during class time. Content to be covered in the test will include all materials covered between Weeks 1-5.

(D) Seminar (10%)

Present a seminar in the Samoan language based on a reading selected from the list of readings posted on Blackboard. Copies of these readings will be available either on Blackboard or in course reserve in the library.

Seminars will take place during Week 7. It will be no more than 5 minutes long. Details will be given out in Week 2 of trimester and loaded on Blackboard.

(E) Written Assignment (10%)

A written assignment of 1000 words is to be handed in by 4pm Friday, 16th May. This assignment will be written bilingually. Topic and details will be given out in Week 4 of class and loaded on Blackboard.

(F) Second Oral Speech (15%)

The oral test will be 4-5 minutes long and will be performed at either at a VUW Samoan Language Week Event or at a VUW Samoan Students' Association Event between 26 May and 3 June. You will select a piece of spoken text and work on analysing, memorising and reciting it. The focus of

the text will need to be on a topic area covered in class. Any further details regarding this assignment will be given out in class and loaded on Blackboard.

Final Written Examination 40% in total

A three hour exam will be held during the examination period

The following will be tested in the exam:

1. Your understanding of grammar and vocabulary (everyday and formal)
2. Your understanding of formal Samoan language idioms through process of translating Samoan passages from Samoan to English, English to Samoan
3. Your understanding of basic ideas of formal speech making
4. Your understanding of the cultural and social nuances of spoken Samoan

LECTURES

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

TUTORIALS

You are required to attend **1 hour of tutorial per week**. You are required to attend a minimum of **8 tutorials out of 10** for the trimester. Tutorials will start in the second week of classes.

LANGUAGE LABS

This is an important part of the programme in which students are expected to attend every session. A minimum of **8 out of 10 sessions** is required in order to satisfy course requirements. Each session is one hour. Language labs start in the second week of the trimester.

Submission and return of work

Written assignments are not to be submitted in hardcopy, but in electronic format only. Electronic assignments are submitted as a MS Word file through Blackboard. How to name your file and instructions for uploading your electronic assignment can be found on Blackboard in the "Assignments" section. Your mark and marked assignment with feedback will be found on Blackboard in the same section.

Grade and feedback comments for oral speech test and performance will also be entered on Blackboard within two weeks of the presentation.

Extensions and penalties

Late submissions for student assignments in all Samoan Studies and Pacific Studies undergraduate courses are subject to a penalty, except when accompanied by a medical certificate or evidence of other exceptional circumstances. The exact deduction will be calculated on the basis of one half mark per day late.

Assignments submitted more than seven days after a due date or authorized extension will still be accepted in order to meet mandatory course requirements, but will not be marked. For more information about circumstances warranting extensions, refer to the section on extensions in the Victoria University Assessment Handbook.

Set texts

All reading material related to this course will be available on the course Blackboard site or in course reserve in the library.

Recommended reading

A list of recommended readings will be posted on Blackboard.

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

Student feedback on University courses may be found at www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/feedback/feedback_display.php. You will have an opportunity in the formal evaluation of this course. Formal and informal student feedback on SAMO 201 has resulted in many improvements to the course.

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/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