

Victoria University of Wellington



**MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY PROGRAMME**

**MAPP 567, MAPP 568**

**APPROVED PERSONAL COURSE OF STUDY**

**(15 points)**

**2005 COURSE OUTLINE**

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**Dates, Times and Locations**

As agreed by the convenor and candidate. The course will be of 12-weeks duration and can be undertaken during Trimester 1, 2 or the summer trimester.

## **Course Objectives**

By the completion of this course, the candidate will have:

- Acquired a knowledge of a significant conceptual or applied issue in public policy that is not otherwise covered in the existing MPP programme.
- Acquired the ability to identify and explicate such an issue, identify appropriate and relevant learning outcomes and, in collaboration with the convenor, pursued a course of study that achieves those learning outcomes.

## **Readings**

As agreed by convenor and candidate, depending on the learning outcomes identified by the candidate and convenor, the nature of the study programme and the learning style of the candidate, as agreed by the candidate and convenor.

## **Course Structure**

The course structure will depend on the learning outcomes identified by the candidate and convenor, the nature of the study programme and the learning style of the candidate, as agreed by the candidate and convenor before the course commences. In order to ensure adequate and appropriate supervision of the study programme and achievement of the learning objectives, the convenor will meet regularly with the candidate according to an agreed schedule (.e.g. fortnightly).

## **Assessment**

Minimum of 5000 words written assessment, usually in the form of essay(s). This may be in the form of one 5000 word essay or two 2,500 word essays (or any other combination) depending on the learning outcomes identified by the candidate and convenor, the nature of the study programme and the learning style of the candidate, as agreed by the candidate and convenor before the course commences.

## General University policies and statutes

Students should familiarise themselves with the University's policies and statutes, particularly those regarding assessment and course of study requirements, and formal academic grievance procedures.

### Student and Staff Conduct

The Statute on Student Conduct together with the Policy on Staff Conduct ensure that members of the University community are able to work, learn, study and participate in the academic and social aspects of the University's life in an atmosphere of safety and respect. The Statute on Student Conduct contains information on what conduct is prohibited and what steps can be taken if there is a complaint. For queries about complaint procedures under the Statute on Student Conduct, contact the Facilitator and Disputes Advisor. This Statute is available in the Faculty Student Administration Office or on the VUW website at: [www.vuw.ac.nz/policy/studentconduct](http://www.vuw.ac.nz/policy/studentconduct).

The policy on Staff Conduct can be found on the VUW website at: [www.vuw.ac.nz/policy/staffconduct](http://www.vuw.ac.nz/policy/staffconduct).

### Academic Grievances

If you have any academic problems with your course you should talk to the tutor or lecturer concerned or, if you are not satisfied with the result of that meeting, see the Head of School or the Associate Dean of your Faculty. Class representatives are available to assist you with this process. If, after trying the above channels, you are still unsatisfied, formal grievance procedures can be invoked. These are set out in the Academic Grievances Policy, which is published on the VUW website: [www.vuw.ac.nz/policy/academicgrievances](http://www.vuw.ac.nz/policy/academicgrievances).

### Academic Integrity and Plagiarism

Academic integrity is about honesty – put simply it means **no cheating**. All members of the University community are responsible for upholding academic integrity, which means staff and students are expected to behave honestly, fairly and with respect for others at all times.

Plagiarism is a form of cheating which undermines academic integrity. Plagiarism is **prohibited** at Victoria.

The University defines plagiarism as follows:

*Plagiarism is 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. It includes material from books, journals or any other printed source, the work of other students and staff, information from the Internet, software programs and other electronic material, designs and ideas. It also includes the organisation or structuring of any such materials.

***Plagiarism is not worth the risk.***

Any enrolled student found guilty of plagiarism will be subject to disciplinary procedures under the Statute on Student Conduct ([www.vuw.ac.nz/policy/studentconduct](http://www.vuw.ac.nz/policy/studentconduct)) and may be penalised severely. Consequences of being found guilty of plagiarism can include:

- an oral or written warning,
- suspension from class or university,
- cancellation of your mark for an assessment or a fail grade for the course.

Find out more about plagiarism, and how to avoid it, on the University’s website at: [www.vuw.ac.nz/home/studying/plagiarism.html](http://www.vuw.ac.nz/home/studying/plagiarism.html).

## **Students with Disabilities**

The University has a policy of reasonable accommodation of the needs of students with disabilities. The policy aims to give students with disabilities an equal opportunity with all other students to demonstrate their abilities. If you have a disability, impairment or chronic medical condition (temporary, permanent or recurring) that may impact on your ability to participate, learn and/or achieve in lectures and tutorials or in meeting the course requirements, then please contact the Course Coordinator as early in the course as possible. Alternatively you may wish to approach a Student Adviser from Disability Support Services to confidentially discuss your individual needs and the options and support that are available.

Disability Support Services are located on Level 1, Robert Stout Building, Telephone: (04) 463 - 6070, Email: [disability@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:disability@vuw.ac.nz).

The name of your School’s Disability Liaison Person is in the relevant prospectus or can be obtained from the Administrative Assistant.

## Student Support

Staff at Victoria want students' learning experiences at the University to be positive. If your academic progress is causing you concern, the following staff members will either help you directly or quickly put you in contact with someone who can.

	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Location</u>
FHSS	Ann McDonald	Student Support Coordinator, 2 Wai - te - ata Road
Law	Kirstin Harvey	Old Government Building, room 103
Science, and Architecture and Design	Liz Richardson	Cotton Building, room 150
Commerce and Administration	Colin Jeffcoat	Railway West Wing, room 119
Kaiwawao Maori	Liz Rawhiti	Old Kirk Building, room 007
Manaaki Pihipihinga	Melissa Dunlop	14 Kelburn Parade, room 109D
Victoria International	Anne Cronin	10 Kelburn Parade, room 202

The Student Services Group is also available to provide a variety of support and services. Find out more at: [www.vuw.ac.nz/st\\_services/](http://www.vuw.ac.nz/st_services/) Email [student-services@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:student-services@vuw.ac.nz).

VUWSA employs two Education Co-ordinators who deal with academic problems and provide support, advice and advocacy services, as well as organising class representatives and faculty delegates. The Education Office is located on the ground floor, Student Union Building, Telephone: (04) 463 - 6983 or (04) 463 - 6984, Email [education@vuwsa.org.nz](mailto:education@vuwsa.org.nz).