

School of Government

MAPP 568

APPROVED PERSONAL COURSE OF STUDY:

BRUCE BURSON

(15 Points)

Trimester Two 2007

COURSE OUTLINE

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Course Objectives

By the end of the Course, the candidate should have:

- Demonstrated the ability, at a high academic standard, to design and conduct an investigation that contributes to understanding of a contemporary public policy and/or public management issue
- Developed an in-depth understanding of a body of theoretical or conceptual material and/or its applicability in a public sector arena
- Acquired skills in the fresh and critical examination of public sector issues
- Become well-informed in the subject areas investigated for the paper.

Course Content

This is an independent research course designed to provide an opportunity to explore issues pertaining to principles of justice and other relevant principles for international collaboration on climate change mitigation. A particular focus of the course is on the issue of how the burden of reducing greenhouse gas emissions should be shared between developed and developing countries, and, more specifically, between the nearly 40 countries that make up the developed world.

Learning Commitment

The workload will be similar in amount to other 15 point MPP courses. It will include completion of an essay of around 7,500 words and background reading of a kind appropriate to a course of this nature.

Readings

There is no set text for the course. Readings are to be agreed between the supervisor and the student. It is envisaged, however, that the topics covered in the readings shall include:

- relevant principles of distributive justice
- global distributive justice
- different models for regulating global greenhouse gas emissions
- the principles underpinning the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the Kyoto Protocol to this Convention
- options for mitigating climate change after the expiry of the first commitments period (CP1) under the Kyoto Protocol at the end of 2012.

Assessment Requirements

The completed version of the essay is to be submitted to the course coordinator by Monday 26 November 2007. To pass the course, the student is to submit the completed essay by the due date and obtain an overall pass mark.

Students should keep a copy of all submitted work.

Penalties

Five marks will be deducted for each week the project is late, up to a maximum of four weeks, after which the student will awarded a fail grade, and will need to re-enrol in the course to complete.

Mandatory Course Requirements

As specified in the Assessment Requirements section.

Communication of Additional Information

Communication between the supervisor and student will be by email and/or telephone.

Withdrawal Dates

Students giving notice of withdrawal from the course after 20 July 2007 will not receive a refund of tuition fees.

Students giving notice of withdrawal from the course after 21 September 2007 are regarded as having failed the course, unless the Associate Dean subsequently gives approval to withdraw.

Faculty of Commerce and Administration Offices

Railway West Wing (RWW) - FCA Student and Academic Services Office

The Faculty's Student and Academic Services Office is located on the ground and first floors of the Railway West Wing. The ground floor counter is the first point of contact for general enquiries and FCA forms. Student Administration Advisers are available to discuss course status and give further advice about FCA qualifications. To check for opening hours, call the Student and Academic Services Office on (04) 463 5376.

Easterfield (EA) - FCA/Education/Law Kelburn Office

The Kelburn Campus Office for the Faculties of Commerce and Administration, Education and Law is situated in the Easterfield Building - it includes the ground floor reception desk (EA 005) and offices 125a to 131 (Level 1). The office is available for the following:

- Duty tutors for student contact and advice.
- Information concerning administrative and academic matters.
- Forms for FCA Student and Academic Services (e.g. application for academic transcripts, requests for degree audit, COP requests).
- Examinations-related information during the examination period.

To check for opening hours, call the Student and Academic Services Office on (04) 463 5376.

Notice of Turnitin Use

Student work provided for assessment in this course **may be** checked for academic integrity by the electronic search engine www.turnitin.com. Turnitin is an online plagiarism prevention tool which identifies material that may have been copied from other sources including the Internet, books, journals, periodicals or the work of other students. Turnitin is used to assist academic staff in detecting misreferencing, misquotation, and the inclusion of

unattributed material, which may be forms of cheating or plagiarism. **At the discretion of the School, handwritten work may be copy typed by the School and subject to checking by Turnitin.** You are strongly advised to check with your tutor or the course coordinator if you are uncertain about how to use and cite material from other sources. Turnitin will retain a copy of submitted materials on behalf of the University for detection of future plagiarism, but access to the full text of submissions will not be made available to any other party.

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. The University defines plagiarism as follows:

The presentation of the work of another person or other persons as if it were one's own, whether intended or not. This includes published or unpublished work, material on the Internet and the work of other students or staff.

It is still plagiarism even if you re-structure the material or present it in your own style or words.

Note: It is however, perfectly acceptable to include the work of others as long as that is acknowledged by appropriate referencing.

Plagiarism is prohibited at Victoria and is not worth the risk. Any enrolled student found guilty of plagiarism will be subject to disciplinary procedures under the Statute on Student Conduct and may be penalized severely. Consequences of being found guilty of plagiarism can include:

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

Find out more about plagiarism, and how to avoid it, on the University's website at www.vuw.ac.nz/home/studying/plagiarism.html

General University Policies and Statutes

Students should familiarise themselves with the University's policies and statutes, particularly the Assessment Statute, the Personal Courses of Study Statute, the Statute on Student Conduct and any statutes relating to the particular qualifications being studied. See the Victoria University Calendar available in hardcopy or under "About Victoria" on the VUW homepage at www.vuw.ac.nz/home/about_victoria/calendar_intro.html

Information on the following topics is available electronically at www.vuw.ac.nz/home/studying/downloads/course_outlines_general_information.pdf

- Academic Grievances
- Student and Staff Conduct
- Meeting the Needs of Students with Impairments
- Student Support

Manaaki Pihipihinga Programme

Manaaki Pihipihinga is an academic mentoring programme for undergraduate Māori and Pacific students in the Faculties of Commerce and Administration, and Humanities and Social Sciences. Sessions are held at the Kelburn and Pipitea Campuses in the Mentoring Rooms, 14 Kelburn Parade (back courtyard), Room 109D, and Room 210, Level 2, Railway West Wing. There is also a Pacific Support Coordinator who assists Pacific students by linking them to the services and support they need while studying at Victoria. Another feature of the programme is a support network for Postgraduate students with links to Postgraduate workshops and activities around Campus.

For further information, or to register with the programme, email manaaki-pihipihinga-programme@vuw.ac.nz or phone (04) 463 5233 ext. 8977. To contact the Pacific Support Coordinator, email pacific-support-coord@vuw.ac.nz or phone (04) 463 5842.