

## School of Government

# **PUBL 416**

## **Research Project in Public Policy**

(15 Points)

**Trimester Three 2009**

## **COURSE OUTLINE**

### **Names and Contact Details**

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### **Trimester Dates**

Monday 16 November to Saturday 20 February 2010  
Mid Trimester (Christmas) Break: Saturday 19 December 2009 – Monday 4 January 2010

### **Withdrawal Dates**

Students giving notice of withdrawal from this course after **Monday 23 November 2009** will NOT receive a refund of fees.

Students giving notice of withdrawal from this course after **Friday 22 January 2010** are regarded as having failed the course, unless the Associate Dean (Students) subsequently gives approval to withdraw. (See Section 8: Withdrawals - from the Personal Courses of Study Statute)

<http://policy.vuw.ac.nz/Amphora!~policy.vuw.ac.nz~POLICY~000000001743.pdf>

## **Course Objectives**

Having completed this course a student will be able to demonstrate the ability to carry out self-directed research, including the formulation of a research proposal, implementation of a research strategy, and the drafting of a research essay.

## **Course Delivery**

No formal classes are associated with this course. This course is an independent research course.

## **Expected Workload**

It is expected that students will devote no less than one quarter of a full-time workload over the course of a trimester to the completion of this Research Project. That should mean, on average, 10 hours per week over the 12 weeks of the trimester.

## **Supervision Arrangements**

The course coordinator and individual students enrolled in this course will negotiate supervisory arrangements that meet the requirements of the course and the circumstances of individual students.

## **Assessment Requirements**

There are two required pieces of work for this course. They are:

1. A research proposal (no more than 1000 words). This proposal will count for 30% of the final mark for this course.
2. A final research essay (no more than 7000 words). The final essay will count for 70% of the final mark for this course.

Due dates for the submission of the research proposal and the final research essay will be determined in consultation with the research supervisor.

**Please submit ALL assignments IN HARD COPY to:**

Honours Programme  
School of Government  
Victoria University of Wellington  
Level 8 Reception  
Rutherford House  
23 Lambton Quay  
P.O. Box 600  
Wellington.

Assignments may also be placed in the secure box at School of Government Reception (8th floor Rutherford House) during the office hours, which are 8.30 am – 5.00 pm. The assignment box is cleared daily, and assignments will be date stamped.

**Students should keep a copy of all submitted work.**

*Note: Your assessed work may also be used for quality assurance purposes, such as to assess the level of achievement of learning objectives as required for accreditation and audit purposes. The findings may be used to inform changes aimed at improving the quality of FCA programmes. All material used for such processes will be treated as confidential, and the outcome will not affect your grade for the course.*

## **Other Information**

For the following important information follow the links provided:

### **Academic Integrity and Plagiarism**

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/plagiarism.aspx>

### **General University Policies and Statutes**

[http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about\\_victoria/avcademic/Publications.aspx](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about_victoria/avcademic/Publications.aspx)

### **Faculty of Commerce and Administration Offices**

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/fca/studenthelp/>

### **Manaaki Pihipihinga Programme**

[http://www.victoria.ac.nz/st\\_services/mentoring/](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/mentoring/)