



## Va'aomanū Pasifika

*Pacific Studies & Samoan Studies*

SAMO 101

INTRODUCTION TO SAMOAN

2008

### COURSE OUTLINE

Trimester 1

#### Course Organisation

#### Contact Details:

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#### Lecture Times:

Aso Gafua	(Monday)	9.00 – 9.50am	MYLT 103
Aso Lua	(Tuesday)	9.00 – 9.50am	MYLT 103
Aso Lulu	(Wednesday)	9.00 – 9.50am	MYLT 103

#### Tutorials:

Aso Gafua	(Monday)	11.00 – 11.50am	6KP*
Aso Lua	(Tuesday)	1.00 – 1.50pm	6KP*
Aso Tofi	(Thursday)	9.00-9.50am	6KP*

(\* 6 Kelburn Pde – Seminar Room 102)

#### Language Labs:

Aso Lulu	(Wednesday)	10.00-10.50am	VZ003 / VZ011*
Aso Tofi	(Thursday)	1.00 - 1.50pm	VZ003/ VZ011*

(\* Von Zedlitz Building – Rooms 003 011 next to Hugh McKenzie building)

## Course Aims, Objectives and Content

### Course Aims & Objectives:

The study of the Samoan language can give an insight into Samoan thought and culture, and the material read during the course sheds light on Samoan society. The main focus of this course will be on speaking, reading, writing with emphasis on speaking Samoan. This will be at a basic level at first, but by the time students complete the subsequent language course 101 they will have read and should be able, with a dictionary to understand basic Samoan texts.

This course has two main objectives, and each is of equal importance. Students who pass the course should:

- \* have a basic understanding and appreciation of the Samoan language, and some experience of reading Samoan.
- \* have the necessary level of competence to take (SAMO 102) in the second half year.

### Fa'aaliga/Notices:

Information about the course will be provided in lectures. Notices will also be posted on the Samoan Studies noticeboard at 6 Kelburn Parade.

### Lecture attendances

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

### Tutorials:

You are required to attend **1 hour of tutorial per week**. The minimum attendance for the trimester in order to get terms is **8 tutorials**. Tutorial times will be selected, and lists of groups will be posted outside Room 101 at 6 Kelburn Pde on Friday 29, February '08. **Tutorials will start on week of <sup>3rd</sup> March '08.**

### Language Labs:

You are required to attend **1 hour of language lab per week**. The minimum attendance for the trimester in order to get terms is **8 language labs**. Language Labs times will be selected and lists will be displayed outside Room 101- 6 Kelburn Pde. **Language Lab classes start on the week of 3rd March '08.**

## Lisi o Tusi Faitau: List of books / required texts

- (a) Language - Gagana Samoa : A Samoan Language Language Course book - \$ 25.00  
By Galumalemana A Hunkin  
(available at Samoan Studies – please pay by cash)
- (b) Dictionary - Samoan-English Dictionary  
GB Milner \$ 47.95  
(available at Victoria Book Centre)
- (c) Course reader/student notes - SAMO101: Introduction to Samoan.  
Cost \$ **6.00**  
(available at Student Notes Shop – Student Union)
- (d) Language Laboratory notes - SAMO 101: Language Lab Manual  
Cost: \$ **4.56**  
(available at Student Notes Shop – Student Union)
- (e) Vocabulary copying

### References

- (i) Reference - Books recommended in class.
- (ii) Samoan Basic Readers - Published by Learning Media  
(Highly recommended for reading practice) located in the Language Resource Centre Library – Von Zedlitz building).

### Gālua e Mana’omia / Assessments of Course Work

Course work	-	30%
Oral Examination	-	20%
Mafutaga	-	10%
Final written Examination (3 hour exam)	-	40%

**Course Work** **30%**

**(a) 2 Comprehension Assignments:**

(i) Monday 10 March - Friday 14 March '08 **2.5%**

(ii) Monday 31 March - Friday 3 April '08 **2.5%**

**(b) Structure assignment ]:**

Monday 5 May – Friday 9 May '08 **5%**

**(b) 1 Vocabulary assignment**

(iii) Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May '08 **10%**

**(c) In Course Test**

(iv) Wednesday 7 May '08 **10%**

*This test will take place in the normal class session. Details of the test will be given out during class well before the test.*

**(d) Oral Examination** **20%**

An oral examination worth 30% will be given towards the end of the course.

Students must pass this in order to get terms. This will take place on:

**Wednesday 21 May 2008.** Topics and written preparation required for this examination will be announced in class.

**(e) Mafutaga Nonofo Fa'atasi / Weekend Language Camp 10%**

All students in Samoan 101 are required to spend one day on a weekend at a Language camp or Mafutaga. The weekend provides opportunities to gain insight into some of the customs and practices associated with a Samoan environment. Oral skills will receive a major focus during this weekend. (Only for exceptional reasons, any student who cannot attend will need to bring a letter from the appropriate authority or a medical certificate from the doctor whichever is appropriate. A major assignment will be required from students who cannot attend for a very good reason).

**Date: Saturday 3 May 2008**

**Venue: tbc**

**Cost: \$20.00**

### **Workload:**

In line with faculty recommendations, it is expected that you should devote, on average 12 hours a week to this course. This includes attendance particularly at lectures, tutorials and language laboratory work as well as preparation for classes, assignment preparation and the examinations. In language learning particularly at this level, vocabulary acquisition is a very important component. Learn at least 10 new words a day is a good rule of thumb to start with.

### **Samoan Radio Broadcasts:**

Students are encouraged to listen to radio broadcasts in the Samoan language on the following stations:

1. Samoan Capital Radio (783Am)  
Monday - Thursday 7am-1pm  
Friday 7am-6pm
2. Wellington Access Radio (783AM)  
Tuesday nights 8.00pm-11pm  
Friday nights 8.30pm-10pm
3. Niu FM (103.7FM)  
Sunday nights 8.00pm – 4.00am (Mon)  
Thursday nights 8.00pm – 4.00am (Thurs)
4. Webcasts / on-line  
Pasefika Nius - excellent tv news broadcasts in Samoan from SBC can be viewed.  
Others can be found by entering LLC website -Samoan resources

### **MANDATORY COURSE REQUIREMENTS (TERMS):**

The following requirements must be fulfilled in order for students to gain TERMS and be eligible to sit the final written examination.

1. Pass the Oral Examination.
2. Attend at least 8 Oral Tutorial sessions.
3. Attend at least 8 Language Laboratory sessions.
4. Attend the Mafutaga/Weekend Language Camp.
5. Complete the three assignments detailed above to a satisfactory standard.
6. Learn at least two Samoan songs.
7. Learn a short grace before meals (at Mafutaga).

*A list of students who are awarded TERMS will be posted on the noticeboard immediately after the final date of terms.*

## Penalties

Assignments handed in after the due date will receive a considerably reduced grade unless accompanied by a medical certificate or other evidence of exceptional circumstances. Information on penalty arrangements will be included with detailed instructions for the exercise.

## 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 Conduct 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 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 relevant 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 Grievance 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 or staff, information from the Internet, software programmes and other electronic material, designs and ideas. It also includes the organization or structuring of any such material.

### ***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 penalized 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 Impairments** (See appendix 3 of the Assessment Handbook)

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, please contact the Course Co-ordinator 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: 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 School Office or DSS.

### **Student Support**

Staff at Victoria want students to have positive learning experiences at the University. Each faculty has a designated staff member who can either help you directly if your academic progress is causing you concern, or quickly put you in contact with someone who can. In the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences the support contact is **Dr Allison Kirkman, Murphy Building, room 407 and Dr Stuart Brock, Murphy Building, room 312**. Assistance for specific groups is also available from the Kaiwawao Maori, Manaaki Pihipihinga or Victoria International.

In addition, the Student Services Group (email: [student-services@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:student-services@vuw.ac.nz)) is 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/)

### ***Manaaki Pihipihinga Programme***

This programme offers:

- Academic mentoring for all Māori & Pacific students at all levels of under graduate study for the faculties of Commerce & Administration and Humanities & Social sciences. Contact [Manaaki-Pihipihinga-Programme@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:Manaaki-Pihipihinga-Programme@vuw.ac.nz) or phone 463 6015 to register for Humanities & Social Science mentoring and 463 8977 to register for mentoring for Commerce and Administration courses.

- Pacific Support Coordinator who can assist Pacific students with transitional issues, disseminate useful information and provide any assistance needed to help students achieve. Contact; [Pacific-Support-Coord@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:Pacific-Support-Coord@vuw.ac.nz) or phone 463 5842.

Manaaki Pihipihinga is located at: 14 Kelburn Parade, back court yard, Room 109 D (for Humanities mentoring & some first year commerce mentoring) or Room 210 level 2 west wing railway station Pipitea (commerce mentoring space). Māori Studies mentoring is done at the marae.

### ***Post graduate support***

- Post graduate support network for the above faculties, which links students into all of the post grad activities and workshops on campus and networking opportunities

### ***Student Services***

In addition, the Student Services Group (email: [student-services@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:student-services@vuw.ac.nz)) is 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/)

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

### ***Language Learning Centre***

The Language Learning Centre (Level 0, Von Zedlitz Building) facilitates independent learning and supports the teaching of languages. The LLC is a friendly and supportive environment where you can immerse yourself in language and culture through access to a variety of multimedia language resources: everything from print, audio. DVDs, comprehensive computer software and access to live satellite TV in several languages. Enjoy the freedom to choose and direct your own learning: you select the materials and activities that you find interesting, which help you meet your needs and suit your learning style. Make time to study at the LLC regularly and you will reap the rewards of higher academic success.

Come and visit the centre at any time for advise and assistance, and to study. It is open year-round, with extended hours during university semesters.

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