

SAMO 101 INTRODUCTION TO SAMOAN

2010

Course Outline - Trimester 1

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Lecture Times:

Aso Gafua	(Monday)	09.00-9.50am	HMLT104 *
Aso Lua	(Tuesday)	09.00-9.50am	HMLT104*
Aso Lulu	(Wednesday)	09.00-9.50am	HMLT104 *

(* *Hugh McKenzie Building – Lecture theatre 104*)

Tutorials:

Aso Gafua	Monday	10.00-10.50am	6KP*
Aso Tofi	Thursday	10.00-10.50am	6KP*

(* *6 Kelburn Pde – Seminar Room 102*)

Language Labs:

Aso Gafua	(Monday)	11.00-11.50am	VZ011 *
Aso Tofi	(Thursday)	9.00-9.50am	VZ011 *

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

For additional information:

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6 Kelburn Parade
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Office hours: 9.00-5.00pm

Trimester dates:

Monday 1 March – First trimester begins
Friday 2 April – Good Friday
5–18 April – Mid Trimester Break
Monday 19 April – First trimester resumes
Friday 4 June – **First trimester ends** – Lectures cease.
7–11 June – Study week
11 June – 4 July – Examination / Assessment period

Withdrawal dates:

Information on withdrawals and refunds may be found at
<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/payments/withdrawalsrefunds.aspx>

SAMOA BA GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES

Critical Thinking

1. Able to appreciate & understand the relationship between the language and culture of *fa'asamoa*.
2. Able to use skills and knowledge to grow in understanding Samoan society & its place in the modern world.
3. Demonstrates an awareness of the challenges to language and cultural survival in modern diaporic environment.
4. Able to relate knowledge of *fa'asamoa* to challenges and provide solutions in cross-cultural arenas.

Creative Thinking

1. Demonstrate creative ability to apply ideas and knowledge of *fa'asamoa* to modern settings.
2. Demonstrate awareness in making creative connections between a Samoan identity and cultural realities within NZ social settings.
3. Demonstrates an appreciation of the value of Samoan oral traditions such as poetry, music and oral arts such as oratory in modern applications.

Communication

1. Demonstrate ability to express self competently and confidently in writing and speaking in the Samoan language in a variety of social settings.
2. Able to use appropriate register of spoken language for appropriate social situations.
3. Able to apply knowledge of *fa'asamoa* in making considered responses from a Samoan point of view.
4. Ability to critique public attitudes and perceptions from a Samoan perspective.

Leadership

1. Ability to negotiate and mediate between family, community and Samoan society at large.
2. Initiative to conduct and lead in issues of importance affecting Samoan community in relation to wider community in New Zealand and diaspora.
3. Demonstrate responsibility in taking care of the relationships between Samoan and other New Zealanders –*teu le vafealoa'i* (look after the relationships).

Other

1. Ability to make informed decisions that reflect awareness of issues that impact on a smooth and safe transition in New Zealand.

SAMO 101 Learning 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 **9 tutorials**. Tutorial times will be selected, and lists of groups will be posted outside Room 101 at 6 Kelburn Pde on **Friday 5 March 2010**. **Tutorials will start on week of 8 March '10**.

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 **9 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 8 March '10**.

List of required texts : Lisi o Tusi Faitau:

- (a) Language - Gagana Samoa : A Samoan Language Language Course book - \$ 74.00
By Galumalemana A Hunkin
(available at Vic Books)
- (b) Dictionary - Samoan-English Dictionary - GB Milner \$ 42.00
(available at Victoria Book Centre)
- (c) Course reader/student notes - SAMO101: Introduction to Samoan.
Cost : **\$12.00**
(available at Student Notes – Student Union)
- (d) Language Laboratory notes - SAMO 101: Language Lab Manual
Cost: **\$4.00**
(available at Student Notes – 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	-	40% (3 hour exam)

(Examination period – 11 June-4th July 2010)

Course Work **30%**

(a) 2 Comprehension Assignments

(i) Due: Friday 19 March '10 – at least 200 words **2.5%**

(ii) Due: Friday 16 April '10 – at least 200 words **2.5%**

(b) Structure assignment

Due: Friday 7 May '10 – at least 250 words **5%**

(c) 1 Vocabulary assignment

(iii) Due: Friday 28 May '10 – at least 250 words **10%**

(d) In Course Test

(iv) Wednesday 12 May '10 **10%**

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

(e) Oral Examination **20%**

An oral examination worth 20% will be given towards the end of the course.

Students must pass this in order to satisfy course requirements. This will take place on: **Wednesday 26 May 2010**. Topics and written preparation required for this examination will be announced in class.

(f) Mafutaga / Weekend Language Camp **10%**

All students in Samoan 101 are required to spend one Saturday 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.

Date: Saturday 1 May 2010 **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

Language Learning Centre

The Language Learning Centre is Victoria's technology-rich, multimedia centre supporting independent language learning and teaching.

At the Language Learning Centre you can:

- study at a time that suits you
- select the materials or activities that you find interesting
- meet your needs: match your level and learning style

Access a variety of multimedia language resources at the LLC: everything from print, audio materials, foreign language TV and DVDs to comprehensive computer software.

The LLC provides access to your digital course material on a server. Drop by the centre to find out more about our services (Level 0 von Zedlitz Building).

Class Representative

A class representative will be elected in the first class and that person's name and contact details will be available to VUWSA, the Course Coordinator and the class. The class representative provides a communication channel to liaise with the Course Coordinator on behalf of students.

Mandatory Course Requirements:

The following requirements must be fulfilled in order for students to complete the course successfully, and be eligible to sit the final written examination.

1. Pass the Oral Examination.
2. Attend at least **9** Oral Tutorial sessions.
3. Attend at least **9** Language Laboratory sessions.
4. Attend the Mafutaga/Weekend Language Camp.
5. Complete the **4** assignments detailed above to a satisfactory standard.
6. Pass the In Course Test.
7. Learn at least **5** Samoan songs.
8. Learn a short grace before meals (at Mafutaga).

Penalties

Assignments handed in after the due date must be accompanied by a medical certificate or other evidence of exceptional circumstances, to be considered for grading. Information on penalty arrangements will be included with detailed instructions for the exercise.

Written assignments should be handed into Va'aomanū Pasifika office at 6KP, or dropped into the assignment box outside the office door by the due date/time. **Emailed or faxed assignments will not be accepted except by special arrangement with the lecturer. Late assignments will not be accepted except by special arrangement with the lecturer.** If you have special circumstances, you **MUST** request an extension **BEFORE** the assignment is due. Make sure to attach a cover sheet to your assignment. These are found on assignment box outside Room 101.

GENERAL UNIVERSITY POLICIES AND STATUES

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* or go to the Academic Policy and Student Policy sections on:

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy>

This website also provides information for students in a number of areas including Academic Grievances, Student and Staff conduct, Meeting the needs of students with impairments, and student support/VUWSA student advocates.

http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about_victoria/avcacademic/Publications.aspx

Academic Integrity and Plagiarism

Academic integrity means that university staff and students, in their teaching and learning are expected to treat others honestly, fairly and with respect at all times. It is not acceptable to mistreat academic, intellectual or creative work that has been done by other people by representing it as your own original work.

Academic integrity is important because it is the core value on which the University's learning, teaching and research activities are based. Victoria University's reputation for academic integrity adds value to your qualification.

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- Material from books, journals or any other printed source
- The work of other students or staff
- Information from the internet
- Software programs and other electronic material
- Designs and ideas
- The organisation or structuring of any such material

Find out more about plagiarism, how to avoid it and penalties, on the University's website:

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