

TE WHARE WĀNANGA O TE ŪPOKO O TE IKA A MĀUI



**VICTORIA**  
UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON

**SCHOOL OF SOCIAL AND CULTURAL STUDIES**

*Te Kura Mahinga Tangata*

**Cultural Anthropology**

# **ANTH 213**

*Ritual in the Modern World*

## **Course Outline**

**CRN 13073 : 20 POINTS : TRIM 1, 2011**

*Trimester date: 28 February – 3 June 2011*

*Mid trimester break 18 April: – 1 May 2011*

*Study/Examination Period: 6 June – 2 July 2011*

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**LECTURES: TUES & FRI 10 – 11AM: HU LT220**

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**OFFICE HOURS:** Thursdays 3 – 4pm

**LECTURES:** Tuesday and Friday 10–11am, HU LT220

**TUTORIALS:** Tutorials will be announced at the beginning of the trimester.

You will be expected to attend and participate in the tutorials and to contribute to discussions based upon the course and the readings set for each tutorial. Regular attendance at a minimum of seven tutorials is required to fulfil the mandatory course requirements.

## **COURSE CONTENT**

This course will offer a general introduction to the anthropology of ritual. It will consider the variety of ways that ritual has been studied and analysed anthropologically with a particular focus on the role and significance of ritual in modern societies. Examples will be drawn from New Zealand and a wide range of contemporary cultures.

## **COURSE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

The aim of this course is to provide you with an understanding of how rituals are structured and are analysed by Anthropologists; and how they are involved in making/creating meaning. The objectives of the course are to provide you with the ability to contextualise, describe and analyse rituals in your own, related and different cultures. You will also acquire the necessary methodological skills for undertaking basic non-participant observation, taking field notes, coding field notes and writing up a field report.

## COURSE MATERIAL

A set of student notes for ANTH 213 will be available from the Student Notes Distribution Centre. The retail price is \$26.20. This is the only item you need to purchase for this courses.

All undergraduate textbooks and student notes will be sold from the Memorial Theatre foyer from 7 February to 11 March 2011, while postgraduate textbooks and student notes will be available from the top floor of vicbooks in the Student Union Building, Kelburn Campus. After week two of the trimester all undergraduate textbooks and student notes will be sold from vicbooks on level 3 of the Student Union Building.

Students can order textbooks and student notes online at [www.vicbooks.co.nz](http://www.vicbooks.co.nz) or can email an order or enquiry to [enquiries@vicbooks.co.nz](mailto:enquiries@vicbooks.co.nz). Books can be couriered to students or they can be picked up from nominated collection points at each campus. Students will be contacted when they are available.

Opening hours are 8am–6pm, Monday–Friday during term time (closing at 5pm in the holidays). Phone: 463 5515.

## COURSE WITHDRAWAL

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

## COMMUNICATION OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional notes and instructions concerning assignments, with suggested readings, will be issued during the course and can also be obtained from administration, level 9, Murphy Building. Also, consult the notice board on the same floor for any information not provided in lectures or tutorials.

## COURSE ASSESSMENT

*The course consists of three written assignments, worth 20%, 40% and 40%, which will be internally assessed*

- **Report** based on a subject (of about 1500 words) worth 20% for non-participant observation; this is seen as a preparation for the first essay.

**Due: 4pm, Friday, 1 April 2011**

- **Essay** (2000 – 2500 words) worth 40% on political ritual and performance with reference to an Anzac-Day ceremony using anthropological ideas from the course.

If students cannot attend such a ceremony this year, an alternative subject can be chosen in consultation with the course coordinator.

**Due: 4pm, Friday, 6 May 2011**

- **In-Class Test** worth 40% which requires an analysis of a modern ritual, drawing on course material, specified lectures and possibly a film clip.

**Held on Tuesday, 2 June 2011 from 10-11am** (during lecture time).

More detailed instructions on each assignment will be given to you prior to assessments.

## **AIMS, OBJECTIVES AND ASSESSMENT**

The forms of assessment will assist you to achieve the aims and objectives outlined above and to develop particular study skills.

The Essay on 'Anzac Day' will develop research, writing and reasoning skills, as well as providing initial instruction on combining fieldwork with anthropological theory.

The internal test will enable you to apply the theoretical aspects of research on ritual you will have learned during the course to a modern and specific ritual.

## **WORKLOAD**

Taking into account class attendance, reading, preparation for assignments and so on, students are usually recommended to spend around 13 hours per week working for ANTH 213.

## **PENALTIES**

Penalties will apply for lateness in presenting assignments. 5% will be deducted from the piece of work per day counting that piece of work as 100%. This penalty will only be waived by the presentation of a medical certificate or other evidence of incapacity.

## **CLASS REPRESENTATIVE**

A class representative will be recruited in consultation with the class at the beginning of the course. The class representative's name and contact details will be available to the Victoria University of Wellington Students' Association (VUWSA), the course coordinator and the class (on BlackBoard). The class representative provides a communication channel to liaise with the course coordinator on behalf of students.

## MANDATORY COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students must attend and participate in a **minimum of 7 tutorials** and hand in **all assignments on time** to meet mandatory course requirements. If you miss more than two tutorials without an adequate reason, health/family circumstances etc., you will not have met course requirements and therefore fail the course.

## ASSIGNMENT COVER SHEETS

All written work submitted for assessment must have a School Assignment Cover sheet. A sample is to be found at the back of this Course Outline. Further copies can be located at the School's Administration Office, and on the Assignment Box, on level 9 of Murphy building. You may wish to have a front sheet of your own, but a School Cover sheet must be used. This is critical for accurate identification and recording of your work.

## 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.

The University defines plagiarism as 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, you must acknowledge your sources fully and appropriately. This includes:

- 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>

## WHERE TO FIND MORE DETAILED INFORMATION

Find key dates, explanations of grades and other useful information at [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study).

Find out how academic progress is monitored and how enrolment can be restricted at [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/academic-progress](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/academic-progress).

Most statutes and policies are available at [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy), except qualification statutes, which are available via the *Calendar* webpage at [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/calendar.aspx](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/calendar.aspx) (See Section C).

Other useful information for students may be found at the website of the Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Academic), at [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about\\_victoria/avcacademic](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about_victoria/avcacademic).

## OTHER CONTACT INFORMATION

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CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY

CRIMINOLOGY

SOCIOLOGY & SOCIAL POLICY

## Assignment Cover Sheet

*(please write legibly)*

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Course (eg ANTH101): \_\_\_\_\_

Tutorial Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Tutorial Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Tutor (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Assignment Due Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### CERTIFICATION OF AUTHENTICITY

*I certify that this paper submitted for assessment is the result of my own work, except where otherwise acknowledged.*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_