



**SCHOOL OF HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS**

**PHILOSOPHY PROGRAMME
PHIL 222: PHILOSOPHY OF LITERATURE**

TRIMESTER 2 2011
11 July to 12 November 2011

Trimester dates

Teaching dates: 11 July to 14 October 2011

Mid-trimester break: 22 August to 4 September 2011

Study week: 17–21 October 2011

Examination/Assessment period: 21 October to 12 November 2011

Withdrawal dates

Information on withdrawals and refunds may be found at

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/payments/withdrawlsrefunds.aspx>

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Class times and locations

Lectures/Venue: Mon and Thurs, Murphy 102 (MY102), 10-11.50am

Additional Information: Any additional information or notices about this course will be posted on Blackboard.

Course Prescription

This course will examine philosophical questions that arise in connection with the literary arts. Topics may include the relationship between fiction and non-fiction, and

between fiction and fact; the creation and discovery of fiction; the emotional impact of fiction on the reader; and criteria for evaluating fiction. 100% internal assessment.

Course content

A lecture outline will be distributed separately

Learning objectives

Students passing this course will have acquired a good understanding of some of the central issues in contemporary aesthetics and philosophy of literature. They will have a breadth of knowledge of the general literature as well as a depth of knowledge about a more limited range of issues within the field.

Expected workload

In accordance with Faculty of Humanities and Social Science guidelines, the overall workload for a 20 point course is 200 hours spread over the entire trimester. This includes the time spent in lectures and tutorials, with the rest spent preparing assignments, reading the set text[s], and revising for tests and exams.

Readings

Essential texts:

You should purchase the PHIL222 coursebook. All student notes will be sold from the Memorial Theatre foyer from 4 to 22 July 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 4 of the Student Union Building. Customers can order textbooks and student notes online at www.vicbooks.co.nz or can email an order or enquiry to enquiries@vicbooks.co.nz. Books can be couriered to customers or they can be picked up from nominated collection points at each campus. Customers will be contacted when they are available. Opening hours are 8.00 am – 6.00 pm, Monday – Friday during term time (closing at 5.00 pm in the holidays). Phone: 463 5515.

Recommended Reading: None.

Assessment requirements

This is an internally assessed course. The assessment will be based on:

- (a) **Essay 1**, worth **33.33%** of total course marks.
- (b) **Essay 2**, worth **33.33%** of total course marks.
- (c) **Essay 3**, worth **33.33%** of total course marks.

Students are required to write the **three essays** on a topic from each section of the course, that is, one from Sondra's section, one from Stuart's section and one from Ismay's section. There is no maximum or minimum word limit on the essays, but you should aim at writing approximately **2,000 words** with no padding or waffle.

Due Dates:

Essay 1: 22 August

Essay 2: 21 September

Essay 3: 28 October

Hand in essays before 4pm on the due date through Blackboard. Late essays will not receive comments.

Return of assignments

Initially all assignments will be returned in tutorials and/or lectures. Uncollected assignment will be available from the Programme office Monday - Friday **between 2-3pm**.

Penalties: Late essays will be penalised 10 points per week late. No essays will be accepted more than 4 weeks after the due date of the essay in question. Late essays will not receive comments.

MANDATORY COURSE REQUIREMENTS: None.

Class Representative

A class representative will be elected in the first week and that person's name and contact details will be made 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.

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>

Use of Turnitin

Student work provided for assessment in this course may be checked for academic integrity by the electronic search engine <http://www.turnitin.com>. Turnitin is an online plagiarism prevention tool which compares submitted work with a very large database of existing material. At the discretion of the Head of School, handwritten work may be copy-typed by the School and subject to checking by Turnitin. Turnitin will retain a copy of submitted material on behalf of the University for detection of future plagiarism, but access to the full text of submissions is not made available to any other party.

WHERE TO FIND MORE DETAILED INFORMATION

Find key dates, explanations of grades and other useful information at 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. Most statutes and policies are available at 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 (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.