



FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

SCHOOL OF HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

**POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS PROGRAMME; PHILOSOPHY PROGRAMME
INTP/POLS/PHIL 264: Ethics and International Affairs**

**TRIMESTER 2 2012
16 July to 17 November 2012**

Trimester dates

Teaching dates:	16 July to 19 October 2012
Mid-trimester break:	27 August to 9 September 2012
Last piece of assessment due:	28 October 2012
Study week:	22–26 October 2012
Examination/Assessment Period:	26 October to 17 November 2012

Note: *Students who enrol in courses with examinations must be able to attend an examination at the University at any time during the scheduled examination period above.*

Withdrawal dates

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

Names and contact details

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Class times and locations

Can be found on the Victoria website at:
<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/subjects/coursecatalogue.aspx>
It is advisable to check the above for any changes to the timetable programme.

Lecture Time: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 11.00 – 11.50 am
Lecture Venue: MacLaurin (MC) LT102

Tutorial Times and Venues: as shown in S-cubed. Tutorials commence in the **second** week of the course.

PHIL/POLS/INTP 264 will use S-Cubed for tutorial registration.

Use your internet browser to go to: <https://signups.vuw.ac.nz>.

Use your normal **student login** and **password** to sign into S-Cubed.

Click on "**PHIL264**" (or **POLS264** or **INTP264**). You will see info about your course and about the different tutorial sessions.

Sign up to your preferred session by clicking on the "**sign up**" button.

Please note: **This sign-up programme is only available in the first week of the trimester.** If you do not sign up during this time, you may be extremely limited in your choice of tutorial time. If you have any problems, check the handout you were given about S-cubed. If you still have problems please see Phillipa Race, the Philosophy Programme Administrator, Murphy Building, 5th Floor, MY518.

Teaching learning summary

This course will involve three lectures per week. Attendance is strongly encouraged but not mandatory.

Communication of additional information

This course uses Blackboard and presumes that all enrolled students have valid myvuw.ac.nz addresses. Please check that this account is active and you have organised email forwarding. Additional information and any changes to the timetable or lecture and tutorial programme will be announced in lectures, and posted on the PHIL/INTP/POLS 264 Blackboard site.

Course prescription

This course will examine some important topics that lie at the interaction of moral philosophy and international relations, including war and just-war theory, humanitarian aid and intervention, and nationalism and state-hood.

Learning objectives

Students passing the course should be able to should be able to demonstrate a broad 2nd year-level knowledge of and an ability to critically analyse some of the central philosophical issues in the topics covered in the course.

Graduate attributes

As with all Philosophy courses, learning objectives of this course contribute to the attainment of specific attributes in the areas of logical and critical thinking, conceptual analysis and rational and ethical decision-making. For more details please consult our website <http://www.victoria.ac.nz/hppi/about/overview-of-the-school/phil-overview#grad-attributes>

Expected workload

In accordance with Faculty Guidelines, this course has been constructed on the assumption that students will devote 200 hours to PHIL/INTP/POLS 264 throughout the trimester. This includes weekly attendance at lectures and tutorials, completion of all set weekly readings and research and writing for set assessment tasks.

Group work

There is no assessed group work for this course.

Readings

Set texts:

There is a required textbook for this course: Garrett Wallace Brown and David Held (eds), *The Cosmopolitan Reader*, Cambridge, Polity Press, 2010. There is also a recommended (not required) text: Helen Frowe, *The Ethics of War and Peace: An Introduction*, New York, Routledge, 2011.

All undergraduate textbooks and student notes will be sold from the Memorial Theatre foyer from 9–27 July 2012, 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: Please see the *Schedule of Readings*, on Blackboard, for a full list of required and recommended readings for this course.

Assessment requirements

PHIL/POLS/INTP 264 is assessed on the basis of three surprise in-class tests, one essay, and a take-home final test:

- (a) *Surprise in-class tests:* There are three surprise in-class tests, only two of which will count (10% each) toward your final grade. Each test comprises three short answer questions and will last 15 minutes. The tests are meant to provide an incentive to complete the readings. They will test *only your comprehension of* –not your ability to evaluate – the required readings *for the week in which the text falls*. Any reading for that week *may* (but not necessarily will) be tested. What this means is that *you should complete all of the readings for each week before the start of the first class on Monday*. The schedule of readings, including all required and recommended readings, is posted on Blackboard.
- (b) *Essay:* The essay is worth 30% of your overall final grade, and is due at 5:00pm, *Thursday 27 September*. The essay is designed to test your ability to critically analyse one of the key issues discussed in class. The essay should be approximately 2,500 words. It must be submitted electronically to Blackboard; a hard copy is not required. The essay topics are available on the assignments page of Blackboard. **Please note that essay extensions will be granted only for doctor-verified medical reasons or other emergencies.**
- (c) *Take-home final test:* The take-home final test worth 50% comprises two questions drawn from material covered in the last four weeks of the course. Each question should be answered with a short essay of approximately 1500 words. *The test will be posted on Blackboard immediately following the last class on Friday 19 October. It must be submitted electronically to Blackboard no later than 11:59pm, Sunday 28 October.* **Please note that no late tests will be accepted.** If for any reason you are unable to submit your test onto Blackboard, then you must email your test to me as an attachment, in Word format (no zipped or compressed files, please) by the due date: ramon.das@vuw.ac.nz.

Penalties

Philosophy Programme policy stipulates that late submission of essays is penalised. **Students lose 5% for the first day late and 2% thereafter for a maximum of 10 weekdays.** After 10 days, work can be accepted for mandatory course requirements but will not be marked. Extensions may be granted in exceptional circumstances, but **all extensions require the student to provide documentation.** If granted an extension, students must agree to a new due date. Contact your lecturer as soon as a problem emerges. Extension forms are available in the School office.

Mandatory course requirements

There are no mandatory requirements for passing this course.

Return of marked course work

Marked essays will be available on Blackboard on dates/times to be advised.

Class representative

A class representative will be elected in the first week, 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.

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 (*only for courses which make 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 <http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/academic-progress.aspx>. 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 Academic Office website, at www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about_victoria/avcademic.