



## PAPER OUTLINE 2012

**Paper Code & Title:** MUSC 131 *Introduction to Opera*  
**Year:** 2012      **Points:** 20  
**CRN:** 17338      **Trimester:** 3      **Campus:** NZSM – Massey Mt Cook  
**Prerequisites:** *None*  
**Corequisites:** *None*  
**Restrictions:** 133.133, MUSI 141, NZSM 131

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**Key dates:**      Teaching dates: 19 November – 21 December 2012  
Mid-trimester break: N/A  
Study week: N/A  
Examination/Assessment period: N/A

Final item of assessment due: 21 December 2012  
Withdrawal dates: Within one full week of start date  
*You can withdraw from this course on or before this date with full refund of the course fee by completing an FHSS Course Add/Drop form. After this date, a Fee Reconsideration will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Information on withdrawals and refunds may be found at: <http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admissenrol/payments/withdrawalsrefunds>. Note that both late withdrawal and course failure may affect your Studylink eligibility. See below for more details.*

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**Office hours:** Wednesday 10:00am – 1:00pm  
**Class times & rooms:** Tuesday, Thursday 13:10pm – 16:00pm (MUW Theatrette 10A02)  
**Tutorial times & rooms:** Friday 15:10pm – 17:00pm (MUW Theatrette 10A02)

## PAPER PRESCRIPTION

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*An introduction to operatic repertoire, viewed in its social, historical and cultural contexts. Summer 2012: This course will explore 'The Opera Experience'. Through an exploration of Mozart's La Clemenza di Tito and Verdi's Un Ballo in Maschera, we will examine the ideas of opera as cinema, the traditional heroic tenor vs the modern-day cyborg, the economics of opera and, importantly, the performance of Opera in New Zealand.*

## TEACHING LEARNING SUMMARY

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This course comprises two 3-hour lectures per week and one 2-hour tutorial per week. See attached course syllabus for more information.

## EXPECTED WORKLOAD

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A 20-point third-trimester paper should require at least 200 hours work (including class time). This means that in term you should be prepared to spend on average 40 hours per week involved in activities such as attending classes, reading, listening to recommended recordings and preparing assignments.

## READINGS, MATERIALS & EQUIPMENT

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Course readings will be made available through Blackboard.

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

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Students who have successfully completed this paper will:

1. recognise the generic conventions of opera
2. explain the ways in which opera interacts with social and cultural contexts
3. recognise the rudiments of important critical approaches to opera
4. employ skills in library research and academic writing as appropriate in assignments.

## ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS

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### Approved assessment regime

The following assessment regime for this paper has been approved by the NZSM Academic Committee:

*There are six items of assessment:*

1. A portfolio of short written journal assignments. No more than 400 words weekly. Related to learning outcomes 1, 2, 3. (20%).
2. Research/bibliographic assignment. Related to learning outcome 4. (10%).
3. Two Short Essays (1,500 words each). Related to learning outcomes 1, 2, 3, 4. (30%).
4. Test 1. Related to learning outcomes 1, 2, 3. (20%).
5. Test 2. Related to learning outcomes 1, 2, 3. (20%).

### Assessment details for this offering

<i>Assessment name</i>	<i>Word length / duration</i>	<i>Learning objective(s)</i>	<i>Due date</i>	<i>% of final grade</i>
Assignment portfolio	400 words weekly	1, 2, 3	5pm every Monday	20%
Research/bibliographic assignment	1,000 words	4	5pm 10 December	10%
2 short essays	1,500 words each	1, 2, 3, 4	5pm 17 December 5pm 21 December	30% total
Test 1	1 hour	1, 2, 3	6 December	20%
Test 2	1 hour	1, 2, 3	20 December	20%

## **PENALTIES**

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Assignments must be submitted by the due dates. In fairness to other students, unless a medical certificate is produced, assessment submitted after 5pm on the due date will be subject to a 5% demerit on your grade, increasing by 5% each further working day it is overdue.

Students, who for exceptional reasons can justify an extension for an item of assessment, must apply to the Course Coordinator *before* the due date. Please note that no extensions can be granted for tutorial assignments.

## **ASSIGNMENT PRESENTATION**

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**Written work** should be presented according to the guidelines set out in the **NZSM Guidelines for Academic Work**, which can be downloaded as a PDF document from the NZSM Website <http://www.nzsm.ac.nz/study/programmes.aspx> (in the right-hand column). Five percent (5%) will be deducted for written work that does not conform to these standards.

**Notated work** must be presented according to the guidelines set down in the **NZSM Composition and Orchestration Style Guide**, available as a PDF document from the NZSM Website: <http://www.nzsm.ac.nz/study/composition.aspx> (in the right-hand column). Five percent (5%) will be deducted for notated work that clearly does not conform to these standards.

## **MANDATORY PAPER REQUIREMENTS**

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To gain a pass in this course each student must:

- a) complete each item of assessment worth at least 10% specified for this course (subject to penalties for late submission of work)
- b) attend at least 80% of lectures and 80% of tutorials related to this course.

If for health reasons you are unable to complete all the work required for assessment purposes for this paper by 21 December 2012, you may, on presentation of a medical certificate, have the date for submission extended by the Director, NZSM.

## **DEPOSIT AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENT**

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*Assignments should be deposited in class or electronically.*

## **SCALING OF GRADES**

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To obtain a fair distribution of marks relative to assignment difficulty, scaling may be employed on some or all assessment items in accordance with guidelines set out in the VUW Assessment Handbook:

[http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about\\_victoria/avcacademic/publications/assessment-handbook.pdf](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about_victoria/avcacademic/publications/assessment-handbook.pdf)

## **ACADEMIC PROGRESS, NON-ENGAGEMENT & STUDENT LOAN ELIGIBILITY**

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All NZSM students are bound by the VUW Academic Progress Statute. VUW manages the enrolment of students who are not making satisfactory academic progress by:

- restricting the number of courses that students may enrol in, and/or
- requiring students to meet certain conditions.

Students whose academic progress continues to be unsatisfactory may be suspended for a specified period. Students who return after suspension and whose academic progress remains unsatisfactory may be excluded from the University.

Any student who is enrolled in more than two courses in a trimester and achieves E grades in all courses will be considered "non-engaged". The University can suspend or exclude such students. For full details about restrictions and conditions refer to:

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/academic-progress>.

Also, please note that students will be required to pass at least half of their courses in order to continue to qualify for a student loan. For more information see:

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/payments/performance-criteria>.

## **COMMUNICATION OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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Official notices issued after the paper has commenced will be posted on Blackboard. The Course Coordinator will specify if Blackboard will be used.

## **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES**

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Student representatives for the NZSM are elected in the first week of the trimester, and their names and contact details will be available to VUWSA and/or MAWSA, the Course Coordinator and to each class.

## **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND PLAGIARISM**

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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 school's learning, teaching and research activities are based. The NZSM's reputation for academic integrity adds value to your qualification.

The NZSM 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 NZSM website: <http://www.nzsm.ac.nz/about/statutes-policies.aspx#plagiarism>

## GENERAL NZSM POLICIES AND STATUTES

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Students should familiarise themselves with the NZSM's policies and statutes, especially those regarding Personal Courses of Study, Academic Grievances, Staff and Student Conduct. Please see <http://www.nzsm.ac.nz/about/statutes-policies.aspx>

For any statutes relating to the particular qualifications being studied, see either the Massey University Calendar or the Victoria University Calendar.

Information about Student Services, including Academic Mentoring for Māori and Pasifika Students, and support for Students with Disabilities, is to be found in the NZSM Student Handbook (available from the NZSM offices on each campus).

## HUMAN ETHICS GUIDELINES

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Any student assessment or project at any level that involves human subjects (including the documenting, interviewing and recording of information from people) must follow ethics guidelines. For courses in Music Therapy, students must follow Massey University Ethics guidelines. For all other courses, students must follow VUW Ethics Guidelines. For information and assistance as it relates to your course, consult first with your Course Coordinator. Guidelines are given at these URLs:

- <http://www.victoria.ac.nz/fgr/current-phd/ethics>.
- <http://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/research/research-ethics/human-ethics/>

## WHERE TO FIND MORE DETAILED INFORMATION

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As Victoria University of Wellington is the Institute of Enrolment for the NZSM, further detailed information about dates, grades, enrolment procedures and qualification status can be found on their website:

- Student grades, academic profile, academic timetable, campus announcements, etc.:
  - [my.vuw.ac.nz](http://my.vuw.ac.nz)
- Key dates, explanations of grades, plagiarism:
  - [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study)
- Monitoring of academic progress, and how enrolment can be restricted:
  - [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/academic-progress](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/academic-progress)
- Course withdrawal, degree planning, credit transfer and academic transcripts:
  - [www.victoria.ac.nz/fhss/student-admin/faqs](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/fhss/student-admin/faqs).

## EVENTS

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Students should sign up to the **Dawn Chorus**, the NZSM's events e-newsletter, by emailing [events@nzsm.ac.nz](mailto:events@nzsm.ac.nz) with "subscribe dawn chorus" in the subject line.

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