

VA'AOMANŪ PASIFIKA
PACIFIC STUDIES & SAMOAN STUDIES

Course Outline

SAMO 101:
INTRODUCTION TO SAMOAN
CRN 1600: 20 POINTS: TRIMESTER 1, 2012
Trimester dates: 5 March – 4 July 2012
Teaching dates: 5 March – 8 June 2012
Mid-trimester break: 6-22 April 2012
Study/Examination period: 11 June – 4 July 2012

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(Murphy Building Lecture Theatre 101, Hugh McKenzie Building Lecture theatre 001)

Tutorials: TUES 9am-9.50 RM102 6KP, FRI 3.10-4pm RM102 6KP
(6 Kelburn Parade)

Language Labs: WEDS 11-11.50AM VZ011* THUR 1.10 -2PM VZ011
(* Von Zedlitz Building – RM011 next to Hugh McKenzie building)

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Trimester dates: Teaching dates: 5 March – 8 June 2012
Mid-trimester break: 6 April – 22 April 2012

Study week: 11 June – 15 June 2012

Examination / Assessment period: 15 June – 4 July 2012

Course Prescription

An introduction to speaking, understanding, reading and writing Samoan with emphasis on spoken language skills.

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.

Learning Objectives and Content

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 meet mandatory course requirements is **10 tutorials**. Tutorial times will be selected, and lists of groups will be posted outside Room 101 at 6 Kelburn Pde on **Friday 9 March 2012**.

Tutorials will start on week of 12 March 2012.

Language Labs

You are *required to attend 1 hour of language lab per week*. The minimum attendance for the trimester in order to meet mandatory course requirements is **10 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 12 March 2012.

Lisi o Tusi Faitau: List of books / required texts

The Set text for SAMO 101 consists of the the Language course book and Student notes – details below.

All undergraduate textbooks and student notes will be sold from the Memorial Theatre foyer from 13 February to 16 March 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.

- a) Language - Gagana Samoa : A Samoan Language
Language Course book by Galumalemana A Hunkin
for approx.. \$42
- b) Dictionary - Samoan-English Dictionary - GB Milner
for approx. \$37
- c) Student Notes - SAMO101: Introduction to Samoan, incl Lab Manual
for approx. \$6

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 in the Von Zedlitz building.

Gālua e Mana’omia / Assessments of Course Work

SAMO 101 will be assessed with the following:

1.	Course Work	Weighting: 30%
	a) 2 Comprehension Assignments	
	(i) Monday 12 March - Friday 16 March 2012	2.5%
	(ii) Monday 2 April- Thursday 5 April 2012	2.5%
	b) Structure assignment	
	Monday 30 April – Friday 4 May 2012	5%
	c) Vocabulary assignment	10%
	(iii) Monday 21 May – Friday 25 May 2012	
	d) In Course Test	
	(iv) Wednesday 16 May 2012	10%

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

2. Oral Test

Weighting: 20%

An oral test will be held towards the end of the course.

Students must pass this in order to pass mandatory course requirements. This will take place on: **Wednesday 23 May 2012**. Topics and written preparation required for the test will be announced in class.

3. Mafutaga / Weekend Language Camp

Weighting: 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. This will take place on:

Saturday 5 May 2012

Venue: tbc

Cost: \$20.00

4. Final Examination

Weighting: 40%

A final exam of 3 hours length will be held during the examination period 11 June – 4 July 2012. The exact date and time will be conveyed to students after the trimester break.

Withdrawal Dates

Information on withdrawals and refunds may be found at:

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

Workload

In line with faculty recommendations, it is expected that you should devote, on average 13 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 7.00am-1.00pm
Friday 7.00am-6.00pm

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. You are required to attend at least 80% of the lectures. A class roll will be kept.

2. Pass the Oral Test.
3. Attend at least **10** Tutorial sessions.
4. Attend at least **10** Language Laboratory sessions.
5. Attend the Mafutaga/Weekend Language Camp.
6. Complete the **4** assignments detailed above.
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.

Communication of Additional Information

Any information relating to SAMO 101 will be conveyed to students via Blackboard or e-mail.

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

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>