FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

SCHOOL OF HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

PHILOSOPHY PROGRAMME
PHIL 404: Value Theory

TRIMESTER 1 AND 2 2013
4 March to 17 November 2013

Trimester dates
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Teaching dates: 4 March to 18 October 2013
Easter break: 28 March to 3 April 2013
Mid-trimester break 1/3: 22–28 April 2013
Mid-year break: 4–14 July 2013
Mid-trimester break 2/3: 26 August to 8 September 2013
Last piece of assessment due: 18 October 2013

Withdrawal dates
Information on withdrawals and refunds may be found at
www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/payments/withdrawlsrefunds

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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
It is advisable to check the above for any changes to the timetable programme.

Seminar Time: **Trimester 1:** Thu 10.00 am -12.00 pm
                           Trimester 2: Fri 10.00 am -12.00 pm
Seminar Venue: Murphy 617

Teaching/learning summary
The weekly meetings will include lecturing and discussion. There are no tutorials for this course.

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 seminar programme will be advised by email, announced in lectures, and posted on the PHIL 404 Blackboard site.

Course prescription
This course examines several topics in relating to moral, political, and aesthetic value.

Learning objectives
Students who pass this course should be able to:

1. Advance their knowledge of several key areas of value theory.
2. Advance their abilities to undertake logical and critical thinking, especially as it pertains to value theory.
3. Practise and improve their critical writing skills.
4. Students are expected to attend classes regularly, take part in class discussion, and keep up with the reading.

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 the Faculty Guidelines, this course has been constructed on the assumption that students will devote a total of 300 hours to PHIL 404, including two hours of seminars per fortnight. Over the 24 teaching weeks of the academic year, that is an average of 12.5 hours per week.

Readings
The readings for Ramon's portion of the course will be available on Blackboard. The reading for Sondra's portion of the course is *The Art of Comics*, edited by Roy Cook and Aaron Meskin (Wiley Blackwell, 2012). The reading for Nick's portion of the course is to be announced later.

All undergraduate textbooks and student notes will be sold from the Memorial Theatre Foyer from 11 February to 15 March 2013, while postgraduate textbooks and student notes will be available from vicbooks' new store, Ground Floor Easterfield Building, Kelburn

Parade. After week two of the trimester all undergraduate textbooks and student notes will be sold from vicbooks, Easterfield 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 Blackboard for further details.

Assessment requirements

1. A 3000-3500 word essay on Ramon's section of the course, due Monday 20 May.
2. A 3000-3500 word essay on Sondra's section of the course, due Monday 15 July.
3. A 3000-3500 word essay on Nick's section of the course, due Friday 18 October.
Each essay is worth 1/3 of the final grade.

The assignments above are all designed to advance the learning objectives 1-3 identified previously.

Penalties
Late essays will be penalised at the rate of 10 points per week unless prior approval is granted by the postgraduate co-ordinator (Ramon Das).

Mandatory course requirements
There are no mandatory course requirements for this course.

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

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 (See Section C).

Other useful information for students may be found at the Academic Office website, at www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/avcacademic.