



FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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

**HISTORY PROGRAMME
HIST 249: NEW ZEALAND POLITICAL HISTORY
20 POINTS**

TRIMESTER 2 2013

Important dates

Trimester dates: 15 July to 17 November 2013

Teaching dates: 15 July to 18 October 2013

Mid-trimester break: 26 August to 8 September 2013

Study period: 21–25 October 2013

Examination/Assessment Period: 25 October to 16 November 2013

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.

Withdrawal dates: Refer to

www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/payments/withdrawalsrefunds

If you cannot complete an assignment or sit a test or examination (aegrotats), refer to

www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/aegrotat

Class times and locations

Lectures: Wednesday and Friday, 10.00-10.50 am.

Lecture Venue: Murphy Lecture Theatre 101 (MYLT101).

Tutorials: One hour each week from Week 2, times and rooms to be confirmed in the first week.

This will be advised through Blackboard.

Names and contact details

Course Coordinator: Jim McAloon

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Office hours: Available if the door is open, or by appointment.

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 announced in lectures and posted on the course Blackboard site.

Prescription

This course will survey key themes in New Zealand's political history, 1870-1975. The course content will include the changing shape and nature of the New Zealand state, the evolution of political parties, economic and social policy, and Māori and the state. Themes will be discussed in comparative context.

Course content

A detailed schedule will be provided in a separate document.

Course learning objectives (CLOs)

Students who pass this course should be able to:

1. Analyse major themes in New Zealand's political history from the mid-1800s to 1975;
2. Summarise major historiographical debates concerning New Zealand's pre-1975 political history;
3. Interpret primary and secondary sources and integrate historical research into their own writing;
4. Demonstrate their interpretation of the subject material via clear and concise prose.

Teaching format

This course is taught in two 50-minute lectures and one 50-minute tutorial per week. Students are expected to attend classes regularly, take part in class discussion, and keep up with the reading.

Mandatory course requirements

In addition to achieving an overall pass mark of 50%, students must complete and hand in all assignments and attend at least seven tutorials, unless there is a good reason for absence (in which case the course co-ordinator must be informed. Evidence may be requested).

Workload

In accordance with Faculty Guidelines, this course has been constructed on the assumption that students will devote 200 hours to the course 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.

Assessment

Assessment items and workload per item		%	CLO(s)	Due date
1	Sources exercise, 800-1000 words	15%	1, 3	various
2	Historiographical essay, 2000 words	35%	1, 2, 4	23 Sep
3	Research essay, 3000 words	50%	1, 2, 3, 4	18 Oct

Submission and return of work

Essays should be submitted through the office essay drop-off point, Old Kirk 405, together with completed cover sheet which is available on Blackboard and/or from the office (OK405).

Essays and tests will be returned at times to be advised. If students fail to attend these times, they may collect their essay from the Office, Room 405, Old Kirk Building between the hours of 1.30 and 2.30 pm from Monday to Friday and must show their Student ID card before collection.

Penalties

Students will be penalised for late submission of assignments – **a deduction of 5% for the first weekday late, and 2% per weekday thereafter, up to a maximum of 10 weekdays.** Work that is more than 10 weekdays late can be accepted for mandatory course requirements but may not be marked. Penalties may be waived if there are valid grounds (for example, illness [presentation of a medical certificate will be necessary] or similar other contingencies). In such cases, students should get in touch with the course coordinator as soon as possible.

Set texts and recommended reading

There is no set text. A general history of New Zealand will be helpful if you have little background in New Zealand history; the best is Philippa Mein Smith, *A Concise History of New Zealand*. There will not be a printed course-book; tutorial readings will be available online, and the list of material will be circulated in a separate document, which will also include a fuller reading list.

Class representative

The class representative provides a useful way to communicate feedback to the teaching staff during the course. A class representative will be selected during the first fortnight.

Student feedback

This course is offered for the first time in 2013. In addition to formal feedback, I will provide other opportunities for feedback to be given, and student comment is welcome at any time, either directly or through the class representative.

Student feedback on University courses may be found at www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/feedback/feedback_display.php.

Other important information

The information above is specific to this course. There is other important information that students must familiarise themselves with, including:

- Academic Integrity and Plagiarism: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/plagiarism
- Aegrotats: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/aegrotat
- Academic Progress: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/academic-progress (including restrictions and non-engagement)
- Dates and deadlines: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/dates
- FHSS Student and Academic Services Office: www.victoria.ac.nz/fhss/student-admin
- Grades: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/grades
- Graduate attributes: <http://www.victoria.ac.nz/hppi/about/overview-of-the-school/hist-overview#grad-attributes>
- Resolving academic issues: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/avcacademic/publications2#grievances
- Special passes: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/avcacademic/publications2#specialpass
- Statutes and policies including the Student Conduct Statute: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy
- Student support: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/viclfe/student-service
- Students with disabilities: www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/disability

- Student Charter: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/viclife/student-charter
- Student Contract: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/enrol/studentcontract
- Turnitin: www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/wiki/index.php/Turnitin
- University structure: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about
- VUWSA: www.vuwsa.org.nz