



FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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

**POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS PROGRAMME
INTP 244: NEW ZEALAND IN THE WORLD
20 POINTS**

TRIMESTER 2 2013

Important dates

Trimester dates: 15 July to 17 November 2013

Teaching dates: 15 July to 18 October 2013

Final item of assessment due: 18 October

Withdrawal dates: Refer to

www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admissenrol/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: Tuesday and Friday 9-9:50am

Lecture Venue: Hugh Mackenzie LT002

Names and contact details

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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 course Blackboard site.

Prescription

This course examines New Zealand as an actor in world politics. It provides an introductory survey of New Zealand's external relations and their main domestic and international determinants. The material covers foreign and defence policy and also examines New Zealand's role in institutions such as the United Nations. The subject pays particular attention to New Zealand's changing relationships with Asia, the United States and Britain. Where appropriate, the class will utilise relevant expertise from organisations such as MFAT, Defence and the NZDF to provide 'real world' examples of New Zealand's foreign and security policy in practice. 100% internal assessment.

Course learning objectives (CLOs)

Students who pass this course should be able to:

1. have a good grasp of the history of New Zealand's international relations
2. have a good understanding of contemporary issues in New Zealand's international relations
3. display the ability to think critically about explanations for New Zealand policy and actions
4. display the ability to think critically about the existing literature on New Zealand foreign policy

Teaching format

This course is taught in twice-weekly fifty-minute lectures over 12 weeks. There will also be ten weeks of tutorials (there are no tutorials in the first or final week). Students are expected to attend lectures and tutorials 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:

1. Submit the research essay
2. Sit the two class tests
3. Attend **at least six** of the ten tutorials

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, completion of all set weekly readings and research and writing for set assessment tasks.

Assessment

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Assessment items and workload per item		%	CLO(s)	Due date
1	Tutorial participation	10%	1, 2	weekly
2	Research essay (2500 words)	30%	2, 3, 4	20 September
3	First in-class test (50 minutes)	30%	1,2,3,4	23 August
4	Second in-class test (50 minutes)	30%	1,2,3,4	18 October

1. Tutorial Participation: (10%)

Tutorials begin in the second week of class (the week starting 22 July). Tutorial times and venues will be confirmed during the first week of lectures. Students can sign up for tutorials online using S-cubed, which can be accessed at: <https://signups.victoria.ac.nz>. You are expected to read the articles and chapters for each week provided in the Book of Readings and prepare to discuss them in the tutorials.

2. Class Test One (30%) The test is designed to assess your understanding of the background issues to New Zealand foreign policy discussed in the first part of the course (i.e. including the material discussed in class and in tutorials up to and including week six).

3. Research Essay (30%) The purpose of the assignment is for you to give an analysis of the key issues, supported by relevant evidence and examples. Questions will be handed out in the first few weeks of the course. The essay must not be more than 2,500 words (excluding bibliography and footnotes). It must be submitted in hardcopy as well as in electronic format by the deadline. Extensions will be granted for serious reasons only (in the case of illness, a medical certificate is required). We will also discuss the essay assignment in more depth in class. The research paper is due by **5pm on Friday 20 September**. The paper should include appropriate references and a bibliography (the references and bibliography do not count towards the word limit). Appropriate references means using academic journals and books, not a quick Google search and a few footnotes to Wikipedia. More information about the research paper will be distributed in class and posted on Blackboard.

4. Class Test Two (30%)

The test is designed to assess your understanding of the topics discussed the second part of the course (i.e. all of the material discussed in class and in tutorials after the midtrimester break) and the major themes of the course. More information about the test will be given in lectures.

Submission and return of work

All written work must be submitted in hard copy in the course essay box outside the School office on the fifth floor of the Murphy building. All assignments must have a Programme cover sheet attached.

The Programme's policy requires that students also submit an **electronic copy** along with the hardcopy. For this course, please upload a copy to Turnitin.com on the same due date for your hardcopy submission. Instructions for how to register and upload to Turnitin will be distributed in class.

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 School Office, Murphy 518 between the hours of 2.00 and 3.00 pm from Monday to Friday.

Penalties

Students will be penalised for late submission of assignments – **a deduction of 5% for the first day late, and 2% per day thereafter, up to a maximum of 8 days**. 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 all such cases, prior information will be necessary.

Set texts

The set text is the Book of Readings for INTP 244: *New Zealand in the World* (2013), available from VicBooks. Additional and recommended readings will be posted on E-Reserve in the Library or on Blackboard.

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 at the first lecture of the course

Student feedback

I welcome student feedback and suggestions about how the course can be improved. In addition to the formal evaluations carried out towards the end of the class, please feel free to contact me 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/psir-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/viclifelife/student-service
- Students with disabilities: www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/disability
- Student Charter: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/viclifelife/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