



FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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

POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS PROGRAMME

INTP 451: SPECIAL TOPIC: NEW ZEALAND DIPLOMACY

30 POINTS

TRIMESTER 2 2013

Important dates

Trimester dates: 15 July to 17 November 2013

Teaching dates: 15 July to 18 October 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

Seminars: Tuesday 5:10-8pm

Seminar Venue: Murphy401

Names and contact details

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Office hours: Tuesday 11-12 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 advised by email, announced in lectures, and posted on the course Blackboard site.

Prescription

This course explores the history and practice of New Zealand's international relations. Topics covered include regional issues in Asia and the Pacific, trade and security policy, multilateralism and the UN, cultural and public diplomacy, and the role of non-governmental actors. There will be guest speakers from MFAT and other agencies. 60% internal assessment, 40% examination.

Course learning objectives (CLOs)

Students who pass this course should be able to:

- 1 Illustrate understanding of the key issues and actors in New Zealand's international relations
- 2 Apply concepts and theories from the wider IR literature to explain developments in New Zealand's international relations
- 3 Critique the strengths and weaknesses of the existing scholarship on New Zealand's international relations.
- 4 Explain the history and practice of New Zealand's international relations from a range of analytical perspectives

Teaching format

This course is taught in weekly three-hour seminars over 12 weeks. Students are expected to attend seminars 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 both research essays
2. Sit the final examination

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

There are three pieces of assessment for the course: two research essays and a final examination.

Assessment items and workload per item		%	CLO(s)	Due date
1	Research Essay (3500 words)	30%	1, 2, 3, 4	23 August
2	Research essay (3500 words)	30%	1, 2, 3, 4	18 October
3	Final examination (2 hours)	40%	1, 2,3,4	tba

1. **Essay Assignment One (30%)** The purpose of the assignment is for you to give an analysis of the key issues from the first part of the course, including debates about the history of New Zealand's international relations. The essay must not be more than 3,500 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). The essay is due by **5pm on Friday 23 August**. More information about the essay will be distributed in class and posted on Blackboard.

- 2. Essay Assignment Two (30%)** The purpose of the assignment is to test understanding of the key issues from the second part of the course, including key relationships in New Zealand's international relations. The essay must not be more than 3,500 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). The essay is due by **5pm on Friday 18 October**.
- 3. Final examination (40%).** The purpose of the exam is to test students' overall grasp of the issues, readings and debates covered in the class. The examination is two hours long. The date will be confirmed once the examination timetable is announced during the trimester.

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 course notes for INTP 451: *New Zealand Diplomacy* (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