



## PAPER OUTLINE 2013

**Paper Code & Title:** NZSM 430 *Topic in Music Studies*  
**Trimester:** 2                      **Year:** 2013  
**CRN:** 25063                      **Campus:** NZSM - VUW Kelburn  
**Points:** 30  
**Prerequisites:** *BMus or BA in Music or PHOS*  
**Corequisites:** *None*  
**Restrictions:** *MUSC 343*

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**Important dates:**      Trimester dates:      15 July–17 November 2013  
                                 Teaching dates:      15 July–18 October 2013  
                                 Mid-trimester break:      26 August–8 September 2013  
                                 Study period:      21–25 October 2013  
Examination/Assessment period:      25 October–16 November 2013  
                                 (where applicable)      *NB: For courses with exams, students must be available to attend the exam at any time during this period.*  
  
Last assessment item due:      27 October 2013  
Withdrawal date:      26 July 2013  
                                 Refer to  
                                 [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/payments/withdrawalsrefunds](http://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](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/aegrotat)

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**Office hours:** By appointment

**Class times & locations:**      Wednesday, 1:40pm–3:00pm (Room MS209)  
                                 Friday, 10:30am–11:50am (Room MS209)

## PRESCRIPTION

*Advanced study of a selected interdisciplinary topic within Music Studies considered from a range of historical, cultural or critical perspectives. 2013 Offering: The Blues. A close critical and analytical experience of a variety of blues-inflected contemporary musics and the discussion around them as well as historical investigations into the role of the blues across genre boundaries. Today, the term 'the blues' is used to mean everything from an emotional affect, a musical style, a harmonic form, a poetic form, an improvisational language, to a form of oral history. From the blues roots of American popular music through to present-day meanings, recreating what has long been a kind of pilgrimage in search of the 'roots' of the blues. Co-taught with MUSC 343.*

## **TEACHING FORMAT**

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This course comprises two 1.5-hour lectures per week.

*See attached course syllabus for more information.*

## **WORKLOAD**

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A 30-point one-trimester paper should require at least 300 hours work (including class time). This means that in term time, the midterm break and study week you should be prepared to spend on average 20 hours per week involved in activities such as attending classes, reading, listening to recommended recordings and preparing assignments.

## **READINGS, MATERIALS & EQUIPMENT**

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Reading and listening assignments will be available via the course Blackboard site.

## **PAPER LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

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Students successfully completing this paper will be able to:

1. explain and evaluate a range of contemporary and historical theoretical approaches to the Blues
2. critically evaluate theoretical and discursive approaches to a variety of musical repertoire
3. write effective and creative essays at an advanced level on musical works, practices, or issues related to the course.

## ASSESSMENT

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### Approved assessment regime

The following assessment regime for this paper has been approved by the NZSM Academic Committee:

*There are 5 items of assessment:*

1. Two In-Class Tests. Related to learning outcomes 1 & 2. (20%).
2. Portfolio of 400- to 500-word journal assignments. Related to learning outcomes 1 & 2. (20%).
3. Preparatory work for final project (prospectus and bibliography). Related to learning outcome 3. (10%).
4. Final project essay, 5,000 words. Related to learning outcome 3. (35%).
5. Final project seminar, 15 min. Related to learning outcomes 1, 2, 3. (15%).

### Assessment details for this offering

<i>Assessment items and workload per item</i>	<i>Word length / duration</i>	<i>Learning objective(s)</i>	<i>Due date</i>	<i>%</i>
Portfolio of Written Assignments	400 to 500 words each	1, 2	21 July 28 July 4 August 11 August 18 August 25 August 15 September 22 September	20%
Test No. 1	80 minutes	1, 2	9 August	10%
Test No. 2	80 minutes	1, 2	20 September	10%
Final Project Prospectus	250 words	3	29 September	10%
Final Project Bibliography	500 words		6 October	
Final Project Seminar	15 minutes	1, 2, 3	TBA (9-18 October)	15%
Final Project Essay	5,000 words	3	27 October	35%

## PENALTIES

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Assignments must be submitted by the due dates. In fairness to other students, unless a medical certificate is produced, assessment submitted after 5pm on the due date will be subject to a 5% demerit on your grade, increasing by 5% each further working day it is overdue.

Students, who for exceptional reasons can justify an extension for an item of assessment, must apply to the Course Coordinator *before* the due date. Please note that no extensions can be granted for tutorial assignments.

## ASSIGNMENT PRESENTATION

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**Written work** should be presented according to the guidelines set out in the **NZSM Guidelines for Academic Work**, which can be downloaded as a PDF document from the NZSM Website [www.nzsm.ac.nz/student-zone/student-guides](http://www.nzsm.ac.nz/student-zone/student-guides). Five percent (5%) will be deducted for written work that does not conform to these standards.

**Notated work** must be presented according to the guidelines set down in the **NZSM Composition and Orchestration Style Guide**, available as a PDF document from the NZSM Website: [www.nzsm.ac.nz/student-zone/student-guides](http://www.nzsm.ac.nz/student-zone/student-guides). Five percent (5%) will be deducted for notated work that clearly does not conform to these standards.

## MANDATORY PAPER REQUIREMENTS

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In addition to achieving an overall pass mark of 50%, students must:

- a) submit each piece of work or item of assessment specified for this course, on or by the specified dates (subject to such provisions as are stated for late submission of work)
- b) attend at least 80% of lectures, tutorials, and workshops related to this course
- c) attend at least two Music Forum seminar presentations in the trimester the course is taught.

If for health reasons you are unable to complete all the work required for assessment purposes for this paper by 17 November, you may, on presentation of a medical certificate, have the date for submission extended by the Director, NZSM.

## SUBMISSION AND RETURN OF WORK

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*Assignments should be submitted via the course Blackboard site.*

*Marked assignments will be returned via the course Blackboard site or in class meetings.*

NB: This course is moderated, so all students are requested to retain all marked assessment items in the event that they are required at the end of the course.

## SCALING OF GRADES

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To obtain a fair distribution of marks relative to assignment difficulty, scaling may be employed on some or all assessment items in accordance with guidelines set out in the VUW Assessment Handbook:

[www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about\\_victoria/avcadademic/publications/assessment-handbook.pdf](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about_victoria/avcadademic/publications/assessment-handbook.pdf)

## ACADEMIC PROGRESS, NON-ENGAGEMENT & STUDENT LOAN ELIGIBILITY

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All NZSM students are bound by the VUW Academic Progress Statute. VUW manages the enrolment of students who are not making satisfactory academic progress by:

- restricting the number of courses that students may enrol in, and/or
- requiring students to meet certain conditions.

Students whose academic progress continues to be unsatisfactory may be suspended for a specified period. Students who return after suspension and whose academic progress remains unsatisfactory may be excluded from the University.

Any student who is enrolled in more than two courses in a trimester and achieves E grades in all courses will be considered "non-engaged". The University can suspend or exclude such students. For full details about restrictions and conditions refer to:

[www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/academic-progress](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/academic-progress)

Also, please note that students will be required to pass at least half of their courses in order to continue to qualify for a student loan. For more information see:

[www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/payments/loansandallowances/performance-criteria](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/payments/loansandallowances/performance-criteria)

## COMMUNICATION OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Official notices issued after the paper has commenced will be posted on the board outside the NZSM office on the Kelburn campus. Notices concerning a number of papers will also be posted on Blackboard. The Course Coordinator will specify if Blackboard will be used.

## CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

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Class representatives for the NZSM are elected in the first week of the trimester, and their names and contact details will be available to VUWSA and/or MaWSA, the Course Coordinator and to each class. You can find out more information on Class Representatives on the VUWSA website ([www.vuwsa.org.nz](http://www.vuwsa.org.nz)) or MaWSA website ([www.mawsa.org.nz](http://www.mawsa.org.nz))

Students may like to write the Class Rep's name and details in this box:

Class Rep name and contact details:
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## STUDENT FEEDBACK

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Student feedback on University courses may be found at [www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/feedback/feedback\\_display.php](http://www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/feedback/feedback_display.php)

## ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND PLAGIARISM

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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 school's learning, teaching and research activities are based. The NZSM's reputation for academic integrity adds value to your qualification.

The NZSM 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 NZSM website: [www.nzsm.ac.nz/student-zone/student-guides](http://www.nzsm.ac.nz/student-zone/student-guides)

## GENERAL NZSM POLICIES AND STATUTES

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Students should familiarise themselves with the NZSM's policies and statutes, especially those regarding Personal Courses of Study, Academic Grievances, Staff and Student Conduct. Please see [www.nzsm.ac.nz/student-zone/student-guides](http://www.nzsm.ac.nz/student-zone/student-guides)

For any statutes relating to the particular qualifications being studied, see either the Massey University Calendar or the Victoria University of Wellington Calendar.

Information about Student Services, including Academic Mentoring for Māori and Pasifika Students, and support for Students with Disabilities, is to be found in the NZSM Student Handbook (available at [www.nzsm.ac.nz/student-zone/student-guides](http://www.nzsm.ac.nz/student-zone/student-guides) or in hard copy from the NZSM offices on each campus).

## HUMAN ETHICS GUIDELINES

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Any student assessment or project at any level that involves human subjects (including the documenting, interviewing and recording of information from people) must follow ethics guidelines. For courses in Music Therapy, students must follow Massey University Ethics guidelines. For all other courses, students must follow VUW Ethics Guidelines. For information and assistance as it relates to your course, consult first with your Course Coordinator. Guidelines are given at:

- <https://intranet.victoria.ac.nz/research-office/policy-and-services/ethics.html>
- [www.massey.ac.nz/massey/research/research-ethics/human-ethics](http://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/research/research-ethics/human-ethics)

## OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

- Aegrotats: [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/aegrotat](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/aegrotat)
- Academic Progress (including restrictions and non-engagement): [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/academic-progress](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/academic-progress)
- Dates and deadlines: [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/dates](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/dates)
- FHSS Student and Academic Services Office: [www.victoria.ac.nz/fhss/student-admin](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/fhss/student-admin)
- Grades: [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/grades](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/grades)
- Resolving academic issues: [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/avcacademic/publications2#grievances](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/avcacademic/publications2#grievances)
- Special passes: [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/avcacademic/publications2#specialpass](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/avcacademic/publications2#specialpass)
- Statutes and policies including the Student Conduct Statute: [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy)
- Student support: [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/viclife/student-service](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/viclife/student-service)
- Students with disabilities: [www.victoria.ac.nz/st\\_services/disability](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/disability) OR [www.massey.ac.nz/massey/student-life/services-and-resources/disability-services/disability-services\\_home.cfm](http://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/student-life/services-and-resources/disability-services/disability-services_home.cfm)
- Student Charter: [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/viclife/student-charter](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/viclife/student-charter)
- Student Contract: [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/enrol/studentcontract](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/enrol/studentcontract)
- Turnitin: [www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/wiki/index.php/Turnitin](http://www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/wiki/index.php/Turnitin)
- University structure: [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about) OR [www.massey.ac.nz/massey/home.cfm](http://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/home.cfm)
- NZSM Student Handbook: [www.nzsm.ac.nz/student-zone/student-guides](http://www.nzsm.ac.nz/student-zone/student-guides)
- Scholarships and prizes relevant to NZSM students: [www.nzsm.ac.nz/student-zone/scholarships-and-prizes](http://www.nzsm.ac.nz/student-zone/scholarships-and-prizes)
- Your grades, academic profile, timetable, etc.: [my.vuw.ac.nz](http://my.vuw.ac.nz)

## EVENTS

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Regular events are held during trimesters 1 & 2 at all NZSM campuses. These events are for the benefit of all students, and include performances, masterclasses, special lectures and workshops given by staff, students and visiting artists.

All students are expected to keep time free to attend the weekly lunchtime concert on Friday at 12.10pm, along with other events as required.

Students should sign up to the **Dawn Chorus**, the NZSM's events e-newsletter, by emailing [events@nzsm.ac.nz](mailto:events@nzsm.ac.nz) with "subscribe dawn chorus" in the subject line.

Music Forum will take place every Friday from 3:10pm-4:30pm. It will normally take place in the ACR, Kelburn Campus, but will take place on selected Fridays at Mt Cook, location to be announced.

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