



FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
SCHOOL OF HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS
PHILOSOPHY PROGRAMME
PHIL 222/322: Philosophy of Literature
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

Last assessment item due: 4 November 2013

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: Monday **10.00 – 11.50 am** and Fridays **9.00 -10.50 am**

Lecture Venue: Laby 118 (LB118)

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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 will examine philosophical questions that arise in connection with the literary arts. Topics may include the relationship between fiction and non-fiction, and between fiction and fact; the creation and discovery of fiction; the emotional impact of fiction on the reader; and criteria for evaluating fiction.

Course learning objectives (CLOs)

Students who pass this course will be able to:

PHIL 222

- 1) understand and analyse central issues in philosophy of literature.
- 2) evaluate and critically assess central issues in philosophy of literature.

PHIL 322

- 1) understand and analyse more in-depth central issues in philosophy of literature.
- 2) evaluate and critically assess more in-depth central issues in philosophy of literature.

Teaching format

The two-hour bi-weekly meetings will include some lecturing, plus discussion, informal group assignments, and time for questions. There are no tutorials for this course. Students are expected to attend classes regularly, take part in class discussion, and keep up with the reading.

Mandatory course requirements

Other than achieving an overall pass mark of 50% there are no mandatory course requirements.

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

Assessment

Phil 222

Assessment items and workload per item	%	CLO(s)	Due date
1 Essay 1 (1500-2000 words)	33 ⅓%	1, 2	2 September
2 Essay 2 (1500-2000 words)	33 ⅓%	1,2	14 October
3 Essay 3 (1500-2000 words)	33 ⅓%	1, 2	4 November

Phil 322

Assessment items and workload per item	%	CLO(s)	Due date
1 Essay 1 (1500-2000 words)	33 ⅓%	1, 2	2 September

2	Essay 2 (1500-2000 words)	33 ⅓%	1,2	14 October
3	Essay 3 (1500-2000 words)	33 ⅓%	1, 2	4 November

This is an internally assessed course. The assessment will be based on **three essays** on a topic from each section of the course, that is, one from Sondra's section, one from Stuart's section and one from Anton's section. There is no strict maximum or minimum word limit on the essays, but you should aim at writing approximately **1500-2,000 words** for PHIL 222 and **2500 – 3000 words** for PHIL 322 with no padding or waffle.

Submission and return of work

Essays should be submitted through Blackboard. Essays will be returned at times to be advised either in class or via Blackboard. If students fail to attend these times, they may collect their essay from the School Office, Room 518, Murphy Building between the hours of 2.00 and 3.00 pm from Monday to Friday and must show their Student ID card before collection.

Penalties

Philosophy Programme policy stipulates that late submission of essays is penalised. For each week or part thereof of lateness, a late assignment gets a 5 point penalty, up to three weeks, after which the assignment will get a zero mark. (i.e. 1-7 days late a loss of 5%; 8-14 days late a loss of 10 %; 15-21 days late a loss of 15%, and after that a zero mark.) Extensions may be granted in exceptional circumstances, but **require the student to provide documentation**. If granted an extension, students must agree to a new due date. Contact your lecturer as soon as a problem emerges. Late essays will not receive comments.

Set texts

All readings are available through 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

There has been one change of lecturer since this course was last taught. 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/phil-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/viclife/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