



FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

SCHOOL OF HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

PHILOSOPHY PROGRAMME PHIL 231/331: Philosophy of Language 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

Last assessment item due: Essays 1 and 2 must be turned on or before the final day of lectures, 15/10/13. The take home final essay is due on 13 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: Wednesday, Friday 3:10 – 5.00 pm.

Lecture Venue: Laby LT118

Names and contact details

Course Coordinator: Ed Mares

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Office hours: Monday 1:30-3pm or by appointment

Communication of additional information

All additional information on changes will be conveyed to students via Blackboard.

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 posted on the course Blackboard site.

Prescription

This course examines the conceptual development of the theories of meaning and reference to the present. We discuss the problem of interpreting what others say and the role of context in the understanding of language.

Course learning objectives (CLOs)

Students who pass this course will be able to:

PHIL 231

1. Explain the main debates in contemporary philosophy of language;
2. Write a coherent essay on one or more of these debates.

PHIL 31

1. Explain in-depth the main debates in contemporary philosophy of language;
2. Write an in-depth coherent essay on one or more of these debates.

Teaching format

The two-hour bi-weekly meetings will include some lecturing, plus discussion, 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, completion of all set weekly readings and research and writing for set assessment tasks.

Assessment

Assessment items and workload per item – PHIL 231		%	CLO(s)	Due date
1	2000-word essay	30%	1, 2	21/8/13
2	2000-word essay	30%	1, 2	4/10/13
3	Take Home Final Essays	40%	1, 2	13/11/13

Assessment items and workload per item – PHIL 331		%	CLO(s)	Due date
1	2500-3000 word essay	30%	1, 2	21/8/13
2	2500-3000 word essay	30%	1, 2	4/10/13
3	Take Home Final Essays	40%	1, 2	13/11/13

Submission and return of work

Essays should be submitted through Blackboard. All essays will be submitted to Turnitin.com.

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, 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.

Set Texts

All readings are available on the blackboard site for this course in the course materials section.

Recommended reading

Recommended readings are also available on blackboard and are flagged as such.

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 have been no changes to the course since 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/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