



## FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

### STOUT RESEARCH CENTRE

## FHSS 101: SPECIAL TOPIC: 100% PURE? AN INTRODUCTION TO NEW ZEALAND

TRIMESTER 3 2013

### Important dates

**Teaching dates:** 6 January – 14 February

**Withdrawal dates:** 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)

### Class times and locations

Seminars:                    Monday 10am-11.50am  
                                  Wednesday 10am-11.50am  
                                  Friday 10am-11.50am

Seminar Venue:          Murphy 632

### Names and contact details

Course Co-ordinator: Grace Millar  
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Office Hours:            12-1pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday

### 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

'100% pure', 'God's own country', 'the social laboratory': New Zealanders have made grand claims about the nature of their society. This course uses historical events, stories, songs and films to study contemporary New Zealand society through the lens of these claims.

## Course content

This course will be organised around weekly themes, with lectures, discussion and field-trips to illustrate these themes:

January 6, Week 1: People and the Land

January 13, Week 2: Wellington Harbour

January 20, Week 3: Māori culture in the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Century

January 27, Week 4: New Zealand and the World

February 3, Week 5: Immigration and Emigration

February 10, Week 6: Wrap-up, Revision, Test

## Course learning objectives (CLOs)

Students who pass this course should be able to:

- 1: Critically analyse the way New Zealand has represented itself and been represented.
- 2: Explain aspects of New Zealand history and culture.
- 3: Demonstrate basic research skills, including finding and summarising relevant academic material.
- 4: Write in an academic register and style.
- 5: Apply ideas discussed in class in new contexts.

## Teaching format

FHSS 101 taught in three two hour seminars per week. The seminars are a combination of lectures, discussion and small group work. Students are expected to attend classes 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 written work specified for this course
2. Attend 12 out of 18 seminars

## 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 seminars, completion of all set weekly readings, completing activities outside of class for weekly responses and research and writing for assessment tasks.

## Assessment

Assessment items and workload per item		%	CLO(s)	Due date
1	Weekly Reflection (5 Required 4 best count 500 words each)	40%	1, 2, 5	Each week's reflection is due on the Friday.
2	Research Exercise (750 words).	15%	3	Monday 20 January.
3	Essay (1,500 words).	30%	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	Monday 10 February.
4	Test (1 hour)	15%	1, 2	Friday 14 February.

## Submission and return of work

Assignments should be submitted to the course co-ordinator at a seminar or during office hours. If this is not possible, then contact the course-coordinator to arrange an alternative method of submission. Assignments will be returned in seminars. The text can be collected directly from the course co-ordinator.

## Penalties

Students will be penalised for late submission of assignments – **a deduction of 5% for the first weekday late, and 2% per weekday thereafter, up to a maximum of 10 weekdays**. 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 such cases, students should get in touch with the course coordinator as soon as possible.

## Additional expenses

Some of the suggested activities for the weekly reflection may cost a small amount of money, but for each week a free alternative will be offered.

## Set texts

The set text is the FHSS 101 Book of Readings available from vicbooks ([www.vicbooks.co.nz](http://www.vicbooks.co.nz)).

## 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. 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

This is the first year this course has been run. 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).

## 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](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/plagiarism)
- Aegrotats: [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/aegrotat](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/aegrotat)
- Academic Progress: [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/academic-progress](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/academic-progress) (including restrictions and non-engagement)
- 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)
- 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)
- VUWSA: [www.vuwsa.org.nz](http://www.vuwsa.org.nz)