

**FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES AND CULTURES**

**FHSS 310
STUDY ABROAD FOR LANGUAGE STUDENTS
20 POINTS**

TRIMESTER 3 2013

Please read through this material very carefully in the first week of the course, and refer to it regularly.

Important dates

Trimester dates: 18 November 2013 - 23 February 2014

Teaching dates: 18 November 2013 - 23 February 2014

Mid-trimester/Xmas break: 23 December 2013 – 5 January 2014

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

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Communication of additional information

Additional information will be communicated directly to students via email.

Course prescription

The course involves language study at an approved overseas institution and is available to students who have completed 40 points of relevant language acquisition courses at Victoria. 100% internal assessment based on a portfolio completed abroad and an essay and presentation upon return to New Zealand.

Course learning objectives (CLOs)

Students who pass this course should be able to:

- (i) Give an analytical account in the target language of issues of intercultural contact, language use in society, and social or political comparisons arising from a living experience in an overseas community;
- (ii) Reflect on the problem of learning a second language in an overseas context, the goals, the learning opportunities and the obstacles in taking up the opportunities, and strategies for self-direction;
- (iii) Make a formal presentation in the target language on a topic related to study abroad with sufficient fluency and accuracy to achieve communicative effect.

Teaching format

Students will be expected to complete approximately 48 hours of class but this will vary depending on the requirement of the overseas institution.

Mandatory course requirements

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

- (i) Complete the approved language course at the partner institution;
- (ii) Complete all pieces of assessment.

Workload

The University Assessment Handbook has laid down guidelines as to the number of hours per week which students are expected to devote to a course in order to maintain satisfactory progress. Students enrolling in a one trimester 20-point course should complete a total of 200 hours of study for the course.

Assessment requirements

Assessment for FHSS 310 consists of:

Assessment items and workload per item	Length	%	CLO(s)
1 Portfolio of written work completed abroad	Will vary	50%	(i), (ii)
2 Essay in the target language to be submitted on return	1,300 words or equivalent	30%	(i), (ii)
3 Oral presentation in the target language to be delivered on return	15 minutes	20%	(iii)

Submission and return of work

Students will be expected to submit their portfolio and essay, and do the oral presentation by 23 February 2014. Students will need to contact the relevant course coordinator to arrange a time for their oral presentation.

Students will receive a pass/fail grade which will be awarded by the end of trimester 3, 2014.

Student feedback

Students will have an opportunity to provide feedback on the course on their return from overseas.

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
- 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