



FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

ART HISTORY, CLASSICS AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

RELI 107 RELIGION, LAW AND POLITICS

20 POINTS

TRIMESTER 1 2015

Important dates

Trimester dates: 2 March to 1 July 2015

Teaching dates: 2 March to 5 June 2015

Easter/Mid-trimester break: 3–19 April 2015

Study period: 8–12 June 2015

Withdrawal dates: Refer to www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/withdrawals-refunds. If you cannot complete an assignment or sit a test or examination, refer to www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats.

Class times and locations

Lectures: Tuesday 10:00 – 11:50 am Maclaurin MC LT 103

Tutorials: TBA

Names and contact details

Course coordinator: Dr Geoff Troughton

Tutors: TBA

Communication of additional information

Notices regarding the course or any information on changes will be posted on the notice board outside KP 14 203. Notices will also be communicated to students via announcements and email on Blackboard.

Prescription

What are the relationships between religion and politics? Is law always underpinned by religion? What drives some religious believers to conflict and violence in support of political aims, and others to peace and reconciliation? Lectures, tutorials and guest speakers enable a deeper understanding of both the New Zealand situation and some of the world's religious and political conflict areas.

Course learning objectives (CLOs)

Students who pass this course should be able to:

1. identify distinctive religious strands which have shaped the polities of NZ and other western societies
2. critically interpret current religious or religiously charged controversies, including (but not restricted to) legal protection of religious freedom; war, peace and violence; and gender and sexual politics, from the perspective of the interrelationship of religion, law and politics
3. read, summarise and analyse a range of literature in the disciplines of religious studies, law and political science.

Teaching format

The course is delivered by means of one 2-hour lecture per week, and 9 tutorial sessions scheduled throughout the trimester.

Mandatory course requirements

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

1. submit the source (library) assignment and essay;
2. submit at least 4 Reading Assignments
3. sit the class test;
4. attend a minimum of 8 of tutorials.

Workload

For 20-point one-trimester courses, 200 hours over the trimester are recommended. An average student should spend 13 hours per week for preparation, reading and writing in addition to attendance at lectures and tutorials.

Assessment

| Assessment items and workload per item | % | CLO(s) | Due date |
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| 1 Sources (library Assignment): 1200 words, Recommended average time spent on this task: 30 hours | 20% | 1, 3 | Mon 30 March 2015 |
| 2 1 essay of 1,500 words Recommended average time spent on this task: 60 hours | 30% | 1,2,3 | Wed 27 May 2015 |
| 3 Quizzes: 5 multi-choice quizzes based on the content of the compulsory readings to be completed before lecture time, collectively worth 10% of the final grade Recommended average time spent on this task: 15 hours | 10% | 3 | See Lecture Schedule |
| 3 Reading Assignments: 5 short reading assignments based on the content of a compulsory reading, to be completed by 5pm on the Tuesday of the relevant lecture, collectively worth 15% of the final grade. (about 3050 words each) Recommended average time spent on this task: 25 hours. | 15% | 3 | See Lecture Schedule |
| 4 One test held in class (100 minutes duration) Recommended average time spent on this task: 60 hours | 25% | 1,2,3 | Tues 2 June 2015 |

Submission and return of work

All assignments must be submitted in hard copy to the assignment box outside the Religious Studies programme office (KP 14 203).

The essay must be submitted in electronic form on Blackboard, AND to the assignment box. Electronic submission via Blackboard alone is not sufficient. Marked work can be picked up from the programme office approximately two weeks after submission date.

Extensions and Penalties

Extensions

Essays submitted late due to medical or personal reasons must be given to the programme administrator accompanied by a certificate from a doctor or other professional. If students require an extension, this should be arranged with Dr Troughton prior to the relevant deadline.

Penalties

A penalty of 1% per 24 hours may be deducted for essays and assignments that are submitted late, without a prior arrangement for extension. After 14 days, essays may still be accepted, but students should not expect to receive comments on their work from the marker.

Set texts

There is no set textbook or course reader. All readings are made available to students electronically, via 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. Students may like to write the Class Rep's name and details in this box:

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| Class Rep name and contact details: |
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Student feedback

This course is evaluated by Cad.

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/students/study/exams/integrity-plagiarism
- Aegrotats: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats
- Academic Progress: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/academic-progress (including restrictions and non-engagement)
- Dates and deadlines: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/dates
- FHSS Student and Academic Services Office: www.victoria.ac.nz/fhss/student-admin
- Grades: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/grades
- Resolving academic issues: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/dvc-academic/publications

- Special passes: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/dvc-academic/publications
- Statutes and policies including the Student Conduct Statute: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/strategy
- Student support: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/support
- Students with disabilities: www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/disability
- Student Charter: www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/student-charter
- Student Contract: www.victoria.ac.nz/study/apply-enrol/terms-conditions/student-contract
- Subject Librarians: <http://library.victoria.ac.nz/library-v2/find-your-subject-librarian>
- Turnitin: www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/wiki/index.php/Turnitin
- University structure: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/structure
- Victoria graduate profile: www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/graduate-profile
- VUWSA: www.vuwsa.org.nz