FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

SCHOOL OF HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

PHILOSOPHY PROGRAMME
PHIL 375: Philosophy of Law
20 POINTS

TRIMESTER 2 2015

Important dates

Trimester dates: 13 July to 15 November 2015
Teaching dates: 15 July to 14 October 2015
Mid-trimester break: 24 August to 6 September 2015
Last assessment item due: 24 October 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, Wednesday, 2:10-4:00 pm
Venue: Tuesday: Laby (LB)LT118. Wednesday: Easterfield (EA)LT206
Tutorials: Please see the Academic Timetable 2015 www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/timetables

Names and contact details

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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 is a comprehensive examination of jurisprudence and the philosophy of law. Questions that may be discussed are: What is a law? From where do laws derive their authority? What is the relationship between the law, ethics and morality?

Course content

Please refer to the Schedule of Topics and Readings on Blackboard for further information.

Course learning objectives (CLOs)

Students who pass this course will be able to:

1. integrate disciplinary knowledge and skills developed at 200-level and apply them to the field of philosophy of law and jurisprudence
2. provide original arguments for or against contentious philosophical theses
3. engage in original and ethical research in philosophy under close supervision teaching format.

Teaching format

PHIL 375 is taught in two two-hour lectures per week.

Mandatory course requirements

There are no mandatory course requirements.

Workload

This course has been designed on the assumption that students will devote approximately 200 hours to it throughout the trimester. This is an average of 14 hours per week across the 14 weeks of trimester. This includes attendance at two lectures each week. The remainder of your time will need to be shared between lecture preparation and making progress on assignments.

Assessment

	Assessment items and workload per item	%	CLO(s)	Due date
1	2 take-home tests (15% each): 1st test on material from weeks 1-3; 2nd test on material from weeks 7-9	30%	1, 3	1st test: given 29 July, due 30 July, 5pm 2nd test: given 23 Sept., due 24 September, 5pm
2	1 essay (2500 words) on material from weeks 1-6	30%	1, 2, 3	7 September, 5pm
3	1 take-home final test (3000 words) on material from weeks 7-12 (to be handed out in the last class, 14 October)	40%	1, 2, 3	26 October, 5pm

Although students have 24 hours to complete the take-home tests, they are each designed to take about one hour to complete.

Submission and return of work

All work must be submitted electronically to Blackboard, and all feedback will be through Blackboard. No hard copy is required.

Extensions

Late submission of **assignments** will **not be accepted** unless the student makes an appointment as soon as practically possible with the course coordinator to explain the lateness (preferably before the assignment is due to be submitted). The circumstances under which an extension will be considered are outlined in section 3.2.1 of the Assessment Handbook.
(See: www.victoria.ac.nz/documents/policy/staff-policy/assessment-handbook.pdf).

Set texts

The required text for this course is *Philosophy of Law, An Introduction*, by Mark Tebbit. Taylor and Francis, 2012. It is freely available as an electronic resource through the library.

Recommended reading

Additional readings are listed in the Schedule of Readings and Topics, available on 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:

> Class Rep name and contact details:

Student feedback

As this is a new course no changes to the course have been made based on the feedback of previous students.

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-progess (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: 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