



FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

SCHOOL OF HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS PROGRAMME

POLS 382: SPECIAL TOPIC: POLITICS, SPORTS AND THE ARTS 20 POINTS

TRIMESTER 1 2016

Key dates

Trimester dates: 29 February to 29 June 2016

Teaching dates: 29 February to 5 June 2016

Easter break: 24–30 March 2016

Mid-trimester break: 25 April to 1 May 2016

Study period: 6–9 June 2016

Examination/Assessment Period: 10–29 June 2016

Note: students who enrol in courses with examinations must be able to attend an examination at the University at any time during the scheduled examination period.

Withdrawal dates: Refer to www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/withdrawals-refunds.

If you cannot complete an assignment or sit a test in the last three weeks of teaching, or an examination, it may instead be possible to apply for an aegrotat (refer to www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats).

Class times and locations

Lectures: Tuesday, 15.10-17.00

Venue: Laby LT118

Workshop: Thursday (from 2nd week), 15.10-16.00

Venue: HU LT220

Names and contact details

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Note: Emails about POLS 382 *must* have POLS 382 in the subject line; if they don't, they are liable to be deleted as spam.

Office hours: Tuesdays 11:00-12.00 and Fridays 11.00-12.00. Other appointment hours can be arranged by email.

Communication of additional information

Information about any changes to the timetable or programme will be announced in lectures and posted on the Political Science notice board, 5th floor, Murphy Building.

Prescription

This course studies aspects of the relationship between politics and society, concentrating principally on the influence of politics on the arts and the arts on politics. Other aspects of the relationship between politics and society will also be considered, including the influence of politics on sport and sport on politics.

Course learning objectives (CLOs)

Students who pass this course should be able to:

1. describe the relationship between politics and society
2. analyse the influence of the arts on political ideas and behaviour
3. critique the effect of politics on the arts
4. theorise on the impact of politics on sport and of sport on politics
5. write well-organised, well-written, well-researched essays on the theme of politics and society

Teaching format

The course has two class meetings per week, a two-hour lecture period and a one-hour workshop (for discussion and essay preparation purposes).

Workload

In accordance with the University Guidelines, this course has been constructed on the assumption that students will devote a total of approximately **200** hours to this course, including three hours of class meetings per week (i.e., a two-hour lecture class and a one-hour workshop). This includes:

Lecture / discussion preparation and attendance at class meetings: 72 hours

Research essay (#1): 47 hours

Research essay (#2): 47 hours

Final examination preparation and attendance: 34 hours

Assessment

Assessment items and workload per item	%	CLO(s)	Due date
1 Research essay (2000 words)	30%	1-5	18 April by 5 pm
2 Research essay (2000 words)	30%	1-5	2 June by 5 pm
3 Final examination (3 hours)	40%	1-4	TBA

The first **research essay**, worth 30%, is due on **18 April** and is approximately 2000 words. The second research essay, worth 30%, is due on **2 June**. The focus of each essay assignment will be provided by the course coordinator.

A three-hour **final examination**, worth 40%, will cover topics considered in lectures and discussions, and in the course readings.

Submission and return of work

Research essays should be submitted through the office essay drop-off point, Murphy Room 518, together with completed cover sheet which is available from the office. Essays must also be submitted to Professor Levine by email (as a Word attachment).

Students will be notified in class when graded essays are available.

Extensions and penalties

Students will be penalised for late submission of written work – **a deduction of 5% for the first day late, and 2% per day thereafter, up to a maximum of 8 days.** However, 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 all such cases, prior information will be necessary.

Set texts

There is no required set text.

Recommended reading

There are many readings relating to politics and the arts (and political ideas in the work of individual artists). Likewise, there are many readings relating to politics and sport. There are also topical issues arising out of particular events (such as the release of a politically controversial film or the hosting of an international sports competition). Students are encouraged to read more widely on topics of personal interest to them relating to politics, sports and the arts.

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

Following student feedback revisions have been made to the reading programme and specific lecture and discussion topics for 2016.

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/resources/subjectcontacts.html>
- 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