



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 2016

Key dates

Trimester dates: 11 July to 13 November 2016

Teaching dates: 11 July to 16 October 2016

Mid-trimester break: 22 August to 4 September 2016

Last assessment item due: 27 October 2016

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: Monday, Friday 9:00-10:50

Venue: HMLT 103

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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 tutorial 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. There are no tutorials for this course.

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	9 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	27 October, 5pm

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

Submission and return of work

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

Students can expect in-class tests to be graded within one week, and essays to be graded within two weeks.

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.

Student feedback

This is the second year that this course has been offered. Feedback from last year indicated general satisfaction with the course, with a possible interest in instituting “surprise” tests as part of the assessment. However, I wish to wait another year to make a decision on this matter. Otherwise, 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
- 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
- Special passes: refer to the *Assessment Handbook*, at www.victoria.ac.nz/documents/policy/staff-policy/assessment-handbook.pdf
- 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
- Subject Librarians: <http://library.victoria.ac.nz/library-v2/find-your-subject-librarian>
- Terms and conditions: www.victoria.ac.nz/study/apply-enrol/terms-conditions/student-contract
- 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