

**Paper Number:**

139.326

**Paper Title:**

Travel Writing

**Credit Value:**

15 credits

**Calendar Prescription:**

A study of travel writing, including critical and theoretical analysis and creative writing based on students' own fieldwork.

**Pre and co requisites:**

Prerequisites: Any 200 level paper.

Corequisites: None.

**Semester:**

Semester 1

**Campus:**

Auckland (Albany)

**Mode:**

Internal

**E-Learning Category:**

None (No Web Component)

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**Timetable (internal only):**

The timetable for lectures, laboratories, and tutorials can be found at

<http://publictimetable.massey.ac.nz/>

**Learning Outcomes:**

The paper aims to:

- introduce you to a variety of travel books published in recent years;
- introduce you to some of the literary issues and critical vocabulary germane to the interpretation of these texts;
- introduce you to some of the ideological issues involved in the representation of other cultures and peoples;

- encourage you to integrate your critical awareness of the genre of travel writing into your own creative practice;
- enhance your creativity and skill as a writer working in this genre.

**Major Topics :**

In this paper you will first study texts by prominent contemporary travel writers, paying special attention to literary and aspects of their work. You will then apply your critical understanding of the genre to the production of your own travel writing, based on experiences that you have had overseas or within New Zealand.

**Assessment Proportions:**

Internal Assessment : 100%

**Description of assessment activities :**

Close Reading of one set text 15%

Critical Commentary on one set text 15%

Creative Writing Exercise: Local Travel Project 25%

Final Project 40%

Participation 5%

**Due Dates / Deadlines:**

The due dates for assignments (and any other internal assessment components) will be advised at the start of the semester.

Final examination dates can be found at

<http://study.massey.ac.nz/massey/students/studymassey/search.cfm?view=paper>

**Penalties for late assignment submission:**

None.

**Assignment turnaround:**

Three weeks.

**Any specific requirements for passing the paper:**

None.

**Principal Textbook:**

Departmental Book of Readings