

ANTHROPOLOGY 311 – Spring 2011

Time: MW 14:00 – 16:45

Location: SA 106

Instructor 1st half: Dr. Amanda Melin

Instructor 2nd half: Dr. Alison Behie

Office and Hours: Dr. Melin – W 16:45- 17:45 in SA 133

Dr. Behie: M 13:00 – 14:00 in SS 1059

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Required Textbook: Primate Behavioral Ecology by Karen Strier, 4th edition, 2006.

Readings

Midterm 1: May 30 (30%)

Chs. 1 - 3 and 9

Midterm 2: June 13 (30%)

Chs. 4 - 8

Final: Registrar scheduled June 27-29 TBA (40%) Chs. 1 - 12

All tests are based on lecture notes (**posted material as well as additional information given during class**), readings and videos as well as any guest lectures. Midterms will not be cumulative; however final exam will cover material from the entire term.

Final Course Grades Based Upon:

A+	100 - 94.9%	B	79.8 - 74.9%	C-	62.8 – 58.9%
A	94.8 - 89.9%	B-	74.8 – 70.9%	D+	58.8 – 54.9%
A-	89.8 - 84.9%	C+	70.8– 66.9%	D	54.8 – 49.9%
B+	84.8 – 79.9%	C	66.8 – 62.9%	F	49.8% and below

Course Expectations:

This course will include lectures, movies, research talks and in-class discussions of assigned readings. Lecture material is designed to complement the text book, not duplicate it, so there may be some material covered in the text that is not covered in lecture, or vice versa. You are responsible for all of this material.

Presence and participation in class is strongly suggested. Students who do not regularly attend lecture tend to receive grades of “C” or lower. If you should miss a class, it is your responsibility to find out what was missed from a classmate and catch up.

Please be courteous to other classmates and turn your cell phone off before entering the classroom. Laptops may be used in the classroom only to take notes. Students who use their laptops for other activities (ie. Email, facebook, playing games) will be asked not to bring their computer to class again.

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Class Schedule (subject to some change):

Part 1 – Dr. Melin

- May 11** Introduction to primate studies
Primate evolutionary trends and theories of primate origins
Film: Life BBC Primates
Reading: Ch. 1 & 3
- May 16** Survey of the primates
Reading: Ch. 2
- May 18** Primate social groups and mating systems
Film: Lemur's with John Cleese
Reading: Ch 3
- May 23** Victoria Day – University Closed
- May 25** Life Course
Film: Gremlins: Faces in the forest
Reading: Ch. 9
- May 30** **Midterm # 1**
Research talk: Dr. Melin- Studies in Primate Colour Vision
- June 1** Natural selection and Altruism
Sexual selection and parental investment
Reading: Ch. 4 & 5

Part 2 – Dr. Behie

- June 6** Male Reproductive Strategies
Film: Battles of Braveheart
Reading: Ch. 6
- June 8** Female competition and cooperation
Film: Monkey Island
Reading: Ch. 7 & 8
- June 13** **Midterm 2 - Chapters 4 - 8 (30%)**
Film: Three Monkeys

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- June 15** Community Ecology
Research Talk: Dr. Alison Behie – Primate Responses to Natural Disasters
Reading: Ch. 9 & 11
- June 22** Communication and Cognition
Film: Ape Genius
Reading: Ch 10
- June 24** Primate Conservation
Film: Disenchanted Forest
Reading: Ch. 12
- June 27-29** **Registrar Office Scheduled Final Exam - Ch. 1 - 12 (40%)**

Exam Policies:

Deferred exams are possible only for serious reasons (*and the request needs to be made before the exam*). A missed examination automatically receives a score of zero if the instructor is not notified before the exam. **No exceptions!** In the event of an emergency or illness, the anthropology office (220 6516) or the instructor must be notified *before the exam*, and documentation must be provided in order for a make-up exam to be possible. Make-up exams may be in any format (including an oral exam).

Results of the tests will usually be posted on the web within one week. Exams are NOT returned to the students. You can consult your copy during office hours or by appointment. If you have concerns about the marking of your exam, you will be asked to provide a detailed written statement of your concern. Your exam will then be re-graded in its entirety, and marks will be raised, lowered or left unchanged as is warranted. Deadline for the submission of written statement is one week after results of an examination have been posted.

Useful Numbers:

Dep't of Anthropology: 220 6516
SafeWalk/Campus Security: 220 5333

The Department of Anthropology's FOIP (Freedom of Information and Privacy) policy requires all reports/examinations to be returned to students during class time or the instructor's office hours. Any term work not picked up will be placed in the Anthropology Office (SS 854) for distribution. Any student not wishing to have their work placed in the office must make alternate arrangements with the course instructor early in the term.

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PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING

Plagiarism: “to steal and pass off the ideas or words of another as one’s own” (Webster’s). Plagiarism will not be tolerated and will automatically result in a failing grade for the submission. Any student caught plagiarizing July also be subject to additional University sanctions. Students are expected to be familiar with the Anthropology Departments policy on intellectual honesty available at: <https://www.anth.ucalgary.ca/home/links/intellectual-honesty-guidelines>

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS

It is the student’s responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who July require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION:

In the event that the classroom should need to be evacuated due to an emergency situation please note that the primary assembly point shall be at the Social Sciences Food Court and the ICT Food Court shall be used as a secondary assembly point.