

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY
University of Calgary
ANTHROPOLOGY 311.20
Primate Behaviour
Spring 2013

Class Time: MW 9 - 11:45 am
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Office Hours: M 1:00 – 2:00 pm in ES 710A or by appointment

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course will cover the fundamentals of primate behaviour research and theory, including: evolution, social dynamics, socio-biology, socio-ecology, dominance, aggression, kinship, sexual behaviour, reproductive strategies, cognition, and communication.

REQUIRED TEXT: *Primate Behavioural Ecology* by Karen Strier, 4th Edition, 2010

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Midterm Exam – 50%

Final Exam – 50%: Registrar scheduled

Exams are NOT cumulative

Please note that ALL lecture materials will be covered in exams and this includes videos, lectures, discussions, and guest lectures. Students will need to attend class to do well in the course. Lecture notes will be posted on Blackboard and can be printed before class to assist in note-taking.

The text book material is related and complementary to lecture material. However, lectures will not be tightly tied to the text book and both need to be mastered to do well on exams. Students should read the text and play close attention to areas where it overlaps with the lectures.

Academic Accommodations – It is the students' responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodations and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact them at 403-220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodations. You are also required to discuss your need with your instructor no more than 14 days after the start of the course.

Missed Exams – Missed tests automatically receive a score of zero. In the event of an emergency or illness, the Anthropology main office (403-220-6516) or the instructor (gmccabe@ucalgary.ca) **MUST** be notified **BEFORE** the exam, and documentation (i.e., a doctor's note) **MUST** be provided before a make-up test will be scheduled.

Returned Exams – Exams will NOT be returned to the student; marks will be posted on Blackboard. If you would like to review your exam, please make an appointment or come by during posted office hours. After reviewing the key and your notes, if you feel that you were marked unfairly or that marks were missed on your exam, you are asked to prepare a short statement explaining the problem. The question will then be re-graded and marks adjusted (up or down as is warranted) at the instructor's discretion.

No accommodation will be made for poor performance on exams. For instance, additional items cannot be submitted in lieu of exams and grades will not be curved. Be sure that you are well-prepared for exams so that you perform well when you have the opportunity.

Classroom Norms:

- Please arrive to class on time. If you are late, sit at the back to minimize disruption. The instructor will be careful not to run overtime so asks that you stay seated until the end of class.
- To be fair to students sitting near you, do not converse with others during lectures. Lecture material will be covered on exams.
- Relevant interruptions and class participation are welcomed but please raise your hand in order to ask questions or to make comments. Questions that are emailed may also be discussed in class.
- Use of laptops in class is permitted but has been found to be distracting to students sitting nearby. **If you want to use a laptop in class please sit along the back row or at the sides** of the lecture theatre to minimize distractions.
- Please turn your cell phone off while in class.
- Exam security is taken very seriously. Since exams will be taken in class, where students sit close together, please be aware that wandering eyes could lead to suspicion. Keep your eyes on your exam or to the front of the room. Conversely, cover your own exam to stop others from being tempted to look at it. Please remain seated during exams until you can leave the row you are sitting in without disturbing others.

Grade Breakdown:

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 less

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>

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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.

Tentative Class Schedule (Subject to Change)

	Date		Reading List Chapter
Wed	15-May-13	<i>First Day of Class:</i> Intro to Primate Studies	1
Mon	20-May-13	NO CLASS - Victoria Day	
Wed	22-May-13	Traits, Trends and Taxonomy	2 & 3
Mon	27-May-13	Primate Origins	2 & 3
Wed	29-May-13	Survey of the Primates	
Mon	3-Jun-13	Evolution & Social Behaviour	4
Wed	5-Jun-13	Evolution & Sex	5
Mon	10-Jun-13	Mid-term (50%)	
Wed	12-Jun-13	Food, Foraging & Females; Female Strategies	6 & 7
Mon	17-Jun-13	Male Strategies	8
Wed	19-Jun-13	Primate Life History	9
Mon	24-Jun-13	Community Ecology	11
Wed	26-Jun-13	<i>Last Day of Class:</i> Communication & Cognition	10
	27-29-Jun-13	Final exam days Final Exam: Registrar Scheduled (50%)	