

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY AND ARCHAEOLOGY
University of Calgary
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 Winter 2020
Primate Behaviour

Time: Tues/Thur 11:00 – 12:15

Class Location: ENA 201

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Required Text - Primate Behavioral Ecology by Karen Strier, 4th or 5th edition.

Course/Learning Outcomes - By the end of the course/ program, students should be able to

- list the major primate taxonomic groups and describe their characteristics
- explain important concepts like natural selection, sexual selection, kin selection, and group selection
- explain the main types of primate social groups and the dimensions upon which primate social groups vary
- explain how factors such as phylogeny, reproductive strategies, feeding competition, predation, and local demography interact to produce the variation that we see in primate social groups and other aspects of primate behavior
- discuss the validity of assertions made in the media about the behavior and cognitive abilities of nonhuman primates
- discuss the importance of primate conservation and preservation of biodiversity

Course Requirements

Term Test One 20% – Tuesday February 4th. This in class test will be multiple choice **and** short answer format and cover all preceding classroom material as well as **chapters 1 – 3**.

Term Test Two 30% – Tuesday March 10th. This in class test will be multiple choice **and** short answer format and cover classroom material **since Term Test One**, as well as **chapters 4 – 8**.

Cumulative Final Exam – 50% - Registrar Scheduled. This test will be multiple choice **and** short answer format and will cover **all** classroom material (the whole course, but with a stronger focus on the new material since the last term test), and **chapters 9 - 12 of the book**.

Lecture Notes - Partial lecture notes will be posted on D2L, and students are encouraged to print these and bring them to class to assist with handwritten note taking. Important: the posted notes are **NOT** sufficient without the lectures themselves. Tests will be based on all materials covered in class including the presented lectures and guest lectures, discussion, Q & A, and movies.

Although related and sometimes overlapping, the material in the textbook is not tightly integrated with the lectures. These should be considered as two separate sets of information, both to be mastered for the exams. I recommend you read the full chapters as we progress, but I will highlight specific sections as we go that I think could be important for your exams.

Classroom Regulations and Expectations

- **Use of laptops, smart phones, cell phones etc. are not permitted in this class.**
In case of disabilities requiring such equipment, documentation of the disability through the DRC and written permission of the instructor is required; special seating arrangements will be made.
- Try to arrive on time to prevent disruption to the class. If you are late please take a seat at the back of the room to minimize disruption. Likewise please stay seated until class in concluded. We will not run overtime.
- Please do not converse with classmates during lectures. This is unfair to students sitting nearby who may miss lecture material that will subsequently appear on exams. If you are discussing lecture material please raise your hand to share the comment or question as that will benefit the whole class. Relevant interruptions are welcome. You may also email questions to me which will be answered at the next class (the questioner will not be identified). Likewise, all email enquiries about tests will be answered in class.
- Please turn cell & smart phones off during class.

Communication Guidelines – we offer you this advice to help you have more successful communication in this course and in your professional life in general:

- You are welcome to communicate with the Professor and TA by email or in person before and after class, during office hours, or by appointment.
- Use a professional email address (such as your ucalgary address or a yourname@gmail.com) for professional correspondence (such as messages to your Professor or TA). Do not, for example, send emails from accounts that you set up in grade nine when you called yourself sailormoon99@hotmail.com or skrboy@yahoo.com
- Use a clear subject line such as “Anth 201 Question” or “Anth 201 Student”.
- Use an appropriate greeting to start your email, such as “Dear Colin”, and sign off with your full name and ucid number. It is always a good idea to err on the side of formality in professional correspondence.
- Do not skip a greeting altogether, or open with, for example, Hey there, What up? or Yo! If you don’t know the name of the Professor or TA start with “Dear Professor or Dear

TA”, although taking a peak at the course outline might be slightly better than advertising that you don’t know the name of the person you are about to ask for something.

- Check the course outline and materials posted on D2L before asking for information that may have already been provided. Again, just to avoid advertising that you don’t come to class or consult the materials that have been provided to you.
- Use complete sentences and proof-read and spell check your messages.
- We will respond as soon as possible but to be safe please allow 48 hours for a response, excluding weekends and holidays.
- Check the course outline and materials posted on D2L: the information that you are looking for may already have been provided. For example, no need to send an email asking if the final exam is cumulative when this is clearly stated above.
- Use complete sentences and proof-read and spell check your messages.
- We will respond as soon as possible but to be safe please allow 48 hours for a response, excluding weekends and holidays.

Classroom Examination Instructions – Exam room security is taken very seriously. To ensure exam security please see and follow the **Classroom Examination Instructions** for this class on D2L.

Test Reassessment Instructions – Term tests will be returned the following week. An answer key will be posted with the class material on D2L. If, after consulting the key, your notes, and the text, you have questions about the scoring of your exam please see and follow the **Test Reassessment Instructions** on D2L.

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

Academic misconduct

The University expects Students to conduct Academic Activities with integrity and intellectual honesty and to recognize the importance of pursuing and transmitting knowledge ethically. “Academic Misconduct” includes such things as Cheating, Falsification; Plagiarism, Unauthorized Assistance and failure to comply with exam regulations or an Instructor’s expectations regarding conduct required of Students completing academic assessments. Academic Misconduct is a serious form of intellectual dishonesty with significant consequences. Students who participate in, or encourage the commission of, Academic Misconduct will be subject to disciplinary action which could include Probation, Suspension, or Expulsion from the University. For more information see the Student Academic Misconduct Policy (<https://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-academic-misconduct-policy.pdf>)

Instructor intellectual property

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electronic or mechanical recording of lectures, laboratories, tutorials, presentations, performances, electronic (computer) information, the duplication of course material, and to the translation of recordings or transcriptions of any of these materials to another form by electronic or mechanical means by students is not permitted, except.

- As a formal accommodation as assessed by the Student Accessibility Services and only for individual private study and only at the discretion of the instructor.
- With the permission of the instructor, students without a formal accommodation may audio record lectures, provided that the student and instructor sign a release form available from departmental and faculty offices. A copy of the Release form shall be retained by the instructor and by the department in which the course is offered. Any audio recording by students is permitted only for the purposes of private study by the individual student. Students may not distribute, email or otherwise communicate these materials to any other person.
- For any other use, whether by duplication, transcription, publication, sale or transfer of recordings, written approval must be obtained from the instructor for the specific use proposed.
- Any use other than that described above (e.g. distributing, emailing or otherwise communicating these materials to any other person, constitutes academic misconduct and may result in suspension or expulsion.
- Students are encouraged to make notes of classroom discussions, lectures, demonstrations etc.

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

The University of Calgary is committed to protecting the privacy of individuals who work and study at the University or who otherwise interact with the University in accordance with the standards set out in the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. The Department of Anthropology and Archaeology keeps exams and any term work not picked up for a minimum of one year after which it is destroyed. Please refer to the following link for detailed information: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/legalservices/foip>

Academic Accommodations

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations according to the University policies. Students requesting an Accommodation on the basis of Disability are required to register with Student Accommodation Services (SAS) by submitting a Request for Accommodation in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities (<https://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/procedure-for-accommodations-for-students-with-disabilities.pdf>). SAS will issue a Letter of Accommodation which must be presented to either designated contact person within the Department or the appropriate Instructors within 10 days of the beginning of term. Students needing an Accommodation in relation to their coursework or to fulfil requirements for a graduate degree, based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to their Instructor or the Department Head/Dean or to the designated contact person in their Faculty.

Copyright

All **students** are required to read the University of Calgary policy on Acceptable Use of Material Protected by Copyright (www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/acceptable-use-of-material-protected-by-copyright.pdf) and requirements of the copyright act (<https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-42/index.html>) to ensure they are aware of the consequences of unauthorized sharing of course materials (including instructor notes, electronic versions of textbooks etc.). Students who use material protected by copyright in violation of this policy may be disciplined under the Non-Academic Misconduct Policy.

Support and Resources:

Non-course-specific related information can be found on the Office of the Registrar's website: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/registration/course-outlines>

Note: information here includes

- Emergency Evacuation/Assembly Points
- Wellness and Mental Health Resources
- Student Success Centre
- Student Ombuds Office
- Student Union (SU) Information
- Safewalk

Welcome to Anthropology 311: Primate Behavior
We hope you enjoy this class