

ANTHROPOLOGY 571
Advanced Seminar in Primatology
Winter 2015

Seminar: Wednesday 14:00-16:50 pm
Location: ES 702

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this course, we will have weekly meetings to present and discuss readings on current issues in primatology. Our analysis will include theoretical and especially methodological considerations. Topics may include ecology, population biology, social behaviour, cognition, and conservation. Specific topics will be finalized during the first meeting, taking into account the particular interests of the class. As this is a small seminar, students are expected to be very active participants in all discussions (see Course Requirements). The objective is to have students engaged with the material at an advanced level and be introduced to the kind of critical analysis of current research that is typical of post-graduate studies and beyond.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students will be responsible for participation in discussion of weekly readings. In addition, students will be primary presenters for at least one research article.

Presentations involve leading the discussion of the weekly reading, including a written outline to be handed out to the class. More information will be provided on how to structure presentations and lead discussions.

Seminar participation involves engagement in weekly seminar discussions, as well as brief written evaluations of presenters. Evaluations will be submitted to the instructor only, and are due weekly on Friday at 4 pm.

The final paper will be a literature review on an area of research of the student's choosing and approved by the instructor. Following the approach from weekly reading discussions, this will involve presenting research questions and a thorough discussion of proposed methods and analytical techniques for five research articles.

Assignment	% Total Mark
Seminar Participation	40%
Presentation	30%
Final Paper (due April 15)	30%

Marking Guidelines

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

IMPORTANT DATES

January 14	First day of class
February 15-22	Reading Week
April 15	Last day of class

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with Student Accessibility Services, please contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with Student Accessibility Services 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/ASSEMBLY POINTS (EARTH SCIENCES)

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ADDITIONAL NOTES

Use of internet-enabled laptop computers and tablet devices are permitted in seminars but only for the purpose of note-taking and course-related Internet searches. Mobile phones are not permitted for any purpose.

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Information regarding the Student Ombudsperson is available at <http://www.su.ucalgary.ca/page/quality-education/academic-services/student-rights>.

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 will also be subject to additional University sanctions. Students are expected to be familiar with the Anthropology Department's policy on intellectual honesty available at: <http://www.anth.ucalgary.ca/home/links/intellectual-honesty-guidelines>.

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