

ANTHROPOLOGY 571/613
Methods in Primate Behaviour
Winter 2012

Seminar: Thursday 2-5 pm
Location: SS 821

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this seminar, we will explore research design in primatology. We will focus discussion on selection of variables for answering research questions. In addition, we will examine observation methods and additional data collection techniques. Finally, we will discuss analysis techniques. This approach will be applied to a broad set of topics in primate behavioural ecology, including research areas selected by students.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students will be responsible for participation in discussion of weekly readings. In addition, students will be primary presenters on two sets of readings. One presentation will be on assigned readings and one will be on readings selected by the students in their own area of interest.

Presentations will 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.

The final paper for 571 students will be a literature review on an area of research of the student's choosing and approved by the instructor.

The final paper for 613 students will be based on readings related to the students' current research. Following the approach from weekly reading discussions, this will involve presenting research questions and a thorough discussion of proposed methods and analytical techniques.

ASSIGNMENT VALUES

Assignment	% Total Mark
Seminar Participation	30%
Presentation #1	20%
Presentation #2	20%
Final Paper (due April 13)	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 12	First day of class
February 19-26	Reading Week
April 12	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 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.

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>.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION

In the event that the classroom should need to be evacuated due to an emergency please note that the primary assembly point shall be the Professional faculties Food Court and the secondary assembly point shall be the Education Block Food Court.