

**University of Calgary
Department of anthropology**

**ANTH 635: Theory in Primatology
Fall 2013**

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Location: ES 702
Monday 1-4 pm

Overview:

This is a seminar that focuses on current issues in primatology. The group will read, analyze and discuss recent papers that deal primarily with the behavioral ecology and the social relationships of primates. The basic format of the seminar involves student presentations and group discussion.

The first two weeks are spent reading and discussing "classic" papers in the discipline, that represent the background to the issues that will be discussed throughout the semester. Depending on the number of students registered in the seminar, students will each present a number of texts over the semester. The presentations must show a good understanding of the main argument of the paper, of the methodology used in data collection and of the data analysis, and of the results. The students are also expected to offer constructive comments on the papers, on the theoretical background, the assumptions underlying the work, the methods, the conclusions etc. Eventually, during the semester, the students are also expected to make links between papers.

The students not presenting on a particular week are expected to fully participate to the discussion. In order to achieve this goal, it is essential that all participants in the seminar fully read and comprehend the texts being presented every week. Participation in group discussion is a major component of the evaluation.

Evaluation:

This is a grading structure based on students presenting 3 times during the semester. This may change depending on number of students registered.

- * Oral presentations = 30%
- * Participation during other presentations = 30%
- * Written reports = 40%

The reading reports (3 X 10%) are due one week after you present. Reading reports should not exceed 2 pages (25 lines per page). They should, when appropriate, integrate the points raised in group discussion. You will receive the marked copy of your report



with feedback on how to improve your writing the following week, which should help you towards writing subsequent reports.

The first reading report is a review of key introductory papers: 5 pages maximum.

Participation is evaluated on the basis of the number and quality of comments / questions / interventions you make.

At the end of this course, students will have solidified their knowledge of the key concepts and the key authors in primatology; will have applied this knowledge to work with recent primary literature; will have improved their reading, writing and public speaking skills in the scientific context.

Final course grades will be calculated as follows:

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

Useful Numbers:

Department of anthropology: 220 6516
SafeWalk/Campus Security: 220 5333

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. You are required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation.

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>

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 ICT Food Court. The Social Sciences food court will be the secondary evacuation point if necessary.