

ANTH 311.01 Spring 2014

PRIMATE BEHAVIOUR

Time: MW 8:30 – 11:15

Location: A142

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Required Text:

Primate Behavioral Ecology by Karen Strier, 4th Edition, 2010

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.

Course Requirements:

Evaluation for this course will include two midterm exams and one final exam. Exams are **not** cumulative. All exams will be multiple choice format, and will be based on lecture material, textbook readings, and films.

Midterm 1	33.3% June 2 nd (lectures, readings, films from May 14-28)
Midterm 2	33.3% June 16 th (lectures, readings, films from Jun 2-11)
Final exam	33.4% Registrar scheduled TBA (lectures, readings, films from Jun 16-25)

Final course grades will be assigned 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

IMPORTANT

Lecture notes will be posted on Blackboard prior to class, and students are encouraged to print these and bring them to class to assist with handwritten note-taking. Note that the posted notes are not sufficient without attending lectures. In addition to assigned readings, exams will be based on all material covered in class, including lectures presented (instructor and guest lectures), class discussions, questions and answers, and films. Any classroom materials missed due to absenteeism are the sole responsibility of the student.

Although related and generally complementary, the material in the textbook is not tightly integrated with the lectures. These should be considered as separate sets of information, all of which must be mastered for the exams. Note to pay special attention to areas in the textbook that overlap with class lectures.

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, please register with the Disability Resource Centre at 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 needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course.

Classroom Behavior

It is expected that each student will behave with courtesy and respect toward others. To maintain a distraction-free environment during the class period, the instructor requests that you 1) **turn off cell phones** prior to class and place them in a bag, pocket, or under your desk; 2) **do not carry on conversations while the instructor is speaking**; 3) **avoid late arrivals and early departures** (if you must depart class early, please notify the instructor in advance if possible). If you use a laptop during class, please refrain from any activities unrelated to class, including emailing, web browsing, playing games, etc. Please minimize disruption to your fellow students by sitting at the back or on the classroom periphery. If the use of a laptop becomes too distracting to the class, you will be asked to turn off the computer and use a paper notebook for the remainder of lectures. It is also rude and unacceptable to sleep during class. Relevant interruptions with questions or comments are welcome by raising your hand and sharing with the class. You may also email questions which will be answered in the next lecture. All email inquiries about exams will be answered in class.

Exams

Exam security is taken very seriously. Since exams will be taken in class where students often must sit close together, please be aware that wandering eyes could lead to suspicion. Keep your eyes on your own exam or to the front of the room. Also, 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. If you are caught cheating, your exam will be taken and a grade of zero will be given automatically.

Students are strongly urged to take all exams on their scheduled times and dates. Missed exams will automatically receive a score of zero. Accommodation for missed exams will be made at the instructor's

discretion in the event of a **documented** emergency (e.g. hospitalization). In the event of an emergency or illness, you **MUST** notify the Anthropology Department office (220-6516) or the instructor **BEFORE** the exam, and documentation **MUST** be provided before a makeup exam will be considered. Failure to follow these guidelines will result in an exam score of zero. Note that performance on makeup exams is typically lower than those taken with the class.

Exams will not be returned to students. Marks will be posted on Blackboard. If you would like to consult your exam, you may come to posted office hours, or make an appointment. If, after consulting the key, your notes, and the readings, you still have concerns about the grading of your exam, you will be asked to provide a detailed written statement outlining your concerns. Your exam will then be re-graded in its entirety, and scores will be raised, lowered, or left unchanged as warranted. Deadline for submission of written statement is one week after the results of an exam has been posted.

No special arrangements will be made following a poor performance on an exam. For example, we cannot change the weighting of the exams, allow retakes, or accept alternate assignments in lieu of an exam. Please prepare in advance to ensure satisfactory exam performance as no changes will be made after the exam.

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: <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, please note that the primary assembly point shall be the Social Sciences Food Court, and the secondary assembly point shall be the ICT Food Court.

USRI:

At the University of Calgary, feedback provided by students through the Universal Student Ratings of Instruction (USRI) survey provides valuable information to help with evaluating instruction, enhancing learning and teaching, and selecting courses (www.ucalgary.ca/usri). Your responses make a difference - please participate in USRI Surveys.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Subject to change – announced deviations may be necessary to meet the needs of the class.
Students should be familiar with assigned chapter material prior to each scheduled class.

Week	Date	Topic	Text chapter
1	May 14	Introduction to primate studies/Primate pattern	1
2	May 19	Victoria Day **NO CLASSES	
2	May 21	Primate survey: Strepsirrhines/New World monkeys	2
3	May 26	Primate survey: Old World monkeys and apes/ Group living/Dispersal patterns	2
3	May 28	Social and mating systems	3
4	Jun 2	Midterm 1 Natural selection, kin selection, reciprocal altruism (following midterm)	4
4	Jun 4	Sexual selection/Parental investment	5
5	Jun 9	Male reproductive strategies	5, 8
5	Jun 11	Female reproductive strategies	5, 6, 7
6	Jun 16	Midterm 2 Primate life cycle (following midterm)	9
6	Jun 18	Primate community ecology	11
7	Jun 23	Communication and cognition	10
7	Jun 25	Primate conservation	12
	Jun 27-28, 30	Registrar scheduled final exam (TBA)	