

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY & ARCHAEOLOGY  
University of Calgary

ANTH 311.01 Primate Behaviour Spring 2016

Class Time: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00– 11:45am  
Class Location: AD 140

**Instructor: Stephanie Fox**

Email: safox@ucalgary.ca

Office Phone: 1 403 220 6688

Office: ES 602 E

Office Hours: Tuesdays 12 pm – 1:30 pm, or email for appointment

**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. You will learn primate taxonomy and be able to apply these concepts to conceptualize and describe genetic, ecological and behavioural variation exhibited across primate groups.

**REQUIRED TEXT:** *Primate Behavioural Ecology* by Karen Strier, 4th Edition, 2010

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

**Term test 1 (40%):** Thursday, June 9, 2016

**Final exam (45%):** Registrar scheduled, date TBA (Exam period: July 2-4).

**Participation (15%)**

The term test will be held during normal class time. The final exam will be scheduled by the registrar during the final exam period – it is your responsibility to check the final exam schedule. Neither test is cumulative, however concepts discussed in the first portion of the class will be important for understanding concepts discussed in the second section of the class. Exams can be a combination of multiple choice, matching, and short answer questions. All lecture material (lectures, videos, discussions, and guest lectures) and assigned textbook chapters covered during each section are testable material. The textbook material is related and complementary to lecture material. We will also cover some material in class that is not discussed in the textbook. Both lecture material and textbook readings will be tested, unless I specifically point out textbook sections that will not be tested.

Participation grades will be collected during lectures via Top Hat Monocle. Each lecture will be approximately (but not perfectly) equal in weighting. At the end of the semester, 3 participation marks will be dropped, to accommodate the possibility that students miss a lecture due to illness/family emergency etc. Students will be able to achieve a maximum of 100% on participation.

## TOP HAT MONOCLE

**Accessing Top Hat:** You need to make a profile with Top Hat via [tophat.com](http://tophat.com). If you have not already done so, use your ucalgary email address when registering for Top Hat and make sure your Top Hat name is the same name you use for your U of C student account, or else I may not be able to correctly match Top Hat grades to the correct student in my D2L grade book. If you have previously made a profile with Top Hat, you can continue using that account. Use the **JOIN CODE 373330** to find this course. You should **NOT** be prompted to pay for anything, as the U of C has a campus subscription. During class, you can answer questions in real time by logging into to your account via web browser, using the Top Hat app, or you can text (SMS) questions codes and answers to: +1 (647) 931-6504.

Additional Top Hat support for students is available at: <https://support.tophat.com/hc/en-us/categories/200000744-Student-Orientation>.

## COURSE POLICIES

- Check our course page on D2L regularly for announcements and updates.
- **Lecture notes:** I post lecture slides as 1- and 3-slide PDF handouts on our class's D2L page before lectures, however this is not a guarantee. I often post slides the morning of the lecture. Posted slides may have some details or images missing, due to copyright on photos or figures, to make file sizes smaller, and to encourage you to take notes. You are responsible for taking your own notes, or for obtaining lecture notes from a classmate if you have to miss a class for an unavoidable reason. I will not send you notes to catch you up on missed material. **You do not have permission to audio or video record lectures, or take photos of slides during class.** If there is a reason you need to record lectures, please discuss this with me and I will provide you with written permission to record lectures. If you have recorded lecture material, you do not have the right to distribute it in any form.
- **Attendance and punctuality:** Please arrive on time so as not to disrupt other students. If you need to leave early, please notify the instructor before class and sit in a location where you will not disturb other students when you leave.
- **Laptops and cell phones:** The most important thing when considering use of technology is to be respectful and supportive of other students. Put cell phones on silent, and do not use phones during class except to access Top Hat. You may only use a laptop to take notes and access Top Hat. Remember that if you are using your laptop or phone for any other purpose you are distracting the people behind you and being disrespectful to me (I can often tell when you're watching videos, iMessaging, looking at Facebook, etc). If there are problems with the misuse of technology during the term, I reserve the right to change this policy and ban the use of laptops.
- **Test/Exam attendance and conduct:** Use the washroom beforehand. Arrive on time. Bring a pencil, pen, eraser and your student ID. Turn off and put away all electronic devices upon arrival. You cannot have cell phones, electronic devices or notes of any kind in your pockets. You are allowed to have writing utensils, your student ID, earplugs, tissue and a drink on the table – everything else must be stowed out of sight. Hats must be turned backwards, and earphones removed. You must remain seated for the first 20 minutes of the exam, and the last ten minutes of the exam (if you are still present).
- **Missed Exams –** Missed tests automatically receive a score of zero. In the event of an emergency or illness, you need to notify the instructor, Stephanie Fox (via email or phone), or the Anthropology main office (403-220-6516) **BEFORE** the exam, and documentation (e.g., a doctor's note) will be requested before or at the time of the scheduled make-up test. The make-up test, which may not be offered in all cases, will be scheduled no later than 1 week after the exam and may be in a different format.
- **Reviewing Exams –** Exam marks will be posted on D2L. Exams will not be handed back. Students will be allowed to view their exam and the answer key during scheduled office hours, or by appointment. After reviewing the key and your class notes, if you feel that you were marked unfairly or that marks were missed on your exam, you can send an email to me (must wait one day after reviewing your test) with a detailed statement explaining your concern.

The entire question will then be re-graded and marks adjusted (up or down, as is warranted). *No accommodation will be made for poor performance on exams.* Additional items cannot be submitted in lieu of exams and grades will not be curved. Please be sure that you are well prepared for exams so that you perform well when you have the opportunity!

- **Course communication:**

- **Course content questions:** I am happy to have students ask questions before, during and after class, and during office hours. I will likely ask you to come and see me during office hours if these questions require lengthy answers (especially for questions asked over email). If questions come up that the entire class would benefit from clarification on, I reserve the right to share answers with the class via email, D2L or during lecture.
- **Email etiquette:** PLEASE CHECK THE SYLLABUS BEFORE EMAILING ME, often the answers can be found here. Use your university account when communicating with myself or your TA. Otherwise, use an account with an appropriate name (e.g. firstname.lastname@gmail.com NOT hotbaby2049283@gmail.com). Use a clear subject line that includes the course name/section and the topic of the email such as "ANTH 311.01 Question about primate taxonomy". Keep your email short and to the point, but use complete sentences and proper grammar. **This is a professional email, not a text!** If your email regards course content, show that you have made an effort to find the answer first in the text and lecture material (or even an outside source). State what you know in relation to what you are having a difficult time understanding. Include your full name and student ID in the signature of your email. Allow 48 hours for a response, excluding weekends and holidays. **I may not to respond to emails that do not follow the format outlined above** so please be thorough and respectful when writing your email and in return, I will try my best to get back to you as soon as possible to accommodate your needs.

### **FORMAL ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS**

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student who may require academic accommodations and have not registered with the Student Accessibility Services (SAS), please contact them at 403-220-8237 or [access@ucalgary.ca](mailto:access@ucalgary.ca). Students who have not registered with SAS are not eligible for formal academic accommodations. You are also required to discuss your need with your instructor **no more than 14 days** after the start of the course.

### **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**

**ZERO TOLERANCE.** Any single occurrence of cheating, plagiarism, or other variant of academic misconduct upon any single assignment, essay, or examination, is reported immediately and directly to the Associate Dean, and can result in a grade of 0, disciplinary probation, suspension, or expulsion. All university-level policies apply to this course. Details of this policy can be found in the University Calendar: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar>, under "Academic Regulations."

### **UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY GRADING SYSTEM**

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

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY**

### **Safewalk**

Phone: 403.220.4750 \*can all them using any Help Phone (they are not just for emergencies).

Email: [safewalk@ucalgary.ca](mailto:safewalk@ucalgary.ca)

Website: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/security/safewalk>

Available 24 hours a day/7 days a week/365 days per year

“Safewalk volunteers walk people safely to their destination on campus. This service is free and available to students, staff and campus visitors. Safewalks are done in male/female pairs. The volunteers walk anywhere on campus (including McMahon Stadium, Health Sciences, Student Family Housing, the Alberta Children's Hospital and the University LRT station).”

### **Campus Security**

Phone: 403.220.5333

Email: [Campuse.security@ucalgary.ca](mailto:Campuse.security@ucalgary.ca)

Website: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/security/>

### **Wellness Centre**

370, MacEwan Student Centre

Phone: 403.210.9355

Open: Monday to Friday 0900-1630 hrs. (Walk-ins stop at 15:30, but subject to demand)

Website: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/uhs/>

### **Student Success Centre**

Taylor Family Digital Library, 3rd Floor, Monday – Friday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Phone: 403.220.5881

Email: [success@ucalgary.ca](mailto:success@ucalgary.ca)

Website: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/ssc/>