

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY
University of Calgary
ANTHROPOLOGY 311.01
Primate Behaviour
Winter 2013

Class Time: MWF 12:00-12:50

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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.

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

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Term Test One – 30%: Feb 1st, 2013

Term Test Two – 30%: Mar 18th, 2013

Final Exam – 40%: Registrar scheduled

Please note that ALL lecture materials will be covered in exams and this includes videos, lectures, discussions, and guest lectures. Students will need to attend class to do well in the course. Lecture notes will be posted on Blackboard and can be printed before class to assist in note-taking.

The text book material is related and complementary to lecture material. However, lectures will not be tightly tied to the text book and both need to be mastered to do well on exams. Students should read the text and pay close attention to areas where it overlaps with the lectures.

Academic Accommodations – It is the students' responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodations and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact them at 403-220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodations. You are also required to discuss your need with your instructor no more than 14 days after the start of the course.

Missed Exams – Missed tests automatically receive a score of zero. In the event of an emergency or illness, the Anthropology main office (403-220-6516) or the instructor

(gmccabe@ucalgary.ca) **MUST** be notified **BEFORE** the exam, and documentation (i.e. a doctor's note) **MUST** be provided before a make-up test will be scheduled.

Returned Exams – Exams will NOT be returned to the student; marks will be posted on Blackboard. If you would like to review your exam, please make an appointment with the TA. After reviewing the key and your notes, if you feel that you were marked unfairly or that marks were missed on your exam, you are asked to prepare a short statement explaining the problem. The question will then be re-graded and marks adjusted (up or down as is warranted) at the instructor's discretion.

No accommodation will be made for poor performance on exams. For instance, additional items cannot be submitted in lieu of exams and grades will not be curved. Be sure that you are well-prepared for exams so that you perform well when you have the opportunity.

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 Education Block Food Court and the Scurfield Hall Atrium shall be used as a secondary assembly point.

Classroom Norms:

- Please arrive to class on time. If you are late, sit at the back to minimise disruption. The instructor will be careful not to run overtime so asks that you stay seated until the end of class.
- To be fair to students sitting near you, do not converse with others during lectures. Lecture material will be covered on exams.
- Relevant interruptions and class participation are welcomed but please raise your hand in order to ask questions or to make comments. Questions that are emailed may also be discussed in class.
- Use of laptops in class is permitted but has been found to be distracting to students sitting nearby. **If you want to use a laptop in class please sit along the back row or at the sides** of the lecture theatre to minimize distractions.
- Please turn your cell phone off while in class.
- Exam security is taken very seriously. Since exams will be taken in class, where students sit close together, please be aware that wandering eyes could lead to suspicion. Keep your eyes on your exam or to the front of the room. Conversely, 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.

Grade Breakdown:

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 less

	Tentative Schedule (Subject to Change)	Chapter
9-Jan-13	Week 1: Intro to course; Introduction to Primate Studies	1
11-Jan-13		
14-Jan-13	Week 2: Traits, Trends and Taxonomy	2
16-Jan-13		
18-Jan-13		
21-Jan-13	Week 3: Primate Origins	3
23-Jan-13		
25-Jan-13		
28-Jan-13	Week 4: Survey of the Primates	
30-Jan-13		
1-Feb-13	Term Test 1 (30%)	
4-Feb-13	Week 5: Evolution & Social Behaviour	4
6-Feb-13		
8-Feb-13		
11-Feb-13	Week 6: Evolution & Sex	5
13-Feb-13		
15-Feb-13		
18-Feb-13	NO CLASSES - READING WEEK	
20-Feb-13		
22-Feb-13		
25-Feb-13	Week 7: Food, Foraging & Females	6
27-Feb-13		
1-Mar-13		
4-Mar-13	Week 8: Female Strategies	7
6-Mar-13		
8-Mar-13		
11-Mar-13	Week 9: Male Strategies	8
13-Mar-13		
15-Mar-13		
18-Mar-13	Term Test 2 (30%)	
20-Mar-13	Week 10: Primate Life History	9
22-Mar-13		
25-Mar-13		
25-Mar-13	Week 11: Community Ecology	11

27-Mar-13		
29-Mar-13	NO CLASSES - Good Friday	
1-Apr-13		
3-Apr-13	Week 12: Conservation	12
5-Apr-13		
8-Apr-13		
10-Apr-13	Week 13: Communication & Cognition	10
12-Apr-13		
15-Apr-13	Last day of class: Catch-up & Exam Review	
19-30 Apr-13	Final Exam Week: Final Exam: Registrar Scheduled (40%)	