

**Department of Anthropology
University of Calgary**

**Anthropology 311.02 Primate Behaviour
Winter 2014**

Time: Wed 18:00 – 20:50

Location: KNB 132

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Anthropology 311 provides an introduction to primate behavioural ecology. The objective of this course is to provide students with an understanding of the following topics: (1) **What is a Primate?** Topics discussed: Evolutionary Trends/ Primate Survey/ Methodology in Primatology/ Levels of Causation: (2) **Social Dynamics in Primates:** Topics discussed: Social Organization/ Mating Systems/ Limiting Resources: Food & Mating partners/ Gaining Access to these resources: Competition/ Dominance Relationships/ Cooperation and Affiliation/ Reconciliation: (3) **Primate Ecology:** Topics Discussed: Primate Life Cycle/ Communication and Cognition/ Primate Community Ecology/ Conservation Issues

Required Textbook:

Primate Behavioral Ecology, Karen B. Strier, 4th Edition, 2010

Powerpoint Slides

Powerpoint slides of the lecture notes will be posted on Blackboard prior to each class. Students are encouraged to print these notes and bring them to class, as they should assist in note taking. The posted notes do not encompass all of the material presented in class, and do not include videos or class discussions. As such, they should not be considered sufficient in themselves to prepare for the examinations. Although related and sometimes overlapping, the material in the textbook is not tightly integrated with the lectures. These should be considered two separate sets of information, both to be mastered for the examinations.

Evaluation

Evaluation for this course will include two mid-term exams and one final exam. All exams will be multiple-choice and short answer (which may include matching questions, true/false questions, fill in the blank, writing a paragraph or few sentences).

Mid-Term Exam I– 30% - Feb 5

This exam will cover all lectures, videos and assigned readings (Chapters 1, 2) to date (Jan 8 – Jan 29).

Mid-Term Exam II – 30%- Mar 29

This exam will cover all lectures, videos and assigned readings (Chapters 4—pages 98 to 105 only; 5, 6, 7 (to 188 only), and 8) to date (Feb 12 – Mar 12)

Final Exam – 40%- SET BY THE REGISTRAR April 17; 19-29

The final exam is cumulative. This exam will cover all lectures and assigned readings to date, as well as Chapters 9, 10, 11 and 12. It covers movies from Mar 29 – April 9 only.

Tentative Course Schedule

- 8-Jan** Intro to Primate Studies
Movie: *The Human Spark Part 2: So Chimp, So Human*
- 15- Jan** Primate Evolutionary Trends, Primate Survey: Prosimians, New & Old World Monkeys & Apes
Movie: *Lemurs with John Cleese*
- 22-Jan** Primate Survey Continued, Methods
- 29- Jan** Social and Mating Systems, Social Relationships and Health
- 5-Feb** **Mid-Term I**
Movie: *Gelada Baboons: The Battles of Braveheart*
- 12-Feb** Limiting Resources: Food & Mates
- 19-Feb** No Class—Reading Week
- 26-Feb** Gaining Access I: Competition
Movie: *The New Chimpanzees*
- 5-Mar** Gaining Access II: Cooperation
- 12-Mar** Primate Life Cycle
Movie: *Gremlins: Faces in the Forest*
- 29- Mar** **Mid-Term II**
Movie: *Ape Genius*
- 26- Mar** Communication and Cognition, Primate Community Ecology
Movie: *3 Monkeys*
- 2-Apr** Threats to Primates (Hunting and Habitat Disturbance)
Movie: *Gorillas of the Congo: Chainsaws to the Rescue*
- 9-Apr** Conservation Strategies, Boabeng-Fiema as a Case Study of Conservation; Review

Grading Scheme

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

Important

1. Deferred exams are only possible for illness or family crisis reasons (and need to be supported by proper documentation). A missed examination automatically receives a score of zero. In the event of an emergency or illness, notify the Anthropology office (220-6516) or the instructor (tsaj@ucalgary.ca) **before the missed exam or test.**
2. Email enquiries: Please use your full name in email messages; and put Anth 311 in the subject heading. You can email me questions about class topics which will be answered at the next class (the questioner will not be identified). I will not be able to personally answer your questions over email; if you would like to personally talk to me about class material please do so during my office hours, and of course, in class, at the break, or before or after class. We will also not be able to take questions about the test over email; if you have questions about the test or would like to discuss your test, please see myself or the TA during our office hours. In the weeks following the test, you will be able to schedule a 15 min appointment with the TA to look at your test.
3. Please inform the instructor if you have any learning disabilities, and if any specific arrangements need to be made to optimize your learning experience. 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 more than 14 days after the start of the course.
4. Results of exams will be posted on Blackboard within one week of the test. Exams are not returned to the student but can be reviewed during office hours or by appointment. Please contact the TA if you would like to see your exam. If you have concerns about your evaluation, you will be asked to provide a detailed written statement of your concern. Your exam will then be re-graded in its entirety, and marks will be raised, lowered or left unchanged as is warranted. Deadline for submission of written statement is one week after results of an examination have been posted.
5. **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.
6. Students are expected to familiarize themselves with test and plagiarism regulations as outlined in the University of Calgary Calendar.

Useful Numbers

Dept of Anthropology: 220-6416 Safe Walk/ 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 (DRC), please contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the DRC are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. DRC students are required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of the 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 Departments policy on intellectual honesty available at:

<https://www.anth.ucalgary.ca/home/links/intellecutual-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 MacEwan Student Centre North Courtyard and the secondary assembly point shall be the University Theatres Lobby.

USRI:

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