

**Department of Anthropology & Archaeology
University of Calgary**

**Anthropology 311.02 Primate Behaviour
Winter 2015**

Time: Wed 18:00 – 20:50

Location: KNB 132

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Course Description:

This course will cover the fundamentals of primate behaviour research and theory, including: evolution, social dynamics, socio-ecology, dominance, aggression, kinship, sexual behaviour, reproductive strategies, cognition, communication and conservation issues.

Required Text:

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

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 11

Exam covers all lectures, videos and assigned readings to date (Jan 14 – Feb 4).

Mid-Term Exam II – 30%- Mar 25

Exam covers all lectures, videos and assigned readings to date (Feb 25 – Mar 18)

Final Exam – 40%- SET BY THE REGISTRAR (April 18-29) 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 25 – April 15 only.

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

Week	Date	Topic	Text chapter
1	14-Jan	Introduction to primate studies/Primate pattern Movie: <i>The Human Spark Part 2: So Chimp, So Human</i>	1
2	21-Jan	Primate survey: Strepsirrhines/ New World monkeys Movie: <i>Lemurs with John Cleese</i>	2
3	29-Jan	Primate survey: Old World monkeys and apes/ Group living/ Dispersal patterns	2
4	4-Feb	Social & Mating Systems Movie: <i>Gelada Baboons: The Battles of Braveheart</i>	
5	11-Feb	Mid-Term 1	
6	18-Feb	READING WEEK – NO CLASSES	
7	25-Feb	Natural selection, kin selection, reciprocal altruism Sexual selection/Parental investment	4 (pgs. 98 to 105), 5 (pgs. 113 to 129)
8	4-Mar	Male reproductive strategies Movie: <i>The New Chimpanzees</i>	8 (pgs. 196 to 208)
9	11-Mar	Female reproductive strategies	6 (pgs. 145 to 160), 7 (pgs. 168 to 178, stop before 'Relations among Females')
10	18-Mar	Primate life cycle, Primate Community Ecology Movie: <i>Gremlins: Faces in the Forest</i>	9, 11
11	25-Mar	Mid-Term 2 Movie: <i>Ape Genius</i>	
12	1-Apr	Communication and Cognition	10
13	8-Apr	Primate Conservation I: Habitat Disturbance & Hunting Movie: <i>Chainsaws to the Rescue</i>	12
14	15-Apr	Primate Conservation II: Boabeng-Fiema as a Case Study of Conservation	12
Final Exam	Registrar scheduled final exam (TBA)		

IMPORTANT

1. Note Taking: Lecture notes will be posted on D2L 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) 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.

2. Deferred exams are only possible for illness or family crisis reasons (and need to be supported by proper documentation). 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**. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. Academic Accommodations: 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 Student Accessibility 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.

7. Exam Results: Results of exams will be posted on D2L 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.

8. Exam Security: 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.

9. Plagiarism and Cheating: Students are expected to familiarize themselves with test and plagiarism regulations as outlined in the University of Calgary Calendar. 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>

10. 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.

11. Useful Numbers: Dept of Anthropology: 220-6416 Safe Walk/ Campus Security: 220-5333

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