



ANTHROPOLOGY 413
Methods in Primatology
Fall 2021

Prerequisite: Anthropology 311

Lecture: Tues 14:00-16:45

Location: ST 147

Laboratory: Thur 14:00-16:45

Location: Calgary Zoo

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The Teaching Assistant is available to meet with students during laboratory hours

COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this course, we will address research methods in the study of primate social systems. The laboratory component consists of instruction in observational methodology and exercises. We will take students through the various stages of the research process, including research topics and hypotheses, methodology, data collection, analysis, and presentation. The aim is to help students develop the skills to conduct advanced, independent research in primatology, whether in captivity or in a field environment.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of this course, students should be able to:

1. **Identify** general primate anatomical, life history and behavioural characteristics, major groupings in the primate evolutionary tree, categories of primate social systems, primary behavioural strategies to enhance fitness in primates.
2. **Recall and describe** the theory behind behavioural observation methodology, behavioural observation and ecological methods used in primate studies, components of the scientific method.
3. **Carry out** behavioural observation techniques to collect original data on captive primates.
4. **Implement** basic descriptive statistical analyses using observational data.
5. **Test** hypotheses using observational data.
6. **Apply** standard practices in scientific writing in a report.

7. **Produce** a scientific report based on behavioural observation data.

REQUIRED TEXTS (available at the UCalgary Bookstore)

1. Teichroeb JA, Corewyn LC, and Patterson JD. 2021. Primate Behavior: An Exercise Workbook. 3rd ed. Long Grove, Ill: Waveland Press, Inc.
2. Setchell JM, and Curtis DJ. 2011. Field and Laboratory Methods in Primatology: A Practical Guide. 2nd ed. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES AND REQUIREMENTS

There is a D2L site for this course which contains information on assignments and other relevant class resources and materials (see <https://d2l.ucalgary.ca>).

IMPORTANT DATES (see detailed lecture and lab schedules below)

September 7	First day of lectures
September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
November 7-13	Mid-term break
December 8	Last day of lectures

ASSESSMENT COMPONENTS (see details below and on d2l.ucalgary.ca)

Assignment	Due Date	% Total Grade
Lab Assignment #1	October 10	10%
Test #1	October 17	25%
Lab Assignment #2	November 9	20%
Test #2	November 21	25%
Lab Assignment #3	December 7	20%

Students are expected to attend lectures and to participate in all assigned exercises. Some of the work for this course will be conducted at the Calgary Zoo, and attendance for scheduled labs is mandatory. Accommodation will be made for the transportation time of students with courses held on campus immediately prior to lab hours. Students are responsible for materials covered in the textbooks and lectures. Classroom materials missed due to absenteeism are the sole responsibility of the students.

There is no Registrar scheduled final exam for this course. Tests are multiple choice and short answer format. Only basic calculators and pens/pencils may be used for tests. If you miss a required component of the course, you must contact the instructor in writing (e-mail) within 24 hours to discuss options to submit and/or make-up for that component. Assignments submitted after the deadline may be penalized with the loss of a grade (e.g.: A- to B+) for each day late. If you foresee a missed test or assignment due to a personal scheduling conflict, you must contact the instructor at least two weeks prior to the due date. In these cases, make-ups and extensions are at the discretion of the instructor.

MARKING GUIDELINES

A+	95–100%	C+	67–70.9%
A	90–94.9%	C	63–66.9%
A-	85–89.9%	C-	59–62.9%
B+	80–84.9%	D+	55–58.9%
B	75–79.9%	D	50–54.9%
B-	71–74.9%	F	<50%

A passing grade on any particular component of the course is not essential for the student to pass the course as a whole. See also <https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/f-1.html>.
Reappraisal of Graded Term Work: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/i-2.html>.
Reappraisal of Final Grade: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/i-3.html>.

EXPECTATIONS FOR WRITING

All written assignments (including, to a lesser extent, written exam responses) will be assessed at least partly on writing skills. Writing skills include not only surface correctness (grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, etc.) but also general clarity and organization. Sources used in research papers must be properly documented. If you need help with your writing, you may use the writing support services in the Learning Commons. For further information, please refer to the official online University of Calgary Calendar, Academic Regulations, E. Course Information, E.2: Writing Across the Curriculum: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/e-2.html>.

LECTURE SCHEDULE

Subject to change, including reading assignments

Part I. Methods in Primate Behaviour

Reading: Teichroeb et al. Chapters 1-4, 6-7, 9; Setchell & Curtis Chapter 1

Sep 7	General Introduction to the Course
Sep 14	Introduction to Primatology
Sep 21	Behaviour Basics Observational Methods
Sept 28	Research Design Analysis
Oct 5	Scientific Writing
Oct 12	Test #1 Organizing Data in Spreadsheets

Part II. Field Methods in Primatology

Reading: Teichroeb et al. Chapters 5, 10, Exercises 15-18; Setchell & Curtis Chapters 3, 6, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, 20, 21

Oct 19	Measuring Primate Populations Analysis of Movement Behaviour
Oct 26	Habitat Sampling Analysis of Primate Diets
Nov 2	Exercise 9 Instruction Animal Handling & Non-Invasive Techniques
Nov 16	Test #2
Nov 23-Dec 7	In-class lab assignment assistance

LABORATORY SCHEDULE & ASSIGNMENTS

Sep 9 – No lab for the first week

Sep 16-Dec 2 – Regular Laboratory Meetings at the Calgary Zoo

We will meet weekly on Thursdays at the Zoo to discuss lab assignments, provide help and feedback, etc. The instructor and/or teaching assistant will be present at these times. There will be some weeks with no scheduled labs, generally the week prior to the deadline for each lab assignment (currently scheduled for Sep 30, Oct 28, Dec 2, Dec 9, subject to change). **You must attend scheduled labs to collect data for assignments.** However, if you wish to collect data *beyond* the required minimum observation time, you are free to work independently on assignments at any other time during Zoo business hours.

Oct 7 – Assignment #1 due. This assignment is based on Exercise 4 in the Teichroeb et al. workbook. Further instructions will be provided in the Sep 16 laboratory.

Nov 4 – Assignment #2 due. This assignment is based on Exercise 6 in the Teichroeb et al. workbook. Further instructions will be provided in the Oct 7 laboratory.

Dec 9 – Assignment #3 due. This assignment is based on Exercise 9 in the Teichroeb et al. workbook. Further instructions will be provided on Nov 2.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING ASSIGNMENTS

Please submit all assignments electronically to the dropbox in D2L. Assignments may be submitted in Word or PDF format. Assignments should have a file name as follows: "First Name Last Name Assignment Number" (e.g., Alex Smith Assignment 2). Assignments must be submitted by 11:59 pm on their due date. It is the student's responsibility to keep a copy of each submitted assignment and to ensure that the proper version is submitted.

ADDITIONAL COURSE INFORMATION

To conduct the research exercises at a minimum cost, students will need to purchase a special Student Membership in the Calgary Zoological Society (\$30 + GST = \$31.50). When working at the Calgary Zoo, please do not act as information providers to the public. Please refer curious fellow visitors to the Zoo staff or docents for information on the animals.

Please be respectful of Zoo visitors by allowing them access to viewing areas and walkways, refraining from loud or disruptive conversation, etc. Also please be respectful to all animals at the Zoo, including avoiding eye contact, refraining from tapping on enclosure glass, or otherwise attempting to engage the animals, etc.

Students are not expected to participate as subjects or researchers in research on human subjects (only *nonhuman* primates!).

CONDUCT

Students, employees, and academic staff are also expected to demonstrate behaviour in class that promotes and maintains a positive and productive learning environment. As members of the University community, students, employees, and academic staff are expected to demonstrate conduct that is consistent with the University of Calgary Calendar, the Code of Conduct and Non-Academic Misconduct policy and procedures, which can be found at: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html>

USE OF INTERNET AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES IN CLASS

The use of laptop and mobile devices is acceptable when used in a manner appropriate to the course and classroom activities. Please refrain from accessing websites and resources that may be distracting to you or for other learners during class time. Students are responsible for being aware of the University's Internet and email use policy, which can be found at <https://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/electronic-communications-policy.pdf>

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS

Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services; SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For additional information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit <https://live-ucalgary.ucalgary.ca/student-services/access>. Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need in writing to their Instructor or the Department Head. The full policy on Student Accommodations is available at <https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/university-policies-procedures/accommodation-students-disabilities-procedure>.

ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

“Academic Misconduct” includes such things as cheating, falsification, plagiarism, unauthorized assistance, and failure to comply with exam regulations or an Instructor's expectations regarding conduct required of Students completing academic assessments. Students who participate in, or encourage the commission of, Academic Misconduct will be subject to disciplinary action which could include Probation, Suspension, or Expulsion from the University. For information on academic misconduct and its consequences, please see the University of Calgary Calendar at <https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-3.html>

Further support on academic integrity is available at: <https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/student-success/learning/academic-integrity>

INSTRUCTOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Course materials created by professor(s) (including course outlines, presentations and posted notes, labs, case studies, assignments and exams) remain the intellectual property of the professor(s). These materials may NOT be reproduced, redistributed or copied without the explicit consent of the professor. The posting of course materials to third party websites such as note-sharing sites without permission is prohibited. Sharing of extracts of these course materials with other students enrolled in the course at the same time may be allowed under fair dealing.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT

Student information will be collected in accordance with typical (or usual) classroom practice. Students' assignments will be accessible only by the authorized course faculty. Private information related to the individual student is treated with the utmost regard by the faculty at the University of Calgary.

COPYRIGHT LEGISLATION

All students are required to read the University of Calgary policy on Acceptable Use of Material Protected by Copyright (<https://ucalgary.ca/legal-services/university-policies-procedures/acceptable-use-material-protected-copyright-policy>) and requirements of the copyright act (<https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-42/index.html>) to ensure they are aware of the consequences of unauthorized sharing of course materials (including instructor notes, electronic versions of textbooks, etc.). Students who use material protected by copyright in violation of this policy may be disciplined under the Non-Academic Misconduct Policy.

SEXUAL VIOLENCE POLICY

The University recognizes that all members of the University Community should be able to learn, work, teach and live in an environment where they are free from harassment, discrimination, and violence. The University of Calgary's sexual violence policy guides us in how we respond to incidents of sexual violence, including supports available to those who have experienced or witnessed sexual violence, or those who are alleged to have committed sexual violence. It provides clear response procedures and timelines, defines complex concepts, and addresses incidents that occur off-campus in certain circumstances. Please see the policy available at <https://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/sexual-violence-policy.pdf>

SUPPORT AND RESOURCES

Please visit the Registrar's website at: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/registration/course-outlines> for additional important information on the following:

- Emergency Evacuation/Assembly Points
- Wellness and Mental Health Resources
- Student Success Centre
- Student Ombuds Office
- Student Union (SU) Information
- Safewalk