

Course Descriptions

Anthropology 505 – Conference Course: Introduction to Research Methods Studying Primate Ecology and Behaviour in a Neotropical Forest

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Office: ES 602B

Office Hours: by appointment

Course Description: This is a preparatory course in which students learn the theoretical and conceptual basics of data collection and research design prior to going into the field. It includes a first aid practical component as part of field preparation. All forms of evaluation will be completed by the week prior to departure. Course Hours: H(3-0) Prerequisite(s): ANTH 311; one other senior level Primatology course recommended. MAY BE REPEATED FOR CREDIT

Learning Outcomes: At the end of ANTH 505, students will:

- have conducted a research paper on a relevant topic in behavioural ecology that will form the conceptual basis of a research proposal (Anth 553)
- be familiar, on a conceptual (as opposed to practical) level with data collection techniques as they pertain to naturalistic observations of wild neotropical monkeys. This will form the basis of their practical work while in the field (ANTH 552)
- be prepared for minor first aid contingencies as they pertain to work in a tropical forest
- be familiar with the local flora and fauna of Belize by researching and presenting information on assigned taxonomic groups. Again, this work will provide some foundation to the types of organisms students will encounter in the field, and which are sympatric with the monkey study subjects

Textbooks:

Martin & Bateson. *Measuring Behaviour: An Introductory Guide*. Cambridge UP.

Horwich & Lyon (1990) *A Belizean Rain Forest: The Community Baboon Sanctuary*.

Emmons (1996). *Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary: Its History, Flora and Fauna for Visitors, Teachers and Scientists*

Course Evaluation:

1. First Aid Exam	10%
2. Class presentation	20%
3. Research Paper	40%
4. Methods Exam	30%

Final course grades will be calculated as follows:

A+	100 - 94.9%
A	94.8 - 89.9%
A-	89.8 - 84.9%
B+	84.8 – 79.9%

B	79.8 - 74.9%
B-	74.8 – 70.9%
C+	70.8– 66.9%
C	66.8 – 62.9%
C-	62.8 – 58.9%
D+	58.8 – 54.9%
D	54.8 – 49.9%
F	49.8% and below

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/access/accommodations/policy>

Students needing an Accommodation because of a Disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

Students needing an Accommodation based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to "(Instructor) (Associate Dean) (Department Head) (other designated person)"

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Academic integrity is essential to the pursuit of learning and scholarship in a university, and to ensuring that a degree from the University of Calgary is a strong signal of each student's individual academic achievements. As a result, the University treats cases of cheating and plagiarism very seriously. For detailed information on what constitutes academic misconduct, please refer to the following link: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-2-1.html>

All suspected cases of academic dishonesty will be investigated following procedures outlined in the University Calendar. If you have questions or concerns about what constitutes appropriate academic behavior or appropriate research and citation methods, you are expected to seek out additional information on academic integrity from your instructor or from other institutional resources.

TEACHING EVALUATIONS / USRI (Universal Student Ratings of Instruction)

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Writing Across the Curriculum: Writing skills are not exclusive to English courses and, in fact, should cross all disciplines. The University supports the belief that throughout their University careers, students should be taught how to write well so that when they graduate their writing abilities will be far above the minimal standards required at entrance. Consistent with this belief, students are expected to do a substantial amount of writing in their University courses and, where appropriate, instructors can and may use writing and the grading thereof as a factor in the evaluation of student work. The services provided by the Writing Centre in the Effective Writing Office can be utilized by all undergraduate and graduate students who feel they require further assistance.

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Emergency Evacuation Assembly Points: In the event of an emergency that requires evacuation, please refer to the following link to become familiar with the assembly points for the class:

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints>

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act: Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

The University of Calgary is committed to protecting the privacy of individuals who work and study at the University or who otherwise interact with the University in accordance with the standards set out in the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Please refer to the following link for detailed information: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/legalservices/foip>

The Department of Anthropology and Archaeology's FOIP (Freedom of Information and Privacy) policy requires all reports/examinations to be returned to students during class time or the instructor's office hours. Any term work not picked up will be placed in the Anthropology and Archaeology Office (ES620) for distribution. Any student not wishing to have their work placed in the office must make alternative arrangements with the course instructor early in the term.

Safewalk Information: Campus Security, in partnership with the Students' Union, provides the Safewalk service, 24 hours a day to any location on Campus including the LRT, parking lots, bus zones and University residences. Contact Campus Security at (403) 220-5333 or use a help phone, and Safewalkers or a Campus Security Officer will accompany you to your campus destination.

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources: Have a question, but not sure where to start? Arts Students' Centre

The Faculty of Arts Students' Centre is the overall headquarters for undergraduate programs in the Faculty of Arts. The key objective of this office is to connect students with whatever academic assistance that they require.

In addition to housing the Associate Dean, Undergraduate Programs and Student Affairs and the Associate Dean for Teaching and Learning, the Arts Students' Centre is the specific home to:

- program advising
- the Faculty's Co-operative Education Program
- the Arts and Science Honours Academy
- the Faculty's Interdisciplinary Programs

- a Student Help Desk

Location: Social Sciences Room 102

Phone: 403.220.3580

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Website: arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate/

For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at (403) 210-ROCK [7625] or visit them at the MacKimmie Library Block.

Contacts for Students Union Representatives for the Faculty of Arts:

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Ombudsman`s office: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/ombuds/>

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