

ANTHROPOLOGY 613
Methods in Primate Behaviour
Fall 2013

Seminar: Wednesday 14:00-16:50 pm
Location: ES 702

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this seminar, we will explore research design in primatology. We will focus discussion on selection of variables for answering research questions. In addition, we will examine observation methods and additional data collection techniques. Finally, we will discuss analysis techniques. This approach will be applied to a broad set of topics in primate behavioural ecology, including research areas selected by students.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students will be responsible for participation in discussion of weekly readings (to be assigned). In addition, students will be primary presenters on four research articles, during two separate seminars.

Presentations involve leading the discussion of the weekly reading, including a written outline to be handed out to the class. More information will be provided on how to structure presentations and lead discussions.

Seminar participation involves engagement in weekly seminar discussions, as well as brief written evaluations of presenters. Evaluations will be submitted to the instructor only, and are due weekly by Friday at 4 pm.

The final paper will be a literature review on an area of research of the student's choosing and approved by the instructor. Following the approach from weekly reading discussions, this will involve presenting research questions and a thorough discussion of proposed methods and analytical techniques for a set of research articles. Further details will be provided.

ASSIGNMENTS

	% Total Mark
Seminar Participation	30%
Presentation #1	20%
Presentation #2	20%
Final Paper (due Dec 6)	30%

MARKING GUIDELINES

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 below

IMPORTANT DATES

September 11	First day of class
November 9-12	Reading Days
December 4	Last day of class

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, please contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this 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 Department's policy on intellectual honesty available at: <http://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 please note that the primary assembly point shall be the ICT Food Court and the secondary assembly point shall be the Social Science Food Court.