

PRIMATE BEHAVIOR
694 ANTH 230-01/1162 PSYC 230-01
Spring 2010

Course Information

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TEXTS: 1.) The Life of Primates, Pia Nystrom & Pamela Ashmore, Pearson, Prentice Hall, Upper Saddle River, New Jersey, 2008.

2.) Our Inner Ape, F. DeWaal, Riverhead Books, 2005.

Class: Tuesday & Thursday, 8:30 to 9:45 a.m., #6 I.R.C.

Office Hours: Monday & Wednesday, 1 to 2 p.m.; Tuesday, 11 a.m. to noon.

**This handout provides you with information relevant to the course and
Your Final Grade**

Course Description: An introduction to the study of non-human primate behavior, biology and ecology, with broad coverage from prosimians to apes. Topics include: classification, evolution, communication, social organization, and cognition. Includes laboratory and field studies of selected species.

The grade in this course will be based upon your test scores and your two short papers. Your test average will be based upon two scores.

The final examination for this course will be an accumulative one with some recent material coverage. The exam is optional and may be taken with its score used to replace either of the two other test scores which might be lower. If you miss a test, there will be no makeup. You will be expected to take the accumulative final and use its score to complete your complement of two scores. If you miss more than one test, a score of zero (0) will be used to determine your test average.

You will have two short papers. One paper will be based on your assigned reading. The topics for this paper will be distributed in March and the paper will be due *April 15th*. This paper is to be five to seven pages in length and reflect well on your mastery of the English language. The second paper will be based upon research which you carry out on three primate species and summarize, drawing from your readings and lectures. This paper will be due on *April 29th*.

Course Syllabus

<u>Week</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Assignment</u> (all <u>The Life of Primates</u> & handouts)
1) January 21	Introduction & "Life in the Trees"	Ch. 1 & H-outs
2) Jan. 26&28	"Baboon Tale" & "Monkey in the Mirror"	Ch. 2
3) Feb. 2&4	"Scala naturae" & Early Knowledge & Awareness	Ch. 4
4) Feb. 9&11	Distribution & Diet	Ch. 3
5) Feb. 16&18	Sex & Reproduction	Ch. 4 & 5
6) March 2&4	Ecology & Communication	Ch. 6 & 9

Test I - Thursday, March 11th

The Life of Primates Chapters 1-6 & 9, and Lecture Material

7) March 9&11	I. Primate Sociality & Organization	Ch. 7 & 8
8) March 16&18	II. Primate Sociality & Organization	Ch. 7 & 8
9) March 23&25	Primate Development and "Gender"	Handout
10) 3/30; 4/1	Primate Brains & Cognition	Ch. 10
11) April 13&15	I. Nonhuman-human Comparisons & Contrasts	Ch. 10 & H-outs
12) April 20&22	II. Nonhuman-human Comparisons & Contrasts	Ch. 10 & H-outs

Test II - Thursday, April 22nd

The Life of Primates Chapters 7, 8, 10, and Lecture Material

13) April 27&29		
14) May 4&6		
15) May 11		Ch. 11 & H-outs

Finals Week - May 13th through 19th

FINAL ~ Tuesday, May 18th, 8:00-10:30 a.m.

Final Examination = Accumulative