

Spring 2008

**PRIMATE BEHAVIOR**

948 ANTH 230-01/39 PSYC 230-01

Course Information

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TEXTS: 1) Primate Diversity, Falk, Dean, Norton, New York, 2000.  
2) Our Inner Ape, DeWaal, F., Riverhead Books, 2005.

**Class:** Tuesday & Thursday, 8:30-9:45 A.M., #8 I.R.C.

**Office Hours:** Monday & Wednesday, 1-2 p.m.; Tuesday, 11-12.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_. 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

Your final grade will be determined according to the following apportionment:

- I. Test Average (2 test scores)\* 60%
- II. Reaction Papers 40%

\*The accumulative final may serve as one of these two scores.

Primate Behavior Course Syllabus

<u>Week</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Assignment</u> (all Falk)
1) Jan. 17	Introduction & "Life in the Trees"	Ch.1
2) 1/22&24	"Baboon Tale" & "Monkey in the Mirror"	Ch.2
3) 1/28&31	Introduction & History	Ch.3
4) 2/5&7	Distribution & Food	Ch.4
5) 2/12&14	Primate Diets	Ch.5
6) 2/26&28	Sexuality	Ch.6

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Test I, Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>  
Lecture Material & Falk Chapters 1-6

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7) 3/4&6	Reproduction	Ch.7
8) 3/11&13	Sex Differences & Development	Ch.8
9) 3/18&20	Sociality	Ch.9
10) 4/1&3	Sociality	Ch.10
11) 4/8&10	Primate Brain	Ch.11
12) 4/15&17	Cognition & Culture	Ch.12

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Test II, Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>  
Lecture Material & Falk Chapters 7-11

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13) 4/22&24	Future Prospects	Ch.13
14) 4/29&5/1	Human/Ape Comparisons & Contrasts	Ch.14
15) May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Summary	

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May 8-14 **Finals Week**

**FINAL - Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 to 10:30 A.M.

Accumulative Final & Recent Material

(Falk, Ch. 12,13,14)

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