

A Ant 111N Introduction to the Primates

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Textbooks: Primate Diversity, by Dean Falk

In the Kingdom of Gorillas, Weber and Vedder



Class Objective

There are over 200 living species of primates in the world today including our own species *Homo sapiens*. In this course we will explore the anatomy, ecology, life histories, and evolution of this major taxonomic order of mammals.

This course meets a Natural Science requirement for General Education.

Evaluation:

You will receive grades for a midterm examination worth 25%, a final examination worth 35% and 4 Quizzes worth 10% each. The exams and quizzes will be based on the textbook, films and lectures. The exams will each cover approximately one third of the semester. All exams are "cumulative" in that you will be required to retain certain concepts throughout the semester but the majority of the questions will focus on new material. Class examinations will consist of multiple choice, identification, fill-in and essay questions. Quizzes may come in many different forms.

Some Advice:

1. Come to class and come to class on time. (This is a large class and it is distracting to have people coming in throughout the lecture.)
2. Read the assignments **before** coming to class. (This will help you understand the lectures.)
3. Do not, for any reason, miss an exam. There will be no make up tests. (If some circumstance prevents you from attending an exam you must notify me **before** the exam and I will decide what action to take.)
4. Multiple choice tests require that you know details as well as general concepts.
5. Several films will be shown in class to demonstrate the diversity of primate behavior, locomotion, and ecology. These films will be shown in class **only**. I will not have the time or the staff to rebroadcast these films. Therefore, don't miss class because the information in the films will be on the tests and quizzes!
6. Your ability to memorize images and new vocabulary will be essential to doing well in this class.

Class Schedule

Class #	Date	Subject	Reading
Class 1	January 20	Introduction	
Class 2	January 25	Evolutionary theory	Chapter 1
Class 3	January 27		
Class 4	February 1	Primate evolution	
Class 5	February 3	Methodology: Quiz 1	Chapter 2
Class 6	February 8	Prosimians	Chapter 3
Class 7	February 10	Lemurs	Chapter 4
Class 8	February 15	New World Monkeys	Chapter 5
Class 9	February 17	New World Monkeys	
Class 10	February 24	Quiz 2	Chapter 6
Class 11	March 1	Colobines	Chapter 7
Class 12	March 3		
Class 13	March 8	Midterm Exam	
Class 14	March 10	Cheek pouched monkeys	Chapter 8
Class 15	March 15	Macaques and baboons	Chapter 9
Class 16	March 17	Lesser apes	Chapter 10
Class 17	March 29	Orangutans	Chapter 11
Class 18	March 31		
Class 19	April 5	Quiz 3	
Class 20	April 7	Gorillas	Chapter 12
Class 21	April 12	Discussion	Finish "In the Kingdom of Gorillas"
Class 22	April 14	Chimpanzees	Chapter 13
Class 23	April 19	Bonobos	
Class 24	April 21		
Class 25	April 26	Quiz 4	
Class 26	April 28	Hominids	Chapter 14
Class 27	May 3		
	May 11 Wed.	Final Exam 3:30-5:30pm	

Reasonable accommodations will be provided for students with documented physical, sensory, systemic, cognitive, learning, and psychiatric disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring accommodation in this class, please notify the Director of Disabled Student Services (Campus Center 137, 442-5490). That office will provide me with verification of your disability, and will recommend appropriate accommodations.