

ANCIENT MAYA ANIMALS  
ANG 6930, section 13F8

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time: variable  
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Join the experiment in open-access collaborative science! Together we will explore and discuss the world of the animals of the ancient (and modern) Maya through literature and data. Our investigations will be compiled into a database to be made available via the internet for public access and contribution.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

This class is available for variable credit hours, so expectations are based on credit numbers taken. Each student will be expected to spend significant time compiling information on the various uses and meanings of the animals of Mesoamerica to the ancient and modern Maya. Students will be asked to contribute their collected information to a jointly authored "encyclopedia" and to comment on and refine the work of other project members. They will also be encouraged to contribute more theoretical or summative works as mini-publications. Work will be done primarily independently with class meetings when appropriate to discuss the project progress. Course grades will be based on contributions and collaborative participation (editing and commenting on the data as it is contributed). Please expect to spend an amount of time equivalent to the requirements for an independent studies credit - 3 hrs work=1 credit hour class-time per week plus extra time appropriate to "homework". This class is for advanced students so I expect each of you to be fully responsible and notify me when you are unable to contribute your full hours in a week - we can flexibly adjust contributions to suit your schedules. It goes without saying that plagiarism and other such activities are not condoned so I will forgo the normal syllabus fine-print, but be aware that any such misconduct will be met with the fullest scholastic and legal action possible, no exceptions.

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