

The Primates-ANT 3930

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Overview:

Introduction to primatology and the living primates. Major topics may include primate anatomy, behavior, morphology, diet, environment, range, social structure and cognition.

Objectives:

- ☼ To familiarize the student with the history, concepts and methods of primatology.
- ☼ To provide a basic overview of the living primates, their behavior and biology and home ranges.
- ☼ To understand the cultural relationship between human and nonhuman primates through time.
- ☼ To heighten the student's awareness of current threats to primates throughout the world.

Required Materials:

Rafferty, John P. *Primates*. Rosen Educational Services. ISBN: [1615303391](#)

WEBSITE: This course is administered through e-learning in Sakai (<http://lss.at.ufl.edu/>). The syllabus, supplemental materials, and your grades are all accessed here.

Course Requirements:

Examinations:

80%

Four non-cumulative, in-class exams will be given based on the material in the textbook and in-class lectures (4 @ 20% each). Exam questions will be drawn primarily from the textbook and lecture. The exams must be completed before the class period ends. Failure to show up for an exam may result in a grade of "0".

All students must select one of the three following options for the course project:

Course Project:

20%

Option A-Library Paper: Prepare an 8-12 page paper that compares and contrasts two different species from each of the following: Lemurs or Lorises, New World Monkeys, Old World Monkeys and Apes (8 nonhuman primates total). You will be required to reference several sources. Guidelines will be posted later on.

Option B-Primate Observation Paper: Prepare an 8-12 page paper based on a visit you make to a local AZA accredited zoo or other facility with primates. You will be required to observe at least two different species of nonhuman primates. Guidelines will be posted later on.

Option C-Volunteer: Volunteer for at least 20 hours at Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary in Gainesville. You are required to furnish your own transportation and follow all of the policies and rules at the sanctuary in order to volunteer. You will be required to maintain a journal where you will record your daily activities to turn in at the end of the semester. <http://www.junglefriends.org/>

Paper or Hours due April 12!

Grading Scale:

A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	0-59

General Policies:

There are no opportunities for making up missed assignments or exams except for reasons of medical or family emergency (documentation is required). Such work missed may be made up by arrangement with the instructor. Exams may not be retaken.

Cell phones and other mobile devices must be turned off during class. Video recording of lectures in any form is not permitted; audio recording is allowed with permission of the instructor.

Academic dishonesty in any form will not be tolerated and is subject to university policy (University of Florida Rules - 6C1-4 Student Affairs), which includes provisions for expulsion from the university.

Disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Examples of disruptive behavior include (but not limited to) spamming, using abusive language, attacking another classmate or bringing in information that is irrelevant to the course. **Plagiarism or “copy/pasting” from the internet without proper citations may earn the student an unsatisfactory grade for the course!**

Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office (DSO). The DSO will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the instructor when requesting accommodation. Students experiencing personal problems that are interfering with their academic performance are encouraged to contact the University Counseling Center (301 Peabody Hall, 392-1575), Student Mental Health (Student Health Care Center, 392-1171), or Sexual Assault Recovery Services (Student Health Care Center, 392-1161).

The last day for **Withdrawal from UF Without a Failing Grade** is **April 13**. I cannot withdraw you from the class automatically; it is your responsibility to do so.

If you need my assistance please send me an **e-mail** so we can discuss any problems you may be having with the course. Email me at jwenzel@ufl.edu and type “The Primates” and one or two terms in the subject line describing the nature of the email so I can better help you. **If you are having problems with this course please do not hesitate to contact me!!!**

I look forward to teaching this course and I hope that this will be an enjoyable experience for you while you attend the University of Florida. However, please understand this: **you must attend class regularly, read all of the assigned materials and study the information presented in class and in the textbook** if you are to earn a passing grade.

Schedule– *(Course schedule and exam dates are subject to change).*

<u>Date Assigned</u>	<u>Topic/Reading in Text</u>
<i>Week 1</i>	
January 9	Introduction/Course overview.
January 12	Primate Taxonomy
<i>Week 2</i>	
January 17	Monkeys and Apes in Human History
January 19	Overview of Primatology & Anthropology
<i>Week 3</i>	
January 24	The General Features of Primates (Ch. 1)
January 26	Primate Morphology (Ch. 2)
<i>Week 4</i>	
January 31	Review
February 2	Exam #1

<i>Week 5</i>	February 7 February 9	Primate Paleontology & Evolution (Ch. 3) Continued
<i>Week 6</i>	February 14 February 16	Lemurs (Ch. 4) Continued
<i>Week 7</i>	February 21 February 23	New World Monkeys (Ch. 5) Continued
<i>Week 8</i>	February 28 March 1	Review Exam #2
<i>Week 9</i>	March 3-10	Spring Break Holiday
<i>Week 10</i>	March 13 March 15	Old World Monkeys (Ch. 5) Continued
<i>Week 11</i>	March 20 March 22	Apes (Ch. 6) Continued
<i>Week 12</i>	March 27 March 29	Review Exam #3
<i>Week 13</i>	April 3 April 5	Early Hominins (Ch. 7) Early Humans (Ch. 8)
<i>Week 14</i>	April 10 April 12	Recent Humans (Ch. 9) Continued

Course Project Paper or Volunteer Hours Due April 12!

****Deadline for Withdraw with "W" is 4/13/2012****

<i>Week 15</i>	April 17 April 19	Ethnoprimateology Continued
<i>Week 16</i>	April 24	Review
<i>Final's Week</i>	May 2	Final Exam 3-5pm