Course Title: Primate Behavior
Course Number: ANTH 463/563
Credit: 4 credits
Grading Options: Graded for Majors; Optional for all other students
Prerequisite: Undergraduate course(s) in primatology, biological anthropology, and/or biology, ecology, and evolution (e.g., ANTH 170, 171, 173, 270, BIO 130, 213).

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Course Description
Primates are an incredible group of animals that display a wide variety of behaviors. In this class, we will look at how primates parent, communicate, fight, cooperate, use culture, and organize themselves socially. As primates ourselves, we can look at these behaviors in an effort to better understand our own wide-ranging behavioral traits and how those traits may have evolved and further blur the lines that separate “us” from “them”.

Course Materials
Along with the book, readings for this class will be posted on blackboard. Additionally, I will send announcements on blackboard about relevant topics for your information.

2. Weekly readings available on blackboard.

Course Outcomes
Upon completion of this course, students will have:
1. To more fully appreciate the evolutionary processes that have shaped primate behavior.
2. A more complete understanding of how the behavioral and morphological adaptations acquired via natural selection have shaped human sexuality
3. A clear perspective on the use of our primate and mammal relatives as models for human behavior.
4. A better understanding of the differences between males and females and the biological and evolutionary factors that have created those differences.
5. The development of testable hypotheses that adequately address questions surrounding primate and human behavior
6. The ability to think "evolutionarily."

Course Structure
Each week, you will be presented a lesson plan that will contain a lecture, readings, a written assignment, and a quiz. There will also be additional materials that may include web videos or online resources. There will be a midterm essay (Week 5) and a final paper (Week 10).

Quizzes: Each quiz is worth 10 points and consists of multiple choice, matching, or fill in the blank questions. As this is an online course, the quizzes are timed. You will have 30 minutes once the quiz has been opened. Check below for due dates. If your quiz crashes, contact me ASAP and I can reset it. You get ONE reset so make sure that you are taking the quiz in a secure online environment.

Assignments: Each assignment is worth 10 points. The purpose of these assignments is to get you thinking about the materials presented in
each lesson plan. I am looking for engagement with the subject materials, critical thinking skills, and good writing skills. Check below for due dates.

**Midterm Exam:** The midterm exam consists of four essay questions from which you are to answer three. You will submit the essays on blackboard. These essays are worth a total of 50 points.

**Final Paper:** For your final paper, you are to pick a primate species or a particular behavior and write a 7-10 page paper, complete with at least 10 references from academic sources. The paper is worth 100 points.

**Schedule (subject to change)**

**Week One**
- Primate Ecology
  - Week One Quiz and Assignment due by Friday of Week One at 5:00PM

**Week Two**
- Primate Social Organization
  - Week Two Quiz and Assignment due by Friday of Week Two at 5:00PM

**Week Three**
- Primate Diets
  - Week Three Quiz and Assignment due by Friday of Week Three at 5:00PM

**Week Four**
- Primate Sex
  - Week Four Quiz and Assignment due by Friday of Week Four at 5:00PM

**Week Five**
- Primate Parenting
  - Midterm Exam-due by Friday of Week Five by 5:00PM

**Week Six**
- Primate Competition
  - Week Six Quiz and Assignment due by Friday of Week Six by 5:00PM

**Week Seven**
- Primate Cooperation
  - Week Seven Quiz and Assignment due by Friday of Week Seven by 5:00PM

**Week Eight**
- Communication
  - Week Eight Quiz and Assignment due by Friday of Week Eight by 5:00PM

**Week Nine**
- Culture
  - Week Nine Quiz and Assignment due Friday of Week Nine by 5:00PM

**Week Ten**
- Human Behavior
  - Final Paper-due by Friday of Week Ten by 5:00PM

**Grading Policy**

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There will be no make-up exams or late work accepted without a documented reason.
**General Information**

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