Primate Behaviour

Archaeology 344

Section: e100

Term: 2004 Fall

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Discussion Topics: 1. Introduction: primates as models for hominid evolution; history of primatology; what constitutes a primate

2. Field methods in primatology - observing wild primates in their native habitats

3. Primate evolution and behaviour - an overview of tree shrews and prosimians

4. Primate evolution and behaviour - an overview of the New World monkeys

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6. Primate evolution and behaviour - an overview of the apes

7. Sociobiology - theories and problems

8. Old World monkeys - social behaviour and ecology

9. Lesser apes - social behaviour and ecology; the tropical rain forest.

10. Great apes.

Grading: Mid-term 40%

Final exam 40%

Library Report 20%

Required Texts: Richard, Alison F. Primates in Nature 1998 W. H. Freeman and Company, San Francisco, CA Paperback ISBN 0 7167 1647 X

Napier, J. R. and P. H. The Natural History of the Primates 1997 MIT Press, Cambridge, Massachusetts Paperback ISBN 0 262 64033 3

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Recommended Texts:

Materials/Supplies:

Prerequisite/Corequisite: Arch 131-3 or any lower division Biology course [prerequisite]

Notes: Deferred grades will be given only on the basis of authenticated medical disability.

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