

EEB 115

Mammalogy

Summer 2009

Professor: Jeff Thomas, Ph.D.

Text: Mammalogy: Adaptation, Diversity, Ecology, 3rd edition. Feldhammer *et al.*

Lectures: MWF 9-10:20; Botany 325

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Lectures		Book
22 June	Introduction	
24 June	Evolution	
26 June	Evolution	
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29 June	Methods	
1 July	Feeding	
3 July-	Holiday	
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6 July	Feeding and locomotion	Lit review
8 July	Feeding and locomotion	
10 July	Midterm	
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13 July	Environment	
15 July	Environment and physiology	
17 July	Habitats	18 July- Zoo
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20 July	Sex	
22 July	Sex	
24 July	Phylogeography	
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27 July	Biogeography	Family report due
29 July	Conservation	
31 July	Final Exam	

*Additional readings may be posted on the course website. They will be announced in class and you will be responsible for the material in those readings, as well.

Labs

M	1-4:20	LS 1113
T	9-12:20	LS 1113

Grading

Midterm:	100
Participation	20
Homework:	80
Lab Practical	100
<u>Final exam;</u>	<u>100</u>
	400

The midterm and the final exam will both be given during class time. You should have no other scheduling complications with those times. There will be no make-up exams, so make sure to arrange your schedule to be there for the exams. In general, letter grading will follow a 90, 80, 70, 60 curve. If the class average is below a 75, overall grades may be curved. If you want an **estimate** of how you're doing in class, look at the class mean for that assignment. If you're at the mean, you are right around a C or C+.

If you feel that an error was made in the grading, you have 2 class meetings from the time the test was returned to submit your exam for regarding. You must state **VERY CLEARLY** why you believe you should have received more credit for your answer.

Exams will be multiple choice, true/false and short answer.

You will **NOT** do very well if all you do is memorize. While there is a lot of factual information to learn, you must also be able to understand concepts and make connections. Take notes (my powerpoint slides are not enough), practice thinking about the concepts, try explaining them to someone who is not in the course. If you can't make a friend/parent understand what you're saying, then you probably won't do very well on the exam. If you can explain a concept to someone else AND they can follow you, then you will probably do well (assuming, of course, that you explained it correctly).

The website

There is a website for the course. I will post the syllabus, lecture terms and midterm answers on the website. There is a discussion board on the website where you may post questions for us. In general, I recommend posting material questions to the message board rather than emailing them to us. By putting your questions out for everyone to see, other people can learn from your questions, too. We will be checking it to get answers for you as quickly as possible.

The website address is www.lsic.ucla.edu/classes/summer09

You will need a bruin online ID to access the system. If you have questions, go to 2127 LS and ask for help.