SYLLABUS Animal Behavior

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Class Schedule: Thursday 8:30 AM to 5 PM and Friday 1 hour

Text Book
John Alcock – Animal Behavior

Approximate Class Schedule
Week 1.
• Fri.: Organization of Discussion Section
Week 2.
• Fri.: Readings.
Week 3.
• Fri: Student Presentations
Week 4.
• Fri. Review for mid-term.
Week 5
• Wed: Lab. Discussion of lab projects and initiation of studies
• Fri.: Discussion
Week 6.
• Wed: Lecture topic and readings to be announced. Lab.: Class Projects.
• Fri: Student Presentations
Week 7.
• Wed: Lecture topic and readings to be announced. Lab.: Class Projects
• Fri.: Progress reports on class projects and discussion.
Week 8
• Wed: Lec.: Lecture topic and readings to be announced. Lab.: Class Projects. Fri: Readings to be Announced or continuation of progress reports.
Week 9.
• Wed: Lec.: Lecture topic and readings to be announced. Lab.: Class Projects.
• Fri: Student Presentations.
Week 10.
• Wed: Lec.: Lecture topic and readings to be announced. Lab.: Oral presentation of class projects.
• Fri: Review for final

Week 11. **Cumulative Final.** Reports on class projects due by 4 PM.

**Determination of Grade**

Your grade will be determined by the mid-term, final (NOTE THAT THE FINAL IS CUMULATIVE), the write up of your class research project, and two presentations with accompanying short paper. The portion of your grade due to each of these assignments is as follows:

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<td>Class Research Project</td>
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The class project will be written up as a scientific manuscript and will be submitted on the afternoon of the day on which the Final exam is taken (see above). You will also present the results of your project to the class as a short presentation. I will describe in detail what I expect and offer suggestions on writing a scientific paper.

On two of the Friday meetings you will give a short presentation (15 min plus questions) on a topic in animal behavior of your choice. Then you will write a short paper (2 to 3 pages double spaced) on this topic and this will be due within two weeks of when you gave your talk. There are three Fridays when you can give two talks. Again I will describe in more detail what I expect.