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Location & time: Tues. & Thurs.  8 AM – 9:20 AM, LDB 220

Evaluation: 4 Multiple Choice Lecture Exams, 100 pts. each  
1 Multiple Choice Final Exam (cumulative), 100 pts.

Grading: Total possible points = 400 (exam with lowest score will be dropped)  
A = 360+  B = 320-359  C = 280-319  D = 240-279  F = < 240


Attendance: In accordance with University Policy, regular attendance is required, however  
no points will be awarded or subtracted based on your attendance.

Missed Exams: Because your lowest exam grade will be dropped, no make-up examinations  
will be permitted for any reason. Arrangements can be made to take a lecture exam in advance  
due to conflicts with a religious event or required participation in a SHSU event, however,  
written verification must be provided in advance.

Classroom rules: Cellular phones and pagers must be turned off during class time. Rude or  
disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Inappropriate behavior in the classroom shall result in,  
minimally, a directive to leave class or being reported to the Dean of Students for disciplinary  
action in accordance with university policy. Visitors to the classroom will be permitted only  
with prior approval by me and if they do not present a disruption to the class.

Extra Credit: Opportunities for extra credit may be available during the semester at my  
discretion. Please do not ask for individual extra credit opportunities.

Americans with Disabilities Act: SHSU adheres to all applicable federal, state, and local laws,  
regulations, and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations for students  
with disabilities. If you have a disability that may affect adversely your work in this class, then I  
encourage you to register with the SHSU Counseling Center and to talk with me about how I can  
best help you. All disclosures of disabilities will be kept strictly confidential. NOTE: no  
accommodation can be made until you register with the Counseling Center.

A note on Academic Dishonesty: Academic dishonesty includes cheating, collusion and  
plagiarism. It is a serious offense that at the very least will result in a failing grade on the  
assignment in question. Examples include: (1) Receiving or providing unauthorized assistance
on an exam; (2) Using notes or other forms of unauthorized materials during an exam; (3) Submitting an assignment as one’s own work that has been written in whole or in part by another; (4) Failing to properly indicate sources of borrowed words or ideas. For more information refer to "Code of Student Conduct and Discipline" in your SHSU student guidelines handbook.

Course Description:
This class provides a largely taxonomic approach to the biology of animals. Emphasis is placed on evolutionary relationships among animal groups as well as anatomy, behavior and ecology. Students will be introduced to evolutionary and ecological principles. Format will be lecture style with periodic opportunities for review involving group discussion.

Course Objectives:
After this course the student should be able to:
1) Describe the diversity of animal groups and how they are related evolutionarily.
2) Demonstrate an understanding the various structures and life processes in animals.
3) Define and apply the concepts of evolution and natural selection.
4) Explain how new species are formed and maintained.
5) Demonstrate an understanding of basic concepts in animal behavior and ecology.

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EXAM DATES:
Sept. 13, 2007
Oct. 9, 2007
Nov. 6, 2007
Dec. 4, 2007

* Please note that the course syllabus is tentative. Topics covered, exam dates, assignments and grading scheme are subject to change at my discretion. Changes and lecture outlines will be posted on blackboard regularly.