

BIOL 5980 - Mammalogy, Fall, 2019

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Lecture: 12 MWF 1024 BSC
 Lab: 9:30-12:20 or 2-4:50 R 1088 BSC
 Office Hours: 10-11 MW, 2-3 M;
 other times by appt.

Lecture Text: Feldhamer, G.A., et al. 2015. Mammalogy: adaptation, diversity, and ecology, 4th Ed. Johns Hopkins Univ. Press, Baltimore. 747 pp.

Useful links: <https://mammaldiversity.org>
<https://www.departments.bucknell.edu/biology/resources/msw3/>
<https://animaldiversity.org/accounts/Mammalia/>

Tentative Lecture Schedule

Week	Lecture Topics	Chapt. In Text
1	Intro., gen. mammal characteristics; Modern taxonomy	Skim 1-2, 7-8; 3-4
1,2	Locomotion; Skull, Skeleton, Teeth	7; 5(part)
3	Integument; Feeding; Thermo-/Osmo-regulation; Nervous/Sensory Systems; Reproduction	7(part); 8-11
4*	Paleontology and mammal evolution	5
5	Biogeography; Modern mammal diversity	6; "Part 3"
5	Monotremes and marsupials	12
6*	"Insectivore" orders	13
7	Chiroptera	14
8	Primates	15
9	Carnivora	17
10*	Cetacea	21
10,11	Xenarthra, et al.; "Subungulates"	16,19
11,12	Perissodactyla	20
12	Artiodactyla	20
13,14	Rodentia	18
15	Lagomorpha	18
FINAL *	Fri., Dec. 13, 10:15 am - 12:15 pm	

*indicates approximate times of 4 60-100 pt. exams; TOTAL ≈ 360 points. Max. Course Point Total (+ p. 2) ≈ 575 pts. Lowest A/B/C/D= 90/80/70/60% or lower.

Laboratory in Mammalogy

Manual: Martin, R.E., R.H. Pine and A.F. DeBlase. 2012. A manual of mammalogy with keys to families of the world, 3rd ed. McGraw Hill, Boston. 352 pp.

<u>Tentative Lab Schedule</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Chapts.</u>
1. Skull, hair, external characters	Aug. 22	2,4,5
2. Teeth, appendicular skeleton	Aug. 29	3,6,7
***** 1st Lab Practical Exam *****		
	Sep. 5	
3. Use of Keys; Field Collection	Sep. 5	8,9
4. Monotremes, Marsupials, "Insectivores"	Sep. 12	10-12
5. Chiropterans & Primates	Sep. 19	14-16
6. TBD	Sep. 26	
***** 2nd Lab Practical Exam *****		
	Oct. 3	
7. Carnivores I	Oct. 3	19
8. Carnivores II	Oct. 10	19
9. Perissodactyls; Artiodactyls	Oct. 17	17,18,20
Xenarthrans, Cetaceans, Subungulates		21,24-27
***** 3rd Lab Practical Exam *****		
	Oct. 24	
10. Special Project Work Day	Oct. 24	
11. Rodents I	Oct. 31	23
11. Rodents II	Nov. 7	"
12. Rodents III, Lagomorphs	Nov. 14	"+22
13. Rodents + Lagomorphs review	Nov. 21	"
14. NO LABS NO LABS	Nov. 28	
***** 4th Lab Practical Exam *****		
	Dec. 5	

LAB GRADING: 1) four lab quizzes stressing identification, 35-40 pts. each, ~145 pts; 2) special project, 50 pts; 3) small museum specimen preparation, 10 pts.; 4) attendance, participation, attitude, 10 points. TOTAL ~215 pts.

Attendance at all laboratories is mandatory. More than one lab absence WILL result in points deducted from total; arriving late or leaving lab early counts as an absence!

The student is responsible for all material from lecture and assigned readings unless otherwise instructed. You are responsible for all material and information given or assigned during class time *regardless* of any reason for missing class.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES: Students requiring classroom or testing accommodations because of documented disabilities should discuss their needs with the instructor at the beginning of the quarter. To register with the VSU Special Services Program, contact their office (245-2498).