
COURSE OUTLINE
Geography 303
Conservation and Ecology of Whales

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Knowledge on taxonomy of marine mammal species. The process of evolution and adaptation in cetaceans will be covered in the first part of the course. The human- whale relationship will address historic whaling, threats to species success and survival and research methods used to help lessen their effect in the second part of the class. Research examples will be used for students to learn about the current studies being conducted and the scope of work being done.

EVALUATION

Midterm	40 %
Final Exam	60 %

GRADING SYSTEM

As per the Academic Calendar:

Grade	Grade point value	Grade scale	Description
A+ A A-	9 8 7	90-100% 85-89% 80-84%	Exceptional, outstanding and excellent performance. Normally achieved by a minority of students. These grades indicate a student who is self-initiating, exceeds expectation and has an insightful grasp of the subject matter.
B+ B B-	6 5 4	77-79% 73-76% 70-72%	Very good, good and solid performance. Normally achieved by the largest number of students. These grades indicate a good grasp of the subject matter or excellent grasp in one area balanced with satisfactory grasp in the other area.
C+ C	3 2	65-69% 60-64%	Satisfactory, or minimally satisfactory. These grades indicate a satisfactory performance and knowledge of the subject matter.
D	1	50-59%	Marginal Performance. A student receiving this grade demonstrated a superficial grasp of the subject matter.
F	0	0-49%	Unsatisfactory performance. Wrote final examination and completed course requirements; no supplemental.
N	0	0-49%	Did not write examination or complete course requirements by the end of term or session; no supplemental.

GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT INFO

x Geography Department website: uvic.ca/socialsciences/geography/

N/A

POLICY ON LATE ASSIGNMENTS

N/A

POLICY ON ATTENDANCE

All course material will be delivered in class, so attendance is necessary.

