A photograph of two black crows perched on a log. The crow in the foreground is facing right, while the one behind it is facing left. The background is a soft, out-of-focus natural setting.

BIOLOGY 345 (10361)

ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR (2016)

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General outline of lecture topics

The study of behaviour

Behavioural lateralization – left brain vs right brain

Nervous systems among animal phyla: anatomy, receptors, neurotransmitters

Parsing behaviour: genetic, epigenetic, hormonal, environmental, ecoevolutionary

Animal communication, sensory modes and sensory exploitation

Defenses against predators

Optimal foraging, zoopharmacognosy (self-medication)

Habitat choice and territoriality –where and why?

Evolution of sex and mate choice –who and why?

Monogamy/polygyny/polyandry – how often and why?

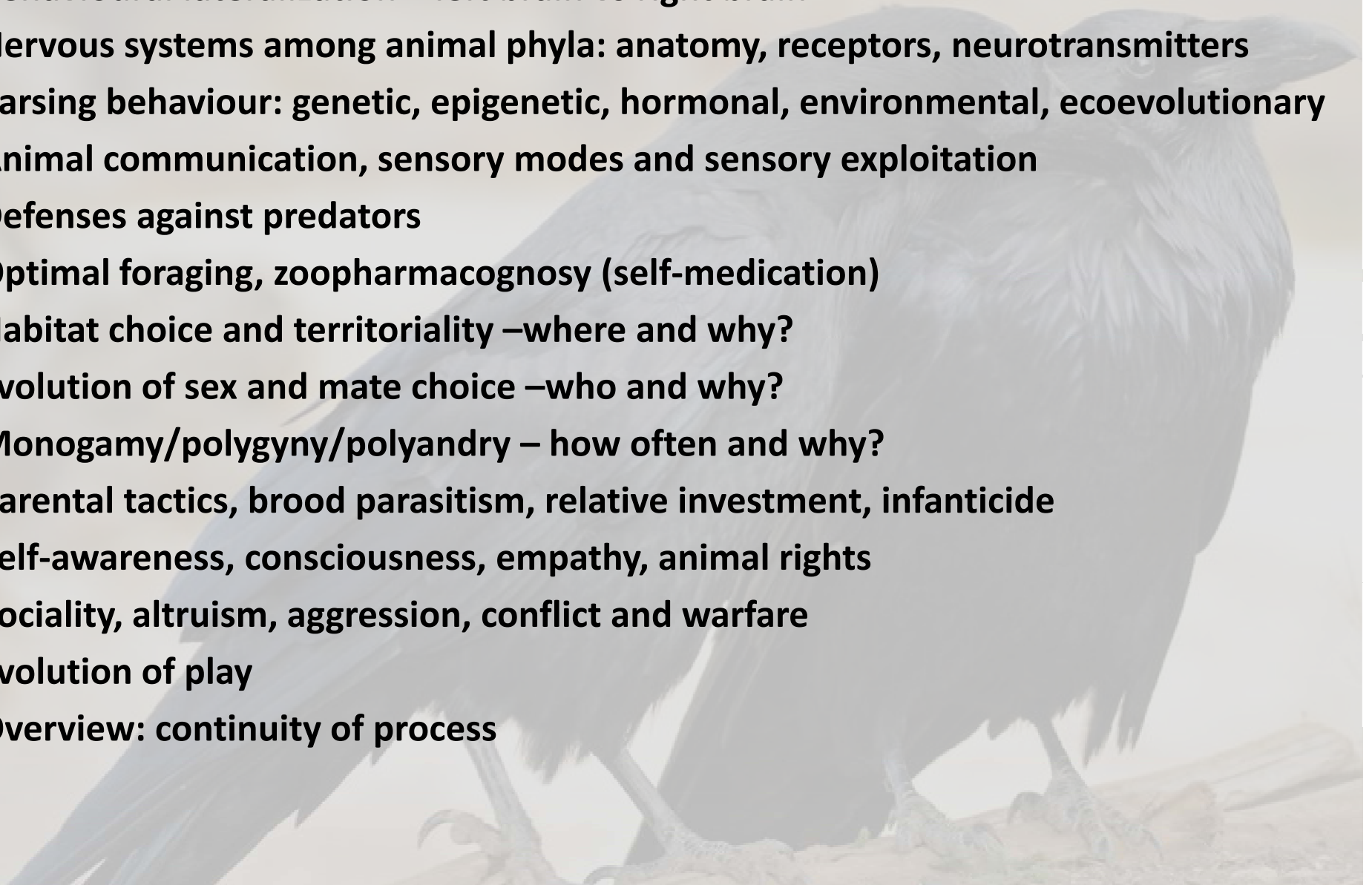
Parental tactics, brood parasitism, relative investment, infanticide

Self-awareness, consciousness, empathy, animal rights

Sociality, altruism, aggression, conflict and warfare

Evolution of play

Overview: continuity of process



- **Laboratory**

- Hands-on analyses of simple and complex behaviours across a diversity of taxonomic groups including protists, jellyfish, sea anemones, flatworms, nudibranchs, sea stars, crabs, crayfish and fighting fish.
- Students will undertake a field project with an option of studying either crows, gulls, squirrels or dogs .
- There will be an optional field trip to Goldstream Park to observe the chum salmon spawning migration



Lab Schedule Fall 2016

Week of	Topic	Assignment due
Sep. 12	Introductory Lab	
Sep. 19	From Taxis to Shadow Reflex	√√; <i>Phase 1 project results</i>
Sep. 26	Learning Experiments Part 1	√√; <i>Tutorial 1</i>
Oct. 03	Learning Experiments Part 2	√√
Oct. 10	Thanksgiving – No labs	<i>Oct. 15: Phase 2 project results; proposal for Phase 3</i>
Oct. 17	Predator - Prey Interactions	√; <i>Tutorial 2</i>
Oct. 24	Agonistic Behaviour in Crayfish	√
Oct. 31	Workshop	√; <i>Tutorial 3</i>
Nov. 07	Reading Break – No labs	<i>Nov. 12: Final Project Report</i>
Nov. 14	Interactions in Siamese Fighting Fish	√;
Nov. 21	Lab exam	
Nov. 28	Project Presentations	
TBA	Optional Field Trip: Goldstream Park for Salmon Migration	

Lab manual

Biology 345: Dr. R. M. Marx

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Marking Schedule

Lecture: Midterm (Oct20) (multi-choice) 20%
Final (TBA) (multi-choice and essay) 35%

Laboratory

Exercise and pop quizzes 6%

Tutorials (3@3%) 9%

Lab exam 10%

Project 20%

Total lab mks 45%



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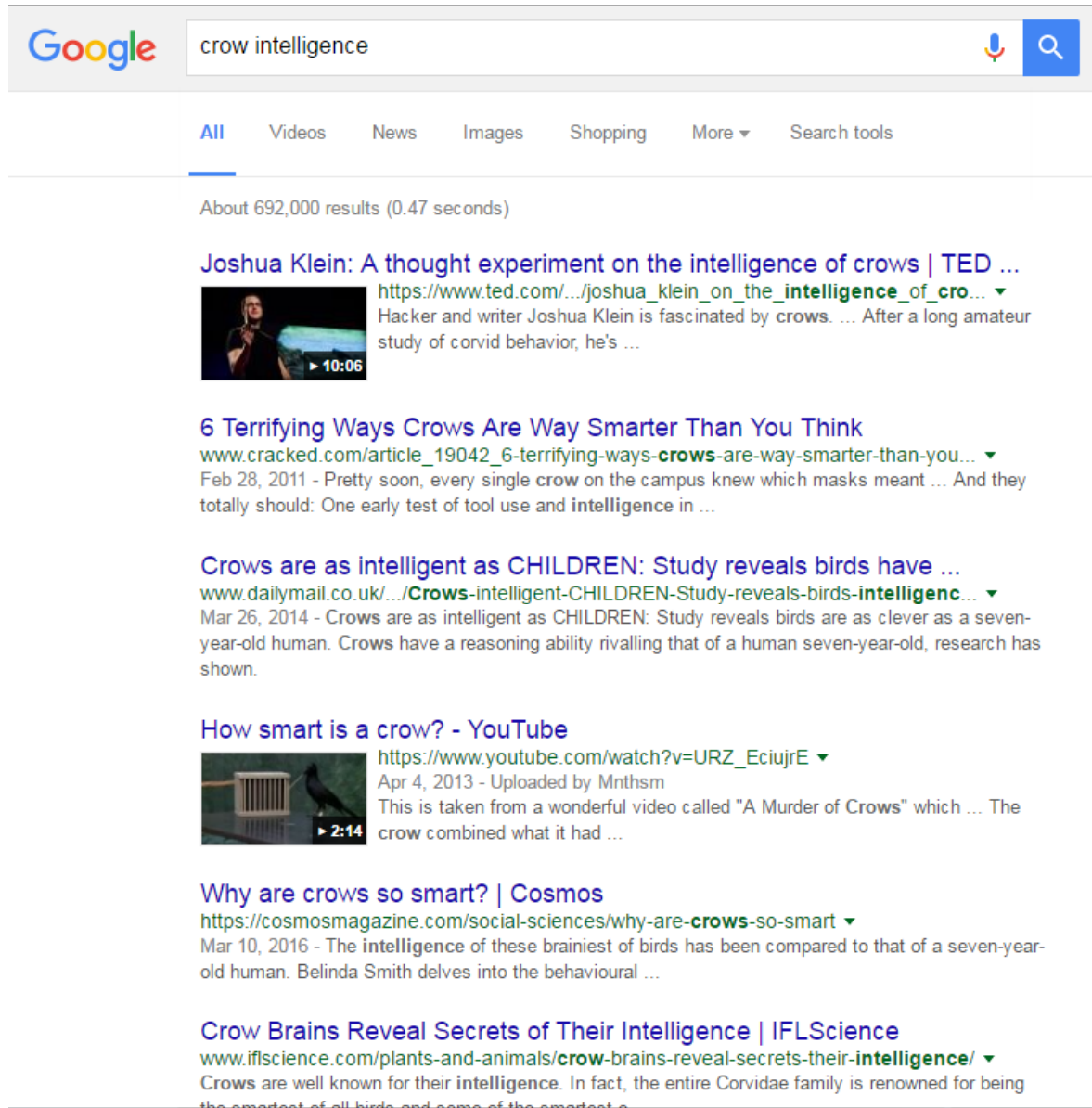
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Wednesday, September 7	First day of classes
Monday, September 12	First day of labs in Biology 345
Tuesday, September 20	Last day for 100% reduction of tuition fees for standard first-term and full-year courses
Friday, September 23	Last day for adding classes
Monday, October 10	Thanksgiving holiday
Tuesday, October 11	Last day for 50% reduction in tuition fees for standard courses 100% of tuition fees will be assessed for courses dropped after this date
Monday, October 31	Last day for withdrawing from courses without penalty of failure
Wed-Fri, November 9-11	Reading break, no classes and no labs
Friday, December 2	Last day of classes
Monday, December 5	First day of final exam period
Monday, December 19	Last day of final exam period

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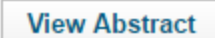

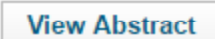

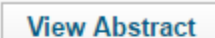

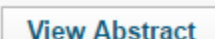



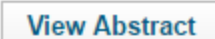
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