

Primatology

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Technical data

Course Start:	Anytime, Anywhere
Course Hours:	100
Validating Body:	ASQUAL. Asiqua awards qualifications at levels 3-7, which equate to undergraduate and post-graduate degree level.
Course Code:	BEN210
Course Prerequisite:	No, start at anytime
Course Qualification:	Level 4 Certificate in Primatology
Exam Required?:	Finalised with an exam/test
UK Course Credits:	10 Credits
US Course Credit Hours:	3 Credit Hours
Study Support:	You'll be allocated your own personal tutor/mentor who will support and mentor you throughout your whole course. Our tutors/mentors have been specifically chosen for their business expertise, qualifications and must be active within their industry. Tutors are contactable by e-mail, telephone and through our Moodle Student Support Zone online. Tutors are there to provide assistance with course material, discuss, explain and give advice and support throughout the whole programme. Their feedback is vital to your success.



Primatology course online. Taxonomy, biology and management of primate animals both in captivity and the wild is what this comprehensive course will teach you.

You'll learn all about the differences between species of primates and the characteristics of each. In addition this course also explains the nutritional, physical and

psychological needs for keeping primates healthy in captivity and the wild. learn how to manage and breed primates in captivity and learning about conversation of primates in the wild.

The Academy for Distance Learning has a history of supporting wildlife projects. The world renowned Conservationist David Youldon, Chief Operating Officer of AFRICA NEEDS LIONS www.lionalert.org, completed our Advanced Certificate in Wildlife Management and with previous qualifications, went on to study a Masters in Biodiversity, Wildlife and Ecosystem Health at Edinburgh University. He was also accepted for a short course in Data Analysis in Ecology at the University of Oxford.

Currently we have the Primate Naturalist: Karin Saks, studying this Primatology course. Karin has been fostering and rehabilitating orphan baboons, caring for injured monkeys returned to the wild, plus promoting a harmonious co-existence between primates and humans since 1997. She also founded The Darwin Primate Group as a non-profit organisation in 2008 and in 2014, moved to Kwazulu Natal to research the endangered samango monkey populations in the Midlands.

As you can see, our courses are highly respected by conservationists actually working in the field to help save the wildlife of our world, so you really can trust ADL to help you develop the knowledge and skills, you need to get involved in the environmental welfare of animals.

Learning Goals:

- To understand the taxonomy, biology and management of primate animals both in captivity and the wild.
- Discuss the nature and scope of our knowledge of primate animals.
- Describe a variety of different species from the suborder Strepsirhini.

- Describe a variety of different species from the suborder Haplorhini.
 - Explain the dietary requirements for different primates.
 - Explain the management of the physical wellbeing of primates.
 - Explain the psychology of primates and their natural behaviour.
 - Explain the management of the psychological wellbeing of primates in captivity.
 - Explain breeding programmes for managing the conservation of primates.
 - Explain the conservation of a range of primates.
 - Explain the management of primates in captivity.
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Lesson Structure: Primatology BEN210

There are 9 lessons:

1. Introduction to Primates -scope, nature, anatomy & physiology, evolution and taxonomy

- Order Primates



- Distinguishing Characteristics of Primates
- Taxonomy of Primates
- New World and Old World Monkeys
- Anatomy and Physiology

2. The Strepsirhines

- Family Daubentoniidae
- Family Lorisidae (or Loridae)
- Family Galagidae (syn. Galagonidae)
- Family Lemuridae
- Extinct Families

- Examples Of Living Groups

3. The Haplorhines

- Family Cebidae
- Family Tarsiidae



- Family Callitrichidae
- Family Atelidae
- Family Cercopithecidae
- Family Hylobatidae
- Family Pongidae
- Family Hominidae
- Tarsiers
- Baboons
- Drills
- Macaques
- Mangabey Monkeys
- Vervet Monkeys
- Marmosets
- Capuchins
- True Spider Monkeys
- Guenon Monkeys
- Patas Monkeys

4. Diet and Nutrition re environment feed and supplements in a nature park environment



- Nutritional Requirements of Primates
- Physiological Adaptations to Different Diets

5. Health - Illness Pests and diseases specific to above

- Exercise
- Observation and Assessment of Health or Condition
- Common Illnesses
- Pathogenic
- Disease and Primate Conservation
- First Aid on Humans Exposed to NHP Injuries or Body Fluids

6. Primate Behaviour in the Wild

- Social Behaviour
- Social Group Composition
- What are the benefits of living in groups for primates?
- Physical Environment
- Communication
- Behaviours
- Psychological Wellbeing in Primates in Captivity
- Recognising Abnormal Behaviour
- The Primate as a Pet
- Social Deprivation and Primates
- Abnormal Behaviour in Captivity
- Self-Harm in Primates in Captivity
- Foraging For Food
- Managing Boredom
- Learning and Training Primates
- Handling Primates

- Sedation

7. Breeding programmes and optimum resources needed for this

- Primate Groups
- Gregarious Primates
- Fertility and Reproduction
- Breeding and Conceiving
- Pregnancy and Birth

8. Conservation in the wild -of individual breeds?

- Conservation Status of Primate Species
- Susceptibility to Extinction
- Unique Problems
- What Animals are most Endangered?
- Recovery Programmes

9. Managing primates in Captivity

- Primates in captivity
- Enclosure Design
- Transporting Primates
- Reasons and Ethics of Keeping Primates in Captivity
- Risks Working With Primates

Please note: Each lesson culminates in an assignment which is submitted to the school, marked by the school's tutors and returned to you with any relevant suggestions, comments, and if necessary, extra reading.

Karin Saks - primate naturalist:



Karin Saks with orphan Spud

Since 1997, Karin Saks has been involved in the fostering and rehabilitation of orphan baboons, the caring of injured monkeys who have been returned to the wild and has worked towards a harmonious co-existence between these primates and humans. She has monitored wild baboon troops who raid human homes to research ways of baboon management and has observed wild troops in her area with a view to finding out damage done to troop structures and numbers because of human intervention. Due to legislation that allows for the persecution of vervet monkeys and baboons in South Africa, hundreds of orphaned primates currently reside in rehabilitation centres without much chance of being released back into the wild. The primate pet trade is also on the increase due to the amount of infants orphaned when mothers are killed. Educating the public on how to live harmoniously with these primates and appealing for new protective legislation - that is actively enforced - are crucial aspects to finding solutions.

The Darwin Primate Group - registered NPO 059-587: Like many who take on the task of rescuing these persecuted animals, Karin self funded her work until 2008 when she founded the Darwin Primate Group and

registered it as a non-profit organization.

Research into endangered samango monkey (*Cercopithecus mitis labiatus*) populations: In 2014, Karin moved to Kwazulu Natal where she is researching the endangered samango monkey (*Cercopithecus mitis labiatus*) populations in the Midlands. (She is no longer working directly with rescued baboons or vervet monkeys.) As the samango monkey is restricted to forest habitat and is a seed dispersing species, it is listed as Vulnerable in the Red Data Book of the Mammals of South Africa (2004) with samango subspecies - *C. m. labiatus* - occurring on the IUCN (2007) Endangered list making research into populations necessary to identify if management and further protection is needed.

You are welcome to watch her online video: [Co-existing Peacefully With Baboons/Monkeys](#) and read her [Blogspot on the Samango Monkey Project](#). If you want to support Karin in her work financially or practically, please contact us and we will happily pass your details on.



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