OVERVIEW OF PORTHOLES

Are you looking for a behavior course that is suited to your knowledge level and time constraints? This overview will help you pick the appropriate knowledge level and will explain the options available at each level to best match your preferred learning style and personal constraints.

**Educator**

Undergraduate and graduate students who are interested in an introduction to behavior of animals in natural settings are encouraged to choose the basic course "Ethology". This course provides an overview of the most familiar examples of behavioral research, typically discussed in informal settings (i.e. zoo education programs) as well as formal curricula (i.e. secondary and college level courses). When you have completed this course, you will have a mental map that helps to organize basic concepts such as the cause, development, evolution and function of behavioral traits.

Other courses that are recommended are in animal science and psychology

**Scientist**

Behavioral Ecology focuses on the ecology and evolution of behavior, providing more details into how animals relate to the distribution of resources in the environment and what is unique about each species. This course is offered on campus during the fall semester, taught by Dr. DeWitt, and by distance education in the fall, taught by Dr. Packard.

**Practitioner**

When you are ready to design your own behavioral research, this is the course designed for you.

**Frequently Asked Questions**

Q1. I am in military sustainability, which course is right for me?
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