

# COURSE DETAIL

## SOCIALITY AND COMMUNICATION: EVOLUTIONARY PERSPECTIVES

**Country**

United Kingdom - England

**Host Institution**

University of Manchester

**Program(s)**

University of Manchester

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Psychology

**UCEAP Course Number**

127

**UCEAP Course Suffix**

N

**UCEAP Official Title**

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**UCEAP Transcript Title**

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**UCEAP Quarter Units**

8.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

5.30

### **Course Description**

Humans and other group-living species, such as bees, songbirds, nonhuman primates and dolphins (to name a few) face a number of challenges. Sociality provides benefits to individuals, but also exposes them to conflicts and competition. Understanding how these challenges are resolved is one of the most dynamic areas of research in evolutionary biology and comparative and developmental psychology. This course looks at sociality from an evolutionary perspective and focuses on how animals - humans included - use communication to live and cooperate with others (as well as deceive and manipulate them). Content includes: How language has evolved in humans, how non-linguistic communication evolved in humans and other species, the role of gesturing in communication, the flexibility of vocal signalling in nonhuman animals, the role of language for cognition and communication, the evolution of sociality, and game theoretical approaches to social interactions.

### **Language(s) of Instruction**

English

### **Host Institution Course Number**

PSYC31131

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### **Host Institution Course Details**

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### **Host Institution Campus**

### **Host Institution Faculty**

### **Host Institution Degree**

**Host Institution Department**

Psychology

**Course Last Reviewed**

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