

## 9.6. *Primate Behavior and Ecology – Charter*

### 9.6.1. *Mission*

*The Primate Behavior and Ecology Program provides students with interdisciplinary perspectives on the relationships between nonhuman primates and the environment in both captive and free-range settings.*

The program is unique in the United States and is complemented by organized, faculty-mentored research and training efforts that take place both on and off campus and may occur in international settings. The Primate Behavior and Ecology Program directly supports Central's mission "...to prepare students for responsible citizenship, responsible stewardship of the earth, and enlightened and productive lives. Faculty, staff, students, and alumni serve as an intellectual resource to assist central Washington, the state, and the region in solving human and environmental problems."

The Primate Behavior and Ecology degree prepares students for graduate programs in anthropology, biology, and psychology in general, and primate behavior, behavioral ecology, animal behavior, and related fields in particular; for conservation careers in governmental and nongovernmental organizations; or for careers working with primates kept in laboratories, zoos, and other captive facilities.

### 9.6.2. *Objectives*

The Primate Behavior and Ecology Program has six objectives that promote student understanding of theoretical, methodological, and ethical issues in primatology.

- To continue to provide students with a program of national prominence in the field of primatology through continued self-reflection on the Primate Behavior and Ecology Program, consideration of feedback provided by alumni, and active participation from PBE faculty.
- Provide students with varied research experiences that include opportunities for faculty-mentored research and/or internships with captive and free-living nonhuman primates.
- Through curriculum and extracurricular research activities, to demonstrate to students the interdisciplinary nature of primatology, with particular emphasis on the connections among biology, anthropology, and psychology in the study of nonhuman primates.
- Through the Primate Behavior and Ecology curriculum and extracurricular research activities, to orient students to the taxonomic, ecological, and genetic diversity of species classified in the order Primates.
- To prepare Primate Behavior and Ecology students for effective stewardship of Earth through faculty-mentored experiences that take place on and off campus and that may occur abroad, and other research opportunities that expose students to ethical issues in environmental sciences, including primatology.
- To expose students to the conservation issues being addressed in primatology and to relate these to broader conservation biology themes.

### 9.6.3. *Residence*

The Primate Behavior and Ecology Program resides within the College of the Sciences.

### 9.6.4. *Program Specific Provisions*

University policy pertains, with these provisions:

9.6.4.1. PBE Program Faculty

If not already Program Faculty, the Director of the Chimpanzee and Human Communication Institute and the department chairs from anthropology, biology, and psychology serve as Affiliate Faculty.

9.6.4.2. The PBE Advisory Committee oversees the Primate Behavior and Ecology Program.

The committee consists of:

The Program Director, who is a voting member.


PBE program faculty members who are nominated by the program faculty and appointed by the dean and are voting members.

Affiliate faculty may be appointed to serve as non-voting members, including the director of The Chimpanzee and Human Communication Institute.

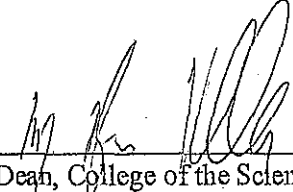
Other special appointments may be made to the advisory committee at the approval of the program.

9.6.4.3. The PBE Advisory Committee shall meet at least quarterly.

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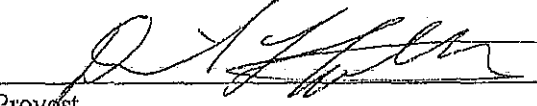
  
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