

Earth Sciences 2266G Course Outline

1. Course Information

Course name and number: Earth Sciences 2266G (Dinosaur and Other Vertebrate Evolution)

Academic term: Winter term (January 6 – April 30, 2025)

Location and time:

Lectures: (see course website).

Prerequisites/corequisite: Completion of first-year requirements and registration in a module in Earth Sciences, Biology, Kinesiology, or Anthropology module (or by special permission).

Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean – Designate (Department/Program Undergraduate Chair or Science Academic Counselling) to enroll in it, you may be removed from the course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.

2. Instructor Information

Instructors	Email	Office	Phone	Office Hours
Dr. Jisuo Jin	See course website			by appointment
TA: N/A				

Students must use their Western (@uwo.ca) email addresses when contacting course instructor and TA.
Office hours can be arranged either in-person or by Zoom.

3. Course Syllabus, Schedule, Delivery Mode

Key dates:

Classes begin: Monday, January 6, 2025.

Spring Reading Week: February 17 – 21, 2025.

Good Friday (holiday): April 18, 2025.

Classes end: Monday, April 4, 2025.

Exam period: April 7 – 30, 2025.

First day for make-up exam: BT212 06(-)JTJET@073m5

A weekend day trip in mid-March to the Royal Ontario Museum (Toronto) to study vertebrate fossils on display. Students will complete an assignment at the museum and submit it one week after the day trip.

Contingency plan

Although the intent is for this course to be delivered in person, should any university-declared emergency require some or all of the course to be delivered online, either synchronously or asynchronously, the course will adapt accordingly. The grading scheme will **not** change. Any assessments affected will be conducted online as determined by the course instructor.

4. Course Materials

A. Recommended textbook (electronic text)

Benton, M. J. 2024. Vertebrate Palaeontology. Blackwell Publishing, Oxford, UK.

https://bookstore.uwo.ca/textbook-search?campus=UWO&term=W2024B&courses%5B0%5D=001_UW/ESC2266G

B. Powerpoint lectures and video clips (free on OWL BrightSpace course site).

5. Methods of Evaluation

The overall course grade will be calculated as listed below:

Mid-term test (February 16, 9:30-10:20AM)	30%
Final Exam (TBD by University schedule)	40%
Classroom pop quizzes (randomly scheduled)	15%
Essay (due last day of lectures)	15%

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