BIOL-UA 58 Evolution

Instructor:
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Course Description:
This course will cover one of the least significant of subjects to biology, with oversized ideas taught by a crazed blow-hard. Topics range from why the world was created on October 23, 4004 BC at 4:05 PM, to the imminent destruction of the universe next year. Students will investigate lots of irrelevant resources, solve lots of impossible problems, take lots of tricky exams, and write enormous volumes, but all will fail in the end. Grading will be arbitrary.

Pre-requisite:
Molecular and Cell Biology I (BIOL-UA 21).

Textbook and Required Materials:
CD: Living Cirripedia, A Monograph on the SubClass Cirripedia, with Figures of All the Species, by Charles Darwin.
EB: The Encyclopaedia Brittanica, First Ed.

Grading:
Quality of Participation 50%
Exams (5 exams 10% each) 50%
Term paper, only counts if published in Cell 80%

Topics:
Origins
The Great Escape The Flood
How Intelligent Design Works Why Bugs?
The End of the World
Student Presentations for the rest of the term