

ORGANISMIC AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY 2010
BILD 3
Professor David Woodruff

Tentative Schedule 12/7/09

Date	Lecture Topic MWF in Peterson 108: 12.00 - 12.50 pm	Chapters in Campbell 8 th edn.
Jan. 4	Introduction	1, 12, 13, 22
6	Process of microevolution [Section sign up today]	14,15, 22
8	Evolution in action – natural selection	23
11	Species and speciation	24
13	Adaptive radiations, macroevolution	25
15	Origins, tree of life, microorganisms	25, 26, 27, 28
18	<i>Martin Luther King holiday</i>	
20	Flowering plants	29, 30, 31
22	Parasites, plagues & people	28, 31
25	Marine biology	32, 33
27	Insects	33 (684–692)
29	Midterm exam 1 (25%)	
Feb. 1	Vertebrates [sharks, mammals]	34
3	Population growth	52, 53
5	Population regulation	53
8	Competition	53, 54
10	Predator-prey interactions/Mutualism	53, 54
12	Ecological energetics	54, 55
15	<i>UC President's Day holiday</i>	
17	Biogeochemical cycles	54, 55
19	Community ecology [biomes, tropical rainforest]	52, 55
22	Physical biogeography and global change ecology	25, 55(1236–1242)
24	Species-level biogeography [island theory]	54, 56
26	Midterm exam 2 (25%)	
March 1	Conservation biology	56
3	Simple behaviors	50 (senses), 51
5	Complex behaviors	51
8	Sociobiology	51
10	Human evolution	34 (728–733)
12	Human ecology - Future of life	53 (1190–1195), 56
17	Final exam (50%) Wed. 11:30am – 2:29 pm	Comprehensive

SECTION SCHEDULE:	(NO MEETING IN WEEK 1, week of January 4)
Week of January 11	review on heredity and basic genetics
18	review of lectures on evolution
25	review of lectures on diversity and for Friday's exam
February 1	review of first midterm exam and basic ecology
8	review of population ecology
15	review of community ecology
22	review of biogeography & conservation and for Friday's exam
March 1	review of second midterm exam and animal behavior
8	Review for final exam on March 17

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BILD 3 = Bio 3

INSTRUCTOR

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VENUES

Lectures: Peterson 108, MWF at 12.00 p.m. – 12:50 p.m.

Sections: Various locations. No sections in Week 1. See *Sections* (below).

COURSE OBJECTIVES: This course deals with the living world at the level of whole organisms, populations, communities, biomes, ecosystems and the biosphere. It is designed to introduce you to the fields of evolution, systematics, ecology, environmental science, behavior and conservation biology. The major focus of the course will be on evolution, since an understanding of the evolutionary process enables us to grasp why there are so many different kinds of living things, how they interact with each other to produce complex ecosystems, the ways in which these interactions may lead to the evolution of complex behaviors, how evolution has often brought about large changes in body plan, and how species (including ourselves) are likely to continue to evolve. Such knowledge is essential for understanding biology in general, and provides the tools for our stewardship of the planet's biota and the sustainability of the ecological services we take for granted. It also provides a basis for understanding our own species and our impact on global climates, mass species extinctions, planetary-level environmental alterations, pest outbreaks and emergent diseases.

PREREQUISITES: Officially this course has no prerequisites. However, most students have already taken BILD 1 or the equivalent, and have studied mitosis, meiosis and Mendelian genetics. I strongly recommend that all students review basic heredity before the start of classes. Specific recommended readings in Campbell (Chapters 12-15) were spelled out in an email to all students on **December 12**. A general understanding of the material in Chapters 14-15 will be assumed by the second lecture. The first Section meetings (next week) will be devoted to ensuring that you understand this material and the derived processes of evolutionary change.

TEXTBOOK: Campbell & Reese 2008. *Biology*. Pearson, San Francisco. 8th edition.

We will cover material from Chapters 1, 12-15, 22-34, 50-56. The publisher offers various supplemental materials including a CD, a web site called *MasteringBiology*, and a book of exercises. Students just beginning the whole series Bio1+2+3 may find them useful but they are *not required* for Bio3. Used copies of the text may be available at the Bookstore.

CLICKERS: not used in this Section.

WAIT LIST: The class is not over-enrolled as of December 2, 2009. *Concurrent enrollment* students may add on a space available basis during third week. In the meantime you should enroll for a Section as soon as we can get you access to the WebCT course site. Send the instructor an email with your official name and PID # immediately.

DROPPING: if you drop the class, please do so formally so we don't have to give you an F grade.

WEB SITE: Everything related to the class is kept on the WebCT [Blackboard] site.

Lecture outlines will be posted on the site. About half the slides for each lecture will be available by 10 p.m. the night before the lecture. These .pdf format files will be in black and white with 9 slides per page. They should be downloaded with free Adobe Acrobat Reader, *printed out, and brought to class*. Use these outlines to take notes on, or to help you follow the lecture while you take notes on another page. The pdf

will give you a copy of all the written slides put up in class [things you must know] and some but not all of the illustrative slides. The remainder of the slides and the occasional film clips are not available on WebCT.

Announcements of exam room changes and many other important matters will be posted on the site. Check the site often!

Online discussion board moderated by the TAs. You can ask the TAs questions, and discuss interesting matters that come up in class.

Grades for the midterm exams will all be posted on the website.

MIDTERM EXAMS: There will be two midterms, held during the lecture time on **JANUARY 29** and **FEBRUARY 26. Make-up exams are not available.** Exams are offered at these scheduled times only. Advise your coaches, teammates, traveling companions, significant others, and families accordingly. These exams will consist of multiple choice, short answer, and quantitative exercises designed to test your recall and ability to synthesize information presented in the lectures and assigned readings. The midterm exams will be based on material up to the lecture preceding the exam unless announced otherwise in class. An extra room in addition to the lecture hall may be provided to relieve crowding; watch for announcements in class and on the web site. There will be a help session before each midterm when TAs can help you with your questions but there will not be a general all-240-student review session where the TAs go over everything that they think is important. You are encouraged to seek assistance from your TA as soon as you discover you need some help. The first midterm will probably be multiple choice, the second midterm will have more fill-in-the-blanks questions. Calculators will not be needed or allowed in any exams.

FINAL EXAM: The comprehensive 3-hour final exam (covering the whole course) is scheduled for Wednesday March 17 (11:30 a.m. – 2:29 p.m.). Early exams are not available. Watch for the announcement in class and on the web site about the locations. The final exam will be cumulative with somewhat greater emphasis on previously untested material and more questions requiring written answers.

MISSED EXAMS: There are no make-up exams so unexcused absences from scheduled exams will be recorded as zeroes. If you know in advance that you cannot be present for an exam, you must contact Dr. Woodruff at least one week before the exam. Unusual and serious problems that affect your inability to take a scheduled exam (e.g., death or serious illness in the family or personal tragedy) must also be communicated to the professor directly or through your TA or college Dean. Special considerations for students with documented excuses involving circumstances *outside of their control* may be made. However, it is very difficult to be sympathetic after the fact – make sure we know of your circumstances before, rather than after, scheduled exams.

RE-GRADES: Papers are handed back by your TA during your assigned Section. The TA will go over the answers with you at that time. It is your responsibility to check your exam for clerical errors in grading. With a ~1% error rate we expect 2-4 clerical errors. If you think a grading error has been made, you should submit a re-grade request to the professor at the end of a lecture within one week of the return of the paper. The time and date of closing down the appeal process will be announced in class. Simply write “please re-grade Q #” or “arithmetic error on p. #” on the cover of your paper. Do not write anything else. No re-grades are possible for exams written in pencil. Students who submit exams for re-grading should understand that we may (1) re-grade the entire exam, and (2) compare the submitted paper to a scanned copy of the original exam. We always reserve the right to correct grading errors and scores can go up or down as a result of a re-grade request.

COURSE GRADES: There will be two midterm 50-minute exams given during regularly scheduled lecture times on January 29 and February 26 and a final exam at the scheduled time on Wednesday March 17. These exams are worth 25%, 25% and 50% of the course grade, respectively. Final course Letter grades will be determined by the instructor based on his assessment of the difficulty of the exams and the effort put in by the class as a whole. Historically, in this class, the percentages of students receiving each letter grade were approximately: A 20%, B 30%, C 40%. The mean score will probably be a C and the median score a C+. Yes, we use +/- grades. Students earning less than 50% can expect to receive F-grades unless there are mitigating circumstances. We will try to keep the course at the same level of difficulty as the other Sections being taught this Quarter. Please note that the university will not allow us to change a letter grade after they are turned in except in cases of demonstrable clerical or grader error.

CHEATING: DON'T. Students caught cheating will receive an F-grade in the entire course. Their identity and the evidence of cheating will be passed to the relevant university staff for further action. Students are expected to do their own work, as outlined in the UCSD Policy on Integrity of Scholarship (go to TritonLink: Academics: Academic success: Academic integrity). Cheating will not be tolerated, and we will fail any student caught engaging in academic dishonesty. All exams will be closed book and closed-notes; all personal materials including calculators and cell phones must be stowed away while exams are in progress.

HELP: the outstanding Teaching Assistants are here to help you. Seek help in a timely way and we will try to provide it. Warning: it is really difficult to help the night before the exams.

OSD students: Give Maggie Tilley in Biology Student Affairs (Pacific Hall) your Authorization for Testing Accommodation form by January 15 and make sure the Instructor knows your circumstances.

TIPS for great grades: Before lecture: download and print the pdf of the slides, review the assigned chapter (read it fairly quickly and don't make notes). During lecture: take notes on the pdf, insert reminders for all the slides that are not on the pdf [e.g., showed slides of lots of different types of sharks], put * near things you didn't understand. After lecture: work up the notes with the book open, read the chapter more carefully, answer your own Q from the class, identify anything you still don't understand for discussion with your TA. Each week review your notes and compile lists of new technical terms you need to be able to define. Prepare tables and sketches to help you review the vast amount of material *before* exams. Section meetings: Some material will be taught in Sections and not during lectures. Go to Section with at least one Q for the TA; short emails to your TA or to the WebCT discussion board may get answers faster. Exams: Do not put studying off until the last two days before the tests – there is too much material – it cannot be done. Allow yourself plenty of time to prepare for the exams. This course is conceptually easy but involves a large amount of simple learning (names, definitions and examples). Most exam Q focus on material treated in both lecture or Section and the textbook. Correct but vague answers never get as many points as precise ones.

COURSE IMPROVEMENT: Your constructive criticisms are welcome. Dr. Woodruff is available immediately after lectures, at his scheduled office hours, and by email almost anytime [put Bio 3 in the subject line and keep your message short, please].

SECTIONS AND SECTION MEETINGS: Students have the opportunity to meet with a Teaching Assistant in relatively small groups on a weekly basis. Regular attendance at Sections is highly recommended. There will be no sections during the first week of classes.

You must sign up for a Section on Tuesday night (January 5) beginning at 9:00 p.m. using WebCT. Instructions to be announced in class on Monday. There is a limit of 18 students for each section. Wait Listed students should also sign up for Sections but this is no guarantee that they will eventually become enrolled in the class.

The section meetings provide for:

1. **Academic review.** Each week the TA will provide an opportunity for review of the previous weeks lectures and readings. This review may take the form of answering your specific and general questions, clarifying something important presented quickly in lectures, expanding on something important described in the textbook, or working through a numerical problem of the type found on the exams. To benefit from these meetings you must prepare by completing both your lecture notes and the assigned reading. There is no need to bring the textbook to the Section meeting.
2. **Advice on studying.** In particular, the TA's may be able to steer you through the enormous amount of descriptive material in the textbook. They will not know what will be on the exams but they are experienced enough to know how to set learning priorities. They meet with the professor before each class and can give you his advice on what's important and what is less likely to be examined.
3. **Self-assessment quizzes.** Short sets of illustrative questions may be presented during some section meetings. You will grade these yourself immediately. These exercises should give you a good idea of how you are doing in the course. The quizzes will not count towards your grade in the class.

4. **General course announcements.** We will make numerous announcements in Sections and on the WebCT about the course and course-related opportunities. If we offer one or more Workshops to help those of you needing additional assistance on specific topics these meetings will be announced in Sections.

5. A very small chance to influence your final course grade. Your TA has no ability to control your scores on the exams or your final grade. They do, however, sit in on the final grading conference where your efforts, attitudes, and special circumstances may be considered if there is a judgment call as to whether you earned the top B or the bottom B+, or whether you unfortunately deserve a high F or a D-.

6. **General advice.** The TA's are a lot easier to find than the professor so please direct your questions about other courses, majors, careers, summer opportunities, study abroad opportunities to them, in the first instance.

Schedule of Section Meetings:

C01	M	4:00p - 4:50p	TM102	1
C02	M	5:00p - 5:50p	HSS	2321
C03	M	6:00p - 6:50p	CENTR	203
C04	cancelled			
C05	Th	8:00a - 8:50a	SOLIS	111
C06	Tu	5:00p - 5:50p	SOLIS	110
C07	Tu	6:00p - 6:50p	U413	1
C08	Tu	7:00p - 7:50p	HSS	1305
C09	W	7:00p - 7:50p	HSS	2321
C10	W	4:00p - 4:50p	CSB	005
C11	W	5:00p - 5:50p	HSS	2150
C12	F	8:00a - 8:50a	CENTR	205
C13	F	9:00a - 9:50a	WLH	2208
C14	F	10:00a - 10:50a	WLH	2206

Monday meetings to be re-scheduled for campus holidays on Jan 18th and Feb 15th.

Be prepared to select your Section on Tuesday night (January 5) beginning at 9:00 p.m. using WebCT