

**BILD 3: Organismic and Evolutionary Biology**  
**TTH 9:30 to 10:50 AM, Peterson 108 and 110**

**NOTE: I will be live in room 110 and on a giant screen in room 108. Weird, I know. We'll make it work. You can sit in either room at any time, regardless of which class you signed up for.**

**Professor contact information**

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**Please contact your own IA or the head IA via email, for general inquiries.** On all emails, **please put BILD 3 in the subject line** to indicate your email is about this course. Because there are hundreds of students in this course, **we cannot answer individual questions about course content and these emails will be deleted.** Attend lectures, discussion sections, IA and professor office hours, use Piazza (see below), and talk to your fellow students to get answers to individual questions. Or ask during lecture! I love questions during lecture.

**Please be judicious in contacting me.** There are ~750 of you and, while I value all of my students (really!), if you all contacted me with trivialities, I would drown in emails. Thank you for understanding. That said, the best way to contact me is via email or come to my office hours. I love meeting you, so I highly encourage you to seek me out and make a connection.

**Websites:** Lecture notes: [ted.ucsd.edu](http://ted.ucsd.edu); Video Podcast: [podcast.ucsd.edu](http://podcast.ucsd.edu); Questions for and interactions with other students and IAs: <https://piazza.com/ucsd/fall2014/bild3/home>

**Description:** BILD 3 is an introduction to the fields within biology known as ecology and evolution. Ecology is the study of the relationships between living organisms and their environment. To best understand why there are so many different kinds of living things and their myriad of complex interactions, we will study evolution and evolutionary processes. We will also focus on organismal diversity, conservation, and the importance of a general understanding of these topics within biology so as to be better stewards of the earth's living things and habitats. We will discuss human impacts on global climate, species extinctions, and environmental alterations. Lastly, it's my goal to introduce you to topics I love so you might take a sharper interest in the natural world and have a greater tendency toward becoming a more conservation-minded citizen.

**Grading:** 100 Points: Midterm 1

200 Points: Final (cumulative)

25 Points: Clicker participation in lecture (see below)

20 Points: Quizzes (4, 5 pt quizzes given in discussion sections)

16 Points: Participation and Attitude (2 pts per required discussion section)

361: Total graded points available

10 Points: Extra credit points available. Details announced after lecture 12.

**Textbook:** Campbell Biology, 9th edition or Campbell Biology in Focus (**NOT REQUIRED**). We will cover material from certain chapters in these books, but you are NOT required to buy either book. Feel free to use either book if you want clarification on a topic, but I will NOT test on material in either book. If you want further reading and don't want to buy this book, almost everything I discuss can be found for free in

more detail online (just Google a topic). The publisher of Campbell Biology offers various supplemental materials including a CD, a web site called Mastering Biology, and a book of exercises. These supplemental materials may be useful to you, but they are NOT required. Used copies may be available online or at the bookstore. You may also find copies at a website called UCSD.PostYourBook.com. Several copies of the texts are on reserve at Geisel Library. Older versions of Campbell Biology could also be helpful to you. I will use figures from and refer to chapter numbers from the 9th edition. Previous editions are similar, but not identical, and could still be a good resource.

**iclicker:** See the last pages of the syllabus for all details on clickers.

We will be using clickers in class. This is a response system that allows you to answer questions I pose in class. You will be graded on your in-class participation. To receive credit, you need to register your iclicker remote using the link on our TED course menu. iclickers will be used during every lecture. Older versions of the iclicker can be used as long as the remote ID can be read and the remote can be registered on TED. You cannot share an iclicker remote with another student enrolled in this class (but you can share with someone who is not in our class).

My philosophy on iclickers is that it's a way for us to interact - both with me and with your fellow students - during lecture. It helps me understand if you are understanding, it allows for discussion, connection, and further clarity on topics. Research clearly shows that students do better with some degree of interactive learning, so this is how I try and achieve that when there are hundreds of you.

**Any students found to be clicking in for classmates who are not in lecture, or if someone else is clicking for you when you are not in lecture, will get an automatic zero for ALL clicker points.** This is considered cheating and will be reported to the Academic Integrity Office (see below; cheating sucks).

**Piazza:** We will be using Piazza for answering questions or discussions of issues related to BILD 3. The system is catered to getting you help fast and efficiently from classmates, the IAs, and sometimes myself. Rather than emailing questions to the teaching staff, post your questions on Piazza. If you have problems or feedback for the developers, email [team@piazza.com](mailto:team@piazza.com). Our page is [piazza.com/ucsd/fall2015/bild3/home](http://piazza.com/ucsd/fall2015/bild3/home). Please sign up for and utilize this resource.

**Lectures:** All material presented in lectures is fair game for the exams. You are adults and it is your choice to attend lecture, but you will be responsible for the material whether you choose to attend or not. Do not expect to skip lectures and still do well in the course. Lecture notes will be posted on Ted.ucsd.edu before each lecture, but these notes are, at best, outlines, and essential material will be presented in class that does not appear on web-posted notes or in the textbook. Lectures will also be posted as a video podcast within 24 hours after each class time and can be accessed at Podcast.ucsd.edu.

**Discussion sections:** Instructional Assistant (IA)-led discussion sections **are strongly recommended** and you must sign up for and attend a discussion section. Of course, this is college, so nothing is technically "required," but you will receive points for participating in discussion section, so it behooves you to attend. Plus, then you are getting your money's worth for your education! Sections will meet beginning the week of September 28. Sections will review the week's subject matter and/or discuss an assigned paper or you'll receive a short quiz (see schedule below). The readings are posted on TED and **all information in readings is fair game for the exams.** See IA list below for information regarding times and locations of discussion sections. You should have already chosen and registered for a section when you enrolled in this course. **If you need to change sections, please work that out with the IA that you are enrolled with and the IA you want to change to. It will be up to them to allow changes.**

**Exams:** There is one midterm worth 100 points and a final exam worth 200 points. Only material presented in lecture or in the readings required for Discussion Sections will be covered on the exams. **I will NOT test on any material from the book as it is NOT required.** All questions will be multiple choice and a Scantron sheet will be provided for both exams. The midterm will be given in class and contain material for that section of the course up to the lecture preceding the exam. The final exam will be cumulative. Exam scores will be available after grading is complete as will your individual Scantron sheets, but the exams will not be returned because I don't want the questions posted on the internet. **We will check photo ID at each exam, so please bring a photo ID** and some #2 pencils.

**There are no re-grades or make-up exams.** If you miss an exam, you will be required to provide official documentation of an unavoidable emergency (serious illness, etc.). Without such documentation, you will receive no points for that exam. If you miss the midterm AND have valid documentation, the proportion of your grade that is based on your final exam will be increased to cover the missed midterm. If you miss the final exam AND have valid documentation, you will receive an incomplete for the course and be re-tested in the next quarter.

**Ted:** Lecture notes in PDF form will be available on Ted (<https://ted.ucsd.edu>) by 10 pm the day preceding each lecture. They can be found in the BILD 3 Lectures File. If you are registered for the course (or if you are on the wait list), then you should have access to the course web site now.

Instruction on how to access Ted can be found here: <http://acms.ucsd.edu/students/index.html>. Concurrent enrollment (extension) students are not added automatically. Extension students can bring proof of enrollment to the ACMS Help Desk (Applied Physics and Math bldg. 1313, M-F, 8:00-4:30) to obtain Ted access. More information for extension students can be found here: <http://extension.ucsd.edu/student/index.cfm>.

**Grading:** Your final letter grade will be based on your TOTAL number of points. **If everyone earns enough points that they fall at or above 90%, I have no problem giving everyone an A.** However, that is unlikely (but I'd love to have you prove me wrong!). Therefore, if warranted, letter grades will be based on a curve. This means I will make sure that approximately the top 20% of students will receive A grades (even if that means going below 90%); the next 30% of students will receive B grades; the next 40% of students will receive C or D grades, and the final 10% will receive F grades. **And let me reiterate, ALL students getting a 90% or higher will get at A- or better, regardless of whether it's 20% or 100% of you.**

I do give plus and minus grades but only on the final course grades. The pluses and minuses do not make the curve easier, they only help to differentiate the scores within the ranges above. Please note that the university will not allow me to change a letter grade after they are turned in except in cases of demonstrable clerical error.

**Wait list:** If you are on the wait list for this class you will be automatically added if space becomes available. If you have any concerns, please contact the Biology Student Affairs Advising Services office at 858-534-0557 or go to their website (<http://biology.ucsd.edu/undergrad/advising-services.html>).

**Extra Credit, Self-guided field trip to the Scripps Coastal Reserve:** This optional assignment is worth ten points. I will provide more information regarding this assignment after lecture 12.

**Cheating: Don't do it. Please.** You are a responsible adult and I expect you to behave that way. The prospect of doing poorly on an exam can incite anxiety and lure you into irresponsible behavior, but resist the urge to cheat! It hurts everyone's morale, is simply a bad way to behave, and my students are clearly

better than that. In the unlikely event that you succumb to temptation and decide to cheat, you will be caught and handed over to the Academic Integrity Coordinator, which reports directly to the Dean of the student's college. For the Academic Integrity policy at UCSD, see here: <http://senate.ucsd.edu/Operating-Procedures/Senate-Manual/Appendices/2>.

By the way, a student cheated in a previous class and the Academic Integrity process was **AWFUL** for the students involved, the IA, and myself. I hated it and never want to do it again. But I will go through the process if you cheat, so I highly recommend that you don't cheat and save us all the torture of dealing with the **super scary** cheating review board at the Academic Integrity Office. I am not exaggerating here. They are **SUPER SCARY** (at least they were to me).

**Please do NOT post my lectures on public websites** like Course Hero or others. Thank you!

**OSD students:** If you need testing accommodation for this class, please work with the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD). Students requesting accommodations and services due to a disability for this course need to provide a current Authorization for Accommodation (AFA) letter issued by the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD), prior to eligibility for requests. Receipt of AFAs in advance is necessary for appropriate planning for the provision of reasonable accommodations. OSD Academic Liaisons also need to receive current AFAs. For more information, contact the OSD at (858) 534.4382 (V); (858) 534-9709 (TTY); [osd@ucsd.edu](mailto:osd@ucsd.edu), or <http://osd.ucsd.edu>. **You will need to coordinate scheduling of exams with the head IA (see above). All of these arrangements should be made within the first two weeks of the quarter.**

**Enrollment questions:** Administrative, advising, or registration questions should be submitted via the Virtual Advising Center ([vac.ucsd.edu](http://vac.ucsd.edu)).

**How to excel in this class:** Here is what I suggest you do to be a responsible student hoping to get an A in my BILD 3 class: 1) print out the lecture notes from Ted and bring them to class, 2) go to lecture and take notes while referencing the figures and other materials on the lecture notes, 3) don't try and write down every word, 4) go over your notes within the next day or so and fill in details missed in lecture or topics you didn't understand using material presented in the book or online or in discussion section or by listening to the podcast, 5) rely on your own notes rather than attempting to rely solely on the posted slides which won't be complete (writing your own notes forces you to summarize, organize, and restate concepts in your own words which is always better for understanding material), 6) if you miss lecture, listen to the podcast with the printed notes as if you were in class, 7) if you need review on a topic, listen to the podcast multiple times, 8) go to the discussion sections to have questions answered, discuss topics in detail, and get extra help and guidance, 9) be enthusiastic about learning the material, and 10) ask for clarification during lecture. **I repeat**, feel free to ask questions during lecture! I love questions. Overcome your fear of speaking in front of others and know that at least one other student (but probably many) has the same question, so you are doing everyone else a favor. **Be brave. It's OK. I'm not scary.**

**Problems?** If you have serious medical or personal problems during the quarter, the university does allow medical withdrawals. Contact the Biology Student Affairs Advising Services office at 858-534-0557 or go to their website (<http://biology.ucsd.edu/undergrad/advising-services.html>).

## Lecture Schedule

Date	Lecture Topic	Textbook Chapters Campbell 9th ed., Campbell, Biology in Focus
September		
24	1. History of evolutionary thought, part 1 (Darwin, Wallace, and the people who influenced their ideas)	22, 19
29	2. History of evolutionary thought, part 2	22, 19
October		
1	3. Evidence of evolution	22, 19
6	4. Natural selection	23, 21
8	5. The genetics of populations	23, 21
13	6. Evolutionary processes and genetic variation	23, 21
15	7. Speciation	24, 22
20	8. History of life on Earth	26, 20
22	9. Phylogenetic trees	25, 23
27	10. Human evolution	Papers <sup>1</sup>
29	<b>MIDTERM (same time and location as lecture)</b>	
November		
3	11. Organismal diversity I (bacteria, archaea, protists, plants)	29-31, 26
5	12. Organismal diversity II (fungi, invertebrates, vertebrates)	32-34, 27
10	13. Physical environment, biomes, climate	52, 42
12	14. Population ecology	53-54, 40-41
17	15. Community ecology	55, 42
19	16. Ecosystem ecology, part 1	55, 42
24	17. Ecosystem ecology, part 2	56, 43
26	Thanksgiving	
December		
1	18. Conservation biology	56, 43
3	19. Applied conservation in ecology: Research in the Kurle lab	
10	<b>COMPREHENSIVE FINAL, 8-11 am</b>	

<sup>1</sup>A selection of **non-required** papers will be made available on this topic via our BILD 3 site on Ted for your interest

## Discussion Section Schedule (both required articles can be downloaded from our Ted website)

Week #, Date	Activity
0, 9/21	No sections for week zero
1, 9/28	Get to know your class and discuss Pagel Nature article on history of natural selection
2, 10/5	Quiz on lectures 1-3 and discussion of lecture material
3, 10/12	Discuss Reznick & Ricklefs Nature article on micro- and macroevolution
4, 10/19	Quiz on lectures 4-7 and discussion of lecture material
5, 10/26	Discussion of lecture material
6, 11/2	Quiz on lectures 8-11 and discussion of lecture material
7, 11/9	Holiday this week, sections not required; go to any section if you want; no points
8, 11/16	Discuss Losos & Ricklefs Nature article on adaptation and diversification on islands
9, 11/23	Holiday this week, sections not required; go to any section if you want; no points
10, 11/30	Quiz on lectures 12-16 and discussion of lecture material

## IA list, discussion time and location, and office hour time and location

IA Name	IA Email	Discussion Day and Time		Discussion Place	Office Hour Time & Location	
Abed Elahad, Joana	joabedel@ucsd.edu	W	1-1:50 pm	HSS 1305	M	6-7pm, PC Theatre Lobby
Avanesyan, Armenuhi	aavanesy@ucsd.edu	Tu	5-5:50 pm	HSS 1305	W	9-10 am, Mandeville Coffee Cart
Banerjee, Shreya	smbanerj@ucsd.edu	F	9-9:50 am	HSS 2321	M	4-5pm, Muir Woods Coffee
Carroll, Brett	becarrol@ucsd.edu	M	1-1:50 pm	CENTR 207	M	2-3 pm , Muir Woods Coffee
Demirjian, Gregory	gdemirji@ucsd.edu	Th	6-6:50 pm	CNTR 205	Th	11am-12pm, HSS 11:45
Hetherington, Liz	ehetheri@ucsd.edu	Tu	3-3:50 pm	CENTR 217B	Tu	4-5pm, 4268 Muir Biology
Iyer, Radhika	riyer@ucsd.edu	M	6-6:50 pm	CENTR 203	F	5-6pm, Perks Coffee
Kwong, Kelly	k1kwong@ucsd.edu	F	3-3:50 pm	York 3000A	W	11am -12pm, Muir Woods Coffee
Liang, Timothy	tliang@ucsd.edu	Th	7-7:50 pm	CNTR 205	Th	6-7 pm, Muir Woods Coffee
Liu, Andrea	akl018@ucsd.edu	W	6-6:50 pm	HSS1305	W	12-1 Muir Bio 4145
Lu, Emily	e7lu@ucsd.edu	F	12-12:50 pm	HSS 2321	F	3-4 pm, Roger's Market
Lu, Monique	mal071@ucsd.edu	W	7-7:50 pm	HSS1305	Tu	2-3 pm, Sun God Lounge
Lunde, Audrey	aclunde@ucsd.edu	Tu	8-8:50 am	CENTR 203	Tu	11am-12pm, Perks
Pham, Paula h	pdp002@ucsd.edu	Tu	6-6:50 pm	HSS 1305	W	4-5 pm, Bonner Hall, Room 3205
Ting, Thomas	thting@ucsd.edu	M	4-4:50 pm	HSS 1305	M	6-7 pm, Hi Thai
Tom, Michael	mktom@ucsd.edu	M	5-5:50 pm	HSS 1305	M	9-10 am, Perk's Coffee
Tran, Calvin	cat027@ucsd.edu	M	11-11:50 am	York 3000A	F	1:30-2:30 pm, Mandeville Coffee
Turner Tomaszewicz, Cali	cturnert@ucsd.edu	Th	2-2:50 pm	HSS 2321	Th	12:30-1:30 pm, 4268 Muir Bio
Turner Tomaszewicz, Cali	cturnert@ucsd.edu	Th	3-3:50 pm	HSS 2321	Th	12:30-1:30 pm, 4268 Muir Bio
Turner Tomaszewicz, Cali	cturnert@ucsd.edu	Th	4-4:45 pm	HSS 2321	Th	12:30-1:30 pm, 4268 Muir Bio
Vo, Peter Van	pvo@ucsd.edu	W	11-11:50 am	HSS 1305	Tu	10-11 am, Geisel 2nd floor, east wing
Vu, Christina Anh	c6vu@ucsd.edu	M	10-10:50 am	York 3000A	Tu	4-5pm, Muir Woods
Wang, Jingyi	jiw243@ucsd.edu	F	8-8:50 am	York 3000A	Tu	9:30-10:30am, Hi Thai
Wang, Ruixuan	ruw044@ucsd.edu	W	12-12:50 pm	HSS 1305	W	1-1:50pm, Mandeville Coffee
Xiao, Jessica Wen	jwxiao@ucsd.edu	F	10-10:50 am	HSS 2321	M	10-11am, Muir Woods

## CLICKER INSTRUCTIONS

It is your responsibility to have your clicker with you at lecture and to make sure it is working properly. **There will be no make-up opportunities for clicker questions, for any reason, nor can you get clicker credit for handing in questions on paper, etc.**

### Clicker Grading

You will be graded on your in-class participation using iclickers, NOT on having the correct response, as often I will use these questions to identify confusing topics or create discussion opportunities. **If you come to 70% or more of the lectures (13 out of 19 lectures) and click in, you will receive full credit. To reiterate, you can miss 6 lectures and still get full credit.**

If you answer

> 70% of lecture days	you will receive	25 points
> 60% of lecture days		20 points
> 40% of lecture days		15 points
> 20% of lecture days		10 points

### Recommendations

- Bring extra batteries (clickers require 2 AAA batteries)
- Put your name on your clicker
- Cover the ID number on the back with a piece of clear tape to prevent it from rubbing off

### Register your clicker

**You must register your iclicker through TED to receive credit for responses during class.**

**If you have not registered your clicker by October 15 (3 weeks from the start of class), then it will be too late and you will receive zero clicker points.**

Register your clicker using the link on our TED page. On the left side of the screen, there is a list with Syllabus, BILD 3 lecture notes, etc. At the bottom of that list is Clicker Registration. Click on that and follow the instructions. If you have used an iclicker for a previous class, and registered it through TED, you do not need to register it again.

**NOTE:** The instructions that come with your remote ask you to register your iclicker at [ww.iclicker.com](http://ww.iclicker.com). While you are welcome to do this, it is not necessary.

You will not see your clicker points on TED until you have registered your clicker. To ensure your clicker is working properly, please register **RIGHT AWAY**. Every student in this course must have their own iclicker to receive clicker points.

### Using your clicker

Turn your clicker on with the bottom button. Set it to the frequency in our room (AD) I will ask questions, and you will respond by pushing buttons A – E. Please wait until I start the voting before you respond. When your answer has been received, you will see a checkmark at the top of your screen.

While the timer is going, you can change your answer as many times as you want. Just press a different button. You get credit for answering the question, regardless if your answer is correct or incorrect. Like

all technologies, clickers sometimes malfunction. This is why I give full clicker credit if you come to 70% or more of the lectures. **I do not adjust scores in other ways, so please don't ask.**

### **Lost clickers**

If you lose your clicker mid-quarter and use a different clicker, you need to change your registration online AND you need to email Liz Hetherington the following (before the next lecture): a) your PID b) your clicker ID.

### **Clicker Troubleshooting**

Some clickers are not functional or some days you may not want to come to lecture, **that is why you receive full credit for only clicking in for 70% of the lectures.** It is your responsibility to use this grace period to learn how to use your clicker and make sure that your clicker is working as I do not adjust scores for malfunctioning clickers.

**To be clear, if your clicker is not working, I will NOT award points retroactively, so you MUST figure out why it's not working immediately. No exceptions.**

If you have problems, go through the troubleshooting guide below.

If you are not getting the points you deserve:

- Be sure you have registered. This means through TED (NOT at [www.iclicker.com](http://www.iclicker.com))
- Make sure your remote is on the correct frequency (**AD, for this class**)
- Make sure you wait until I start the question before you answer - you should see the timer going.
- Make sure you answer before time has run out. No answer is accepted after the time has ended
- Every student in this class needs their own clicker – if you are sharing with another student one of you will not get any points.
- Are your batteries still good?

If you have done everything correctly, but your clicker is still not working, please see one of the IAs for assistance. They will help you troubleshoot your clicker and check it. If your clicker is malfunctioning, the bookstore will exchange it. We cannot do anything to check your clicker over email. **It is your responsibility to make sure you are getting the points you deserve.** If there is a problem, you need to solve it or see one of the IAs right away so we can resolve the problem for future lectures.