Dear BioSci 132 Students,

Welcome to Concepts in Evolution, section #17802. This letter will provide you with important information regarding the course.


In this course, we will explore the meaning of evolution and differentiate between macro and micro evolution. The observable patterns and outcomes of evolution will be analyzed as well as the causes and evidence for evolution. The important roles of natural selection, genetic drift and mutation in evolution will also be addressed.

This class is 100% online. There will be no face to face meetings. Our semester-length class begins August 24th and ends December 11th, 2015. The first day on which you can access the class via Blackboard is August 24th. To confirm your place in the class, you should log in to the website and begin participating no later than Tuesday, August 25th, 11:59 p.m. If you do not access the class website and begin participating by August 25th, 11:59 p.m., you will be dropped from the class as a no-show.

All exams are online and must be taken within a 48 hour window. There are no makeup exams. You will have 2 hours to complete midterms and 3 hours to complete the final.

The dates for the exams are as follows:
I       Sep 16/17
II      Oct 21/22
III     Nov 18/19
Final   Dec 9/10

Please plan to visit the course’s website nearly every other day. This is a 3 unit online class that corresponds to 3 hours/week in a face to face class. Therefore, please plan to spend at least 6 hours a week on the readings and assignments for this class.

Technology requirements for the course are basic. You must have an email address, regular access to the Internet, a web browser, and a word-processing program such as Microsoft Word.
The following is a list of sites that may help you with your online class experience.

- Distance Learning home page: [http://www.canyons.edu/Offices/DistanceLearning/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.canyons.edu/Offices/DistanceLearning/Pages/default.aspx)
- Counseling 070 information: [http://www.canyons.edu/Offices/Counseling/Pages/Courses.aspx](http://www.canyons.edu/Offices/Counseling/Pages/Courses.aspx)

More information about the course will be detailed in the class syllabus, which you'll find at the Blackboard course website.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about the course, don't hesitate to contact me. I look forward to our semester together.

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