Course Number GEO-208-01 **Course Description** Nearly all species that have existed on Earth are now extinct and are only known through the fossil record. This course examines the evolution and history of life on Earth as interpreted from the fossil record. Topics include fossil preservation, taphonomy, ontogeny, diversity trajectories through geologic time, evolutionary mechanisms, extinction, paleobiology, paleoecology, and paleoclimate. Special emphasis will be placed on using fossils to interpret ancient environments as well as deciphering past climates. The course focuses on the fossil record of marine invertebrates, but major groups of vertebrates and plants are also covered. Academic Term 21/SP Instructor Verheyden-Gillikin, Anouk Location & Meeting Time Synchronous Online-ONLI T/TH 09:15AM-11:00AM LEC Petition Y Credits 1.00 Capacity 14 **Total Students** 10 Additional Information http://www.union.edu/Geology Common Curriculum SCLB Science w/Lab Interdisciplinary Programs Environmental Science & Policy Academic Department Geology Field Of Study Geology (GEO)