**Course Number** BIO-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 (such as dinosours) and plants are also covered. Academic Term 22/SP Instructor Verheyden-Gillikin, Anouk Location & Meeting Time Olin Building-306+ T/TH 10:55AM-12:40PM LEC Petition Y Credits 1.00 Capacity 16 **Total Students** 13 Additional Information http://www.union.edu/Biology Common Curriculum SCLB Science w/Lab Academic Department Biology Field Of Study **Biology (BIO)**